

CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA

December 2025



Spending Christmas in Victoria has been an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours since the 1980s. In 2025, we are again staying at Hotel Grand Pacific which has a great location on Belleville Street overlooking the Inner Harbour. Some highlights are the *Traditional Christmas with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra*, high tea and Festival of Lights at Butchart Gardens, the Sleigh Boat Ride in the Inner Harbour, Butterfly Gardens, the Royal BC Museum with IMAX Theatre, and a Christmas Eve concert by the Linden Singers Choir. An extravagant Christmas Dinner is at the Grand Pacific Hotel which has hosted this event for many years. Come and enjoy Christmas 2025 in Victoria!



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from

❶ **BC Interior:** December 21, 2025 - 6 days

❷ **Lower Mainland:** December 21, 2025 - 6 days

► Fares per person

❶ from **\$2,680** double/twin, **\$3,235** single*

*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Earn 65 Experience Points



Royal BC Museum

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Your specific departure point will be confirmed at the time of booking. Passengers travelling from the BC Interior and Lower Mainland regions will begin and end the tour as follows:

I BC Interior: We depart from the BC Interior on Sunday, December 21, and drive to Vancouver. We take the ferry to Victoria the following day. We return home on Friday, December 26, taking the ferry from Victoria to Tsawwassen. Transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return.

L Lower Mainland: Join this tour on Sunday, December 21 and stay with the group overnight in Vancouver. We take the ferry to Victoria the following day. We return home on Friday, December 26, taking the ferry from Victoria to Tsawwassen.

Departure from Vancouver: Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.

Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack: Pickup and drop off are by the main coach. Please refer to the BC Interior tour fares.

FARES PER PERSON

Butchart Gardens

	Departure Point	Standard Room	Signature Room	Harbour View Room
I	BC Interior	\$2,680 double/twin \$3,235 single \$2,560 triple	\$2,740 double/twin \$3,350 single \$2,600 triple	\$2,935 double/twin \$3,720 single \$2,730 triple
L	Lower Mainland	\$2,730 double/twin \$3,285 single \$2,610 triple	\$2,790 double/twin \$3,400 single \$2,650 triple	\$2,985 double/twin \$3,770 single \$2,780 triple

- The above room types are at the Hotel Grand Pacific.
- Please add 5% GST.
- **BC Seniors (65 & over):** \$17 discount with BC Services Card.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- ❶ **10 total:** 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 high tea, 3 dinners
- ❷ **9 total:** 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 high tea, 3 dinners

► Transportation

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings

► Accommodation

- 5 nights accommodation & hotel taxes
- Luggage handling at hotels

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

► Highlights

- *Traditional Christmas with the VSO* at Orpheum Theatre
- Legislative Buildings guided tour
- Sleigh Boat Ride on Inner Harbour
- Butterfly Gardens
- Butchart high tea in the Mansion
- Butchart Gardens Festival of Lights
- Butchart Gardens Carousel ride
- Royal BC Museum with 2 special exhibitions
- IMAX Theatre
- Linden Singers concert on Christmas Eve

Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.

► Gratuities

- Gratuities for local guide & concert

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Activity Level 1

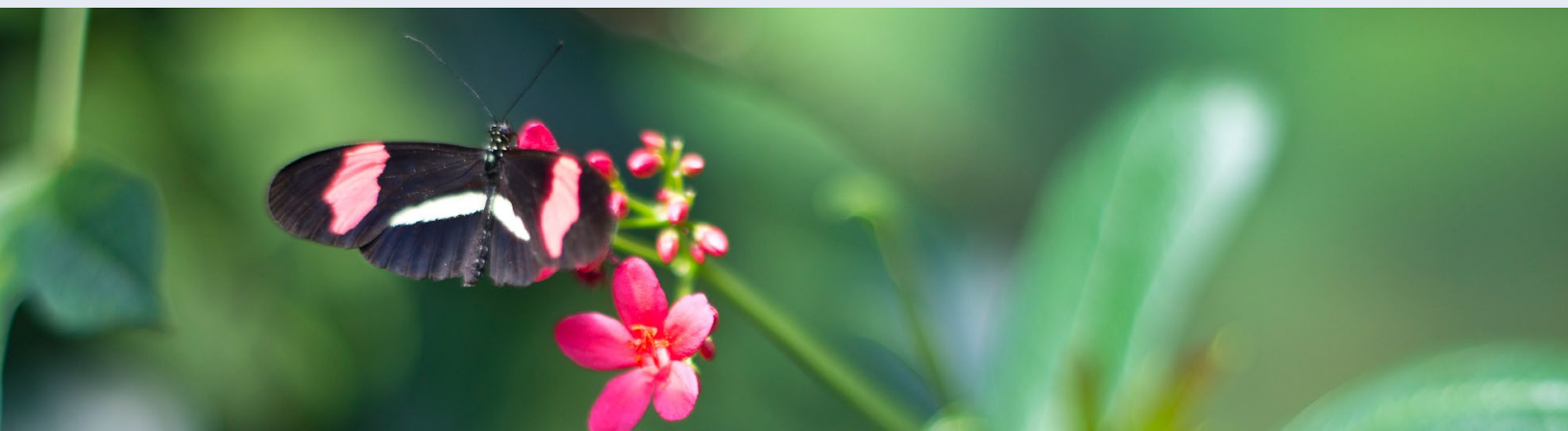
Light Activity: You are a traveller who prefers to see places without a lot of physical activity. You can climb a flight of stairs, board a coach, stand for short periods, and walk at a leisurely pace with breaks for up to 30 minutes without difficulty or assistance. There are short distances to walk and some stairs such as to/from theatre seats and at Butchart Gardens.

You may bring a walker or cane to support your mobility. Please let us know when you book if you will be bringing a walker on this tour. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour.



Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.





Government Street

ITINERARY

Sunday, December 21

We drive to Vancouver and stay a night at the renowned **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver**. At 7:30 pm, we are at the Orpheum Theatre to enjoy a performance of *Traditional Christmas with the VSO*. Celebrate the holiday season as you gather to hear your favourite carols and Christmas music sung by special guest soloists and performed live by the VSO. Host Christopher Gaze will delight you with his characteristic antics and storytelling. A festive treat for all!

Meals included: ① Lunch

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Monday, December 22

We take a morning ferry to Swartz Bay, then drive into downtown Victoria. This afternoon, we visit the Legislative Buildings and a guide shows us some of the grand public rooms with some history about these ornate buildings. Afterwards, we cruise around the Inner Harbour on the “Sleigh Boat Ride”, admiring the fantasyland of Christmas lights. Later, we settle into the wonderful **Hotel Grand Pacific** for four nights. It has a great location on the Inner Harbour, next to the Legislative Buildings, and convenient to the shopping of Government and Douglas Streets. Hotel amenities include the Courtyard Café and Fathom Restaurant for dining, an indoor pool, fitness centre, and free Wi-Fi. Choose from three room types when you book this tour:

- **Standard Room** is a city-view room, usually facing south across the James Bay neighbourhood.
- **Signature Room** also has a city view with fancier furnishings and more amenities.
- **Harbourview Room** offers a great view of the Inner Harbour with all its activity, so you can watch boats and the ferry.

Dinner is in the Grand Pacific’s ballroom.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Grand Pacific

Tuesday, December 23

The morning is free time. In the afternoon, we visit **Butterfly Gardens**, a tropical jungle with thousands of butterflies and other creatures. A sumptuous holiday high tea is served in the Mansion at **Butchart Gardens**. Afterwards, at the Butchart Festival of Lights, admire the dazzling Christmas lights, listen to traditional carollers and festive brass, and ride the carousel.

Meals included: Breakfast, High Tea

Accommodation: Hotel Grand Pacific

ITINERARY *continued*

Wednesday, December 24 This morning, we explore the **Royal BC Museum** which has two special exhibitions during Christmas – *Beyond the Beat: Music of Resistance and Change* and *Odysseys and Migration*, as well as the popular permanent galleries. A show at the IMAX Theatre is included. At 3 pm, get together with your fellow travellers in the hotel ballroom. Christmas Eve dinner is at the Marriott Hotel followed by a concert presented by the **Linden Singers Choir**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Grand Pacific

Thursday, December 25 **Merry Christmas!** Breakfast is served for early risers, followed by a delectable brunch. Expect a gift from Santa. The afternoon is leisure time, then we savour a wonderful Christmas Dinner in the decorated ballroom.

Meals included: Continental Breakfast, Brunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Grand Pacific

Friday, December 26 We take the ferry to Tsawwassen and travel home.

Meals included: Breakfast



Butchart Gardens High Tea

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due October 23, 2025. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

BC Seniors (65 & over): \$17 discount offered by BC Ferries. Please bring your BC Services Card on the tour.

Cancellation Policy: Up to September 23, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From September 24 to October 23, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From October 24 to November 7, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From

November 8 to November 20, the cancellation charge is 80% of tour fare. After November 20, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Our many suppliers may notify us about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a tour component due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to departure.



TOUR POLICIES continued

Show cancellation: It rarely happens, but performers occasionally get sick, or some mishap causes the cancellation of a show. This can occur even shortly before the performance begins. We know that this would be disappointing for our customers, but the only refund we would be able to obtain for you would be the actual ticket price of the show. The hotel, motorcoach, and other tour services are all prepaid and are non-refundable at short notice.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. This tour stays in British Columbia. While your BC Services Card may cover you for a medical issue that arises during the

tour, you will probably benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Many other benefits such as luggage insurance are included. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 65 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until October 23, 2025.

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