

MYSTERY TOUR

October 2025



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ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ❶ **BC Interior:** October 4, 2025 - 8 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** October 4, 2025 - 8 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** October 4, 2025 - 8 days

► Fares per person

- ❶ from **\$4,725** double/twin, **\$5,375** single*

*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Earn 111 Experience Points



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

- I BC Interior:** We depart on Saturday, October 4 and return on Saturday, October 11. Transportation is arranged from your pickup location on the day of departure, and back again when we return.

- V Vancouver Island:** We depart on Saturday, October 4 and return on Saturday, October 11.
Departure from Victoria: For passengers in the Greater Victoria Area, transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return. Home pickup may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area depending on the number of people booked and coach size. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.
Departure from Up-island: Transportation to/from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. While we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability. Please request departure from Nanaimo or Comox at the time of booking.

- L Lower Mainland:** We depart on Saturday, October 4 and return on Saturday, October 11. Home pickup in the Greater Vancouver Area can be arranged at the time of booking.
Departure from Chilliwack or Abbotsford: Flights can be arranged from/to Abbotsford Airport. No transportation is provided to/from Abbotsford Airport. Please refer to the BC Interior pricing below. Please request departure from Abbotsford Airport at the time of booking.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$4,725 double/twin \$5,375 single \$4,535 triple	
V	Vancouver Island	\$4,825 double/twin \$5,475 single \$4,635 triple	• Please add 5% GST.
L	Lower Mainland	\$4,775 double/twin \$5,425 single \$4,585 triple	

SPECIFIC MYSTERY TOUR CLUES

Here are 7 clues to the mystery route. These clues are arranged in the order that they occur on the itinerary. Pore over maps, use the Internet, try Google Search (but we've already checked that the answers are not obvious) and, most important, have fun guessing where we're going!

1. A sick and overweight pig sleeps at home in a forested glade.
 2. A knight in name, but not in steel,
A premier whose power all could feel.
He built this grandeur with wealth untold,
A fort on the water, its secrets unfold.
 3. Lord Elgin pokes his rocky finger into King George's glutinous girth.
 4. This recursive island is not surrounded by salty water, although it has a small current.
 5. A Beaver, a Falcon, King Charles (sometimes Queen Elizabeth), and a Vale are all connected in this reborn city.
 6. A traveller's purchase changed childhood forever, yet this place is devoid of colour except its trees.
 7. Two kings, one from centuries ago, one in the future, joined forces during a noisy storm.
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WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- **15 total:** 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

► Transportation

- Transportation for 8 days
- Flights
- Current air transport taxes & security fees
- 1 checked bag per person

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director who knows where you are going

► Accommodation

- 7 nights of accommodation & taxes
- Luggage handling at most hotels

► Highlights

- A train trip
- A boat trip
- Local guides at some destinations

► Most gratuities

TOUR NOTES (being careful not to reveal anything about the destination)

- A passport is not required for this tour. Government photo ID is required for the flights.
- Wells Gray Tours has never previously offered this itinerary and never stayed at any of these hotels.
- You will travel by airplanes, a motorcoach, a vessel, and a train.
- Roland Neave, owner and creator of our Mystery Tours, is planning to be your tour director.
- A letter about suggested attire plus packing and travelling tips will be provided at final payment.



MORE ABOUT MYSTERY TOURS

This is Wells Gray Tours' 62nd Mystery Tour since 1985. The first Mystery Tour was only three days and travelled to Whistler. In the 40 years since then, Mystery Tours have been offered once or twice a year and have taken curious customers to destinations all over Canada, the USA, and even Iceland and Costa Rica. Some fly and explore an area such as Prince Edward Island and the remote Magdalen Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Some stay closer to home such as a tour to Mount Rainier, Olympic Peninsula, and North Cascades Highway.

The 2022 tour cruised for five days on the Trent – Severn Waterway aboard the small ship *Kawartha Voyageur*. The last Mystery Tour group, in May 2024, visited eastern Wyoming, rode the train across Colorado, and were awed by the arches and canyonlands of Utah. Of course, we can't reveal where the Spring 2025 Mystery Tour is going just yet — it remains a mystery until early June!

That is the intrigue of Mystery Tours! We never tell you where you will go or what you will see. You may be amazed when the coach pulls up beside a cruise ship or a train, or you look at your flight boarding pass to see where you are going to land, or you arrive at a unique hotel. Each day of the tour has surprises, as the mystery route is revealed only as we travel along from day to day. However, we can promise you that our route or destination has interesting sights and unusual experiences; the fall 2025 Mystery Tour is an all-new itinerary for Wells Gray. Some Mystery Tours are offered in subsequent years as a regular tour.

Wells Gray Tours has been a pioneer in offering Mystery Tours in British Columbia. Among the 400 or so tour operators in North America, only a handful offer multi-day mystery itineraries like ours. Please join us for Mystery Tour #62! Some exciting surprises are waiting for you.

Activity Level 2



Moderate Activity: As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to a kilometre with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance. You can stand for prolonged periods and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. Please be aware that on tours with flights you must handle your own luggage and walk longer distances in airports. You may need to handle your own luggage at a hotel if luggage service is not available.

You may bring a cane or walking poles if needed. 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 passengers.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due July 30, 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 (\$5,000 limit per person on credit cards).

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 30, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From July 1 to July 30, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From July 31 to August 28, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After August 28, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore, we reserve the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure. The itinerary could change before or during the tour, but since this is a Mystery Tour, you won't know if we had to change something!

Flight seating: We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes. The airline will not accept them, as group seating is assigned as a block.

Flight delays or cancellations: Flights can be delayed or cancelled at the last minute, sometimes causing a missed connection. Wells Gray staff will try to assist with rebooking, but the airline usually wants to talk with the individual passenger. There may be an extra payment required if the issue is weather. Wells Gray Tours is not allowed to interfere with this process. Check that your travel insurance policy has a flight delay benefit because that is usually your best recourse for recouping additional flight costs.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to

some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. 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 Canada, but medical costs can vary wildly from one province/territory to another. While your BC Services Card may partly 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 medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 111 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 July 30, 2025.

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