

# TYAX LODGE

September/October 2025



Tyax Lodge

## A Fall Foliage Tour in the South Chilcotin

Escape to Tyax Lodge, a peaceful retreat on the shore of Tyaughton Lake with a fine view of snowy peaks. The lodge is one of the largest log buildings in western Canada and you are sure to admire its fine craftsmanship, especially the cathedral lobby with a soaring stone chimney. We stay here for all three nights of the tour. Nearby is Bralorne, once one of British Columbia's greatest gold mines. The fabulous Pioneer Mine produced \$140 million of gold between 1914 and 1960. A local historian accompanies us to explain the fascinating story of Bralorne, Bradian, Gold Bridge, and Haylmore Historic Site. Another highlight of this valley is the fall foliage which usually peaks in early October.



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

### ► Departure from:

① **BC Interior:** October 1, 2025 - 4 days

② **Vancouver Island:** September 30, 2025 - 6 days

### ► Fares per person

① from **\$1,785** double/twin, **\$2,295** single\*

\*Pricing details for all departures provided on Page 2.

### ► Early Booking Bonus

**\$80** discount on first 12 seats; **\$40** on next 8.

### ► Earn 42 Experience Points



Tyax Lodge Deck

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# DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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

**I BC Interior:** We depart from communities in the BC Interior on Wednesday, October 1 and return home on Saturday, October 4. Transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure, and back again when we return.

**V Vancouver Island:** We depart on Tuesday, September 30 and fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Kelowna and overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW prior to joining this tour on Wednesday, October 1. We return from Tyax Lodge on Saturday, October 4 and once again overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW. We fly home from Kelowna on Sunday, October 5.

**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. Please note that while we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability. You will be contacted regarding your schedule after final payment. Please request departure from Nanaimo or Comox at the time of booking.

## FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
<b>I</b>	<b>BC Interior</b>	<b>\$1,785</b> double/twin <b>\$2,295</b> single <b>\$1,675</b> triple	• Please add 5% GST.
<b>V</b>	<b>Vancouver Island</b>	<b>\$2,455</b> double/twin <b>\$3,120</b> single <b>\$2,310</b> triple	

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

## ▶ Meals

- ① **10 total:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- ② **12 total:** 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

## ▶ Transportation

- ③ Transfers to/from Victoria Airport for passengers in the Greater Victoria Area
- ④ Flight to Kelowna & return
- ⑤ Current air taxes & security fees
  - Coach transportation for 4 days

## ▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

## ▶ Accommodation

- ① 3 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- ② 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
  - Luggage handling at Tyax

## ▶ Key Highlights

- Historic Ashcroft Manor
- Talk about history of Tyax Lodge
- Locally-guided tour of Bralorne & area
- Bralorne Museum
- Haylmore Historic Site

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

# SIGHTSEEING FLIGHT OPTION

October 2 is an optional free day to relax at Tyax Lodge and enjoy the beautiful lakeside setting as well as recreational activities. A flight over the nearby glaciers and peaks of the South Chilcotin wilderness is offered as an option. The flight is in a Beaver floatplane. Commentary is provided by the pilot through headphones, so you won't miss any of the terrific scenery. You can choose from two flights:

**1. 30-minute flight** is over the South Chilcotin Mountains Park, isolated Spruce Lake, some extinct volcanic cones, and the colourful Eldorado basin. Mountain goats, grizzlies and moose are abundant in this region and are commonly seen during the flight. \$235 per person plus GST.

**2. 60-minute flight** includes the above sights and possible wildlife plus the massive Bridge Glacier where icebergs break off the snout and float around the lake below. The Bridge Glacier is only one part of the vast Lillooet Icefield which covers 1,000 square kilometres. \$470 per person plus GST.

Both flights are based on minimum of five passengers per flight. If inclement weather occurs and the aircraft cannot fly, your flight cost will be refunded. Please book this option as soon as possible as flights may be limited.

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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 is some walking around Bralorne and the Haylmore Site. Ground floor rooms on the lobby level are very limited, and there is no elevator. If you book the flight option, getting into the aircraft requires 3 ladder-like steps. Vancouver Island passengers should note that travelling through airports and carrying your own luggage raises the Activity Level to 2. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers.

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 46

This tour is limited to 46 participants.



# ITINERARY

**Tuesday, September 30** Passengers from Vancouver Island fly to Kelowna and overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW.  
**Accommodation:**  Hampton Inn YLW

**Wednesday, October 1** We have lunch at historic **Ashcroft Manor**. It was built in 1862 as a stopping place for gold rush travellers and ranks as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the province. We admire the soaring cliffs of Marble Canyon, then follow the Fraser River to Lillooet. Next, our route winds through awesome 600-metre deep **Bridge River Canyon** and along Carpenter Lake which is 50 km long. Our destination is **Tyax Lodge**, a peaceful retreat on Tyaughton Lake with a fine view of snowy peaks. We stay here for all three nights of the tour. The lodge is one of the largest log buildings in western Canada and you are sure to admire its fine craftsmanship, especially the cathedral dining room with a soaring stone chimney.

**Meals included:**  Lunch, Dinner       Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Accommodation:** Tyax Lodge

**Thursday, October 2** Today is an optional free day at Tyax. After breakfast, listen to a talk about the history of Tyax and the remarkable project to build this huge log structure in such a remote place. A walk along the lakeshore trail is led by Tyax staff. Canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards are free to use, so you may wish to explore **Tyaughton Lake**. Some outdoor games are provided such as bocce, croquet, and horseshoes. Enjoy the sauna and whirlpool or relax on the deck overlooking Tyaughton Lake. A sightseeing float plane excursion is offered as an option (see description on page 3).

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Accommodation:** Tyax Lodge

**Friday, October 3** Accompanied by a local historian, we explore **Bralorne**, once one of British Columbia's greatest gold mines. The fabulous Pioneer Mine produced \$140 million of gold between 1914 and 1960. Our visit includes the Bralorne Museum, the abandoned town of Bradian, and the Haymore Historic Site. The fall foliage is usually outstanding during today's drive. We return to Tyax in time for lunch, then the afternoon is free time. You may wish to book a spa appointment.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Accommodation:** Tyax Lodge

**Saturday, October 4** During the drive back to Lillooet along the Bridge River, we stop at **Terzaghi Dam** which backs up Carpenter Lake, and Russell Springs. The Million Dollar Basin was extensively mined for gold during the later 19th century and is also remembered for an action movie, *Flashback*, partly filmed here in 1977. Lunch is in **Lillooet**, then we travel to departure cities in the BC Interior via Cache Creek. Passengers from Vancouver Island overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW in Kelowna.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch  
**Accommodation:**  Hampton Inn YLW

**Sunday, October 5** Passengers from Vancouver Island fly to departure cities.

**Meals included:**  Breakfast

# TOUR NOTES & POLICIES

**Accommodation:** Tyax is an impressive log lodge with only 27 rooms, of which 18 have a splendid view of Tyaughton Lake and the rest have no view. Therefore, the first 18 parties booking this tour will be assigned to the lake view rooms. We recommend early booking! Also, please note:

- Most Tyax rooms have 2 queen beds and a few have a king bed.
- Rooms do not have televisions. Wi-fi is available throughout the lodge.
- Rooms are on three floors. Ground floor is the middle floor on the same level as the lobby, dining room, and deck. You need to walk down one flight of stairs to go outdoors on the lake side of the lodge. Please request ground floor at time of booking if you require one. Tyax does not have an elevator. Wells Gray Tours usually fills all the lodge rooms, so changes cannot be made on arrival.

**Meals:** This tour has all meals included due to the high cost of individual meals at Tyax's remote location. Meals may be served as a buffet or plated.

**Payments:** A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due August 14, 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.

**Early Booking Bonus:** Receive \$80 discount on first 12 seats and \$40 on next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 14, 2025.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to July 14, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From July 15 to August 14, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 15 to August 28, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 28, 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.

**✎ Flight delays due to weather:** In the event flights are delayed or cancelled by airlines due to weather, there may be additional costs to you. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. will not pay for hotel rooms and meals during the delay. Most travel insurance policies cover expenses incurred for weather delays.

**Food Allergies:** You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. Tyax is very remote and the chef 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 Tyax and other 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 42 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 August 14, 2025.

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