

EXPERIENCE NIAGARA

May 2026



Horseshoe Falls

Enjoy the wonders of Niagara and world-class theatre

A four-day visit to Niagara Falls offers plenty of time to enjoy the world-famous cataract and many attractions. From your first breathtaking sight of the Horseshoe Falls, where millions of gallons of water thunder over the edge every minute, there are so many ways to experience Niagara. A boat excursion takes you close to the misty base, the Journey Behind the Falls reveals the roaring cascade from tunnels carved into bedrock, and the Whirlpool Aero Car crosses the wild white water of the Niagara Gorge. At night, the illuminated falls create a dazzling spectacle. Lunch at Table Rock, dinner at Skylon Tower, and your room at the Hilton Hotel all provide awesome views of the falls. Theatre is also a highlight of this tour with shows at Stratford Festival, Shaw Festival, and the Greg Frewin Dinner Theatre, plus *Niagara Takes Flight* and the *Niagara: Miracles, Myths & Magic* movie. Niagara wines rival those from the Okanagan, so we visit two wineries with touring and tasting. Come and experience the natural wonders and cultural treasures of Niagara on this extended visit.



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

▶ Departure from:

- 📍 **BC Interior:** May 7, 2026 - 9 days
- 📍 **Vancouver Island:** May 7, 2026 - 9 days
- 📍 **Lower Mainland:** May 7, 2026 - 9 days

▶ Fares per person

- 📍 from **\$4,995** double/twin, **\$5,895** single*
*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

▶ Early Booking Bonus

\$240 discount on first 12 seats; **\$120** on next 8.

▶ Earn 123 Experience Points



Wells Gray Travellers on Hornblower Cruise 2023

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DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Your departure point will be discussed at the time of booking.

- I BC Interior:** We depart on Thursday, May 7 and fly from Kelowna to Toronto. We fly from Toronto to Kelowna on Friday, May 15. Transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure, and back when we return.
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- V Vancouver Island:** We depart on Thursday, May 7 and fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Toronto. We fly from Toronto to Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox on Friday, May 15.
- Departure from Victoria:** Transportation is provided to and from the Victoria Airport for passengers in the Greater Victoria Area. Home pickups 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 is not provided to or from Nanaimo or Comox airports. 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.
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- L Lower Mainland:** We depart on Thursday, May 7 and fly from Vancouver to Toronto. We fly from Toronto to Vancouver on Friday, May 15.
- Departure from Vancouver:** Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.
- Departure from Chilliwack, Abbotsford, or Langley:** No transportation is provided to or from Vancouver Airport.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$4,995 double/twin \$5,895 single \$4,745 triple	
V	Vancouver Island	\$5,095 double/twin \$5,995 single \$4,845 triple	• Please add 5% GST.
L	Lower Mainland	\$5,045 double/twin \$5,945 single \$4,795 triple	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- **14 total:** 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Transfers between Kelowna, Vancouver, or Victoria Airports, and the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, or Greater Victoria Areas
- Flights to and from Toronto to Kelowna, Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox
- Transfer from Toronto Airport to hotel
- Coach transportation for 7 days
- Current air taxes & security fees
- 1 checked bag per person

▶ Accommodation

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

▶ Key Highlights

- Dundurn Castle with private guided tour
- Royal Botanical Gardens with guided tour
- *Guys and Dolls* performance at Stratford Festival
- Welland Canal Lock #3 viewpoint
- Niagara Parks fee

- *Niagara Takes Flight*
- Journey Behind the Falls
- Locally guided tour of Niagara Falls
- Whirlpool Aero Car
- Butterfly Conservatory
- Niagara Parks Power Station & Tunnel
- Hornblower cruise below Niagara Falls
- Locally guided tour along Niagara Parkway
- Brock's Monument
- 2 winery visits with sampling
- *Niagara: Miracles, Myths & Magic* movie
- Greg Frewin Magic & Illusion show
- Backstage tour at Shaw Festival Theatre
- *Funny Girl* performance at Shaw Festival
- Skylon Tower with dinner in revolving restaurant

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

▶ Gratuities

- Gratuities for local guides, museum docents, & Ontario driver

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director



Activity Level 2

Moderate Activity: As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance.

You can stand for prolonged periods, negotiate a variety of terrain such as moderate hills comfortably, and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. At airports, you must handle your own luggage and often walk long distances. You may need to handle your own luggage at the hotel if luggage service is not available.

You may bring a cane or walking poles if needed. The coaches 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. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.



Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 passengers.



ITINERARY

Royal Botanical Gardens

Thursday, May 7

We fly to Toronto, then a transfer is provided to Hamilton where we stay for three nights.

Accommodation: Homewood Suites, Hamilton

Friday, May 8

Dundurn Castle is the grand residence in Hamilton, built by Sir Allan MacNab in 1835. We have arranged a private guided tour through some of its 40 rooms. Afterwards, we wander through the colourful beauty of the **Royal Botanical Gardens** with the benefit of another local guide.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Homewood Suites, Hamilton

Saturday, May 9

The small town of **Stratford** became the home of the largest classical repertory theatre in North America thanks to the dream of Tom Patterson. In 1952, he conceived the idea of a theatre festival devoted to the works of William Shakespeare. His vision won the support not only of Stratford City Council and an enthusiastic committee of citizens, but also of the legendary British actor and director Tyrone Guthrie, who agreed to become the first Artistic Director. The initial performance was on July 13, 1953, when actor Alec Guinness spoke the opening lines of *Richard III*. Over 70 years later, the Stratford Festival operates four theatres and has a great diversity of productions, not only Shakespeare. We attend a matinee performance of **Guys and Dolls** at Festival Theatre. In the bustling streets of New York, a smooth-talking gambler wagers he can charm a pious missionary, while another high roller desperately fights to keep his game alive and his fiancée from walking away. In a city ruled by chance, love takes unexpected turns and both men soon discover they are risking far more than money.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Homewood Suites, Hamilton

Sunday, May 10

On our way to Niagara Falls, we stop at Lock #3 of the **Welland Canal**. It first opened in 1829, linking Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, allowing ships to bypass Niagara Falls. Today's modern canal, completed in 1932, carries over 3,000 vessels annually which pass through eight locks. **Niagara Falls** is one of the world's mightiest waterfalls, measured by its great width of over 1,000 metres, its water volume of about 750,000 gallons per second, and its height of 50 metres. For the next four days, we visit the many attractions at and near the falls. The first is **Niagara Takes Flight**, a new (in 2025) immersive flying theatre ride that takes you to the skies for an incredible journey over the falls and along the Niagara River corridor. Next is **Journey Behind the Falls**. Start with an elevator ride down, then explore tunnels through the bedrock, feeling the thunderous vibration of the Horseshoe Falls before you see them from a portal behind the falls or an observation platform at the base. We settle into the luxurious **Hilton Fallsview Hotel** for a four-night stay. The hotel has a prime location across the street from the Niagara Casino and a short walk from the waterfront Queen Victoria Park. Every room has a view of the falls and, at night, the illuminated falls create a dazzling spectacle. Dinner is at the Flying Saucer Restaurant (established in 1972), a funky diner with an intergalactic atmosphere.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hilton Fallsview Hotel

ITINERARY continued

Monday, May 11

This morning, a sightseeing tour of the Niagara area is conducted by a local guide. We ride the historic **Whirlpool Aero Car** over the Niagara Gorge with spectacular views of the swirling Niagara Whirlpool and the Class 6 wild rapids. Next is a more peaceful attraction, the **Butterfly Conservatory**, a tropical garden oasis that features over 2,000 vibrantly coloured butterflies fluttering freely throughout winding pathways adorned with lush vegetation. Lunch is at Table Rock Restaurant at the crest of the Horseshoe Falls. During the afternoon, we explore the **Niagara Parks Power Station** where exhibits explain the long history of electricity production and the inventions of Nikola Tesla. Take a walk through the 700-metre tailrace tunnel where water used to gush back into the river after generating power. The grand finale of this amazing day is a **Hornblower cruise** (formerly *Maid of the Mist*) to the bottom of the falls for an awesome view of the Horseshoe and American Falls from the river.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hilton Fallsview Hotel

Tuesday, May 12

With the benefit of a local guide, we drive through the vineyards and fruit orchards along the Niagara Parkway, learning about Laura Secord and the War of 1812. We stop at Brock's Monument which soars 56 metres over Queenston Heights and commemorates Sir Isaac Brock who died here during the war. A winery visit with sampling is included because the Niagara region rivals the Okanagan Valley for excellent Canadian wines. Later, we watch the gripping giant screen movie **Niagara: Miracles, Myths & Magic** including dramatic imagery of the falls and the extraordinary stories of Charles Blondin, Annie Taylor, Captain Joel Robinson, and Roger Woodward. Tonight, we go to the Greg Frewin Dinner Theatre for a spectacular **magic and illusion show**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hilton Fallsview Hotel

Wednesday, May 13

We spend the day at **Niagara-on-the-Lake**, a quaint town of historic buildings and interesting shops, and home to the **Shaw Festival**. It was started in 1962 by lawyer and playwright Brian Doherty who organized eight weekend performances of George Bernard Shaw's *Don Juan in Hell* and *Candida* under the title "Salute to Shaw". Currently, the Festival produces about ten plays each season with over 800 performances. Upon arrival, we take a backstage tour of the Shaw Festival Theatre, then attend the matinee performance of **Funny Girl**. This is the story of Fanny Brice — comedienne, Vaudeville star, and one of the most celebrated entertainers of her time. Revel in the glamour and glitz of the Ziegfeld Follies, as you tap your toes to favourite tunes like *Don't Rain on My Parade*, *People*, and *You Are Woman, I Am Man*. Dinner is included in the **revolving restaurant atop Skylon Tower** where we admire a fabulous view of the Horseshoe and American Falls, a suitable farewell to our Niagara visit.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hilton Fallsview Hotel

Thursday, May 14

In late morning, we go to **Konzelmann Estate Winery** for a tour, tasting and bountiful lunch. It has a picturesque location on the shore of Lake Ontario. Afterwards, we drive to Toronto Airport and stay overnight at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel, conveniently located above Terminal 3.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Sheraton Gateway Hotel

Friday, May 15

We fly home with fond memories of Niagara Falls.



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TOUR NOTES

Please book early! Niagara is a very popular tourist destination. The Hilton Hotel has strict policies about our commitment to the number of rooms needed and will cancel rooms from our original reservation if they can sell the rooms to other visitors. The three theatrical productions also require early commitments. If our rooms or seats are recalled, we have to consider the tour full, even though seats are available on the motorcoach. Therefore, waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait until next year."

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. If this is important to you, we suggest you take the "No Flight" option with a fare reduction of \$550 and book your own flight which allows seat selection.

Flight upgrades: Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the flights to and from Toronto. Premium economy and business class may be available.

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

Show cancellation: It rarely happens, but actors 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 flight, 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.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$400 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due February 5, 2026. 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 (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$240 discount on the first 12 seats and \$120 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after February 5, 2026.

Cancellation Policy: Up to January 5, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From January 6 to February 5, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From February 6 to March 5, the cancellation

charge is 40% of the tour fare. From March 6 to April 2, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After April 2, 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. The Stratford, Frewin, and Shaw shows could change. 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

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 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 123 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 February 5, 2026.

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