

# FLOWER FESTIVALS OF THE FRASER VALLEY

April 2026



Harrison Tulip Festival

## Enjoy 5 festivals celebrating the tulips

The Fraser Valley explodes in an abundance of colour when the tulips blossom. Although Mother Nature ultimately decides the dates, the second to third week of April tends to be good timing for this showy display. Whether early or late, there are usually dainty yellow daffodils first, followed by a rainbow of tulips and the hyacinths. We visit five farms near Agassiz, Chilliwack, and Abbotsford, each themed around a flower or tulip festival. Four of the farms are seen on weekdays to avoid the crowds that come here on weekends from Vancouver. We stay two nights at Harrison Hot Springs so you have time for the hot pools, an optional Harrison Lake cruise, afternoon tea, and dinner with entertainment in the famous Copper Room. Come and admire the tulips and extravagant colours of the Fraser Valley.



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

### ► Departure from:

▼ **Vancouver Island:** April 21, 2026 - 5 days

▼ **Lower Mainland:** April 21, 2026 - 5 days

### ► Fares per person

▼ **\$1,875** double/twin, **\$2,230** single\*

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

### ► Early Booking Bonus

**\$100** discount on first 12 seats; **\$50** on next 8.

### ► Earn 46 Experience Points



Harrison Hot Springs

# DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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

- V** **Vancouver Island:** We depart on Tuesday, April 21, take the ferry to Tsawwassen, and drive to Harrison Hot Springs. We take the ferry back to Swartz Bay from Chilliwack on Saturday, April 25.
- Departure from Victoria:** Designated pickup points are offered in the Greater Victoria Area. Home pickups may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area to the first 10 passengers for an additional cost.
- Departure from Up-island:** There is an additional cost for transportation from/to up-island. We can provide transportation from up-island communities to Victoria on Monday, April 20. You can organize your own accommodation this evening, or we can book accommodation for you at the Chateau Victoria Hotel at an additional cost. Transportation back to your drop off point up-island can be provided on Saturday, April 25.

- L** **Lower Mainland:** We depart on Tuesday, April 21 and drive to Harrison Hot Springs. We return home from Chilliwack on Saturday, April 25.
- Departure from Vancouver:** Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area can be arranged at the time of booking.
- Departure from Langley, Abbotsford, or Chilliwack:** Pickup and drop off is by the main coach. Please inquire about points at the time of booking.

## FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
<b>V</b>	<b>Vancouver Island</b>	<b>\$1,875</b> double/twin <b>\$2,230</b> single <b>\$1,785</b> triple	• Please add 5% GST.
<b>L</b>	<b>Lower Mainland</b>	<b>\$1,900</b> double/twin <b>\$2,255</b> single <b>\$1,810</b> triple	

Abbotsford Tulip Festival

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

## ▶ Meals

- **9 total:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 tea, 1 dinner

## ▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- Strait of Georgia Ferry crossings

## ▶ Accommodation

- 4 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Luggage handling at hotels

## ▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

## ▶ Highlights

- Harrison Tulip Festival
- Dinner entertainment in Copper Room
- Afternoon tea at Karen's Cafe
- Chilliwack Tulip Festival at Botanica Farm
- Greendale Acres Sweet Spring Flower Festival
- Great Blue Heron Nature Preserve
- Abbotsford Tulip Festival at Lakeland Flowers
- Maan Farms with tulip forest
- Wine tasting

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

## ▶ Gratuities

- Gratuities for local guides

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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. You can walk in the tulip fields at much or as little as you wish (but wear suitable shoes for farm walking). There is a 10-minute walk to Karen's Café and the optional boat excursion.

You're welcome to bring a walker or cane if needed; however, please note that the trails in the tulip fields are not paved, so walkers are not suitable in this area. 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.



## ITINERARY

### Tuesday, April 21

We arrive in mid-afternoon at the **Harrison Tulip Festival** near Agassiz. The show features multiple varieties of hyacinths, 16 different varieties of double daffodils, and, of course, the main act – about 12 million tulips with over 100 different species. This is the original tulip festival in Western Canada (2026 will be its 20<sup>th</sup> year) and the farm is the largest tulip farm in Canada. It's a year-round operation, but visitors typically see only the month-long bloom in the spring. Later, the bulbs are harvested, sorted by size, and the largest ones are used to grow the cash crop of cut tulips. They also grow several hundred thousand hyacinths in their greenhouses, also for cut flowers. Afterwards, we head to **Harrison Hot Springs Resort** and accommodation is booked in the East Tower. All guestrooms feature floor-to-ceiling windows with balconies and lake views, refrigerators, free Wi-Fi, and complimentary bathrobes for use at the hot pools. This evening, join the group for an elegant dinner in the renowned **Copper Room** with live music and dancing.

**Meals included:** Dinner

**Accommodation:** Harrison Hot Springs Resort

### Wednesday, April 22

Harrison's extensive buffet breakfast is served in the Lakeside Café each day. The day is mostly free time. Consider scheduling a treatment at the exquisite Healing Springs Spa with services that range from facials and massages to full body care packages. Take a walk along the lakeshore trails. Of course, the hot springs are an enticing and soothing pastime. There are plenty of activities to engage you today. This afternoon, we walk over to Karen's Café for a delectable **afternoon tea**.

**Option:** At 10 am, a scenic cruise on Harrison Lake for 1 hour is offered. Maximum 22 people. Cost: \$55 per person. Please choose by final payment.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Tea

**Accommodation:** Harrison Hot Springs Resort

### Thursday, April 23

This morning, we go to Botanica Farm which hosts the annual **Chilliwack Tulip Festival**. The farm was established in 1948 by refugees who arrived in Canada and made Chilliwack their home. It's now the third generation running the farm which has diversified into cultivating chickens and eggs alongside seasonal crops such as corn, peas, potatoes, hops, and of course tulip bulbs. Next we visit nearby **Greendale Acres Sweet Spring Flower Festival**. In 1999, the Bruinsma and Taekema families established the first corn maze in Canada and since then have expanded to offer many farm-related attractions including the spring focus on tulips. Afterwards, we explore the **Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve** which backs onto the Vedder River and houses abundant habitat for wildlife such as forests, marsh, and swamp wetlands. It is one of the largest heron nesting colonies in the Lower Mainland with about 90 nests.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Coast Chilliwack Hotel

## ITINERARY continued

### Friday, April 24

The **Abbotsford Tulip Festival** is the focus this morning. Hosted by Lakeland Flowers, the tulip fields span 35 acres and showcase over 100 varieties of tulips including double, fringed, and parrot varieties. Peter's Legacy is a beautiful white single tulip named after Peter Warmerdam, Lakeland's first-generation farmer. Our fifth tulips experience is at **Maan Farms** in Abbotsford. Started in 1977 by Jawahar and Gurbachan Maan with a single roadside stand selling strawberries, the farm is now operated by 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation family members. Follow a guide-gardener through a sea of vibrant tulips in a magical, woodland-inspired setting called the Tulip Forest. Wine tasting is included.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Coast Chilliwack Hotel

### Saturday, April 25

Take a stroll through District 1881 in downtown Chilliwack, a neighbourhood of distinctive architecture and historic buildings crisscrossed by pedestrian alleys filled with locally-owned restaurants, breweries and retail shops. We take an afternoon ferry to Swartz Bay.

**Meals included:** Breakfast



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## THAT MAGICAL FLOWER – THE TULIP

At one point in history, it was a currency! People were so desperate to get their hands on those precious petals, that they paid vast sums just to own a rare variety. Today, we've calmed down a bit and the tulip is once again available to all. Young or old, rich or poor, the tulip has become something more than pretty decoration, or money. It's a special symbol of spring and that little pop of vibrant colour signals the end of winter. It's colour therapy at its best! And the mind-body connection can't be ignored. When we see bright yellows, reds, pinks, oranges, and those long green leaves, we feel instantly cheered and uplifted. It's no wonder that a variety of tulip has been recognized as the flower of peace and friendship. But, ever wonder what the flowers are thinking? What goes on in the life of a tulip? How do they go from an unremarkable bulb to the flower we love?

# TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due February 19, 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 \$100 discount on the first 12 seats and \$50 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after February 19, 2026.

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

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to January 19, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From January 20 to February 19, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From February 20 to March 19, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After March 19, 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.

**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 46 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 19, 2026.

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