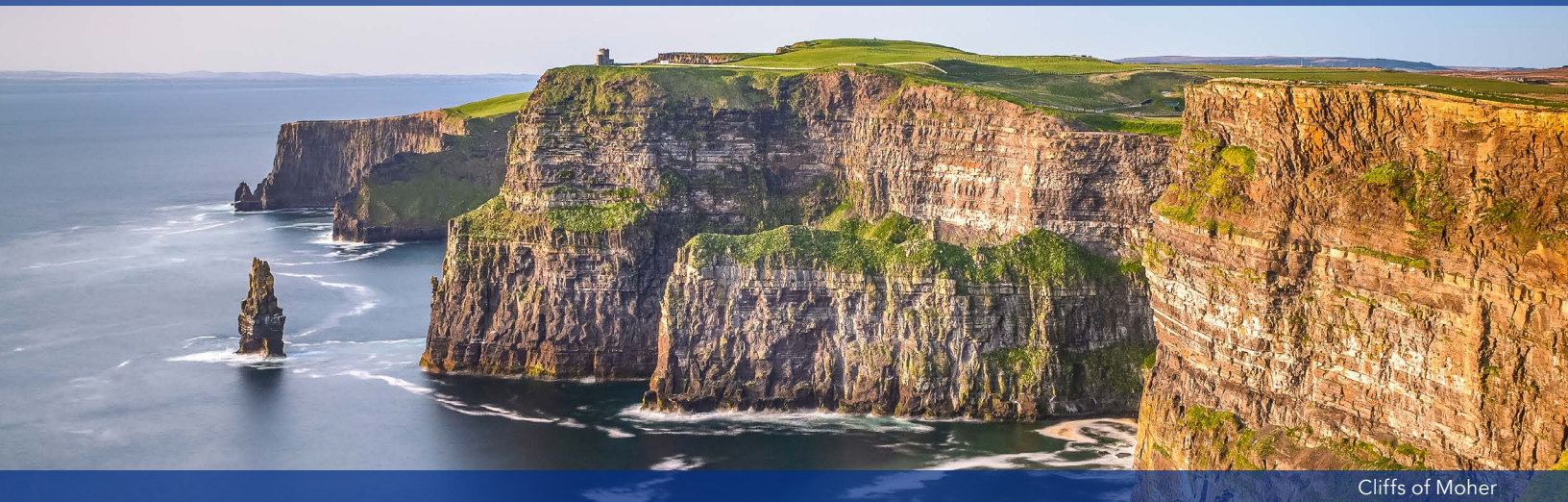


IRELAND

August 2026

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a world to experience



Cliffs of Moher

A tour all around the Emerald Isle

This is the 10th time since 2010 that Wells Gray Tours has offered a tour to Ireland and our travellers have always been thrilled with the experience. We have partnered with Joe O'Reilly, a company that is committed to connecting groups to the real people of Ireland. Our tour circles the island and includes not only the iconic sights of Ireland and Northern Ireland such as Giant's Causeway, Cliffs of Moher, Ring of Kerry, and Blarney Castle, but also those personal experiences that put you in touch with the people such as a Black Taxi ride around Belfast, a stay in a castle, a jaunting cart ride, a sheepdog demonstration, and three evenings of traditional Irish entertainment. So don your richest green, pocket your lucky shamrock, and go where Ireland takes you.



INTERNATIONAL



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ❶ **BC Interior:** August 29, 2026 - 18 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** August 29, 2026 - 18 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** August 29, 2026 - 18 days

► Fares per person

- ❶ from **\$13,880** double/twin, **\$16,520** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Earn 256 Experience Points



DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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

I BC Interior: We depart on Saturday, August 29 and fly from Kelowna to Dublin via Calgary. We return on Tuesday, September 15, flying from Dublin to Kelowna via Calgary. Transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure, and back again when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Saturday, August 29 and fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Dublin via Calgary. We return on Tuesday, September 15, flying from Dublin to Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox via Calgary.

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 Airport at the time of booking.

L Lower Mainland: We depart on Saturday, August 29 and fly from Vancouver or Abbotsford to Dublin via Calgary. We return on Tuesday, September 15, flying from Dublin to Vancouver or Abbotsford via Calgary.

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: No transportation is provided to/from Abbotsford Airport.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$13,880 double/twin \$16,520 single	
V	Vancouver Island	\$13,980 double/twin \$16,620 single	• This tour is exempt from GST.
L	Lower Mainland	\$13,910 double/twin \$16,550 single	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- **28 total:** 16 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 tea, 8 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Transfers between Kelowna, Victoria, or Vancouver Airport & the BC Interior, Greater Victoria, or Greater Vancouver Areas
- Flights to Dublin & return
- Current air taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- 1 checked bag per person
- Coach transportation in Ireland for 15 days
- Ferry to & from Inis Mór, Aran Islands
- Transfer from hotel to Dublin Airport

▶ Accommodation

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

▶ Guides & Gratuities

- Irish guide for 16 days
- Gratuities to Irish driver, guide & local guides

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

▶ Key Highlights

- Locally guided tour of Dublin
- Christ Church Cathedral
- Black Taxis tour of Belfast
- Locally guided tour of Belfast
- Botanic Gardens
- Hillsborough Castle & Gardens
- Titanic Experience Belfast
- Giant's Causeway
- Derry City Walls walking tour with local guide
- Tour of Inishowen Peninsula & Malin Head

- Grianán of Aileach
- Glenveagh National Park
- Slieve League Cliffs
- Lough Eske Castle
- Sligo Oyster Farm tour with tasting
- Galway walking tour
- Galway Cathedral
- Donnelly's Pub with entertainment
- Tour of Inis Mór
- Dun Aonghasa fort
- Tour of Connemara region & National Park
- Killary Fjord cruise
- Kylemore Abbey & Gardens
- Dan O'Hara Homestead farm tour with tea & scones
- Cliffs of Moher
- Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum
- Ring of Kerry
- Irish Coffee demonstration at Red Fox Inn
- Sheep dog demonstration
- Muckross House & Gardens
- Jaunting cart ride
- Dinner & Irish show at Kate Kearney's Cottage
- Charles Fort
- Walking tour of Cork with English Market
- Blarney Castle & kissing the Blarney Stone
- Blarney Woollen Mills
- Driving tour of Cork
- Cork City Gaol
- Midleton Jameson Distillery tour & tasting
- Rock of Cashel
- Merry Ploughboys Pub Traditional Irish Night
- Guided tour of more Dublin highlights
- GPO Museum
- Trinity College & the Book of Kells (if open)
- Guinness Brewery tour & tasting

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





ITINERARY

Saturday, August 29

We fly to Calgary and connect to an evening flight to Dublin.

Sunday, August 30

We arrive in Dublin in late morning and local time is 8 hours ahead of Pacific Time. **Céad Míle Fáilte (Welcome to Ireland)!** Our guide and driver meet us at the airport. Dublin is Ireland's largest city, a historical and contemporary cultural centre. A local guide takes us on a city tour with a stop at the imposing **Christ Church Cathedral**, founded in 1163. We stay overnight at Killiney Castle Hotel, partly dating to 1740, about half an hour out of the city. Meet your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Killiney Castle Hotel

Monday, August 31

We cross the border into **Northern Ireland** which requires a stop for a passport check since Brexit. **Belfast** is the capital of Northern Ireland and we stay two nights at the five-star Fitzwilliam Hotel. Once a haven from storms, Belfast developed a boat-building industry and now is known for its vibrant nightlife and arts scene. We ride in a **Black Taxi** with a local guide for a Belfast highlights tour. This is no ordinary taxi ride, it is a tour of the sites where the Troubles in Belfast occurred between the late 1960s and 1990s. Your guide is a taxi driver and entrepreneur who lived through the conflicts and now makes a living educating his passengers about those dark years in Northern Ireland's history. See the peace wall and the Republican and Loyalist murals, and hear a unique perspective on those challenging decades. The small taxis allow us to enter some narrow streets where a coach cannot go.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast

Tuesday, September 1

During a tour of Belfast, we visit the **Botanic Gardens** which have tropical plants, giant bird feeders, a rose garden, an alpine garden, flower beds and sculptures. Later, we visit **Hillsborough Castle and Gardens**, best known as the official residence of the Royal Family in Northern Ireland. The afternoon is devoted to the **Titanic Experience Belfast** where nine galleries explain the conception and building of *RMS Titanic* in Belfast, the discovery of the wreck, and modern exploration. There are special effects, dark rides, full-scale reconstructions, and innovative interactive features to explore the Titanic story.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast

ITINERARY continued

Wednesday, September 2 We drive to the North Antrim Coast and the **Giant's Causeway**, the subject of many legends. A unique geological structure, some 37,000 basalt columns extend from the cliffs into the sea. Lunch is at the quaint Bushmills Inn. This afternoon, we are in **Londonderry**, the only completely walled city in the United Kingdom. A local guide takes us on a walking tour of the **Walls of Derry** and shares the unique version of the history of the once infamous Bogside area.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Derry City Hotel

Thursday, September 3 The day is devoted to the stunning scenery of the **Inishowen Peninsula** in Donegal, surrounded by the Atlantic, Lough Foyle, and the chilly waters of Lough Swilly. Malin Head is the northernmost point of Ireland, jutting out into the North Atlantic. At the summit of Greenan Mountain is the massive stone fort known as the **Grianán of Aileach** which commands spectacular views across Inishowen. Originally built in the 6th century for defence or ceremonies, the ruins were restored in the 19th century.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Derry City Hotel

Friday, September 4 We travel through the magnificent barren scenery of **Glenveagh National Park**, passing Glenveagh Castle, Lough Veagh, and the Derryveagh Mountains. Next are the awesome **Slieve League Cliffs** which are among the highest sea cliffs in Europe at 601 metres. We stay overnight at **Lough Eske Castle**, a truly memorable experience. It is located on a secluded lakeside estate just outside Donegal Town. Its history, associated with the O'Donnell Clan, the founding fathers of Donegal, dates to the 15th century. A manor was built in 1621, then rebuilt in 1868 and named Lough Eske Castle. It was in ruins by the mid-20th century, then restored in 2007 to be a five-star hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Lough Eske Castle



ITINERARY continued

Saturday, September 5

Heading along the Mayo Coast, we stop at the **Sligo Oyster Farm** for a guided tour by the seashore and sampling of fresh oysters. Galway is the 2020 European Capital of Culture and is a hotbed of traditional Irish music, as you'll find out with a guided walk along the lively pedestrian streets of the Latin Quarter where buskers abound and there's always music and dancing in the pubs. Quay Street is a fun and friendly pedestrian artery with colourful storefronts, trendy shops and restaurant and bar terraces under awnings. **Galway Cathedral** is a Roman Catholic cathedral and one of the most impressive buildings in the city. It was completed in 1965, making it the last great stone cathedral to be built in Europe. It was dedicated jointly to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and to St. Nicholas. Dinner is at Donnelly's Pub with entertainment. We stay three nights at The Connacht Hotel, nearby to the Galway City Centre.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: The Connacht Hotel

Sunday, September 6

The Aran Islands are located at the entrance to Galway Bay. We take the ferry over to **Inis Mór**, the largest of the three islands. Its 100-metre high cliffs are impressive and provide nesting sites for thousands of birds. Above the cliffs is **Dun Aonghasa fort**, possibly built about 1100 BC. Lunch is at Joe Watty's Pub.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: The Connacht Hotel

Monday, September 7

Today's tour visits the Connemara region with its wild and mountainous landscapes. We skirt Lough Corrib, the second largest lake in Ireland with 365 islands. **St. Patrick** spent 40 days and 40 nights fasting on top of Croagh Patrick and praying for the conversion of Pagan Ireland to Catholicism. We take a cruise past the dramatic scenery of **Killary Fjord** including the Twelve Bens, the majestic Maumturk Range, the imposing Mweelrea Massif, and some mussel farms. Next is **Kylemore Abbey** where the Benedictine nuns have run a school for girls since 1920. There is time to wander through the gardens, abbey, and shops. In **Connemara National Park**, we admire the bleak bog landscape and rugged ocean cliffs. On the way back to Galway, we stop at **Dan O'Hara's Homestead** where the family shares the history, heritage, culture and traditions of the Connemara. The farm has cattle, sheep and the famous Connemara Ponies. A guided tour offers demonstrations of traditional farming activities such as turf cutting, sheep herding, and soda bread making on the open fire. Afternoon tea and scones are served.

Meals included: Breakfast, Tea

Accommodation: The Connacht Hotel

Tuesday, September 8

The **Cliffs of Moher** are an eight-kilometre stretch of cliffs that plunge 212 metres into the Atlantic Ocean — one of the most photographed sites in Ireland. Today's spectacular drive hugs the coast, then takes us across The Burren, an extensive limestone plateau that is bleak and devoid of water, trees, and soil, yet it holds a unique beauty. We explore the **Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum**, housed in the original terminal building. It recalls the era when Foynes became the centre of the aviation world from 1937-45. On July 9, 1939, Pan Am's luxury flying boat the *Yankee Clipper* landed at Foynes to become the first direct commercial passenger flight from the USA to Europe. We stay two nights in Killarney.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Brehon Hotel, Killarney



ITINERARY continued

Wednesday, September 9

The **Ring of Kerry** is one of the most awesome coastal drives in Ireland and is full of magical and mystical places. We travel through Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, and the Coomakesta Pass with magnificent views over Derrynane. A demonstration of the skills of the sheepdog is offered at a farm. The Red Fox Inn is an old traditional roadhouse and we stop for Irish Coffee and a talk about how to prepare it properly. Lunch is at the Smugglers Inn on the Kerry coastline. The afternoon takes us through Sneem, Moll's Gap, and Ladies View into **Killarney National Park**. We visit Muckross House, a magnificent Victorian mansion and one of Ireland's leading stately homes. The Gardens are renowned for the fine collection of azaleas and rhododendrons, an extensive water garden, and an outstanding rock garden hewn out of natural limestone. This evening, we ride on horse-drawn carts, known as jaunting carts, to **Kate Kearney's Cottage**. Enjoy dinner along with traditional entertainment with musicians playing the guitar, fiddle, mandola, Irish bouzouki, banjo, bodhrán, and tin whistles. Costumed Irish dancers perform reels, jigs and the almost forgotten 'Brush Dance'.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Brehon Hotel, Killarney

Thursday, September 10

We drive over the Cork and Kerry Mountains, and through the Irish-speaking villages of Ballymakeery and Ballyvourney. We pass the ruins of Macroom Castle, once the home of Sir William Penn whose son founded Pennsylvania. In the harbour town of Kinsale, we visit **Charles Fort**, a massive star-shaped structure of the late 17th century with a wonderful view of Kinsale Harbour from the ramparts. Arriving in **Cork**, a guided walking tour is offered with a visit to the English Market, a vibrant and diverse marketplace where an eclectic mix of traders come together. Our hotel in Cork for two nights is the Vienna Woods, an 18th century country house with a conservatory overlooking beautiful gardens.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Vienna Woods Hotel, Cork

Friday, September 11

Blarney Castle is one of the most famous places in Ireland. Climb to the castle ramparts where you can kiss the **Blarney Stone** and become endowed with the Gift of the Gab. There is also a shopping opportunity at Blarney Woollen Mills. In the afternoon, a drive around Cork is offered including a tour of the Cork City Gaol which operated for 100 years starting in 1824.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Vienna Woods Hotel, Cork

Saturday, September 12

Leaving the south coast, we stop at **Midleton Jameson Distillery** for a tour and comparative tastings of three fine whiskies. At the **Rock of Cashel**, we see an impressive group of medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone. These include the 12th century round tower, Romanesque Chapel, 13th century Gothic

ITINERARY continued

Saturday, September 12

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cathedral, and the restored Hall of the Vicars Choral. Back in Dublin, we stay three nights at Iveagh Garden Hotel which has a great location close to St. Stephens Green Park and Grafton Street shopping. Tonight, we celebrate our tour around Ireland at the **Merry Ploughboys Pub** with a traditional Irish dinner and cabaret. Don't expect an early night!

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Iveagh Garden Hotel, Dublin

Sunday, September 13

The day is at leisure and your guide can assist you with ideas, since there is lots to do in Dublin.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Iveagh Garden Hotel, Dublin

Monday, September 14

A local guide provides a tour of more Dublin highlights. One of the stops is the **GPO Museum**, located within the imposing General Post Office. It was the headquarters of the 1916 Easter Rising which changed the course of Irish history. Ireland was declared a sovereign nation on April 24, 1916, outside the GPO, when rebel leader Patrick Pearse read the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. It may be possible to visit Trinity College, founded by Queen Elizabeth I in 1592 and home of the **Book of Kells**, the most richly decorated of Ireland's medieval illuminated manuscripts of the four gospels. (Note: Trinity Library is expected to close in late 2025 for a major renovation, so this visit may be cancelled.) We finish at famous **Guinness Brewery** for a tour and to sample its iconic beer. A farewell dinner is another chance to talk about all the highlights of our Irish tour.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Iveagh Garden Hotel, Dublin

Tuesday, September 15

A transfer is arranged to Dublin Airport in mid-morning, then we fly home.

Meals included: Breakfast



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 from cobblestone streets to moderate hills comfortably, and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. Historic attractions often require walking on uneven surfaces. You must handle your own luggage to the check-in at airports and often walk long distances to your gate. You may need to handle your own luggage at hotels 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, drivers, Irish guide, and local guides 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 25

This tour is limited to 25 participants, making it a more intimate travel experience.



Giant's Causeway

THE EMERALD ISLE

With the known history of Ireland dating back over 6,000 years, the past has truly paved the way for the island's buoyant present and future. The culture is vibrant, evolving, and global, for there are an estimated 80 million people who claim Irish ancestry. The island of almost 6 million has two political entities — the Republic of Ireland which is a sovereign nation with Dublin as its capital, and Northern Ireland which is part of the United Kingdom with the capital at Belfast. The people take pride in their Celtic, Norse, and Anglo heritages. Irish is the first official language, with signs posted in Gaelic in places where the language is dominant, and English is the second official language, of course accented by a lyrical lilt that changes throughout the island. But to keep it interesting, in Northern Ireland, Ullens is spoken, a beautiful form of Scots/Irish, and in the Republic of Ireland, mid-Ulster English and Hiberno-English is common. The Irish are fond of folklore and traditions, particularly expressed through music and dance. In fact, the pub lies at the heart of the cultural life of Ireland, a place where friends gather to philosophize on life and politics, listen to stories and poems, enjoy traditional music, and share a feast.

TOUR NOTES

Documentation: A valid passport is required and must not expire before you leave Ireland. No visa is needed. However, an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) must be obtained online before departure. Cost: £16. Instructions will be provided at final payment.

Currency & Expenses: The Euro is used in Ireland and, as of November 2025, one Euro costs C\$1.64. The British Pound is used in Northern Ireland and costs C\$1.88. You should order Pounds and Euros from your bank 1-2 weeks before departure, or plan to use ATMs. Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere. Gratuities are included for all group meals, Irish drivers, and guides.

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 and book your own flight which allows seat selection. The amount of reduction will be known in November 2025.

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.

Rooms for singles are often a different style or smaller size than twin rooms. Many hotels limit the number of single rooms allocated to a group. Please book early if you prefer to travel single.

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.

Beverages: Although most dinners are included, it is not common practice to include beverages with meals. Bottled water is served, but any other beverage (including beer in a pub) is probably at your expense.

Triples are not available on this tour.



TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is requested at time of booking and balance is due May 26, 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.

Cancellation Policy: Up to April 24, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From April 25 to May 26, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From May 27 to June 26, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From June 27 to July 24, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After July 24, 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, currency exchange rates, 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.

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. 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 256 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 May 26, 2026.

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