

THREE GREAT RIVERS OF EUROPE CRUISE

September 2026

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Budapest

Rhine, Main & Danube on Emerald Astra

With 14 days on three European rivers and one canal, this amazing cruise on the brand new *MV Emerald Astra* takes in a wonderful variety of sights. After two days in Amsterdam, we board the ship and cruise upstream on the Rhine and the Main Rivers for six days. The Main-Danube Canal is 171 km long and our ship is raised or lowered through 16 locks during the three-day passage. The Danube is Europe's second-longest river, rising in Germany's Black Forest and flowing through or along the borders of 10 countries to the Black Sea. Our cruise takes in a very scenic portion from Kelheim, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, with five relaxed days to admire the vistas from the river. Savour fabulous cuisine, fine wines, exquisite suites, inspiring shore excursions, and the luxury of an Emerald ship.



INTERNATIONAL



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ❶ **BC Interior:** September 28, 2026 - 21 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** September 28, 2026 - 21 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** September 29, 2026 - 19 days

► Fares per person

❶ from **\$17,365** double/twin, **\$29,070** single*

*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Earn 330 Experience Points



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DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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

I BC Interior: We depart on Monday, September 28, and travel to New Westminster for an overnight stay at the Inn at the Quay. We fly to Amsterdam the following day. We fly from Budapest to Vancouver on Saturday, October 17 and overnight at the Inn at the Quay. We drive home on Sunday, October 18. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Monday, September 28, and travel to New Westminster for an overnight stay at the Inn at the Quay. We fly to Amsterdam the following day. We fly from Budapest to Vancouver on Saturday, October 17 and overnight at the Inn at the Quay. We travel home on Sunday, October 18.

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: There is an additional cost for clients who wish to fly to and from Nanaimo or Comox Airports on this tour. Transportation to and 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. 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 Tuesday, September 29, and fly from Vancouver to Amsterdam. We fly from Budapest to Vancouver on Saturday, October 17 and return home.

Departure from Vancouver: Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.

Departure from Langley, Abbotsford, or Chilliwack: Pickup and drop off is by the main coach. Please refer to the BC Interior dates and pricing.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Balcony C	Balcony B
I	BC Interior	\$17,695 double/twin \$29,625 single	\$18,265 double/twin \$30,710 single
V	Vancouver Island	\$17,870 double/twin \$29,800 single	\$18,440 double/twin \$30,885 single
L	Lower Mainland	\$17,365 double/twin \$29,070 single	\$17,935 double/twin \$30,155 single

- Please add 0.2% GST.
- There is an additional cost to fly from/to Nanaimo or Comox to join this tour.
- Single seats are limited. Please book early if you prefer to travel single.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- I 52 total:** 17 breakfasts, 17 lunches, 18 dinners
- V 50 total:** 17 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 18 dinners
- L 49 total:** 17 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 17 dinners

► Transportation

- Transfers between Vancouver Airport & the BC Interior, Greater Victoria, or Greater Vancouver Areas
- Flight from Vancouver to Amsterdam
- 1 checked bag per person
- Current air taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- Transfer from Amsterdam airport to hotel
- 2 days of coach transportation in Amsterdam
- 14 days cruising on *Emerald Astra*
- Port charges & cruise taxes
- Fees for passage of the Main-Danube Canal
- Transfer from Budapest hotel to airport
- Flight from Budapest to Vancouver

► Accommodation

- I V** 5 nights hotel accommodation & taxes
- L** 3 nights hotel accommodation & taxes
 - 14 days & nights on board *Emerald Astra*
 - Luggage handling at hotels & ship

► Guides & Gratuities

- Cruise gratuities
- Gratuities for European guides & drivers

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

► Key Highlights

- I V** Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site
 - Locally-guided tour of Amsterdam
 - Delft Pottery tour
 - Guided tour of Zaanse Schans windmill village
 - Rijksmuseum
 - Entertainment & expert lecturers on ship
 - Personal headset for commentary during guided walking tours
 - Amsterdam canals cruise in a glass-top vessel
 - Guided walking tour of Cologne
 - Mechanical Music Museum
 - Guided walking tour of Miltenberg
 - Glass-blowing presentation at Wertheim
 - Guided walking tour of Würzburg
 - Bishop's Residenz
 - Guided walking tour of Bamberg
 - Romanesque Cathedral
 - Guided walking & driving tour of Nuremberg
 - Guided walking tour of Regensburg
 - Guided walking tour of Passau
 - Melk Benedictine Abbey
 - Guided driving & walking tour of Vienna
 - Walking tour of Bratislava or guided hike to Bratislava Castle
 - Cultural visit with a local Slovakian family
 - Guided tour of Budapest
 - Hungarian folklore show
 - Walking tour of the Jewish Quarter
 - Dohany Synagogue
 - Presentation of the strudel-making process
 - Tour of Varoslieget City Park in electric buses
 - House of Music, Sound Dome Experience, & a mini-concert.

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



Bamberg



Cologne

ITINERARY

Monday, September 28

Passengers from the BC Interior and Vancouver Island travel to New Westminster. We stay overnight at the Inn at the Quay, built on a pier jutting into the Fraser River. Every room has a view of the river and you can watch all the shipping traffic going by. Meet your fellow travellers during a get-acquainted dinner.

Note: While it may seem unnecessary to travel to the Lower Mainland the day before your flight, the Coquihalla can have long closures or flights and ferries can be cancelled by weather which would cause a missed international flight.

Meals included: **I** Lunch, Dinner **V** Dinner

Accommodation: **I** **V** Inn at the Quay

Tuesday, September 29

The morning is leisure time and you may want to take a stroll along Westminister Quay. We visit the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site, then go to Vancouver Airport for our flight to Amsterdam. Passengers from Vancouver join us at the airport.

Wednesday, September 30

We arrive at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport about noon and local time is 9 hours ahead. Our Netherlands guide and coach meet us at the airport. **Amsterdam** is built on 70 islands which are separated by nearly 80 km of canals and connected by more than 1,000 bridges. We have an orientation tour on the way to the hotel. Amsterdam was founded in the Middle Ages and has many historic buildings. We visit Dam Square with the impressive Royal Palace, the New Church, the canals, and Waterloo Square. A "Welcome to Amsterdam" dinner is planned.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Movenpick Hotel City Centre

Thursday, October 1

We head out of Amsterdam for a visit to Delft and a tour of the famous **Royal Delft Blue Porcelain** exhibition. Next is the picturesque UNESCO-listed village of **Zaanse Schans** where we visit a cheese farm, paint mill, and oil mill, and view traditional crafts of cheese- and clog-making. The village is dominated by several traditional Dutch windmills.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Movenpick Hotel City Centre

Friday, October 2

We visit the renowned **Rijksmuseum** which has an exceptional collection of 15th and 17th century paintings by Dutch masters. View Rembrandt's famous *The Night Watch* plus works by Vermeer, Steen, and Hals. Afterwards, we board the *Emerald Astra* ship in Amsterdam with a welcome by your captain and crew. Settle into your beautifully appointed stateroom and explore the ship. We stay docked overnight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

ITINERARY continued

Saturday, October 3

This morning, we see Amsterdam via a narrated **canal cruise**, passing gabled warehouses, arched bridges, noble mansions, and colourful houseboats. As an alternative, you can participate in a guided bike tour to Waterland. Back on the *Astra*, we cast off and cruise through the Dutch countryside passing windmills, verdant fields, and locks to reach the mighty **Rhine River**. Soon we leave the Netherlands and enter Germany.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Sunday, October 4

The *Astra* docks in **Cologne**, one of Germany's oldest cities. It was founded by the Romans in 38 BCE and flourished along the Rhine River as a major trading centre. Its skyline is dominated by the magnificent Cologne Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece that took over 600 years to complete. Emerald offers a guided walking tour of the charming Old Town. During free time, admire colourful houses along the Rhine promenade, explore world-class museums such as the Roman-Germanic Museum and the Museum Ludwig, or shop for local specialty items.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Monday, October 5

During the morning, the *Astra* sails upstream through the dramatic **Rhine Gorge**. Ancient castles stand sentry on lofty cliffs rising 150 metres above the river. Don't miss the legendary Rock of the Lorelei, where sweet songs of local beauties lured enchanted sailors to their doom. On arrival in **Rüdesheim am Rhein**, some afternoon tours are offered: the incredible Mechanical Music Museum where you see and hear a large collection of self-playing calliopes, mechanical violins, and music boxes from the 18th century; or hike to the Niederwald Monument which commemorates the unification of Germany in the 1870s. There is also free time to stroll the narrow, cobblestone Drosselgasse. Later, local musicians come on board to present a traditional concert. Tonight, we leave the Rhine River and turn up the **Main River** (pronounced 'mine').

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Tuesday, October 6

With a length of 525 km, the Main River is the longest right-side tributary of the Rhine and the longest river entirely in Germany. On the banks of the Main, there are cultural gems of small towns, many of them tucked away behind defensive walls and towered gates. With half-timbered houses, narrow streets, and medieval town centres, these picturesque Bavarian villages are a photographer's delight. We dock at **Miltenberg** and a walking tour goes through the Old Town to see the Merchant Hall. Alternatively, join a guided hike through the forest to Miltenburg Castle. Continuing along the meanders of the Main River, we stop at the charming town of Wertheim for an exclusive **glass-blowing presentation** at the Glass Art Museum.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Wednesday, October 7

Relax on board this morning while cruising the placid Main River. This afternoon, we arrive in **Würzburg**. Surrounded by verdant hillside vineyards, Würzburg makes an immediate impression with the imposing Fortress Marienberg perched above town and the 15th-century Alte Mainbrücke (Old Main Bridge). A guided tour of the "Pearl of the Romantic Road" includes these sights and the baroque **Bishop's Residenz** with the largest known ceiling fresco, a unique staircase, and amazing 3D stuccowork. Local entertainment is arranged on board this evening.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

ITINERARY *continued*

Thursday, October 8

Enjoy another pleasant morning of sailing before arriving in medieval **Bamberg**. The town is the former centre of one of Germany's most powerful imperial dynasties and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site, founded 1050 years ago. Bamberg extends over seven hills, each crowned by a beautiful church. A guided walking tour features the Romanesque cathedral and the Old Town Hall which was built on an island in the Regnitz River in 1386 when the bishop refused to give the residents land for a town hall. Leaving Bamberg, the *Astra* enters the **Main-Danube Canal** which extends 171 km to Kelheim on the Danube.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Friday, October 9

Halfway along the Canal, we stop at **Nuremberg**. Although 90% of Nuremberg's Old Town suffered extensive damage during World War II, much of it has been restored to the glory it once knew as the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. A walking and driving tour is included.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Saturday, October 10

You may have many questions about the workings of the Main-Danube Canal. The ship is lifted or lowered by 16 locks during the three days we are in the canal. This remarkable project is a vital connection that enables navigation all the way from the North Sea to the Black Sea. We leave the canal at Kelheim, join the storied **Danube River**, and cruise downstream to Regensburg. Dating back to the time of the Celts around 500 BC, **Regensburg** is one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. Established during the Holy Roman Empire and the only German city not bombed during World War II, Regensburg has at least 1,300 listed buildings of "historic interest." During our guided walk, architectural highlights include the Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall), built in the 13th century, and Porta Pretoria, the gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. Wander through the city's lanes and alleys to discover the many mansions with high towers, built by wealthy families to emphasize their status during the Middle Ages. Walk across the 12th-century **Steinerne Brücke (Stone Bridge)**, the oldest of its kind in Germany. Grab a beer and enjoy a snack at the Historische Wurstküche (Old Sausage Kitchen), one of Germany's oldest restaurants. An optional excursion (extra cost) is a sausage-making workshop. There is live entertainment from a **traditional Bavarian Band** after dinner as we sail down the Danube.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Sunday, October 11

Passau is uniquely located where the Inn and Ilz Rivers join the Danube. Old Town is a maze of narrow cobblestone streets lined with beautiful patrician houses and dominated by St. Stephen's Cathedral, a masterpiece of Italian baroque



ITINERARY continued

Sunday, October 11 continued

architecture. Today's included tour is a guided walk through Passau to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers." Optional full-day guided excursions (extra cost) go to Salzburg, the city of Mozart, or the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Monday, October 12

The ship docks at Melk and a guided tour is included of the magnificent 11th-century **Melk Benedictine Abbey**, one of Europe's largest monasteries. The abbey houses an ornate library with over 80,000 printed books and 2,000 manuscripts. Admire the splendour of the church with its frescoed ceilings, stunning high altar, marble statues, and 60-metre high cupola. For active people, a guided bike trip is arranged through the beautiful countryside between Melk and Dürnstein. Enjoy a coffee or a cocktail on the Sky Deck as we sail through the picturesque **Wachau Valley**. We pass the magnificent Baroque Stiftskirche with its blue façade, the landmark of Dürnstein.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Tuesday, October 13

We arrive in **Vienna**, the "City of Music" which inspired the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. Once the centre of the mighty Habsburg Empire, Austria's magical capital on the blue Danube is a showcase of gilded architecture. A driving and walking tour provides a panoramic overview with the splendid Ringstrasse, Opera House, Burgtheatre, and the Parliament. An alternative is a guided bike tour of Vienna. Optional excursions (extra cost) are offered to Schönbrunn Palace and an exclusive Viennese concert for an unforgettable evening of music in an elegant hall.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Wednesday, October 14

Entering Slovakia, we dock in the capital, **Bratislava**, a place where Baroque palaces, boutiques and cafés adorn cobblestone streets. Enjoy a walking tour including the enchanting Old City with its Town Hall, Episcopal Summer Palace, and Slovak National Theater. An alternative is a guided hike to Bratislava Castle. This afternoon, a highlight is a **cultural visit with a local Slovakian family** accompanied with coffee and cake.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*

Thursday, October 15

This morning, we dock in **Budapest**, Hungary. The country's capital spans the banks of the Danube and is one of Eastern Europe's liveliest cities. Whether you are seeing the sights, shopping for handcrafted embroidery or Herend porcelain, or basking in the Gerbeaud Café with a rich cream cake, Budapest's unique energy is positively palatable. Enjoy a guided tour past its highlights such as the Hungarian Parliament Building, Andrássy Avenue, iconic Hero's Square, the massive hilltop castle complex with its remarkable Fishermen's Bastion and 11th-century Matthias Church, the coronation spot of several Hungarian monarchs. Be sure to note the city's eight bridges which connect ancient Buda on the right bank with Pest on the left. You may want to walk across Chain Bridge, built in 1849 and a symbol of Budapest. We stay overnight on the ship while docked in Budapest. Enjoy a traditional **Hungarian farewell dinner and a folklore show** on your final evening onboard.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Astra*



Vienna

ITINERARY continued

Friday, October 16

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the *Emerald Astra* and disembark. We meet our Hungarian guide who leads a walking tour of the Jewish Quarter with a behind-the-scenes visit to the **Dohany Synagogue**. During lunch at Strudel House, there is a presentation of the strudel-making process. In the afternoon, we take a tour around **Varoslieget city park** in electric buses followed by the House of Music, SoundDome Experience, and a mini-concert. Our final dinner is at VigVarju Restaurant.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: InterContinental Hotel Budapest

Saturday, October 17

Our flight leaves Budapest in late morning to Amsterdam where we change planes and fly to Vancouver. Passengers from Vancouver travel home.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation:   Inn at the Quay

Sunday, October 18

Passengers from the BC Interior and Vancouver Island travel home.

Meals included:  Lunch



Activity Level 3

High Activity: You are an active traveller who wants to explore wherever you go. You don't mind a mix of full days, early morning starts, and some late nights. You can walk longer distances, up to 4 km without difficulty which may be over cobblestone streets, uneven ground, or beaches/shorelines. Choose shore excursions based on your mobility. There is lots of walking at the museums and historic sites if you want to see everything. There can be longer walks in the airports. You must be able to handle your own luggage in airports as well as at hotels where luggage handling may not be available.

This tour is not appropriate for people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices. Hiking poles are fine. Additionally, this tour is not appropriate for those who have cognitive impairments such as memory loss or confusion, difficulty expressing thoughts, repeating questions, or getting lost. The tour director, European guides and drivers 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 tour days. 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.

Please note: Prior to accepting your booking, you will be required to [sign a declaration](#) that you are capable of travelling on an Activity Level 3 tour.



Tour Size 25

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



MV EMERALD ASTRA

The newest ship in the Emerald Cruises fleet, the *MV Emerald Astra* will join six other Emerald Star-Ships in 2026. With just 90 staterooms and carrying a maximum of 180 passengers, the experience is intimate and deluxe. The ship is 134 metres long with four decks. Public areas include Reflections Restaurant, Horizon Lounge and bar with great views and comfortable furniture, an outside covered terrace with sitting area, a fitness centre, and a huge partly shaded sun deck with sun beds and a pool. Wi-Fi is complimentary. The floor to ceiling windows and French balconies on the Vista and Horizon decks make for bright staterooms with a contemporary design. Comfort is essential — dress code is relaxed and casual except the Welcome and Farewell dinners are a little more dressy. Dining has open seating with no reserved tables. You can choose a buffet or menu for breakfast in the dining room, or a light breakfast in the lounge. Complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks are served with lunch and dinner. Your cruise director keeps you

informed about the daily entertainment, the upcoming lectures on ports of call, and various on-board activities to enrich your river experience. Two or three tours are offered at each stop and you choose one based on your activity level. Some of these tours are on a motorcoach and some are walking tours. Sometimes a paid excursion with more elaborate inclusions is offered; you can reserve on the ship or on the Emerald website up to eight months before sailing (details in Important Tour Information at final payment).

There are several types of suites available. Categories B and C are on Vista or Horizon decks and measure 180 square feet; they have floor to ceiling windows and the French balcony changes from an indoor to outdoor space with ease as the window lowers to a halfway point at the touch of a button. We can also check availability for Grand Balcony Suites on Horizon deck or Emerald staterooms on Riviera deck which have a window instead of a balcony.

CRUISING 3 EUROPEAN RIVERS WITH EMERALD

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The ship stops in many towns along these rivers and sometimes stays overnight. At each stop, there is a choice of shore excursions, most included and some with an extra charge. These tours may be walking through a

town with commentary provided on personal headsets, or may be on a motorcoach with an extended visit to a city that is not on the river. You can sign up on the ship for paid tours and these usually have unique themes and experiences that are worth the extra cost.

Our tour is with Emerald Cruises, an Australian company that is owned by the Moroney family and part of the Scenic Group. The passion for detail is evident in the design of the ships, from the placement of windows to the comfort of the lounges. Off the ships, the award-winning land programs help you experience each destination, with guided sightseeing in every port, engaging port lectures, VIP access into key destinations, no waiting in lines, and great cultural immersion and storytelling thanks to skilled cruise directors and guides. This is the 5th cruise that Wells Gray has offered with Emerald and Scenic.



Rüdesheim am Rhein

TOUR NOTES

Documentation: A valid passport is required with sufficient blank pages and must not expire until three months after return date. Visas are not currently required for any country we are visiting. The ETIAS system may be in operation when this tour is underway; details will be in the Important Tour Information document at final payment.

Currency & Expenses: The Euro is the official currency in all countries along our cruise route. You should have Euros on hand for smaller purchases and any gratuities not included. You can order Euros from your bank a week prior to departure. The currency on board the ship is the Euro. Purchases on board can be charged to your ship account and paid at the end of the cruise by credit card.

Gratuities for cruise staff and European guides and drivers are included.

Beverages: In many countries outside Canada and USA, it is not standard practice to include beverages with tour meals. During the land portion of this tour, tea, coffee, or bottled water is usually included with each meal and other beverages can be purchased. On the ship, wine, beer, and soft drinks are included at lunch and dinner.

Rooms for singles are often a different style or smaller size than twin rooms in hotels (not on ship). Many hotels limit the number of single rooms for a group. Please book early if you prefer to travel single.

Triples are not available on this tour.

Importance of early booking: Cruises are incredibly popular. Ships are filling up fast and earlier than they once did, so waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait until another year." Mayflower Cruises, a division of Emerald, has confirmed a block of Verandah suites for this cruise and they are normally held until eight months before sailing (January 2026). However, any unsold suites can be taken away from us at any time if the ship or even a category fills. This occurs on most of our group cruises, then we have to wait list disappointed customers. *Emerald Astra* is a new vessel which increases its appeal among elite travellers and many cruises sell out months in advance, so we urge you not to delay booking this tour.

Shore excursions can be booked on board but some paid excursions should be booked when they become available, usually eight months prior to the cruise. Most shore excursions are included.

Included lunches: The above itinerary shows an included lunch on every cruise day. These lunches are on the ship, so if you book a shore excursion during lunchtime, you may miss an included lunch if you are not back on board at lunchtime. There is no compensation for missed lunches.

Flight upgrades: Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the flights between Vancouver and Amsterdam and return from Budapest. Premium economy and business class may be available.

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 and book your own flight which allows seat selection. The fare reduction will be known in December 2025 as the flight cannot be booked until 11 months prior to the return date.

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.

Food Allergies on cruises: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. During the pre-cruise and post-cruise touring and the included shore excursions, some restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. Most food allergies can be handled at meals on the ship, but you may have to order 24 hours in advance. 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 \$1,000 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due May 27, 2026. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level 3 requirements, 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 27, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From April 28 to May 27, the cancellation charge is \$400 per person. From May 28 to June 26, the cancellation charge is 30% 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. Please do not travel to Europe without medical insurance as a minimum.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 330 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 27, 2026.

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