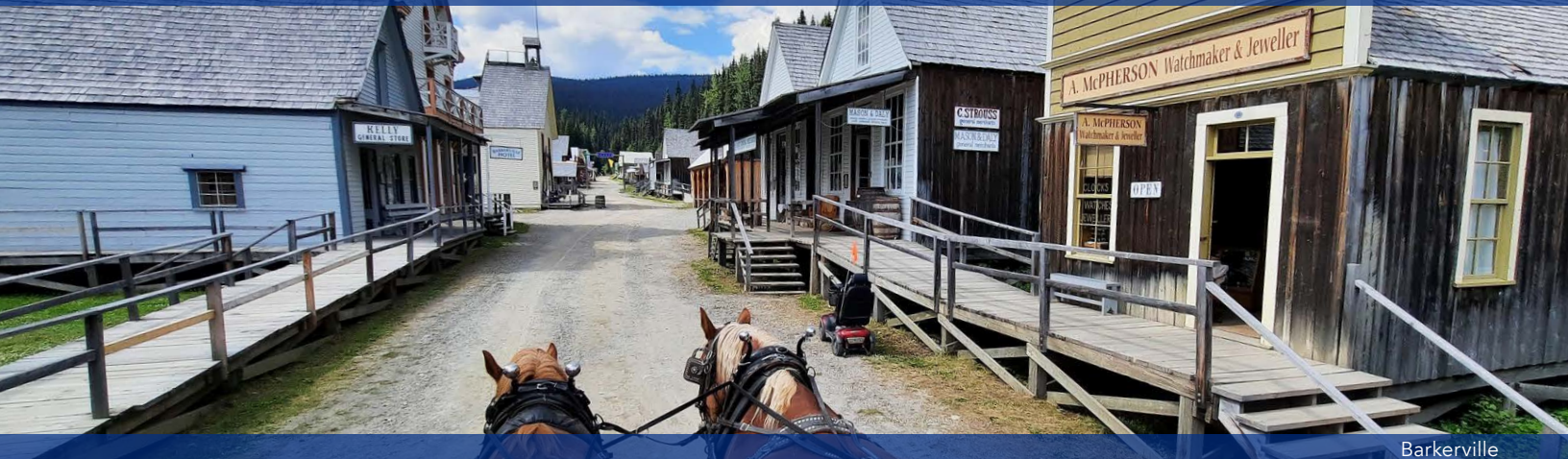


BARKERVILLE & WELLS GRAY PARK

August 2026


WELLS GRAY TOURS
a world to experience



Barkerville

Gold rush tales & waterfalls aplenty

Explore the historic Gold Rush Trail and relive the days of the stampede to the Cariboo goldfields in the 1860s. Barkerville is 165 years old in 2026 and the restored town is still bringing joy to visitors of all ages. Ride in a stagecoach, try your luck at goldpanning, listen to Judge Begbie, watch the gold cleanup at the Cornish water-wheel, eat at Wake-Up Jake's Café, and stamp your feet to a lively music show at Theatre Royal.

Another highlight follows Barkerville – the natural wonders of Wells Gray Park, also known as “Canada's Waterfalls Park”. Spahats Falls, Dawson Falls, and Helmcken Falls, 4th highest in Canada, are only three of the 42 named waterfalls in the park that you will remember for long after this tour.



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ① **BC Interior:** August 18, 2026 - 4 days
- ⑤ **Vancouver Island:** August 17, 2026 - 5 days
- ④ **Lower Mainland:** August 17, 2026 - 5 days

► Fares per person

- ① from **\$1,335** double/twin, **\$1,605** single*
*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Early Booking Bonus

\$60 discount on first 15 seats; **\$30** on next 10.

► Earn 33 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 Tuesday, August 18 and drive to Quesnel. We return from Wells Gray Park on Friday, August 21. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Monday, August 17 and fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Kelowna where we overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW. We are picked up by the main coach the following day. We fly from Kelowna to Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox on Friday, August 21.

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. 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.

L Lower Mainland: We depart on Monday, August 17 and fly from Vancouver to Kelowna where we overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW. We are picked up by the main coach the following day. We fly from Kelowna to Vancouver on Friday, August 21. Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.

Departure from Langley, Abbotsford, or Chilliwack: No transportation is provided to/from Vancouver Airport.

FARES PER PERSON

| Departure Point | Fares per Person | Notes |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------|
| I BC Interior | \$1,335 double/twin \$1,605 single \$1,260 triple | |
| V Vancouver Island | \$2,010 double/twin \$2,405 single \$1,905 triple | • Please add 5% GST. |
| L Lower Mainland | \$1,990 double/twin \$2,385 single \$1,885 triple | |

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- ① **6 total:** 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- ② **7 total:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

▶ Transportation

- ③ Transfers to/from Victoria or Vancouver Airport from the Greater Victoria or Greater Vancouver Area
- ④ Flights to/from Kelowna from Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox, or Vancouver
- ⑤ Current air transportation taxes & fees
 - Coach transportation for 4 days

▶ Accommodation

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

▶ Highlights

- Ashcroft Manor
- Painted Chasm
- Local historian guide from Quesnel to Barkerville
- Barkerville Historic Town
- Gold panning with souvenir gold flakes
- Barkerville stagecoach ride
- Guided walking tour of Barkerville
- Theatre Royal show
- Cottonwood House Historic Site
- Expert guide in Wells Gray Park
- Autographed copy of *Exploring Wells Gray Park*

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

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

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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 may need to handle your own luggage at the hotels if luggage service is not available. The guided walking tour around Barkerville is optional. The Richfield Courthouse is a 1.5 km gently uphill walk from Barkerville centre. There are steps to get into the stagecoach and the ride is authentically bumpy; this ride is considered Activity Level 2.

You may bring a walker, cane or walking poles if you wish. 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 can accommodate 46 participants.



Wells Gray Group at Park Entrance

ITINERARY

Monday, August 17

Passengers from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland fly to Kelowna and stay overnight.

Accommodation: Hampton Inn YLW (Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland)

Tuesday, August 18

We drive through the Thompson Valley and have lunch at historic **Ashcroft Manor**. It was built in 1862 as a stopping place for Cariboo Gold Rush travellers and ranks as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the province. This visit nicely sets the scene for the Gold Rush stories through the next two days. During the afternoon drive north along the Cariboo Highway, we stop at scenic **Painted Chasm**. We stay two nights in Quesnel at the Billy Barker Hotel, modeled after the paddlewheelers that plied the Fraser River during the gold rush.

Meals included: Breakfast (Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland), Lunch (all)

Accommodation: Billy Barker Hotel

Wednesday, August 19

An **expert historian** tells us about the Gold Rush and its characters during the drive from Quesnel to **Barkerville**. The gold panning (keep what you find), the stagecoach ride around Barkerville, the guided walking tour, and a lively musical show at **Theatre Royal** are all included. For the rest of the visit, there is lots to see and enjoy at your own pace — listen to a discussion of Cariboo justice with Judge Begbie at

Richfield Courthouse; buy something tasty at Goldfield Bakery; view a historic slide show at the Museum; attend church at St. Saviour's; and walk through many historic buildings, staffed with costumed interpreters who bring the 1880s vividly to life. During the return to Quesnel, we visit **Cottonwood House**, built in 1864 as a stopping place on the Cariboo Wagon Road.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Billy Barker Hotel

Thursday, August 20

We follow Highway #24 through Lone Butte and past dozens of picturesque lakes to join the Yellowhead Highway. During the afternoon, we admire three of **Wells Gray Park's** 42 waterfalls – Spahats Falls which plunges into an awesome canyon, 100-metre wide Dawson Falls, and **Helmcken Falls**, the 4th highest in Canada at 141 metres. Your guide is Roland Neave – owner of Wells Gray Tours, Wells Gray Park expert, and author of *Exploring Wells Gray Park*. An autographed copy of the 7th edition of this 400-page guidebook is included.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Best Western Plus Clearwater & Quality Inn

Friday, August 21

We head for home. Passengers from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland fly home from Kelowna.

Meals included: Breakfast

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due June 30, 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 \$60 discount on the first 15 seats and \$30 on the next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after June 30, 2026.

Cancellation Policy: Up to May 29, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From May 30 to June 30, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person (your deposit). From July 1 to July 30, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After July 30, 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 or cancellations (Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland passengers): 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 (Theatre Royal). This can occur even shortly before the performance begins. We know that this would be disappointing, but the only refund we would be able to obtain for you would be the actual ticket price of the show. The 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. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. 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.

Photo Credits: Tour director Elvia (Barkerville) and Roland Neave (Helmcken Falls, Wells Gray Group at Park Entrance).

Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 33 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 June 30, 2026.

Consumer Protection BC Licences: Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924, Victoria 65842

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