

# CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER

December 2026



Vancouver Christmas Market

## Includes 4 shows

Step into the magic of the Christmas season with a relaxing five-night stay at the iconic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Decorated for the holidays and perfectly located in the heart of downtown, this historic landmark places you close to festive shopping, sparkling city lights, and some of Vancouver's most beloved seasonal attractions. You can take your time browsing the Vancouver Christmas Market, admiring the dazzling displays at VanDusen Gardens, or visiting the tropical warmth of Bloedel Floral Conservatory. Four wonderful performances add to the experience, including *The Gingerbread Men*, *Elf the Musical*, *The Elvis Christmas Comeback Special*, and *A Wonderheads Christmas Carol*. With a leisurely pace, elegant accommodation, and plenty of time to enjoy the sights and sounds of the season, this holiday getaway is designed for relaxation and festive cheer.



CANADIAN TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

### ► Departure from:

📍 **BC Interior:** December 21, 2026 - 6 days

### ► Fares per person

📍 from **\$3,675** double/twin, **\$4,350** single\*

\*Further pricing details provided on page 2.

### ► Early Booking Bonus

**\$150** on first 12 seats; **\$75** on next 8.

### ► Earn 93 Experience Points



# DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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

- I BC Interior:** We depart from communities in the BC Interior on Monday, December 21 and travel to Vancouver. We travel home on Saturday, December 26. Transportation is arranged from your pickup location on the day of departure, and back again when we return.

## FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
<b>I BC Interior</b>	<b>\$3,675</b> double/twin <b>\$4,350</b> single <b>\$3,545</b> triple	• Please add 5% GST.

VanDusen Festival of Lights

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### ▶ Meals

- **10 total:** 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

### ▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 6 days

### ▶ Accommodation

- 5 nights at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver & hotel taxes
- Luggage handling at hotel

### ▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

### ▶ Key Highlights

- *The Gingerbread Men* at Granville Island Stage
- Bloedel Floral Conservatory
- Vancouver Christmas Market
- *Elf the Musical* at Stanley Theatre
- *The Elvis Christmas Comeback Special* at Olympic Stage
- VanDusen Gardens Festival of Lights
- Granville Island
- *A Wonderheads Christmas Carol* at Granville Island Stage
- Christmas Day hospitality suite at hotel

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

# ITINERARY

## Monday, December 21

We drive to Vancouver and stay five nights at the renowned **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver**. Opened in 1939 at a cost of \$12 million, it became a downtown landmark with its copper green roof and a height of 17 storeys. A \$70 million restoration during the 1990s followed by a \$12 million update in 2014 have brought this magnificent hotel back to ranking among the finest in Vancouver. Tonight, we go to the Granville Island Stage to see **The Gingerbread Men**, the Arts Club's favourite festive tradition. Nostalgic and sentimental, these delightful crooners are sure to gingersnap you into the Christmas spirit. With a repertoire that spans doo-wop, jazz, Broadway, holiday standards, and acapella, The Gingerbread Men expertly deliver the songs that you know and love.

**Option:** You can opt out of seeing *The Gingerbread Men* for a fare reduction of \$60. Please decide no later than final payment.

**Meals included:** Lunch

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

## Tuesday, December 22

Breakfast is included each day at the Hotel Vancouver. This morning, we stroll through the **Bloedel Floral Conservatory** in Queen Elizabeth Park. The triodetic dome was erected in 1969 and named for one of its biggest donors, Prentice Bloedel of MacMillan Bloedel Lumber Company. The conservatory contains three habitats: tropical rainforest, subtropical rainforest, and desert. Over 200 birds of various species reside within the dome and fly freely. The conservatory houses about 500 species of plants ranging from jungle to desert climates. In the afternoon, we visit the Vancouver Christmas Market, held at the

Jack Poole Plaza. About 80 vendors offer German-themed products and food in a festive atmosphere with colourful décor and live music. **Option:** You can opt out of the Christmas Market for a fare reduction of \$21. Please decide no later than final payment.

At 7 pm, we are at the Stanley Theatre to see **Elf the Musical**. Buddy, a human raised at the North Pole by elves, sets off to the big city in search of his father, but he finds an alarming lack of Christmas Spirit. Even his little brother doesn't believe in Santa! So Buddy sets out to help everyone remember the true meaning of Christmas and, just like in the blockbuster film, eat as many things covered in syrup as possible!

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

## Wednesday, December 23

The morning is leisure time. At 1 pm, the curtain rises at the intimate Olympic Stage for **The Elvis Christmas Comeback Special**. On December 3, 1968, Elvis rocked the world—again! After a seven-year absence from the music business, the former king of rock 'n' roll launched a comeback on the biggest stage of his career, with the hope of saving his musical soul. From the creative mind behind *Chelsea Hotel* and *House of Folk*, this dynamic theatrical concert invites audiences to take a peek inside a legendary performance and offers unique insight into the night that Elvis rediscovered himself. Dinner is at the Shaughnessy Restaurant at **VanDusen Gardens**. Afterwards, wander through the Christmas Festival of Lights and admire the awesome spectacle of thousands of lights, the dancing lights on the lake, a giant decorated tree, and Candy Cane Lane.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

## Thursday, December 24

In late morning, a transfer is provided to Granville Island to browse its many interesting shops. At 1 pm, we are at the Granville Island Stage again for a different show – ***A Wonderheads Christmas Carol***, an unusual interpretation of Dickens' holiday classic. This unforgettable experience brings Ebenezer Scrooge's wondrous Christmas Eve journey to life with dazzling masks, three-metre tall puppets, a mesmerizing original score, and astonishing stagecraft, all without a word of dialogue.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

## Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas! Expect a gift from Santa during brunch at the hotel. A hospitality room is available from 10 am to 10 pm where you can meet or visit with other Wells Gray travellers. The day is leisure time, then we savour a superb Christmas Dinner buffet at Hotel Vancouver.

**Meals included:** Brunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

## Saturday, December 26

We head for home with a lunch stop in Hope.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

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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 hotel if luggage service is not available.

You may bring a walker or cane to support your mobility. Please let us know when you book if you will be bringing a walker on this tour. 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. 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 participants.

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## TOUR NOTES

**Theatre seat assignments:** Seats for the shows are assigned according to the date you booked the tour.

**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 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 \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due October 20, 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 \$150 discount on the first 12 seats and \$75 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after October 20, 2026.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to September 21, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From September 22 to October 20, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From October 21 to November 20, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After November 20, 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.

**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 93 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 October 20, 2026.

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

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