

DOURO RIVER CRUISE

May 2027

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Emerald Radiance on the Douro River

Small ship cruising on Emerald Radiance

Experience the beauty and spirit of Portugal as you cruise the magnificent Douro River aboard the intimate *Emerald Radiance*. With only 112 guests on board, you enjoy a relaxed, personal atmosphere on a ship built in 2017 and newly refreshed in 2025. As you sail the Douro, you're surrounded by terraced vineyards climbing the hillsides, historic landmarks dating back 1,500 years, superb wineries at every stop, and charming towns that are best explored on foot. The river's many locks add to the adventure, including the impressive 35-metre lift at the Carrapatelo Lock – a moment you won't soon forget. Your journey begins with four nights in Lisbon, where you can soak up the energy of Portugal's cosmopolitan capital before travelling north along the coast to Porto, gateway to the Douro Valley. During your seven-day cruise, wander the baroque streets of Lamego, explore Spain's walled city of Salamanca, learn the secrets of Portuguese cooking or Port wine, stroll through hillside vineyards, and immerse yourself in the region's rich cultural heritage. Come and experience the memorable sights along the Douro with Wells Gray Tours.



CRUISE TOUR



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- 📍 **BC Interior:** May 24, 2027 – 15 days
- 📍 **Vancouver Island:** May 24, 2027 – 15 days
- 📍 **Lower Mainland:** May 24, 2027 – 14 days

► Fares per person

- 📍 from **\$13,700** double/twin, **\$20,110** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.*

► Early Booking Bonus

\$250 on first 8 seats; **\$125** on next 4.

► Earn 260 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, May 24 and fly from Kelowna to Lisbon. We return to Vancouver from Porto on Sunday, June 6 and overnight before returning home on Monday, June 7. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Monday, May 24 and fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Lisbon. We return to Vancouver from Porto on Sunday, June 6 and overnight before returning home on Monday, June 7.

Departure from Victoria: Depending on the number of people booked and coach size, home pickups may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area. 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 may be an additional cost to join this tour from Nanaimo or Comox. Transportation to and from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. Upon our return in Vancouver on Sunday, June 6, clients may be able to connect back to Nanaimo or Comox with no overnight required. Any applicable fare differences will be adjusted accordingly. 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 Monday, May 24 and fly from Vancouver to Lisbon. We return to Vancouver from Porto on Sunday, June 6.

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: No transportation is provided to Vancouver Airport. We return on Sunday, June 6 and overnight at the Inn at the Quay before travelling home the following day. Drop off is by the BC Interior Coach on Monday, June 7.

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Riviera Deck – Stateroom D	Vista Deck – Balcony Suite C	Vista Deck – Balcony Suite B	Horizon Deck – Balcony Suite A
I BC Interior	\$13,855 double/twin \$20,390 single	\$14,660 double/twin \$21,945 single	\$14,775 double/twin \$22,170 single	\$14,890 double/twin \$22,390 single
V Vancouver Island	\$14,005 double/twin \$20,540 single	\$14,810 double/twin \$22,095 single	\$14,925 double/twin \$22,320 single	\$15,040 double/twin \$22,540 single
L Lower Mainland	\$13,700 double/twin \$20,110 single	\$14,505 double/twin \$21,665 single	\$14,620 double/twin \$21,890 single	\$14,735 double/twin \$22,110 single

- Please add 0.1% GST.
- Other categories may be available. Staterooms in Category D offer a window only (no balcony). Please inquire at time of booking.
- There may be an additional cost required for up-island clients to join this tour.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

🍽️ 33 total: 11 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 11 dinners

🍽️ 32 total: 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Transfers between the Kelowna, Vancouver, or Victoria Airport & the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, or Greater Victoria Areas
- Flights to Lisbon, Portugal
- Current air taxes & fuel surcharges
- 1 checked bag per person
- Transfer from Lisbon airport to hotel
- Coach transportation for 5 days in Portugal
- Transportation to/from Salamanca, Spain
- Transfer from Porto hotel to airport
- Flights from Porto to Vancouver

▶ Accommodation

- 6 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- 7 nights on *Emerald Radiance* cruising the Douro from Porto
- Port charges & cruise taxes
- Luggage handling at hotel & ship

▶ Key Highlights

- Introductory walk in Lisbon historic district
- Half-day sightseeing tour of Lisbon
- Monument to the Discoveries
- Tasting of traditional Pastéis de Belém
- Serra da Arrábida Natural Park

- Vineyard and cellar with wine tasting at Azeitão
- National Palace of Sintra (Palacio Nacional)
- Sintra Natural Park
- Cabo da Roca
- Historic tour of medieval Coimbra
- Wine and beer with lunch and dinner on ship
- Portuguese cooking demonstration
- Quinta do Tedo vineyard
- Guided walk in vineyards or kayak experience
- Walking tour of Salamanca
- Entertainment by a tuna music band
- Canoeing at Pocinho or Côa Valley Museum
- Port Wine cocktail lesson
- Wine estate of Quinta da Pacheca with dinner
- Tour of Baroque village of Lamego
- Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies
- Walking tour of historic Porto
- Evening cruise of illuminated Porto skyline
- Driving tour of Porto with Castelo da Foz
- Castelo do Queijo

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

▶ Guides & Gratuities

- Multilingual guide on Portugal land tours
- Cruise gratuities for the ship's crew
- Gratuities for Portugal guides & drivers

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

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 uneven

ground or cobblestone streets, and you can stand for prolonged periods during walking tours. You can climb three flights of stairs easily and unassisted, and can handle your own luggage in airports or at hotels if luggage handling is not available. Choose shore excursions based on your mobility. Ship activity is generally Level 2.

This tour is not appropriate for people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices. Walking 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 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.

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.

ITINERARY

Monday, May 24

All passengers fly to Lisbon.

Tuesday, May 25

Welcome to Portugal! Our Portuguese guide, driver and coach meet us at Immigration. We drive into the historic district and there is a short introductory walk. We stay four nights at the 4-star Portugal Boutique Hotel, located in the heart of Baixa Pombalina. This intimate hotel with only 53 rooms offers amenities such as a restaurant, lounge, Wi-Fi, and roof-top terrace. A get-acquainted dinner is arranged.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Portugal Boutique Hotel

Wednesday, May 26

Lisbon is a city known for its light, history, and unique setting along the Tagus River. Built across seven hills, Lisbon offers a combination of historic neighbourhoods, viewpoints, and monuments reflecting its long and varied past. As the country's capital, Lisbon has witnessed key moments in Portuguese history, from the period of Arab occupation to the Age of Discoveries, the 1755 earthquake, and the 1974 democratic revolution. Our tour includes the Belém district with exterior visits to Belém Tower, the **Monument to the Discoveries**, and Jerónimos Monastery. A tasting of the traditional Pastéis de Belém is included. The afternoon is free time. Dinner is in a traditional restaurant with a Fado performance.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Portugal Boutique Hotel

Thursday, May 27

We head south from Lisbon through **Serra da Arrábida Natural Park** which offers some of the most stunning coastal scenery in the Lisbon area. The highest point is the Serra do Risco which provides a panoramic view from 380 metres above the Atlantic Ocean. There is time for lunch at the picturesque fishing village of Sesimbra and a walk on the beach. In the afternoon, we continue to **Setúbal**, located on the northern bank of the Sado River estuary and once known for exporting

sardines. We visit a vineyard and cellar with wine tasting at Azeitão, then return to Lisbon.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Portugal Boutique Hotel

Friday, May 28

We drive to **Sintra**, a UNESCO World Heritage village in the Serra da Sintra Mountains, noted for its many 19th century Romantic architectural monuments. A highlight is the **Palacio Nacional** which was the home of Portugal's ruling nobility from the 15th through the 19th centuries and is notable for its decorative state rooms. Later, we drive through Sintra Natural Park, past several amazing palaces, to **Cabo da Roca**, the westernmost point of continental Europe. Later, we enjoy a leisurely walk along the bay at the glamorous town of Cascais.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Portugal Boutique Hotel

Saturday, May 29

We head north from Lisbon, stopping in **Coimbra** for a tour of its medieval buildings. It was the capital of Portugal from 1131 to 1255 and its university was established in 1290. We continue to Porto, at the mouth of the Douro River, where the **Emerald Radiance** is docked. We settle into our staterooms, home for the next seven nights, and explore the four decks of the ship. Our first succulent meal in the dining room is served as we cruise upstream on the beautiful Douro River.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Radiance*

Sunday, May 30

Relax on board while enjoying a full day of tranquil scenes sailing through the **Douro Valley**. It is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of two millennia of wine producing history. Viticulture has shaped the surrounding landscape and quiet villages are surrounded by sun-drenched vineyards. In past centuries, the wine was taken downriver in flat-bottom boats called rabelos, to be stored in barrels in cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia, across the river from Porto. Nowadays, it is

transported there in tanker trucks. We pass three large dams today (Crestuma Lever, Carrapatelo and Régua) where the ship passes through locks, the highest being **Carrapatelo Lock** with a lift of 35 metres. Later, a Portuguese cooking demonstration is offered. Meet the captain and crew at a cocktail reception and savour a welcome dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Radiance*

Monday, May 31

This morning, we visit the beautiful **Quinta do Tedo vineyard**, nestled at the confluence of the Douro and Tedo rivers. This 18th century estate is environmentally sound, creating organic produce by using traditional viticulture methods.

Alternatively, enjoy a guided walk through local vineyards or a kayak experience in Pinhão. Later, relax on the Sun Deck and enjoy all the passing scenery while we cruise to **Vega de Terrón**. Two more locks are experienced today, located at Valeira and Pocinho Dams. There are 15 dams on the Douro which regulate the water flow and generate hydroelectric power, and the lower five have locks for ships.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Radiance*

Tuesday, June 1

Vega de Terrón is on the Spanish border at the meeting of the Douro and Agueda Rivers. We drive east to the ancient city of **Salamanca, Spain**.

Founded in Roman times, its World Heritage old quarter has an illustrious past, having been held by the Carthaginians, Romans, and Moors. A walking tour visits the picturesque galleries and arcades that adorn Plaza Mayor and the 15th century **Casa de las Conchas** which is decorated with over 300 shells. Back on the ship, we are entertained by a **tuna music band**. In Portugal, a tuna is a group of university students in traditional attire who play instruments and sing serenades. The tradition originated in the 13th century as a means for students to earn money or food.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Radiance*

Wednesday, June 2

Vega de Terrón is the head of navigation on the Douro. About 7 km upstream is Saucelle Dam which is 83 metres high with no locks. Heading downstream, we make some different stops than the upstream cruise. In **Pocinho**, there is a choice of a canoeing excursion or a visit to the Côa Valley Museum. Later, we admire the fabulous Douro scenery while sailing towards Régua and participating in a **Port Wine cocktail lesson**. A highlight of our week on the Douro is a rural dinner at the **wine estate of Quinta da Pacheca**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Radiance*

Thursday, June 3

We drive from Régua to the marvellous Baroque village of **Lamego** which dates to the 7th century. The Cathedral was built in 1129. We also see the picturesque **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies** which has stood gracefully above the town since 1750. To save climbing the 686 steps to the Sanctuary, the coach brings you to the top and you can walk down if you wish. During the afternoon cruise, there is a **mosaic tile painting lesson** offered.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Radiance*

Friday, June 4

The *Emerald Radiance* arrives back in **Porto** where the Douro flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Porto is a fascinating eclectic mix of modern and ancient architecture. Famous for its exports of Port wines, it's easy to imagine how British merchant ships would have once clustered together in the medieval harbour, waiting to take Port wines across the water. A walking tour of historic highlights is arranged and you can choose to join the leisurely or active group. This evening, enjoy a charming **evening cruise** to view the illumination of Porto's skyline.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: *Emerald Radiance*

Saturday, June 5

We disembark the *Emerald Radiance* in Porto. A driving tour visits the Castelo da Foz which was completed in 1647 and guards the mouth of the

Douro. Nearby is **Castelo do Queijo**, also built in the 17th century to protect the coastline, and its pentagonal façades overlook the ocean. We also take a stroll on the sandy expanse of Matosinhos Beach and see the Boavista Sports Club. Our hotel was built by nobleman José Anastácio da Silva Fonseca as his grand family home in the 18th century and it became a meeting point for high society. It has been restored to its former glory as a unique hotel. A farewell dinner is planned, so you can reminisce about the journey on the Douro and share photos of our many experiences.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: NH Collection Porto Batalha

Sunday, June 6

Our flight leaves Porto in the morning and arrives in Vancouver in the evening. Passengers from Vancouver travel home. Passengers from the BC Interior and Vancouver Island stay overnight.

Accommodation: Inn at the Quay

Monday, June 7

We head home to Vancouver Island or the BC Interior.

Meals included: Lunch (BC Interior)



Beautiful scenery along the Douro River

DOURO RIVER

A symbol of Portugal's birth and growth as a nation, the Douro has long been the country's lifeline. The river rises in central Spain and flows generally west for 897 km through Spain and Portugal to its mouth at Porto, the second largest city of Portugal. The Douro forms the border between Spain and Portugal for 112 km. There are 15 dams on the Douro, built in the 1950s to 1970s, which regulate the water flow and generate hydroelectric power, and the lower five have locks for navigation. The Douro is the largest river, by volume, in the Iberian Peninsula.

River cruises have become increasingly popular around the world in the last 15 years, and it wasn't long before the potential of the Douro was noticed by the cruise lines. Several companies now provide cruises along the last 270 km of the river where it flows through Portugal. Above its confluence with the Agueda River, the Douro courses through narrow canyons in the Serra de Mogadouro Range and several high dams without locks block further ship traffic. In the lower Douro, accessible by cruises, the enchanting countryside has terraced vineyards rising from the shores, historic landmarks dating back 1,500 years, superb wineries at every stop, and charming walkable towns.

TOUR & CRUISE 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.

Currency & Expenses: The Euro is the official currency in Portugal and Spain. 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.

Importance of early booking: River cruises are incredibly popular nowadays. Ships are filling up a year before sailing, so waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait until next trip." Emerald Cruises has confirmed a block of staterooms and they are normally held until 4 months before sailing (late January 2027). However, any unsold staterooms 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 turn away disappointed customers, even though seats are available on the connecting motorcoach. Therefore, please don't delay booking this tour.

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. Hotels named were confirmed by the Portuguese tour operator in April 2026, but changes are possible. The flight cannot be booked until July 2026, so fares have been estimated and could change. 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.

Gratuities for cruise staff and Portuguese 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.

Food Allergies: 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.

Flight seating: We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes, no matter what class you are booked in. 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 flights which allows seat selection. The fare reduction will be available in July 2026. If you do this, you should try to book the same flights as the group, otherwise you are responsible for any ground transportation to connect with the group. Please see our [Terms & Conditions](#) for more information on the "No Flight" option.

Flight upgrades: Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the flights to and from Portugal. Premium economy and business class may be available.

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 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.

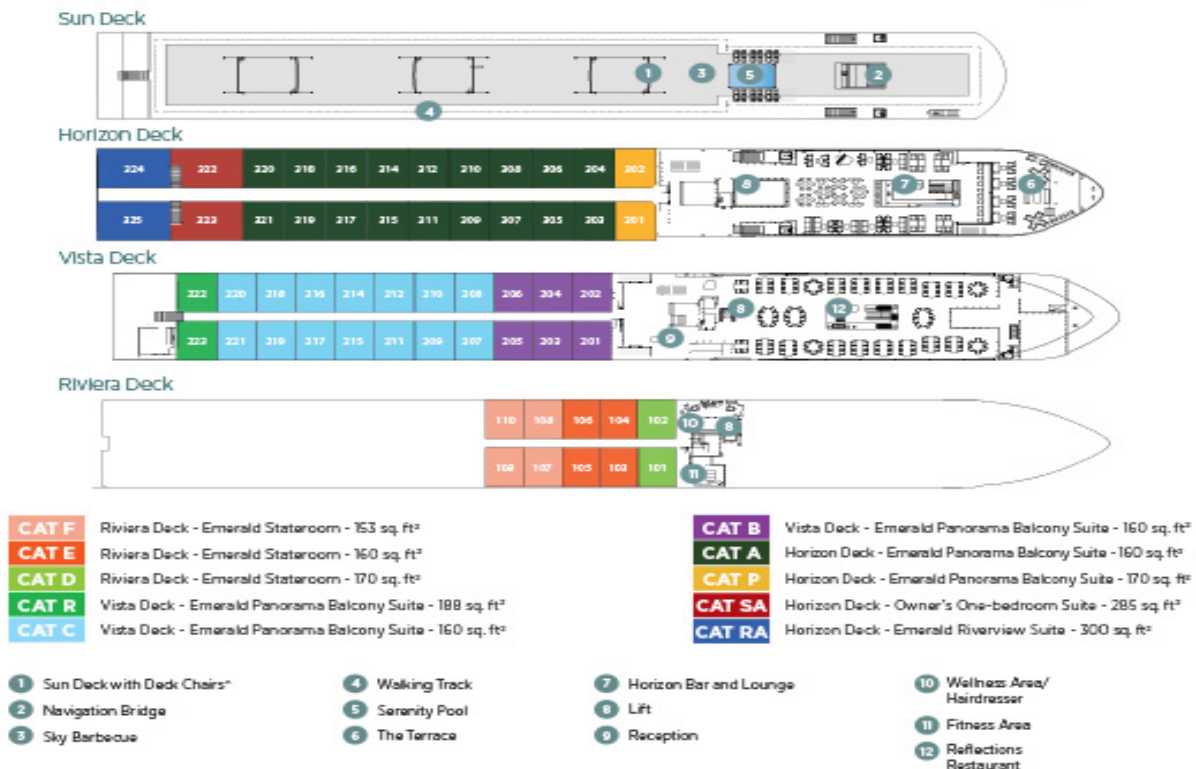
Triples are not available on this tour.

MV EMERALD RADIANCE

Emerald Cruises launched the *MV Emerald Radiance* in 2017 and she was custom built for the Douro River and the northern Portugal climate. She was fully renovated in 2025. With just 56 staterooms and carrying a maximum of 112 passengers, the experience is intimate and deluxe. The ship is 89 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, a hairdresser, 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 offered 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 Douro 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 3 months before sailing (details in Important Tour Info at final payment).

Wells Gray Tours has booked staterooms in the A, B, and C categories on Vista or Horizon decks. They measure 160-180 square feet, 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. Other categories may also be available. Category D staterooms on the Riviera Deck offer windows only (no balcony), so please inquire when booking if this is your preference.

DECK PLAN



TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due January 20, 2027. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level 3 [Declaration](#), 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 \$250 discount on the first 8 seats and \$125 on the next 4 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after January 20, 2027.

Cancellation Policy: Up to November 25, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From November 26, 2026 to January 20, 2027, the cancellation charge is \$600 per person. From January 21 to February 19, the cancellation charge is 35% of the tour fare. From February 20 to March 19, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After March 19, there is no refund.

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 outside of Canada without medical insurance as a minimum.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 260 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 January 20, 2027.

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