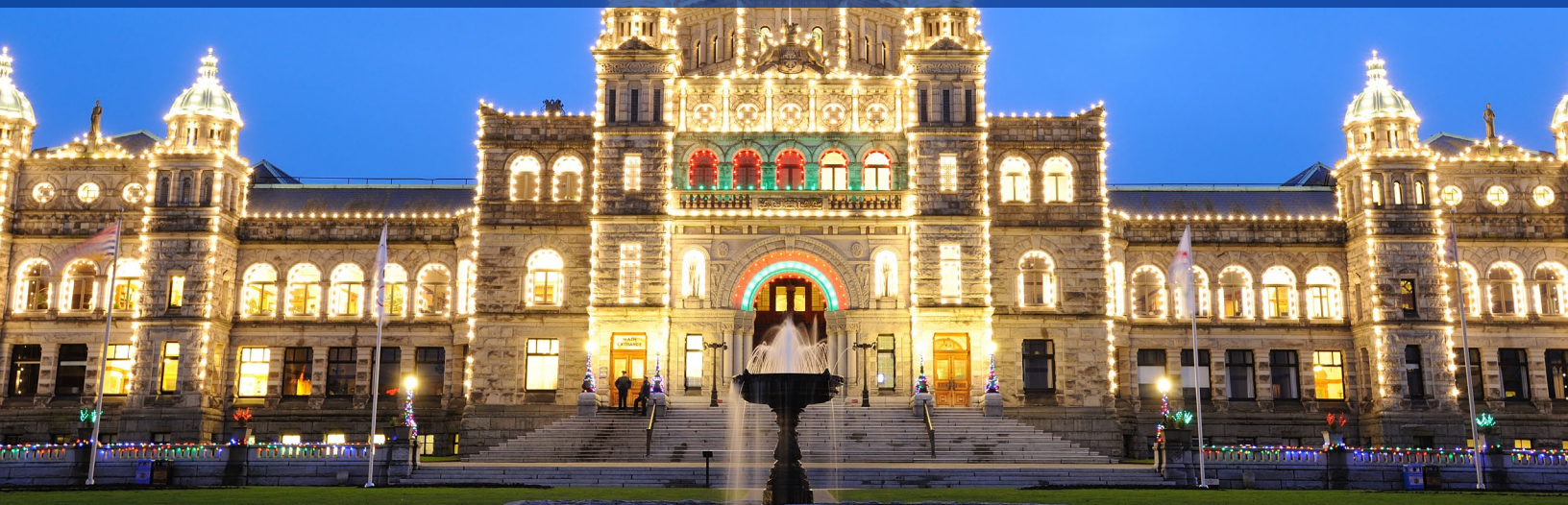


TURKEY & TINSEL IN VICTORIA

December 2026



Legislative Building

Enjoy pre-Christmas celebrations in Victoria with this unique getaway, where you can soak up the holiday spirit at a relaxed, easygoing pace before the holiday rush. Each day is themed around the magic of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, or New Year's Day. You'll experience festive gatherings, gentle sightseeing, and plenty of time to shop or simply unwind.

Highlights include optional tickets to Cirque du Soleil's *LUZIA*, a visit to Macaloney's Distillery, a guided tour of the Legislative Buildings, Stan Davis Trio carolling, a scenic Christmas lights drive, and brunch at Bard & Banker. You can also choose to join the Foodie Christmas Tour, explore Craigdarroch Castle, and enjoy afternoon tea and the gardens at Butchart. With visits to Merridale Cidery, a lunch and show at the Chemainus Theatre, and many festive meals and gatherings at the hotel, you'll enjoy the warmth and joy of Christmas—before the season even begins. You'll stay four nights at the popular Chateau Victoria, perfectly located near the sparkling Inner Harbour.



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

▶ Departure from:

1 BC Interior: December 2, 2026 - 6 days

1 Lower Mainland: December 3, 2026 - 5 days

▶ Fares per person

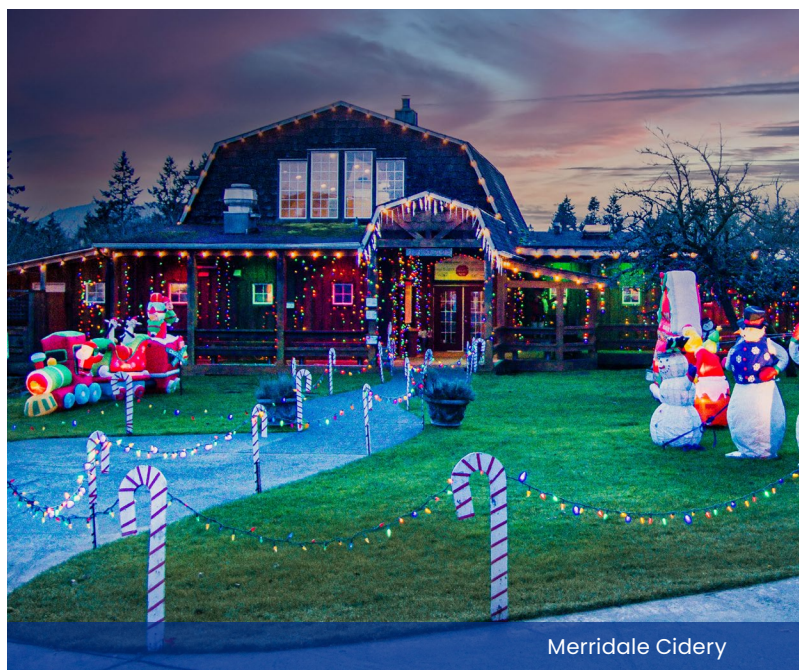
1 from **\$2,755** double/twin, **\$3,125** single*

**Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.*

▶ Early Booking Bonus

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

▶ Earn 76 Experience Points



Merridale Cidery

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DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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



I BC Interior: We depart from the BC Interior on Wednesday, December 2, and drive to Vancouver. We take the ferry to Victoria the following day. We return home on Monday, December 7, taking the ferry from Victoria to Tsawwassen. Transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return.

L Lower Mainland: Join this tour on Thursday, December 3 and take the ferry to Victoria. We return home on Monday, December 7, taking the ferry from Victoria to Tsawwassen.

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: Please refer the BC Interior dates and pricing. Pickup and drop off is by the BC Interior coach.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$2,995 double/twin \$3,465 single \$2,885 triple	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please add 5% GST.• BC Seniors (65 & over): \$36 discount with BC Services card.
L	Lower Mainland	\$2,755 double/twin \$3,125 single \$2,665 triple	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

I 11 meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 3 lunches, 1 tea, 3 dinners

L 10 meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 1 tea, 3 dinners

▶ Transportation

I Coach transportation for 6 days

L Coach transportation for 5 days
• 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings

▶ Accommodation

I 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes

L 4 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
• Luggage handling at hotels

▶ Gratuities

• Gratuities for local guides and Christmas Eve carolling

▶ Key Highlights

- I** Cirque du Soleil's *LUZIA* at Grand Chapiteau
- Macaloney's Distillery tour with tasting
- Legislative Buildings guided tour
- Stan Davis Trio carolling for "Christmas Eve" dinner
- Foodie walking tour with Off the Eaten Track
- Christmas Lights drive around Victoria
- Brunch at Bard & Banker
- Craigdarroch Castle guided tour
- Afternoon Tea at Butchart Gardens
- Butchart Gardens Festival of Lights
- Merridale Cidery tour & cider tasting
- *The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley* at Chemainus Theatre
- Hospitality room for "New Year's Eve" at hotel

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

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

ITINERARY

Wednesday, December 2

BC Interior passengers travel by coach to Vancouver and overnight at the **Blue Horizon Hotel**. It has an excellent location on Robson Street, surrounded by dozens of interesting shops and restaurants, and is a short walk to Pacific Centre Mall. Tonight, we thrill to **Cirque du Soleil's LUZIA** at the Grand Chapiteau. **Note:** You can opt out of this production for a fare reduction of \$140; please decide no later than final payment date.

Meals included: Lunch (BC Interior)

Accommodation: Blue Horizon Hotel

Thursday, December 3

"Christmas Eve"

Vancouver passengers join us. We take a ferry to Swartz Bay, followed by a tour and tasting at Macaloney's Distillery. Later, we visit the Legislative Buildings and a guide shows us some of the grand public rooms with some history about these ornate buildings. We stay four nights at Chateau Victoria which has a great location near the Inner Harbour. We are greeted with a Christmas-themed reception with cookies and eggnog. Dinner is served in Vista 18 atop the hotel with a panoramic view. We have booked the Stan Davis Trio to stroll around the dining tables offering carolling during and after dinner.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Chateau Victoria

Friday, December 4

"Christmas Day"

Merry Christmas! The day begins with a festive Christmas breakfast and concludes with a wonderful Christmas Dinner in Vista 18. Wells Gray Tours has planned a memorable day. Enjoy a free morning to relax, perhaps wander through the Bay Centre to admire its festive light displays, or simply take in the holiday atmosphere at your own pace. Later, guides from *Off the Eaten Track* meet the group for a **Cozy Christmas Food Tour**,

highlighting the season's tastiest treats. From melt-in-your-mouth pastries and artisan chocolates to savoury bites and a decadent holiday drink, each stop offers something to savour and celebrate. **Note:** If you'd prefer more free time or would be more comfortable skipping this walking portion, you may opt out of this event for a fare reduction of \$80 (deadline: final payment date, October 13).

In the late afternoon, we take a scenic drive around Victoria to admire the early Christmas light displays.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Chateau Victoria

Saturday, December 5

"Boxing Day"

Brunch is served at Bard & Banker. Opened in 1885 as the Bank of British Columbia, the building remained a bank until 1988. Of all the employees who worked here, the most notable was the bard of the Yukon, Robert Service. Later, we visit and have a guided tour of the extraordinary **Craigdarroch Castle**, a Victorian-era mansion of 39 rooms built in the 1890s by wealthy coal baron Robert Dunsmuir. The Castle features four floors of exquisite stained-glass windows, Christmas decorations, intricate woodwork, and lavish furnishings that reflect the lifestyles of the late 19th-century elite. **Note:** You may opt out of this visit for a fare reduction of \$16; please decide no later than final payment date.

This afternoon, we enjoy a sumptuous high tea in the Mansion at **Butchart Gardens** and, afterwards, admire the dazzling Christmas lights while listening to traditional carollers and festive brass at the **Butchart Festival of Lights**.

Meals included: Brunch, Tea

Accommodation: Chateau Victoria

Sunday, December 6

“New Year’s Eve”

Breakfast is served in Vista 18. We drive across the Malahat to **Merridale Cidery** and learn about cider craftsmanship as knowledgeable storytellers guide you through the production process. Wander through the cider apple orchard and visit the cellar for a look at traditional methods. We continue to Chemainus Theatre for a superb buffet lunch followed by a matinee performance of *The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley*. Back at the hotel, “New Year’s Eve” dinner is served in Vista 18, then a private

hospitality room is reserved for socializing and games. Maybe some people will stay up until midnight and watch the clock not really changing to a new year!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Chateau Victoria

Monday, December 7

“New Year’s Day”

Happy New Year! A festive breakfast is served. With “Christmas” and “New Year’s” over, we take the ferry to Tsawwassen and head for home.

Meals included: Breakfast

ACTIVITY LEVEL



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. The culinary walking tour is about 2 km spread over 2.5 hours. There are short distances to walk and some stairs such as to/from theatre seats and at Butchart Gardens and Craigdarroch Castle. At Craigdarroch Castle, the coach parks a few blocks away, and there is a moderate hill to climb to access the Castle.

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.



Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due October 13, 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.

BC Seniors (65 & over): \$36 discount offered by BC Ferries. Please bring your BC Services Card on the tour.

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 13, 2026.

Cancellation Policy: Up to September 14, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From September 15 to October 13, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From October 14 to November 12, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After November 13, 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.

Show cancellation: It rarely happens, but performers 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.

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 76 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 13, 2026.

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