

MUSIC, LIGHTS & NEW YEAR DELIGHTS

December 2026



VanDusen Festival of Lights

Featuring Salute to Vienna concert at the Orpheum

Ring in 2027 in style and enjoy the annual performance of *Salute to Vienna* presented by the Vancouver Symphony. It has an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers, and dancers, and has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. We have reserved superb seats in the Orchestra area of the Orpheum Theatre. Another show is included – *42nd Street* at the Gateway Theatre. Also featured are the VanDusen Festival of Lights, New Year's Eve dinner, a social gathering at midnight, New Year's Day brunch, and a dinner at the Top of Vancouver Revolving Restaurant. The tour stays three nights at the popular Inn at the Quay in New Westminster.



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

▶ Departure from:

📍 **BC Interior:** December 30, 2026 – 4 days

📍 **Vancouver Island:** December 30, 2026 – 4 days

▶ Fares per person

📍 from **\$1,995** double/twin, **\$2,240** single*

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

▶ Early Booking Bonus

\$110 discount on first 15 seats; **\$55** on next 10.

▶ Earn 51 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 Wednesday, December 30 and drive to New Westminster. We return from New Westminster on Saturday, January 2, 2027. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Wednesday, December 30 and travel to New Westminster. We return from New Westminster on Saturday, January 2, 2027.

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: Make your own way to Victoria or Vancouver to join this tour.

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I BC Interior	\$1,995 double/twin \$2,240 single \$1,940 triple	• Please add 5% GST.
V Vancouver Island	\$2,180 double/twin \$2,425 single \$2,125 triple	

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- I 8 total:** 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- V 6 total:** 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- V** 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings

▶ Accommodation

- 3 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Luggage handling at hotel

▶ Highlights

- VanDusen Festival of Lights
- *42nd Street* at Gateway Theatre
- Venue at hotel for New Year's Eve socializing with coffee or tea & cash bar
- *Salute to Vienna* concert at Orpheum Theatre
- Dinner in Top of Vancouver Revolving Restaurant

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

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

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Wednesday, December 30

We travel to New Westminster and stay three nights 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. Tonight, we go to **VanDusen Festival of Lights** and admire the awesome spectacle of thousands of Christmas lights, the dancing lights on the lake, a giant decorated tree, and Candy Cane Lane. Dinner is included at the Shaughnessy Restaurant at the Gardens.

Meals included: Lunch (BC Interior), Dinner

Accommodation: Inn at the Quay

Thursday, December 31

Most of the day is leisure time. You may want to visit with relatives, browse the Westminster Market beside the hotel, or stroll the riverfront promenade. After an early New Year's Eve dinner at the hotel's Boathouse Restaurant, we go to the Gateway Theatre to see **42nd Street**. Peggy Sawyer is a small-town girl with big Broadway dreams. When she arrives in New York City, she lands her first role in a glitzy new musical on Broadway. When the show's leading lady breaks her ankle, Peggy gets her chance in the spotlight and shines. *42nd Street* is full of toe-tapping songs, including *Forty-Second Street*, *We're In the Money*, *Lullaby of Broadway*, and *Shuffle Off To Buffalo*. With high-energy choreography, sensational tap numbers, and a dazzling story, *42nd Street* celebrates showbiz with wit, humour and glamour. It has won 10 Tony Awards for the 1981 original and two revivals. Back at the hotel, gather with other Wells Gray travellers to celebrate the arrival of 2027. **Happy New Year!**

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Inn at the Quay

Friday, January 1, 2027

Savour a New Year's brunch to start 2027 just right. The curtain rises at 2:30 pm at the ornate Orpheum Theatre for the annual performance of **Salute to Vienna**. We have reserved superb seats in Right and Left Centre Orchestra. Afterwards, savour an exquisite meal at the Top of Vancouver Revolving Restaurant, perched 167 metres above Vancouver. Your three-course dinner is served while enjoying an unobstructed panoramic view of Vancouver, the coastal mountains, and the vast expanse of the ocean.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Inn at the Quay

Saturday, January 2

We journey home from Vancouver.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (BC Interior)

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. There

is some walking in the VanDusen Gardens. You may bring a walker or cane if needed. 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.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE WITH SALUTE TO VIENNA!

Salute to Vienna has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. For 85 years, the Vienna Philharmonic's "Neujahrskonzert" broadcast has thrilled 1.2 billion people annually around the globe – a joyous celebration of the musical legacy of Johann Strauss Jr. In 1995, concert producers, Attila and Marion Glatz, presented their first *Salute to Vienna* in Toronto and it was modelled carefully after the original. Now, 31 years later, the show has become a New Year's tradition, featuring glorious music and dancing, staged almost simultaneously in 21 cities throughout Canada and the United States. The Vancouver show is performed by the Vancouver Symphony with an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers, and dancers.

Here is a welcome message from Attila and Marion Glatz:

"The tradition of ringing in the New Year with the waltzes, marches and operetta arias of the beloved Viennese Strauss family, Lehár, Stolz and others surely sets the tone for an exceptional year to come. In fact, since 1995, when we first transposed this tradition to North America, audiences have delighted in the performances. The new tradition has quickly spread across the continent, featuring leading orchestras, internationally renowned conductors, and soloists trained in this unique repertoire. We look forward to celebrating the musical magic of the Viennese masters with you for many years to come."



TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due November 3, 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 \$110 discount on first 15 seats and \$55 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after November 3, 2026.

Cancellation Policy: Up to October 2, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From October 3 to November 3, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From November 4 to November 27, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After November 27, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore, Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes until departure.

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.

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 51 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 November 3, 2026.

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