

EASTER & TEA ON THE ISLAND

March 2027



Wells Gray Travellers at Abkhazi Teahouse

A Springtime Celebration of Tea, Gardens, and Victoria Charm

Celebrate Easter with an unforgettable spring getaway to Victoria, combining elegant gardens, fascinating history, great theatre, and exceptional dining. Begin with a stylish stay on Vancouver's vibrant Robson Street before crossing to Vancouver Island for a delightful afternoon tea at the world-famous Butchart Gardens. Settle into the popular Chateau Victoria for three nights and explore Victoria through the eyes of beloved artist Emily Carr, stroll the charming streets of James Bay, and savour a traditional Scottish Dinner Tea in a grand Victorian mansion. Easter Sunday brings a wonderful day of celebration, with a lavish brunch, afternoon tea in the enchanting Abkhazi Garden, and a spectacular Easter dinner overlooking the beautiful city of Victoria. With beautiful gardens in bloom, memorable meals, and time to enjoy Victoria at a leisurely pace, this is the perfect spring escape with Wells Gray Tours.



CANADIAN TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- 1 **BC Interior:** March 25, 2027 - 5 days
- 1 **Lower Mainland:** March 26, 2027 - 4 days

► Fares per person

- 1 from **\$2,085** double/twin, **\$2,400** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Early Booking Bonus

\$120 on first 12 seats; **\$60** on next 8.

► Earn 58 Experience Points



Butchart Gardens High Tea

Providing Quality Packaged Travel Since 1972

WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- ① **8 total:** 2 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 2 afternoon teas, 1 dinner tea, 1 dinner
- ② **7 total:** 2 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 afternoon teas, 1 dinner tea, 1 dinner

► Transportation

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings

► Accommodation

- ① 4 nights hotel accommodation & taxes
- ② 3 nights hotel accommodation & taxes
- Luggage handling at hotels

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

► Key Highlights

- ① *John Proctor is the Villain* at Stanley Theatre
- Butchart Gardens
- Afternoon tea in the Butchart mansion
- Emily Carr House
- Walking tour with theme "Emily Carr's Victoria"
- Pendray House with Scottish Dinner Tea
- Abkhazi Garden with afternoon tea

Attractions are subject to change. Please see [Terms & Conditions](#) for more information.

► Gratuities

- Gratuities for local guides

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I BC Interior	\$2,295 double/twin \$2,715 single \$2,185 triple	• Please add 5% GST. • BC Seniors (65 & over): \$18 discount with BC Services card.
L Lower Mainland	\$2,085 double/twin \$2,400 single \$1,995 triple	

Butchart Gardens

Activity Level 1

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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.



Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.

ITINERARY

Thursday, March 25

Your [departure point](#) will be discussed at the time of booking. BC Interior passengers drive to Vancouver and stay at the Blue Horizon Hotel. It has an excellent location on Robson Street, surrounded by dozens of interesting shops and restaurants. Tonight, we attend a show at the Stanley Theatre, **John Proctor is the Villain**. When a high school English teacher assigns a classic play to his students, it kick-starts conversations among the girls in the class that lead to an explosive revelation. Set in the aftermath of the #MeToo movement, this comedy tackles the turmoil and exuberance of young womanhood, exploring everything from cheating boyfriends to feminist liberation to the pop-cultural significance of Lorde and Beyoncé.

Option: You can choose not to attend the show. Fare reduction is \$90. Please decide no later than final payment.

Meals included: Lunch (BC Interior)

Accommodation: Blue Horizon Hotel (BC Interior)

Friday, March 26

Passengers from Vancouver join us, then we take a morning ferry to Swartz Bay. Have a light lunch on board because after arrival we go to **Butchart Gardens** for a sumptuous afternoon tea served in the mansion. In 1909, Jennie Butchart set about converting her husband's limestone quarry into the Sunken Garden. In 1939, the Butcharts gave the gardens to their grandson, Ian Ross, who spent the rest of his life creating and promoting this renowned attraction. We stay three nights at downtown **Chateau Victoria**, ideally located near the Inner Harbour.

Meals included: Afternoon Tea

Accommodation: Chateau Victoria

Saturday, March 27

We tour **Emily Carr House** which was the birthplace and long-time home of the famous artist and writer. It has been restored to reflect the atmosphere experienced by the Carr family in the 1870s. Then join a local historian for a walking tour of the James Bay neighbourhood with a theme of "**Emily Carr's Victoria**". See some oddities of Victorian architecture, a monkey puzzle tree, and the Emily Carr Bridge, and hear strange stories about the 1864 MacDonald Bank robbery and the Silent Scream apparition.

Option: You can choose not to participate in this 1½ hour walk. Fare reduction is \$10. Please decide no later than final payment.

Later we savour a **Scottish Dinner Tea** at the Pendray House, an extravagant mansion built in 1897.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner Tea

Accommodation: Chateau Victoria

Sunday, March 28

Happy Easter! This is a day of gastronomy with three wonderful culinary experiences, starting with a lavish Easter Brunch in Vista 18 atop the hotel. Transfers are provided to a few nearby churches offering Easter services (probably limited to Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, St. Andrew's Catholic Cathedral, or Central Baptist Church due to timing logistics). Tea is served at **Abkhazi Garden**, a heritage garden created by Prince Nicholas Abkhazi and his wife Peggy who came to Canada from Georgia (Russia) in 1946. There are two sittings; please choose either 11 am or 1 pm when you book this tour. The rest of the afternoon is free time and you may want to take a walk to be ready for Easter dinner in Vista 18 with a panoramic view of Victoria.

Meals included: Brunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

Accommodation: Chateau Victoria

Monday, March 29

We ride the ferry to Tsawwassen and travel home.

Meals included: Breakfast

TOUR NOTES

Theatre seat assignment: Your show seat is assigned according to the date you booked the tour.

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 \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due February 4, 2027. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms and Conditions, Company Policies](#), 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 \$120 discount on the first 12 seats and \$60 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after February 4, 2027.

Cancellation Policy:

- Up to January 4, 2027, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person.
- From January 5 to February 4, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit).
- From February 5 to February 24, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare.
- After February 24, there is no refund.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard until September 8, 2026 and Battleface after that. 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. Insurance premiums are not refundable whether or not you make a claim.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 58 Experience Points or e-points. Redeem up to 58 of your earned e-points from a previous tour until February 4, 2027. Please see our [website](#) for more information about e-points.

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

For information on itinerary and fare changes, show cancellation, and more, please see our [Terms, Conditions, and Company Policies](#).

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