

# CHRISTMAS AT HARRISON & VANCOUVER

Staying at Harrison Hot Springs & Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

December 22, 2014 - 5 Days



a world to experience



## Fares Per Person:

**\$1370** double/twin

**\$1635** single

**\$1295** triple

(Please add 5% GST)



>**Early Bookers:** \$70 discount on first 15 seats; \$35 on next 10

>**TIC Travel Insurance:** Plan 3-Comprehensive

\$129 double/twin, \$155 single, \$122 triple

**Redeem Experience Points:** Book by **November 5** and redeem up to **34 e-points**

## Includes

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Harrison's Copper Room dinner & entertainment
- Ticket to *Crazy for You* at Gateway Theatre
- *Fly Over Canada* multi-media show OR Museum of Anthropology
- Ticket to *Mary Poppins* at Stanley Theatre
- Van Dusen Gardens Festival of Lights
- Vancouver Aquarium
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling
- **7 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners

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## The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

This tour stays three nights at the renowned Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Opened in 1939 at a cost of \$12 million, it was the third Hotel Vancouver and a downtown landmark with its copper green roof and a height of 17 storeys. It was a CN Hotel for its first 50 years, then became a Canadian Pacific Hotel, and finally a Fairmont Hotel after CP acquired the worldwide Fairmont chain. Its public rooms became famous including the Panorama Roof, the Timber Club and the Pacific Empire Ballroom. A \$70 million restoration during the 1990s has brought this magnificent hotel back to being among the finest in Vancouver. The Hotel Vancouver has an excellent location on West Georgia Street, surrounded by dozens of interesting shops and restaurants, and a block from Pacific Centre Mall. Our Christmas Dinner is a fabulous multi-course buffet served in the Pacific Empire Ballroom. Wells Gray Tours is pleased to offer this Christmas experience again as it garnered rave reviews from BC Interior customers in 2012 and 2013.

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## Itinerary

### Monday, December 22:

Meals: D

We ride the 11 am ferry to Tsawwassen and arrive in mid-afternoon at **Harrison Hot Springs**. Our accommodation is in the West Tower near the pool and spa area. There are plenty of activities to engage you during your overnight stay. Schedule a treatment at the exquisite Healing Springs Spa with services that range from facials and massages to full body care packages. Take a walk along the lake shore trails. And, of course, the hot springs are an enticing and soothing pastime. Tonight, dine in elegance in the lovely **Copper Room** featuring a three-course menu, followed by entertainment and dancing with Patsy B. and the Lefties. A professional dance instructor, Adam Hanna, is exclusive to Wells Gray clients tonight as a dance partner and he can offer tips for better ballroom dancing.

### Tuesday, December 23:

Meals: B

The morning is leisure time at Harrison and we leave after lunch, arriving about 3 pm at the **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver**. At 7 pm, we drive to Richmond and the Gateway Theatre to enjoy a toe-tapping good time with **Crazy for You**. New York in the 1930s swings to life in this high-octane musical. Bachelor Bobby Child begrudgingly works at the family bank while he plugs away at his theatre career, but after he's forced to foreclose on a property in the middle of nowhere, Bobby finds that his love of theatre and the love of his life are waiting for him in the most unlikely of places. Between the hijinx and hilarity, you'll be humming along to famous songs like *I Got Rhythm* and *Nice Work if You Can Get It*.

### Wednesday, December 24:

Meals: B,D

Each morning of our stay, an extensive buffet breakfast is included in the hotel's restaurant. This morning, you have a choice of activities: (1) **Fly Over Canada**, a multi-media show where you

soar from coast to coast on a breathtaking aerial journey with wind, scents, mist and state-of-the-art sound. (2) **Museum of Anthropology**, housed in a stunning Arthur Erickson structure with exquisite First Nations artifacts and exhibits, including Bill Reid's sculpture "The Raven and the First Men". Next we enjoy the perfectly magical musical, **Mary Poppins**, on the stage at the Stanley Theatre. It is filled with priceless memories, timeless songs — *Chim Chim Cher-ee*, *Let's Go Fly a Kite*, *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* — and more than just a spoonful of Disney stagecraft. Christmas Eve dinner is at nearby Milestones Restaurant. In the evening, we go to **Van Dusen Gardens' 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, plus a choir concert.

### Thursday, December 25:

Meals: B,D

**Merry Christmas!** Expect a visit from Santa Claus during a lovely Christmas breakfast. Then we go to the **Vancouver Aquarium** to view marine life such as beluga whales, Steller sea lions, dolphins and sea turtles. A hospitality room is provided by the hotel where you can meet other Christmas travelers and socialize or play games. Our **Christmas Dinner buffet** is in the Pacific Empire Ballroom and includes appetizers such as prawns, scallops and crab legs; salads such as pasta, Waldorf, Caesar and salmon; main course such as traditional turkey, roast pork, salmon Wellington, halibut, lamb and prime rib; desserts such as English trifle, pumpkin pie, Gateau St. Honore, and chocolate mousse. A glass of sparkling wine is also included.

### Friday, December 26:

Meals: B

The morning is at leisure after another superb breakfast. We take the 1 pm ferry back to Victoria with great memories of Christmas at Harrison Hot Springs and Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due November 5, 2014.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$70 discount on first 15 seats and \$35 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after November 5. Seniors' discount is \$8 per person and you must bring your BC Gold Care Card.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to October 6, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$40 per person. From October 7 to November 5, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From November 6 to November 19, the cancellation charge is 40% of tour fare. From November 20 to December 4, the cancellation charge is 70% of tour fare. After December 4, 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 up until the time of departure.

**TIC Insurance:** In addition to Plan 3-Comprehensive, plans are available for Trip Cancellation & Interruption only and Extended Medical only. Policies can be purchased no later than at final payment.

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**Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps, mainly at the theatres, Van Dusen and the Aquarium. If you choose the *Fly Over Canada* option, there is a walk the length of Canada Place of about 2 blocks.

**Experience Points:** This tour earns 34 points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points. One point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until November 5.

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