

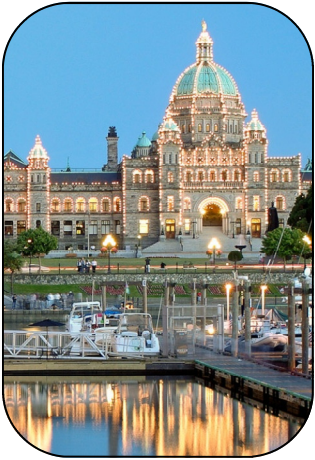
# CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA

Staying at the Chateau Victoria

December 23, 2014 ~ 6 Days



a world to experience



## Fares Per Person:

**\$1525** double/twin

**\$1795** single

**\$1465** triple

Please add 5% GST

> **Early Bookers:** \$80 discount on first 15 seats; \$40 on next 10

> **BC Seniors (65 & over):** \$8 discount

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

\$144 double/twin, \$170 single, \$138 triple



**Redeem Experience Points:** Book by **November 4** and redeem up to **38 e-points**

## Includes

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferries
- Emily Carr House
- Reception with Victoria Operatic Society
- Dinner theatre at Oak Bay Beach Hotel
- Royal B.C. Museum
- Victoria Imax Theatre show
- Afternoon tea at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse
- Christmas Lights Festival at Butchart Gardens
- *Crazy for You* at Gateway Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling
- **12 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 continental breakfast, 1 Christmas brunch, 2 lunches, 1 tea, 3 dinners

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## Christmas Highlights

Christmas in Victoria is an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours. We have stayed at Chateau Victoria for many years and our guests love the Christmas décor and spirit. All rooms are one-bedroom suites. The hotel has a fine location near the corner of Burdett and Douglas, close to the Inner Harbour and Legislative Buildings. Highlights for Christmas 2014 include a reception with entertainment by the Victoria Operatic Society, a dinner theatre at Oak Bay Beach Hotel, the Christmas Lights Festival at Butchart Gardens, and *Crazy for You* at Gateway Theatre. Some wonderful meals are planned including Christmas Dinner in the Blue Crab at the Coast Harbourside Hotel, Christmas Brunch at Vista 18 atop the Chateau, and Boxing Day Afternoon Tea at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse.

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## Itinerary

### Tuesday, December 23:

Meals: L

We travel to the Fraser Valley and take the 5 pm ferry from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay. Have dinner on the ferry or in Vista 18 atop the hotel or numerous downtown restaurants. We stay four nights at **Chateau Victoria**. Rooms are oversized and amenities include an indoor pool and whirlpool. A hospitality room is provided by the hotel for the duration of our stay where you can meet other Christmas travellers and socialize or play games.

### Wednesday, December 24:

Meals: B,D

Breakfast is included each morning in Vista 18. First, we tour beautifully-decorated **Emily Carr House**. Built in 1864, this was the birthplace and long-time home of the famous artist and writer Emily Carr. It has been restored to the ambiance experienced by the Carr family in the 1870s. Afterwards, you may wish to visit friends and relatives in Victoria, take a stroll along the Inner Harbour, relax in the pool or whirlpool, or socialize in the hospitality room. At 3 pm, the hotel hosts a reception with entertainment by the **Victoria Operatic Society**. Tonight, we go to the Oak Bay Beach Hotel for dinner and the hotel's own musical variety show celebrating Christmas.

### Thursday, December 25:

Meals: CB, Brunch, D

**Merry Christmas!** For early risers, a continental breakfast is offered in Clive's Lounge. Expect a visit from Santa Claus during a fabulous **Christmas Brunch** starting at 11 am in Vista 18. During free time this afternoon, you might like to stroll through the famous Empress Hotel and admire the Festival of Trees, dozens of elaborately decorated Christmas trees. Christmas Dinner is served in the Blue Crab Room at the Coast Harbourside Hotel and you have a choice of dinner times at 4:30 pm or 6:30 pm.

### Friday, December 26:

Meals: B, tea

The morning is devoted to the **Royal B.C. Museum**, followed by a show on the giant IMAX screen. A traditional British afternoon tea is served at the quaint **Abkhazi Garden Teahouse**. This was the home of Prince Nicholas Abkhazi and his wife Peggy who came to Canada from Georgia (Russia) in 1946 and created these gardens with majestic trees and a dramatic location. At 6 pm, we drive to **Butchart Gardens** to admire a fantasy-land of Christmas lights and listen to traditional carollers and festive brass playing classic or contemporary tunes.

### Saturday, December 27:

Meals: B,D

We take the 11 am ferry to Tsawwassen. This afternoon, at Richmond's Gateway Theatre, we 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*. We stay overnight at the luxurious **Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel**. From your soundproof bedroom window, watch all the bustle of YVR with planes landing and taking off every couple of minutes. Dinner is included at Globe@YVR, the Fairmont's dining room.

### Sunday, December 28:

Meals: B,L

We travel home via the Coquihalla.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due November 4, 2014.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$80 discount on first 15 seats and \$40 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after November 4. BC seniors (65 & over) receive \$8 discount extended by BC Ferries, so 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 4, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From November 5 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 Coverage 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.

**Experience Points:** This tour earns 38 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 4.

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