

KOOTENAYS HOT SPRINGS

February 23, 2015 - 5 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$895 double/twin

\$1120 single

\$865 triple

Please add 5% GST.



> **Early Bookers:** \$50 discount on first 15 seats; \$25 on next 10

> **TIC Travel Insurance:** Plan 3- Comprehensive
\$85 double/twin, \$106 single, \$82 triple

Redeem Experience Points: Book by **January 15** and redeem up to **22 e-points**

Includes

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Fairmont Hot Springs
- Radium Hot Springs admission & towel rental
- Kootenay Lake ferry
- Ainsworth Hot Springs (unlimited entries)
- Locally-guided tour of Nelson
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling
- **10 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

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Escape to the warmth of the Kootenays

The Kootenays region is known for many incredible wonders, one of which is the great variety of hot springs. February is a beautiful time to admire the winter wonderland of this area. Soaking up the snowy mountain scenery from the warmth of a steaming outdoor pool is nothing short of magical. This tour visits three hot springs: Fairmont, Radium and Ainsworth. Accommodation is right next to the hot pools at Fairmont for two nights and Ainsworth for two nights. Just bring your swim suit and be prepared to relax.

Customers on the 2014 tour said they wanted more time to enjoy the hot pools, so this tour has an extra night at Ainsworth Hot Springs. An historic tour of Nelson with a local guide has also been added.

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Itinerary

Monday, February 23: *Meals L,D*

We travel east across **Rogers Pass** through Glacier National Park, admiring a winter wonderland of snowy peaks and frozen rivers. From Golden, we drive along the broad Rocky Mountain Trench to **Fairmont Hot Springs Resort**. As a hotel guest, you can enjoy a private hot pool close to your room, or use the larger public pool. The water temperature ranges from 104 to 110 degrees F and about 1.4 million gallons of odourless, mineral-rich water flows through the pools daily.

Tuesday, February 24: *Meals: B*

The morning is free time at Fairmont Hot Springs, an excellent opportunity to enjoy a spa treatment. In the afternoon, we drive a half-hour north to **Radium Hot Springs** in Kootenay National Park. Sir George Simpson of the Hudson Bay Company made the first recorded visit in 1841, bathing in a one-person sized pool dug out of the gravel. The present Aquacourt was built in 1951 and is now Canada's largest hot springs pool with a water temperature of 103 degrees F.

Wednesday, February 25: *Meals: B,L,D*

We travel south along Columbia Lake and the Kootenay River to Cranbrook. From Creston, we follow the east shore of **Kootenay Lake** and ride the 'longest free ferry in the world' over to Balfour. Our destination is **Ainsworth Hot Springs** where we stay for two nights at the resort beside the hot pools overlooking Kootenay Lake. You have unlimited access to the pools during the stay. The horseshoe-shaped cave is the hottest at 114 degrees F. and the main lounging pool averages 96 degrees F. For the brave, there is also a cold plunge pool.

Thursday, February 26: *Meals: B,D*

You can spend the whole day relaxing in and out of Ainsworth Hot Springs if you wish. Otherwise, a drive into nearby **Nelson** is offered. A 90-year old lifelong resident boards our coach to conduct a fascinating historical and architectural tour of the city where buildings less than a century old are considered "modern".

Friday, February 27: *Meals: B,L*

We drive through Castlegar and across Bonanza Pass over the Monashee Mountains. After lunch in historic **Greenwood**, we follow Highway #33 to the Okanagan Valley.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$100 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due January 15, 2015.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$50 discount on first 15 seats and \$25 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after January 15.

Cancellation Policy: Up to January 15, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From January 16 to February 9, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After February 9, 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.

 **Photo credit:** Ainsworth Hot Springs

Activity Level: Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps.

E-points: This tour earns 22 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. 1 e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until Jan. 15.

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