

CANADIAN “NAPA OF THE NORTH” WINE AND CULINARY ADVENTURE

8-NIGHT TOUR PACKAGE | SEATTLE TO VANCOUVER | SEPTEMBER 18-26, 2022

California's reputation as the wine center of North America has long been focused on the excellent wine regions of Sonoma, Santa Cruz and of course the Napa Valley. While the popularity and excellence of the region has continued to grow, a very special event has been taking place 1500 miles to the north just across the US/Canadian Border. Nestled in the interior region of the province British Columbia



rests the Okanagan Valley. Stretching for 100 miles north of the Canada-United States border the region shares the same latitude as the European wine regions of Champagne and Rheingau. The valley is graced by 4 large lakes and has a hot, dry climate for 6 months of the year. The ideal climate enhances the growth of more than 60 grape varieties and the production of nearly every style of wine across the whole spectrum of sweetness levels including the very special ice wines. While the first vineyards date back to 1859, the growth and maturity of the Okanagan region looks to the 1970's as the real beginning of a burgeoning industry that can now take its place with the top wine producers of the world. Welcome to the Okanagan... *“the Napa of the North”*.

What better way to explore this region than with our **top Canadian sommelier guide, Tamara Andruszkiewicz**. Many of you may have met Tamara in Venice where she currently makes her home and takes our groups to the land of “Romeo and Juliet” to learn and enjoy the northern Italian wine regions. Tamara, born in Canada, is excited to show you the wines of her home country.

DAY 1 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 - ARRIVAL IN SEATTLE, DRIVE TO LEAVENWORTH

Arrive in Seattle by noon and board a deluxe motorcoach for a leisurely journey through the Cascade Mountains and scenic Blewett Pass into the dry interior of Washington State. Follow the scenic Okanagan River into the quaint Bavarian Style resort of Leavenworth. Tonight, enjoy a tasting of wines from the Walla Walla region of central Washington and a special Welcome Dinner. Leavenworth is unique, interesting, and compact. Complete your evening with a stroll along the river and the main street of this beautiful alpine community.

[🍴: DINNER]

ACCOMODATIONS: BAVARIAN LODGE (OR SIMILAR)

DAY 2 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 – LEAVENWORTH TO OSOYOOS



Before departing Leavenworth this morning, we'll visit the world's largest **Nutcracker Museum**. It's fun and truly amazing! We'll take a short ride to the valley community of Cashmere and stop to sample the Aplets and Cotlets of the historic **Liberty Orchard Company**. Then we'll follow the mighty Columbia River past the resort community of Lake Chelan and stop to enjoy a picnic lunch and sample some local wines at the riverside **Rio Vista Winery**. Our journey continues north through the Cascade Mountains to

the farming community of Orville and the shores of Osoyoos Lake. Keep your passports handy as we cross into the Province of British Columbia and the resort community of Osoyoos. We are now in Canada's only true desert area and at the beginning of the **Okanagan Wine Trail**. Tonight, relax and enjoy our beautiful lakeside resort hotel and a BBQ dinner featuring local produce and your first introduction to the Wines of the Okanagan Valley.

[🍴]: **BREAKFAST, BOXED LUNCH, DINNER**

ACCOMMODATIONS: WATERMARK BEACH RESORT (OR SIMILAR)

DAY 3 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 – OSOYOOS, SPOTTED LAKES AND WINE TASTING

This morning we'll start our touring with a visit to the mystical Spotted Lakes, unique to this region and the object of folklore for the First Nations People. Our journey then takes us through the Similkameen Valley, a pristine stretch of vineyards, orchards and small farms set amongst the dramatic background of rugged mountains. The absence of pesticide use leads the region to claim the title of "*Organic Capital of Canada*". We'll visit a historic **Grist Mill**



before stopping in Keremeos for our first tasting of the region's organic wines. Another short ride brings us into the Okanagan Falls Bench tucked in between Skaha and Vaseaux Lakes and home of some of the regions most recognized wineries. We'll stop for



lunch (and some tastings) where the wine, food and views are wonderful. After lunch, we'll journey further down the valley and spend the afternoon sampling the fare of two wineries in the Oliver area. Returning to our beachside resort in the late afternoon, take some time to enjoy the resort before we head out for a very special dinner at one of the areas most popular wineries. The food, the service, the wine and the view will leave you amazed.

[🍴]: **BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER**

ACCOMMODATIONS: WATERMARK BEACH RESORT (OR SIMILAR)

DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 – OSOYOOS TO KELOWNA

A beautiful and relaxing day lies ahead. Our first stop will be in nearby Oliver, “**Wine Capital of Canada**”. Here, we’ll visit the newly completed Okanagan Wine Village, and meet with some of the local vintners. We’ll continue north to the resort community of Penticton, neatly perched between Skaha and Okanagan Lakes. The city is famous for its annual Peach Festival and renowned for its’ wines. We’ll stop for a short tour of the **SS Sicamous**, a visual reminder of the vital role that Sternwheelers paid in the early transportation routes in the area.

Our journey continues along the eastern shore of Okanagan Lake to an area known as the Naramata Bench, home to over 40 wineries with plenty of terroir to swirl, sip and savour. The historic **Naramata Inn** will be our host for lunch followed by an early afternoon tasting at your choice of several boutique or full selection wineries along the Bench. Later in the afternoon we return to the western shore of the 90-mile-long lake and travel through the popular resort communities that dot the shoreline. Along the way watch out for the famed lake monster OGOPOGO. Our final tasting will take place in one of the many wineries located in the appropriately named communities of Peachland and Summerland. We’ll cross the graceful Bennett Bridge to the beautiful city of Kelowna and our deluxe lakeside accommodation for the next 3 nights. Tonight, dinner is on your own. Enjoy dinner in the hotel’s lakeside restaurant or take a short walk and sample one of the many fine Kelowna restaurants.

[🍴]: BREAKFAST, LUNCH]

ACCOMMODATIONS: DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT GRAND OKANAGAN RESORT (OR SIMILAR)

DAY 5 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 – VERNON AND O’KEEFE RANCH

Our journey continues north through the vineyards and orchards following the shores of Okanagan and Woods Lakes before arriving at Kalamalka Lake – *the lake of many colors*. Soon we arrive in the beautiful resort city of Vernon and travel along the shores of Swan Lake to the historic **O’Keefe Ranch**. Established over 150



years ago, this is still a working ranch. We’ll have a great western lunch and an opportunity to explore the heritage village and take a wagon ride. In the afternoon we’ll stop in at one of the hundreds of craft wineries on our way back to Kelowna and return to Kelowna in time for you to swim, sit in the sun or take a walk along the lakeshore (there is also a Casino nearby). Tonight, a special treat awaits as we board the deluxe **Lake Lounge** for a dinner cruise on Lake Okanagan.

[🍴]: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER]

ACCOMMODATIONS: DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT GRAND OKANAGAN RESORT (OR SIMILAR)

DAY 6 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 – KELOWNA



Today is a day to relax and enjoy this beautiful resort. In the morning we'll take a short tour of the cultural district of Kelowna before embarking on a tram tour of one of the largest orchards in Canada. There will be some time to shop in the gift shop and sample some of the delicious ciders, jams and jellies, honey and fruit candies all produced locally. This afternoon is free to

enjoy the many facilities of your hotel or to do some local shopping. There will also be optional tours available for wine tasting, cycling, kayaking or even a round of golf on one of the areas many championships courses. Our dinner tonight will be at the famous **Mission Hills** winery overlooking the city of Kelowna and Okanagan Lake.



[🍴]: BREAKFAST, DINNER]

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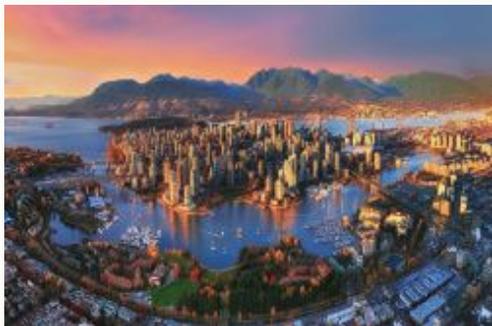
DAY 7 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 – KELOWNA TO SUN PEAKS RESORT

This morning we'll make a leisurely departure from our lakeside resort and travel into a more remote part of the Okanagan, making our way past orchards and small ranches along the shores of Monte Lake. Small farms and old lumber mills dot the landscape. We'll stop at a beautiful new winery in the small community of *Westwald* in time for some wine tasting to go along with our picnic lunch. The view of the Thompson River is perfect. Our afternoon drive takes us along the *Trans Canada Highway* west to the bustling Interior city of Kamloops before turning north along the banks of the North Thompson River. Small farms, vineyards and ginseng fields grow along the banks of the river. The last leg of our journey takes a scenic route to the alpine resort of *Sun Peaks*. This is BC's most popular Interior Mountain resort. Enjoy a late afternoon walk or carriage ride through the pedestrian village and relax in the elegant surroundings of your hotel. Tonight, we'll sample wines from the region and enjoy cuisine featuring the premier beef and locally grown vegetables.

[🍴]: BREAKFAST, BOXED LUNCH, DINNER]

ACCOMMODATIONS: SUN PEAKS RESORT (OR SIMILAR)

DAY 8 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 – SUN PEAKS TO VANCOUVER



This morning we depart for the coast leaving the beautiful Kamloops region behind. Our morning stop will be in Merritt, one of the last "western towns" in British Columbia. We'll take a short tour through town and view the many western murals painted on the buildings before heading down the spectacular *Coquihalla Highway*. This is truly a scenic route through the vast grasslands of the Interior Plateau and the glacier covered passes of the Coastal Mountains. We'll stop at the historic Gold Rush

town of Hope for a lunch (on your own) before continuing our journey through the lush farmlands and agricultural communities of the Fraser Valley. Our adventure comes to an end with our arrival in the beautiful city of Vancouver. Spectacular by nature, surrounded by the rugged coastal mountains and spread along the shoreline of Burrard Inlet. If traffic permits, we'll take a short tour of historic *Gastown*, Canada's largest *Chinatown* and beautiful 1000-acre *Stanley Park* before checking in to our deluxe hotel. Tonight, a very special farewell dinner awaits!

[🍴]: BREAKFAST, DINNER]

ACCOMMODATIONS: SHERATON WALL CENTER (OR SIMILAR)

DAY 9 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 – DEPART VANCOUVER

This morning transfer from your hotel to the Vancouver International Airport for your flight.

[🍴]: BREAKFAST]

PRICE: \$4,930.00 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,064.00

INCLUDES: Eight (8) nights hotel accommodation listed (or similar), all meals and activities as outlined in tour description, winery tours and tastings, all tour fees, services of a professional Tour Director, transportation on deluxe AC motorcoach, bottled water on the motorcoach and luggage handling (1 bag per person).

NOT INCLUDED: Airfares, travel insurance, gratuities for the driver (recommend \$3-\$4 per person, per day), gratuities for the guide (recommend \$5-\$7 per person, per day) meals not listed, room upgrades, any extra nights before or after the tour, and items of a personal nature.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Tour not suggested for people in wheelchairs and/or with mobility issues due to extended walking.

ARRIVAL AIRPORT: SEATTLE (SEA) PLEASE ARRIVE BY NOON DEPARTURE AIRPORT: VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

NOTE: Times and providers listed are subject to change. Hotel upgrades are based on availability at the time of booking

TRAVEL INSURANCE: F&WT highly encourages protecting your travel investment in case of an emergency requiring you to cancel your trip. Your F&WT's Travel Advisor can assist you with procuring the appropriate coverage. Please make sure to read the cancellation policy on the registration form outlining our cancellation policy.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS & ROOM UPGRADES - SEPTEMBER 18-26, 2022

PLEASE NOTE THAT ROOM UPGRADE REQUESTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED AND ARE BASED ON AVAILABILITY AT THE TIME OF BOOKING.

9/18 - 9/19/2022 – LEAVENWORTH – BAVARIAN LODGE

With 50 years' experience in Leavenworth, we are proud to offer exceptional service to our guests in our Lodge. The Bavarian Lodge offers the amenities of a sumptuous city hotel with the character of a small country inn. Wi-fi is complimentary and all rooms have mini refrigerators, microwave and Starbucks coffee. Enjoy the year round heated outdoor pool, hot tubs and an on-site micro pub.



STANDARD – VILLAGE VIEW (INCLUDED)

UPGRADE OPTIONS (PRICE IS PER ROOM FOR ONE NIGHT):

PREMIUM ROOM – VILLAGE VIEW UPGRADE: \$99.00

TURRETT ONE-BEDROOM SUITE WITH FIREPLACE UPGRADE: \$165.00

9/19 - 9/21/2022 – OSOYOOS - WATERMARK BEACH RESORT



Perfectly located on the shores of beautiful Osoyoos Lake, the Watermark Beach Resort defines the “good life” of the Southern Okanagan. You’re steps away to everything: beach, dining, wine tasting and boutique shopping in Canada’s only official desert community. Enjoy the Watermark experience with fully equipped lake view suites, complimentary internet, picture perfect views from your private balcony, an outdoor saltwater pool, hot tubs and fitness center.

TWO-BEDROOM LAKEVIEW SUITE (INCLUDED)

NO UPGRADES AVAILABLE

9/21 - 9/24/2022 – KELOWNA - DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT GRAND OKANAGAN RESORT

Immerse yourself in lakeside ambiance in the midst of British Columbia's Wine Country at Delta Hotels Grand Okanagan Resort. Set on Okanagan Lake and surrounded by picturesque mountains in downtown Kelowna, our resort offers stylish hotel rooms and suites with deluxe amenities - many with balconies. Feast at our popular hotel restaurant and sip cocktails or wine on our lakefront patio. Stay fit in our 24/7 fitness centre. Take a dip in our sparkling indoor and outdoor pools. Indulge in a massage at our on-site, full-service luxury spa. Our Kelowna hotel is walking distance to shopping, dining and entertainment.



DELUXE KING ROOM (INCLUDED)

UPGRADE OPTIONS (PRICE IS PER ROOM FOR THREE NIGHTS):

KING ROOM – LAKE VIEW UPGRADE: \$416.00

ONE-BEDROOM SUITE – CITY VIEW UPGRADE: \$1,228.00

TWO-BEDROOM SUITE – CITY VIEW UPGRADE: \$2,020.00

TWO-BEDROOM SUITE – LAKE VIEW UPGRADE: \$2,673.00

9/24 - 9/25/2022 – SUN PEAKS - SUN PEAKS GRAND HOTEL

Sun Peaks Grand is located in the core of the European-inspired Sun Peaks Resort village just 45 minutes from Kamloops. With trails and activities at the doorstep, as well as an on site grocery store, boutiques, eateries, a heated outdoor pool with mountain views, and brand-new guest rooms delivering quiet luxury with a hint of modern rustic-ness, we go above and beyond our guest's expectations. Guest rooms have been inspired by the warm and luxurious mountain lifestyle with tailored details and comforts well placed for the sophisticated traveller.



DELUXE ROOM (INCLUDED)

UPGRADE OPTIONS (PRICE IS PER ROOM FOR ONE NIGHT):

MOUNTAIN VIEW UPGRADE: \$99.00

BALCONY SUITE UPGRADE: \$119.00

ONE-BEDROOM SUITE UPGRADE: \$125.00

9/25 - 9/26/2022 – VANCOUVER - SHERATON WALL CENTRE

Experience the West Coast of Canada in style at Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre. Set in the vibrant downtown neighbourhood of Vancouver, the hotel places you steps from shopping, dining, entertainment and attractions. Retreat to well-appointed guest rooms and suites, to take in captivating mountain, city and ocean views. Enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi and concierge services. Relax in the Sheraton Fitness Centre, heated indoor 50-foot lap pool, sauna or whirlpool.



STANDARD ROOM (INCLUDED)

UPGRADE OPTIONS (PRICE IS PER ROOM FOR ONE NIGHT):

CLUB LEVEL GUEST ROOM UPGRADE: \$165.00

CLUB LEVEL ONE-BEDROOM SUITE UPGRADE: \$218.00

CLUB LEVEL TWO-BEDROOM SUITE UPGRADE: \$389.00