

# VICTORIA

## A Christmas Celebration

8-DAY MOTORCOACH

*All aboard Santa's sleigh for a gala Christmas celebration in Victoria.*

Enjoy a narrated tour of a city aglow with the twinkling lights of the holiday spirit. The Butchart Gardens sparkle with lights and festive decor. Christmas festivities include: Christmas Eve dinner, a visit from Santa, Christmas Day breakfast buffet and Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

**DEPARTURE:** Edmonton 7:00 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Calgary 12:00 p.m.

### DAY

**1 EDMONTON to CALGARY to SALMON ARM:** *Thursday, December 21.* An experience to be long remembered begins as you join your *Christmas Holiday Tour*. Depart Edmonton and travel south via Red Deer to Calgary meeting additional travelling companions en route. Sit back, relax and enjoy the incredible scenery of the Rocky Mountains dressed in winter splendour. Continue to Salmon Arm, the "Gem of the Shuswap". Overnight at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort and Convention Centre located on the shores of Shuswap Lake adjacent to City Park.

**2 SALMON ARM to NEW WESTMINSTER:** *Friday, December 22.* Enjoy the festive mood that the group shares as you travel the Coquihalla Highway to New Westminster. Your unique hotel, the Inn at Westminster Quay is in a wonderful location stretching out over the mighty Fraser River, right next door to the Public Market, the Riverfront Boardwalk and within walking distance to the Skytrain Station to downtown Vancouver. Choose to relax and watch the boats go by from your riverview room or explore the ROYAL CITY STAR, a riverboat casino berthed close to your hotel.

**3 NEW WESTMINSTER to VICTORIA:** (3 nights) *Saturday, December 23.* Enjoy a morning SIGHTSEEING EXCURSION on your way to Horseshoe Bay. Board a B.C. FERRY for a scenic sailing to Vancouver Island. Re-board your motorcoach, arrive in Nanaimo and travel south to Victoria. Make a stop in the picturesque coastal village of Chemainus where numerous murals covering entire sides of buildings depict the history and industry of the area. Feel the Christmas spirit as you arrive in Victoria for a three-night stay at the Queen Victoria Hotel, located one block from the Inner Harbour.

**4 VICTORIA:** *Sunday, December 24.* This morning on your GUIDED TOUR see the city dressed in its holiday finery. The afternoon is free to explore more of the old-world charm of this delightful British city. In the evening enjoy the Christmas festivities with a VISIT FROM SANTA at your CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER.

**5 VICTORIA:** *Monday, December 25.* Wake up to the magic of Christmas with a special BREAKFAST BUFFET. Visit with friends and acquaintances in the hospitality suite or wander around the inner harbour. Board your coach for a visit to BUTCHART GARDENS. Enjoy the magical sight of Christmas illuminations. The gardens are transformed by a remarkable display of thousands of twinkling lights and seasonal decorations. Miles of fresh evergreen swags and wreaths, holly and ivy and winterberries adorn the walkways and lamp posts. Traditional holiday music adds to the magic! Return to your hotel to enjoy a traditional CHRISTMAS DINNER and festivities.

**6 VICTORIA to KAMLOOPS:** *Tuesday, December 26.* CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST is included this morning prior to our departure. Bid farewell to Victoria, sail across the Strait of Georgia from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen. Overnight in Kamloops, where the north and south branches of the Thompson River converge to form Kamloops Lake.

**7 KAMLOOPS to GOLDEN:** *Wednesday, December 27.* The Christmas spirit lingers as you begin your journey home. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you wind your way over the majestic ROGERS PASS. Arrive in Golden to enjoy the last evening together.

**8 GOLDEN to CALGARY to EDMONTON:** *Thursday, December 28.* Return home from a most memorable Christmas holiday.

### DEPARTURE DATES

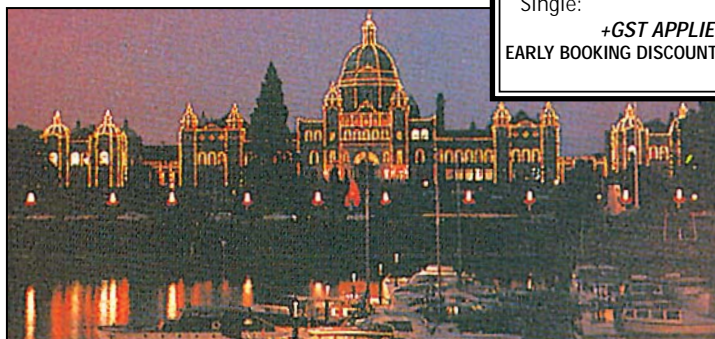
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Triple:  
Twin:  
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**INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY:** •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Standard accommodations and taxes •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Name Badge •Travel Bag •Sightseeing and admissions as outlined in the itinerary •Ferry Crossings as indicated •Royal City Star Riverboat Casino •City tour of Vancouver •Guided tour of Victoria •Christmas Eve Dinner •Christmas Gift •Christmas Breakfast Buffet •Butchart Gardens •Christmas Dinner •Boxing Day Continental Breakfast •Rogers Pass.

