



Capilano Bridge  
North Vancouver



Butchart Gardens  
Victoria



Columbia Icefield  
Jasper NP



Going-to-the-Sun Road  
Glacier NP

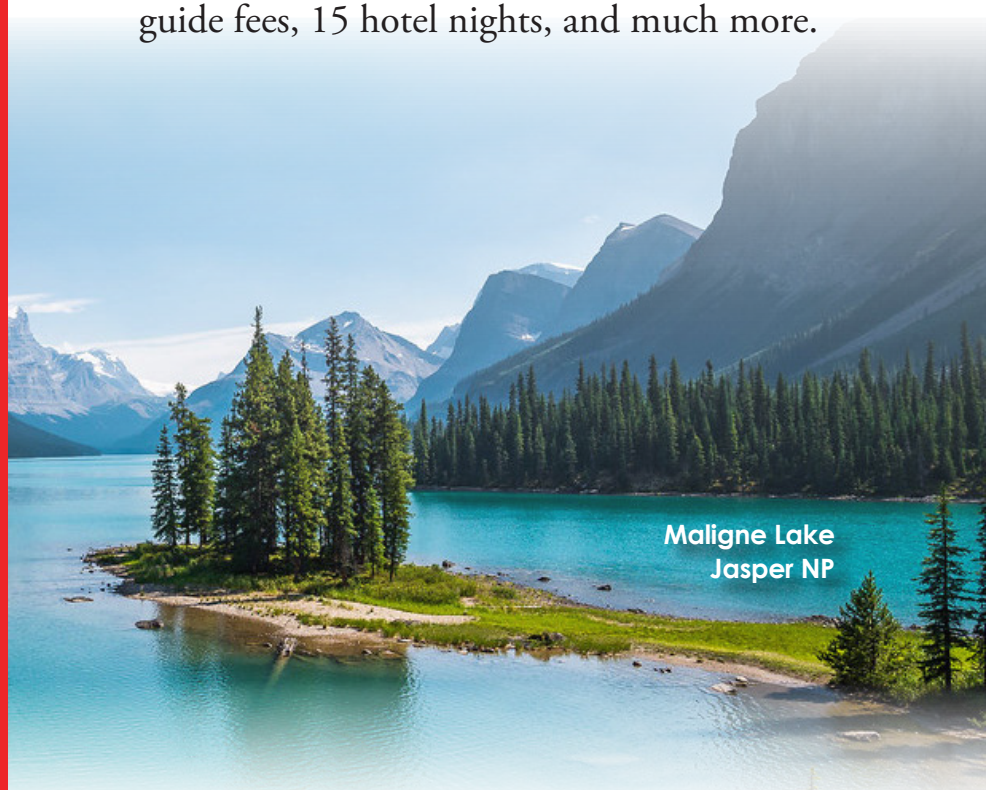
*Join MLC Alumni and fellow WELS members  
for a 16-day, 15-night guided tour*

# CANADA

**July 10-25, 2020**

Double Occupancy \$3995 | Single Occupancy \$5395

Includes round-trip flights from MSP,  
deluxe motor coach service, attraction admissions,  
guide fees, 15 hotel nights, and much more.



Maligne Lake  
Jasper NP

## *Trip Highlights Include . . .*

Guided Tours of Vancouver, Victoria, and Spokane  
Butchart Gardens, Capilano Bridge, Sea-to-Sky Hwy  
Revelstoke, Jasper, Banff, and Glacier National Parks  
Maligne Lake and Coeur d'Alene Lake Cruises  
Columbia Icefield, Lake Louise, Going-to-the-Sun Road

**For more information, contact Steve Balza**

507.217.1731 | [alumni@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:alumni@mlc-wels.edu)



# TOUR OVERVIEW

W/ELS members are invited to join the MLC Alumni Association for an affordable, enjoyable, and educational tour of Western Canada. Tour Director Steve Balza will do his best to keep us comfortable, safe, and on schedule. MLC Professors Greg Diersen and Brian Hennig will provide insights and lead daily devotions to keep our minds engaged and our souls well fed. Lord willing, our plans include . . .



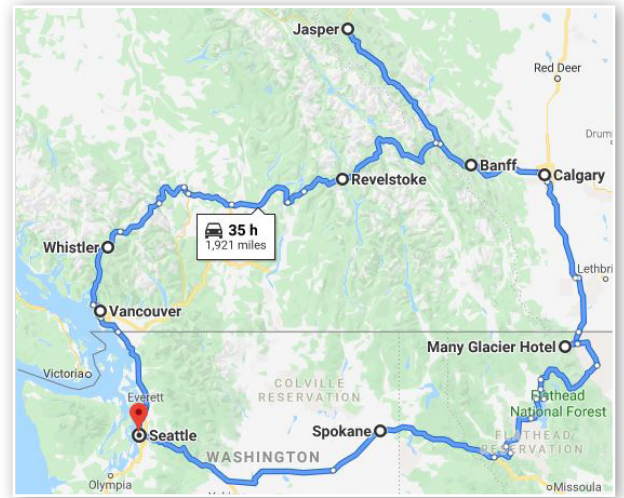
Steve Balza



Prof. Greg Diersen



Prof. Brian Hennig



Sea-to-Sky Highway  
Whistler



Parliament  
Victoria

## Vancouver, Victoria, and Whistler (July 10-13)

The Sheraton Guildford in Surrey will serve as home for our three nights in the Vancouver area. Our journey begins with a day trip to Victoria, where getting there is indeed half the fun. Our BC Ferry will shuttle us across the bay to Vancouver Island for a guided tour with stops at the renowned Butchart Gardens and the Parliament building.

In Vancouver, we'll worship at Saviour of the Nations and take a guided tour with stops at Stanley Park and Granville Island. As we leave town, we'll visit North Vancouver's fabulous Capilano Park and Grouse Mountain before working our way up the Sea-to-Sky Highway for a quiet night and free morning at the Delta Suites in the heart of Whistler Village.



Lake Louise  
Banff



Caribou  
Jasper

## Revelstoke, Jasper, Banff, and Calgary (July 14-20)

Many believe the Canadian Rockies to be the most beautiful region in the Western Hemisphere. You'll have plenty of opportunities to experience it as we spend nearly a week in this area. Our accommodations will include

two rustic retreats (Three Valley Lake Chateau in Revelstoke BC and Sunwapta Falls Rocky Mountain Resort in Jasper AB) as well as the 4-star Grey Eagle Casino Resort in Calgary AB.

Our time in the region will include opportunities for a few short hikes, an optional whitewater rafting excursion, a cruise on Maligne Lake, multiple waterfalls, several scenic photo op stops, a walk on a glacier, ascent of the Banff gondola, wildlife watching, shopping, and WELS worship at St. Paul, Calgary.



## **Glacier National Park (July 21-22)**

The historic Many Glacier Hotel on Swiftcurrent Lake will be home base for our two-night stay in this national treasure. Pack your cameras as we'll enjoy many vistas of stunning sites. We plan to arrive in the early afternoon to give you time to enjoy the area. The hotel serves as the trailhead for several beautiful hikes. Kayaks and canoes can also be rented on site.

A full-day Red Bus Tour will whisk you along the Going-to-the-Sun Road to see many park highlights including St. Mary Lake, Logan Pass, the Continental Divide, and Lake McDonald. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife as they are abundant in this area.

Breakfast is included both mornings so you can start the day right and take in the amazing architecture of the lodge's fabulous lobby.



## **Coeur d'Alene, Spokane, Seattle (July 23-25)**

Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington are off the beaten path. Few have had the opportunity to experience their splendor. Our two-night stay will be in the region's premier hotel, Spokane's Historic Davenport, a 105-year-old gem in the heart of town.

A sunset dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene is sure to please both palate and picture roll. A guided tour of Spokane will introduce Manito Park, Spokane Falls, and St. John's Cathedral.

A mystery lunch will precede free time downtown to shop, have dinner with your new friends, or take a stroll along the river on the Centennial Trail. Time permitting, we'll spend a few hours in Seattle Center before our flight home.



## **Transportation/Accommodations**

You have the option of taking the nonstop Sun Country group flights from Minneapolis (departing MSP about 2:00 pm on July 10 and returning around 11:00 pm on July 25). You may also make your own flight arrangements. Those meeting us in Seattle should plan to be at SeaTac Airport by 3:30 pm on July 10. Group flight passengers will enjoy complimentary parking and coach transportation from MLC in New Ulm or Bloomington Lutheran Church in the Twin Cities. Also included with the group flight is one checked bag, one personal item, and a hotel room near the Minneapolis airport on July 25.

Upon arrival in Seattle, we'll travel on a deluxe motor coach, complete with air conditioning, every-seat USB/outlets, DVD/AV system, reclining seats, and a restroom. Due to space limitations, each person is limited to one suitcase (rollers recommended) as well as a small carry-on or personal item. We will load and unload the luggage from the bus, but you will be responsible for transporting your luggage to and from your room.

Our hotels are all nonsmoking 2.5- to 4-star establishments, with complimentary internet access. All but one include breakfast.



## COST/PAYMENTS

Single occupancy (one person/room) cost is \$5395 and double occupancy (two persons/room) is \$3995 per person. If you are traveling alone but would prefer having a same-gender roommate to split costs, please note that on your registration form, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**Discounts:** Deduct \$350 if you are making your own flight arrangements. \$20 discounts are available to previous travelers, seniors 62+, MLC students, full payment up front, and those who register by December 21.

**Gratuities:** Tips for our bus drivers, step-on guides, attraction guides, and group meal servers are included in your cost. Tips for hotel housekeepers, non-included meal servers, etc., are your responsibility.

**Payments:** Confirmed passengers must submit a \$2000 payment by January 15. Final payment is due on April 15. Please see the website, accompanying letter, or registration form for details on registration procedures, cancellation penalties, and travel insurance.

## TRIP INSURANCE

Basic Medical Travel insurance is being provided for all passengers on this tour through RoamRight. It is possible or likely that your primary insurance will not cover medical treatment for illness or injury while in Canada. The RoamRight policy will provide \$50K of medical and \$500K of medical evacuation coverage. The policy is secondary/excess (kicks in if your primary policy does not cover) and has a \$0 deductible. If desired, individuals may upgrade to purchase Trip Cancellation or Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) coverage directly with RoamRight. Those wishing to purchase these upgrades should plan to do so within 48 hours of making their initial payment.

## INCLUDED MEALS/OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The tour includes 28 meals: 15 hotel breakfasts, six lunches, and seven dinners. Remaining meals (about 20) will be on your own. Those with dietary restrictions are asked to note them on the registration form. On occasion, the meals will include choices (collected at a later time). Complimentary water and occasional bus snacks will be provided throughout the tour. We are planning to offer optional activities for our free/rest day in Revelstoke (hiking, mountain coaster, whitewater rafting). Costs and details will be provided to confirmed passengers in a future communication.

## CONFIRMED PASSENGERS/WAITLISTS

Based on past tours, we expect the approximately 46 available spots to sell out quickly. Registration will open at noon on December 15. If necessary, a "lottery system" will be used to determine confirmed passengers. Remaining registrants will be placed on a waitlist. In the past, waitlist members who have been able to keep their schedule clear have frequently made it on board. Waitlisted registrants do not need to send any deposit or payment until they are confirmed passengers.

## PASSPORT/MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**Passport:** Both our entry into and exit out of Canada will be via land. Currently, U.S. citizens are required to document their citizenship to enter Canada and return to the United States. Although it may be possible to cross without them, we are requiring that all passengers obtain a valid passport, passport card, or NEXUS card with an expiration date no earlier than October 23, 2020.

**Mobility:** On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being a high level of mobility required, we rate this tour a 5. All passengers will need to get in and out of the bus (about 4 steps) on a regular basis. Passengers will also be required to transport their bag between the bus and hotel rooms. Several stops will require a fair amount of walking. Those with mobility challenges will likely have to opt out of some activities. As always, we encourage travelers to know their own limitations.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

MLC is not offering academic credit for this tour. However, those interested in learning more about the various destinations we plan to visit are encouraged to peruse the tour website at [mlc-wels.edu/alumni/tours](http://mlc-wels.edu/alumni/tours). The site features links to videos, reviews, and web pages that provide extensive information and images.

## QUESTIONS

Visit the tour website or contact Tour Director Steve Balza ([alumni@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:alumni@mlc-wels.edu) or 507.217.1731).

