

It has been a number of years since we have taken a travel group to the Northwest in the spring, and this is the most magnificent time of the year to see this garden country. One intriguing possibility of these gardens is what will be in bloom and where?

Come find out by exploring with us on our tour of the **Glorious Spring Gardens of Washington and British Columbia**.

Even if you've been there, we'll show you gardens you've never seen. Travel with Larry and Diane Sagers to enjoy these magnificent places.

Roam with delightful company creating memorable experiences. Delight in the vivid tulip fields that make Skagit Valley famous.

Savor the glorious array of spring blooms in the well-tended gardens of British Columbia.

Round out your trip with remarkable historical sites, museums, excellent dining, great photo and shopping opportunities and the best garden company.

DAY 1 Monday

Washington's **Skagit Valley** produces more tulips than Holland and the fields make a colorful extravaganza in the spring. Luxuriate in this spectacular color show and the thousands of acres that create it as we travel to British Columbia.

DAY 2 Tuesday

Dart's Hill Garden was a labor of love for Edwin and Francisca Dart. The pair turned a logged off and abandoned area into a beautiful setting for their home. It is a horticultural paradise for rare and native plants without an equal in the region. Walk among the unusual blue rhododendrons in the impressive rhododendron and magnolia collection.

Ramble through formal, perennial and rock gardens, graced with spring blooms at **Van Dusen Botanical Garden**. Make your way through the maze and see the trough gardens, hanging baskets, and lavish flowering trees and shrubs. Soak in the glorious color of the Azalea walk and other gardens.

Dabble in a variety of magnificent displays in the **University of British Columbia Botanical Garden** where exotic species from across the globe mingle. This treasure is nestled in a hauntingly handsome coastal forest. Savor the Asian collection, vines, and hostas in perennial beds. Stroll in the physic and native gardens. Experience one of North America's best alpine gardens and one of the West's most interesting espaliered dwarf fruit tree collections.

View the vistas, harbor and mountains of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from **Queen Elizabeth Park** -- if you can take your eyes from terraced hills decked with verdant bulbs and spring blooms, fountains, thickets and lush sunken and quarry gardens. It is a fairyland of spring beauty.

DAY 3 Wednesday

Enjoy the view and feel the ocean air on your face as you ride the **ferry** through the islands from Vancouver to Victoria. Relish ocean birds and scenic wooded beauty of these lovely islands.

Dine on an elegant lunch at the world famous queen of hotels, the legendary **Empress Hotel** with its picturesque hanging baskets and lush grounds.

Stroll the Victoria **waterfront**, walk through the lovely landscape of the Parliament and other government buildings and experience the ambiance of downtown Victoria.

If **Museums** strike your fancy, downtown Victoria is replete with outstanding exhibits from natural to mechanical to whimsical.

Fabric loving quilters will delight in the **Satin Moon Quilt Shop**, an original North American quilt Shop which draws quilters from around the world. The Satin Moon claims 300 years of quilting experience and everything a quilter could want from an array of bolted fabric to 5000 fat quarters and all the tools of the trade. The experience is completed by a fantastic display of Canadian quilts. Other area shops may also pique your interest.

If you love gardens and love stories, you'll love **Abkhazi Garden**. Exiled Georgian Prince Nicholas

Abkhazi married Marjorie Pemberton-Carter from half a world away. Their home garden became their "child" and together they cultivated and nurtured it for 40 years. Today it is a luxuriant growth of tall sculptured trunks, expansive flowering shrubs and trails of bulbs, alpine plants, heather and more meandering through the grounds along an immense rocky outcrop.

DAY 4 Thursday

You will never forget **Butchart Gardens**, one of North America's most visited and beloved gardens. Jennie Butchart transformed an abandoned limestone quarry into a floral extravaganza that is one of the world's finest Sunken Gardens. This pristine fantasyland will leave you breathless as you shoot dozens of photos of the spectacular plantings.

Ramble through living rainbows of vibrant colors in gorgeous blossoms, foliage and waterfalls. A fairyland of luxuriant green-draped rock walls are reflected in the fountains and lake. Savor the Italian courtyard's magnificent blend of water and plants. Relax in the serenity of the Japanese Garden and stroll through the delightful perennials of the English Garden. Butchart is the crown jewel of Western North America gardens.

DAY 5 Friday

You'll delight in the lively blooms at **Bellevue Gardens**, one of Washington's well-kept secrets. Get ideas to take home from the wonderland with its groundcovers, perennials, ferns, alpine, and drought-tolerant plants.

Washington Park Japanese Garden will enthrall you. Meander through one of the most elegant Japanese Gardens in North America among azaleas, irises, evergreens, mosses, Japanese maples and ferns. See the authentic teahouse painstakingly constructed first in Japan, then shipped to Seattle in 15,000 pieces.

Spring is spectacular at the **Rhododendron Species Foundation** garden and it is a wonder to see. The vivid colors of 10,000 rhododendrons originating on six continents grace the setting in shades of pure white to soft pink, clear yellow, brilliant red and deep violet. They are set in a pristine, 22-acre woodland of tall native conifers with numerous ferns, primroses, maples, heathers, magnolias, irises and other unusual plants forming a backdrop.

Envisage great age in miniature in the **Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection**, an outdoor museum of living art, elegantly displayed in a woodland setting. Artists shaped these tiny plants to portray serenity or the drama of trees clinging to life on craggy cliffs. This is of the country's best bonsai collections.

This Tour Includes:

Airfare, luxury coach transportation, tips, fees, taxes and transfers, excellent lodging, admissions to tour sites, lunch and breakfast daily and guided services.

We happily accommodate special needs for meals, rooms, and other necessities.

About the tour company:

Larry Sagers is a horticulturist with Utah State University Extension and hosts the Saturday Morning KSL Greenhouse show. Get answers to your garden questions from the Garden Guru and see wonderful gardens.

Larry and his wife, Diane, have conducted tours in 38 states and 4 countries.

Call now and make reservations for this great tour!

For more information, call the toll-free number on back of the brochure or check the web page at www.larrysagers.com

Tour Highlights

- ☼ Skagit Valley tulip fields
- ☼ Butchart Gardens
- ☼ Darts Hill Garden
- ☼ University of British Columbia Botanical Garden
- ☼ Queen Elizabeth Park
- ☼ Empress Hotel
- ☼ Abkhazi Garden
- ☼ Museums of Victoria
- ☼ Washington Park Japanese Garden
- ☼ Bellevue Botanical Garden
- ☼ Rhododendron Species Garden
- ☼ Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection
- ☼ Scenery of Puget Sound

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