

AMERICAN THANKSGIVING IN PORTLAND

Staying at Embassy Suites in downtown Portland

November 27, 2014 - 4 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$795 double/twin

\$1045 single

\$750 triple

Tour is exempt from GST.

>**Early Bookers:** \$40 discount on first 15 seats; \$20 on next 10

>**TIC Travel Insurance:** Plan 3-Comprehensive
\$76 double/twin, \$99 single, \$71 triple



Redeem Experience Points: Book by **October 23** and redeem up to **16 e-points**

Includes

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- 2 ferry crossings
- Transfers to shopping centres including Clackamas Towne Center and Woodburn Company Stores
- The Grotto's Christmas Festival of Lights
- Luggage Handling
- Knowledgeable tour director
- **5 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner

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Turkey and Trimmings

Thanksgiving in the United States is one of the biggest holidays of the year. It is a time of family gatherings and celebrating good fortune. It also heralds the beginning of the Christmas shopping season, and with that comes unbelievable opportunities for deals. Plus there is no GST and no state sales tax in Oregon! We celebrate the holiday at the Embassy Suites Hotel, located in downtown Portland right near the Portland Saturday Market and central to shopping and attractions. It is a lovely historic property with evening cocktail receptions and daily cooked to order breakfast. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner is included at the hotel. Although there are plenty of opportunities to shop, the hotel's location allows us to enjoy a weekend full of holiday celebration: the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, the annual tree lighting ceremony in Pioneer Square, and the multitude of vendors at the wonderful Saturday Market. We finish our weekend with a magical evening at The Grotto's Festival of Lights. What better way to kick off Christmas!

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Itinerary

Thursday, November 27:

Meals: L,D

We ferry across the Strait of Juan de Fuca on the Coho, then drive along the Olympic Peninsula and the Columbia River. Arriving in **Portland**, we check into the **Embassy Suites Hotel** downtown. Built in 1912 as the Multnomah Hotel, it became a government office building during the 1970s and 1980s. A \$20 million restoration brought this beautiful structure back to life as an all-suite hotel in 1998. A two hour cocktail reception each evening starting at 5:30 and a full breakfast each morning are included. Tonight, we celebrate Thanksgiving with our American neighbours with a traditional turkey dinner and pumpkin pie at the hotel.

Friday, November 28:

Meals: B

Today is nicknamed the "**Biggest Shopping Day of the Year**" or "Black Friday" in the USA and provides a great opportunity to finish your Christmas shopping lists. The annual **Macy's Thanksgiving Parade** begins at 9 am this morning, passing within half a block of our hotel. Don't miss the 26 spectacular floats, magnificent marching bands, and 600 costumed characters. After the parade finishes, we drive to **Clackamas Towne Center** where some of budget stores are located: Target, Old Navy and Nordstrom Rack. Or stay downtown and visit Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstroms and

Macy's. We return in mid-afternoon, but there is still time to visit downtown treasures such as Powell Books. Tonight, walk over to Pioneer Square for the special Christmas Tree lighting ceremony that signals the start of the festive season.

Saturday, November 29:

Meals: B

Our shopping excursion this morning travels south of Portland to **Woodburn Company Stores**. This ever-growing outlet mall has 110 stores including some hard-to-find outlets such as Chico's, White House/Black Market, and Guess. This afternoon, wander through the **Portland Saturday Market**, a thriving arts and crafts open-air marketplace featuring local food and craft items. After cocktails at the hotel, we enjoy the magical setting at **The Grotto's Christmas Festival of Lights**, a presentation of spectacular lights, hourly music concerts, ongoing carolling and other family entertainment. Few holiday celebrations compare to the grandeur of this pristine sanctuary garden with its magnificent architecture, towering firs and angel-covered cliffside as a backdrop.

Sunday, November 30:

Meals: B

We travel home with our treasure and take the 2 pm Coho ferry back to Victoria.

Tour Policies


Payments: A deposit of \$100 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 23, 2014.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$40 discount on first 15 seats and \$20 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after October 23.

Cancellation Policy: Up to October 23, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From October 24 to November 6, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From November 7 to November 14, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After November 14, 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 only. Policies can be purchased no later than at final payment.

 **Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps. Note there is no seating at the parade unless you bring it.

e-points: This tour earns 16 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 up to final payment date or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until October 23.

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