

AMERICAN THANKSGIVING IN PORTLAND

Staying at Embassy Suites in downtown Portland

November 26, 2015 - 4 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$935 double/twin

\$1225 single

\$870 triple

Tour is exempt from GST.

>**Early Bookers:** \$50 discount on first 15 seats; \$25 on next 10

>**TIC Travel Insurance:** Plan 3-Comprehensive
\$84 double/twin, \$110 single, \$78 triple



Redeem Experience Points: Book by **October 22** and redeem up to **22 e-points**

Includes

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- 2 MV Coho ferry crossings
- Macy's Thanksgiving Parade
- Transfer to/from Clackamas Town Center
- *Ain't Misbehavin'* at Portland Center Stage
- Luggage handling at hotel
- Knowledgeable tour director
- **6 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 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 also see the show *Ain't Misbehavin'* which celebrates the legendary jazz great, Fats Waller. What better way to kick off Christmas!

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Itinerary

Thursday, November 26:

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. Visit with your fellow travellers each evening at a two-hour reception with complimentary wine, beer and cocktails. Tonight, we celebrate Thanksgiving with our American neighbours with a traditional turkey dinner and pumpkin pie at the hotel.

Friday, November 27:

Meals: B

A full hot breakfast is offered each day at the Embassy Suites. 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 Town Center** where some budget stores are located:

Target, Old Navy and Nordstrom Rack. Or stay downtown and visit Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom and Macy's. We return to the hotel in mid-afternoon, but there is still time for downtown shopping opportunities 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 28:

Meals: B

We wander through **Portland Saturday Market**, a thriving arts and crafts open-air marketplace. At 2 pm, we go to Portland Center Stage to see **Ain't Misbehavin'**. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical, this sassy, sultry musical celebrates the remarkable life and talents of a legendary jazz great, Fats Waller. You will be jumping and jiving with the delightful humour and infectious energy of this exuberant jazz review that takes us from the Harlem Renaissance through World War II. After the hotel reception, there is an optional trip to **The Grotto's Christmas Festival of Lights**.

Sunday, November 29:

Meals: B,L

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

Option

The Grotto's Christmas Festival of Lights is a presentation of spectacular lights, hourly music concerts, on-going 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. Price is \$12 per person which includes transportation and admission.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$100 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 22, 2015.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$50 discount on first 15 seats and \$25 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after October 22.

Cancellation Policy: Up to October 22, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From October 23 to November 5, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From November 6 to November 13, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After November 13, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to currency exchange rates and 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. There is no seating at the parade. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 1, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

E-points: This tour earns 22 E-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or E-points. One 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 22.

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