

AMERICAN THANKSGIVING IN PORTLAND

Staying at Embassy Suites in downtown Portland

November 24, 2016 ~ 4 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$995 double/twin

\$1330 single

\$930 triple



- > Tour is exempt from GST.
- > **Early Bookers:** \$50 discount on first 15 seats; \$25 on next 10
- > **Experience Points:** Earn 24 points from this tour.
Redeem **24 points** if you book by **October 13.**

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
- Locally-guided tour of Portland highlights
- *A Civil War Christmas: An American Musical Celebration* at Artists Repertory Theatre
- Winter Wonderland lights display at Racetrack
- Luggage handling at hotel
- Knowledgeable tour director
- **6 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

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 including Macy's Thanksgiving Parade and the multitude of vendors at the wonderful Saturday Market. We also see the show *A Civil War Christmas: An American Musical Celebration* where traditional American songs, marches and spirituals are performed by Portland musicians. What better way to kick off Christmas!

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Itinerary

Thursday, November 24:

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 25:

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, we go to Artists Repertory Theatre to see **A Civil War Christmas: An American Musical Celebration**. Set during a time when the country is divided by conflicting ideologies, Paula Vogel's sweeping, music-rich story plays out one frigid Christmas Eve on the banks of the Potomac River. It is a lively reminder for people of all beliefs about humanity's potential for compassion, reconciliation and hope.

Saturday, November 26:

Meals: B

We wander through **Portland Saturday Market**, a thriving arts and crafts open-air marketplace. A local guide joins us this afternoon for a two-hour drive past Portland's landmarks, accompanied by historical tales. After enjoying another reception, there is an excursion to the **Winter Wonderland lights display** at the Portland Racetrack. It is recognized as the largest Christmas lights show west of the Mississippi, and consists of 250 individual displays and dioramas, each with thousands of lights, and all viewed from the coach as we drive around the Racetrack.

Sunday, November 27:

Meals: B,L

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

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 13, 2016.

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 13.

Cancellation Policy: Up to October 13, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From October 14 to October 24, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From October 25 to November 10, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After November 10, 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.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.



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 24 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 13.

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