

THANKSGIVING ON THE OREGON COAST

October 5, 2017 - 9 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$2330 double/twin

\$2910 single

\$2170 triple



> Tour is exempt from GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$120 discount on first 15 seats; \$60 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 50 points from this tour.

Redeem **50 points** if you book by **August 15**.

Includes

- Transfer to Victoria Airport
- Flight from Victoria to Kelowna
- Coach transportation for 8 days
- 8 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Oregon Connection Myrtlewood Factory
- Shore Acres State Park and gardens
- Lifestyle talk by a fisherman at Charleston
- Sea Lion Caves
- Oregon Sand Dunes buggy ride
- Cape Perpetua Visitors Center
- Yaquina Head Lighthouse
- Marine Discovery cruise in Newport Harbor
- Oregon Coast Aquarium with dinner among the sea creatures
- Evergreen Aviation Museum
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **15 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners

An Oregon Coast Experience

Oregon's nearly 550 km of pristine, public coastline is made up of diverse terrain that changes from rugged cliffs to lush evergreen forests to Sahara-like dunes and boundless sandy beaches. Join Wells Gray Tours as we follow the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway, US Highway 101, past a smorgasbord of one-of-a-kind attractions between Coos Bay and Lincoln City. The quaint towns have a penchant for serving up legendary seafood, historic lighthouses, breathtaking viewpoints, stunning state parks, a cornucopia of galleries and museums, and a world class aquarium. Stroll the beaches and do some beachcombing. Wonder at the unique myrtlewood crafts. Explore an aquarium, then savour dinner among the sea creatures. Taste the treasures of the region, such as renowned cheese, cranberries, and seafood. Get up close and personal with a myriad of marine creatures. Yell out loud as you cruise the sands in a dune buggy. Watch the waves crashing into the narrow slot of Devil's Churn. Get ready for the Oregon Coast!

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Itinerary

Thursday, October 5:

A transfer is provided to the airport. We fly to Kelowna and stay overnight at the Four Points Hotel.

Friday, October 6:

Meals: D

We meet the Okanagan travellers, then cross the border at Osoyoos, and drive across the volcanic tablelands of the Columbia Basin. Our overnight stop is at the Coast Hotel in **Wenatchee**.

Saturday, October 7:

Meals: B,L

After crossing Satus Pass, we drive through the scenic **Columbia Gorge** with views of several waterfalls such as 188-metre high Multnomah Falls. We skirt Portland and stay at Salem's Red Lion Inn.

Sunday, October 8:

Meals: B,L

We leave the Willamette Valley near Eugene and head west to join Highway 101, the scenic byway that meanders along the Oregon Coast. Near Coos Bay, we explore a glorious stretch of coastline that includes six state parks, two National Wildlife Refuges, and a National Estuarine Research Reserve. **Shore Acres State Park** is perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific and was once the grand estate of lumber baron Louis Simpson. Stroll through the five acre garden filled with exotic plants from around the world. At **Charleston**, a sea port and sport fishing centre, we chat with a fisherman about his trade and lifestyle. There is also a stop at a **myrtlewood factory** where you can buy some of these beautiful wood products. Our destination is **Florence** where we stay two nights at Driftwood Shores Resort, on the beach.

Monday, October 9:

Meals: B,D

Happy Thanksgiving! We ride an elevator down into the **Sea Lion Caves**, the world's largest sea cave which is home to hundreds of Steller sea lions. The afternoon is free time at the hotel. Enjoy a stroll on the beach and a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the hotel.

Tuesday, October 10:

Meals: B,L,D

Get ready for an exciting adventure on the **Giant Dune Buggy Tour** at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. This is the largest expanse of coastal sand dunes in North America stretching 60 km along the coast. Continuing north, we enjoy a terrific view at Cape Perpetua and admire the crashing surf at **Devil's Churn**. We have a two-night stay at Elizabeth Street Inn in Newport overlooking the ocean. A beach bonfire with smores is planned tonight!

Wednesday, October 11:

Meals: B,D

There are many lighthouses along this stretch of coastline, and we visit one at Newport, **Yaquina Head Lighthouse**. Opened in 1873 and still active, it has recently undergone restoration to preserve its important history. We board the **MV Discovery** for a two-hour sea-life cruise around Yaquina Bay featuring sea lions, seals, marine birds, some whales, and maybe a crab pot full of Dungeness crabs. We dock at the fabulous **Oregon Coast Aquarium**. There is time to enjoy its many displays, then we have a unique experience: a private dinner among the aquarium tanks with a great variety of marine life swimming around us.

Thursday, October 12:

Meals: B,L

We leave the Oregon Coast at Lincoln City and head inland. The Evergreen Aviation Museum is home to 50 historic aircraft and Howard Hughes' incredible plane, the giant **Spruce Goose**. In the afternoon, our drive continues through Portland, Olympia and Seattle. Our last night is in Lynnwood at the lovely **Embassy Suites Hotel** which features one-bedroom suites, indoor pool, a huge atrium, and complimentary drinks.

Friday, October 13:

Meals: B

There are shopping stops at **Bellis Fair Mall** in Bellingham and the Duty-Free Store. We take a mid-afternoon ferry back to Victoria.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 15, 2017.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$120 discount on first 15 seats and \$60 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 15.

Cancellation Policy: Up to August 15, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From August 16 to September 5, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From September 6 to September 21, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After September 21, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and currency exchange rates, 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.

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Activity Level: Moderate activity including short distances to walk and steps. Walks such as Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Devil's Churn and Sea Lion Caves are optional, but you would miss these attractions if you cannot participate. The dune buggy ride can be rough with steep hills, and you should take motion medication if prone to this. If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 2, 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.

Experience Points: This tour earns 50 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 or accumulate enough points for a free tour! Redemptions offered until August 15.

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