

LONG BEACH STORM WATCHING

Storm Not Guaranteed!

February 25, 2018 - 4 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$975 double/twin

\$1195 single

\$925 triple



> Please add 5% GST.

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

> **Experience Points:** Earn 23 points from this tour.

Redeem **23 points** if you book by **January 11**.

Includes

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Pacific Rim National Park
- Lunch and show at Chemainus Festival Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **9 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

Wild West Coast + Cozy Resort = Wonderful Winter Get-away

Long Beach is known for its wild winter storms. A pleasant winter experience is to snuggle up to a warm fire and watch the rain and wind lash the hotel windows. More intrepid travellers bring lots of warm and waterproof clothes and enjoy the weather outdoors. There is time to stroll the lovely beach and bay at the Tin Wis Resort, but we also take you to Long Beach at Pacific Rim National Park and to Amphitrite Lighthouse in Ucluelet to watch the waves roll in. Unfortunately, Wells Gray Tours cannot guarantee that you will witness a thrilling west coast storm; in fact, the 2017 group experienced sunny but cool weather.

After two nights at Tin Wis Resort, we return to the east coast of Vancouver Island and stay at the beautiful Beach Club in Parksville. All our rooms at both resorts have ocean views.

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Itinerary

Sunday, February 25:

Meals: L,D

Heading up island, we stop in Parksville for lunch, then wind our way to the west coast of Vancouver Island. We stay two nights near **Tofino** at Tin Wis Resort, which has a magnificent setting beside Mackenzie Beach and every room has a splendid ocean view. Until a century ago, this sheltered bay provided a safe landing site for Nuu-chah-nulth whale hunters and **Tin Wis** (which means "calm waters") was built and is owned by the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations. Due to the isolation of Tin Wis, both breakfasts and dinners are included during our stay. Tonight, savour a bountiful dinner buffet while overlooking the beach.

Monday, February 26:

Meals: B,L,D

High tide is 9 am, then the best beachcombing occurs afterwards during the dropping tide. We drive into Tofino in late morning for some shopping time, followed by lunch. This afternoon, we visit **Long Beach**, the best known feature of Pacific Rim National Park. Take a stroll on the sandy beach and peer into some tidal pools. Note that the Visitor Centre is closed until March. Another tasty buffet is served at Tin Wis tonight.

Tuesday, February 27:

Meals: B,D

Enjoy a leisurely morning during the rising tide (high tide is at 10 am). Then we drive to **Ucluelet** and enjoy the spectacle of big waves hitting the point near Amphitrite Lighthouse. We stop at **Cathedral Grove** during the return drive to the east coast of Vancouver Island. We stay at the lovely **Beach Club Resort** in Parksville, also with ocean view rooms. The hotel's amenities include seaside pool and hot tub, fitness centre, and Stonewater Spa. You may want to take a stroll on Parksville's long boardwalk or the sandy beach.

Wednesday, February 28:

Meals: B,L

This morning we take a short drive to **Chemainus**. There is free time to view the dozens of colourful murals and check out the interesting boutiques. A sumptuous buffet lunch awaits at Chemainus Theatre followed by a theatre performance. The 2018 season will be announced in October and we will update you with the show information. After the show, we return to Victoria for arrival about 6 pm.

Comox, Courtenay & area customers: You can easily join this tour. We are providing a complimentary transfer to Parksville to join the group at lunch on February 25, and a transfer home after the Chemainus show on February 28.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due January 11, 2018.

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 January 11.

Cancellation Policy: Up to January 11, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From January 12 to February 9, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After February 9, 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.

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, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

Photo credit: Best Western Tin Wis Resort

 **Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps. The walk to Amphitrite Lighthouse is about ½ kilometer, and if you choose not to do this walk, you can enjoy an extended lunch in Ucluelet. Optional longer walks on beaches can be done. 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 23 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 to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until January 11.

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