

# QUADRA ISLAND & NOOTKA SOUND

July 8, 2018 - 5 Days



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## Fares Per Person:

**\$1190** double/twin

**\$1475** single

**\$1130** triple



> Please add 5% GST

> **Early Bookers:** \$60 discount on first 15 seats; \$30 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 28 points from this tour.

Redeem **28 points** if you book by **May 22**.

## Includes

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Ferry to/from Quadra Island
- Tour of Quadra Island with Rebecca Spit
- Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre
- Excursion on MV *Uchuck* to Nootka Sound and Friendly Cove
- Local guide and naturalist during drive from Campbell River to Gold River and on board *Uchuck*
- Gratuities for *Uchuck* crew and guide
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **12 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners

## Tour Highlights

**TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE  
QUADRA ISLAND  
NUYUMBALEES CULTURAL CENTRE  
STRATHCONA PARK  
MV UCHUCK CRUISE TO NOOTKA SOUND  
FRIENDLY COVE**

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## Itinerary

### Sunday, July 8:

Meals: D

After pickups around greater Victoria, we drive north on the Island Highway. There is time for shopping and lunch at unique **Coombs Market**, known for its goats grazing on the roof. At Campbell River, we take the short ferry ride over to **Quadra Island** and stay two nights at magnificent **Tsa-kwa-luten Lodge**. Built by the Kwagiutl people, its vast lobby resembles a traditional "Big House" with massive timbers, a soaring cathedral ceiling and huge windows overlooking Discovery Passage. Relax on your private balcony and enjoy a view of the ocean, the mountains of Vancouver Island beyond, the rapidly-moving tides, and the tugboats with barges and Alaska cruise ships navigating this narrow waterway.

### Monday, July 9:

Meals: B,L,D

At **Rebecca Spit**, we stroll along a beach with ocean on both sides. We also visit **Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre** which contains exquisite displays about the life of the Cape Mudge First Nations. The afternoon is at leisure to wander the beach in front of the hotel, walk to the cliffs at Cape Mudge, or just relax around the lodge.

**Note about lodging:** Tsa-kwa-luten Lodge has only 35 rooms and we have booked almost all of them. Only 7 single rooms are available and they usually sell out early. Please consider sharing with another traveller and our office can suggest partners.

### Tuesday, July 10:

Meals: B,L,D

The morning is leisure time, then we take an early afternoon ferry back to Campbell River. Chuck Syme, local historian and Nootka expert, meets us to provide interpretive talks during the drive through **Strathcona Park**. This was British Columbia's first provincial park, established in 1911, and it protects the rugged peaks of central Vancouver Island. We drive along Buttle Lake and take a short forest walk to Lupine Falls. Then we head across the Island to **Gold River**, once a bustling pulp mill town. Accommodation for two nights is at the Ridgeview Motor Inn.

### Wednesday, July 11:

Meals: B,L,D

We board the **MV Uchuck** for a cruise among splendid coastal scenery. Chuck is with us again today to share his knowledge of Nootka Sound. Our route follows the fjord Muchalat Inlet past Bligh Island to **Nootka Sound** where we dock at Friendly Cove, site of Captain James Cook's meeting with Chief Maquinna in 1778. Lunch is included on the ship. During the 1½-hour stop, you can take a walk through the village and church, stroll the beach, or visit the lighthouse. The return cruise goes past Resolution Cove and through narrow King Passage.

### Thursday, July 12:

Meals: B,L

We return to the east coast and have lunch in Parksville, then drive into Victoria.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due May 22, 2018.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$60 discount on first 15 seats and \$30 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after May 22.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to May 22, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From May 23 to June 7, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From June 8 to June 21, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After June 21, 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.



**Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk, some walking on sandy or pebbly beaches, and some steps. There are optional walks at Rebecca Spit (level loop trail) and Lupine Falls (500 m one way gently uphill). The ramp to the boat dock may be steep at low tide. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you are not able to participate 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 28 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 May 22.

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