

# ALBERNI INLET & QUADRA ISLAND

June 8, 2019 - 5 Days



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## Fares Per Person:

**\$1395** double/twin

**\$1695** single

**\$1345** triple



> Please add 5% GST

> **Early Bookers:** \$80 discount on first 15 seats; \$40 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 33 points from this tour.

Redeem **33 points** if you book by **May 2**.

## 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
- Locally-guided tour of Port Alberni
- Excursion on *MV Frances Barkley* to Bamfield
- Gratuities for *Barkley* crew and guide
- *Mamma Mia!* at Chemainus Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **12 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

## Nanaimo, Comox, Courtenay & area clients:

You can easily join this tour. The coach will pick you up during the afternoon of June 8. A mini-bus will provide complimentary transportation back to your home city after the *Mamma Mia!* show in Chemainus on June 12.

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## Itinerary

### Saturday, June 8:

Meals: L,D

After pickups around Greater Victoria, we drive north on the Island Highway. Lunch is included at the Beach Club in Parksville and you may want to take a stroll on the oceanfront boardwalk. 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.

Note: Due to extremely low tides, you will walk on and off the ferry, and a bus will meet you to take you to the lodge. The coach with your luggage will take an evening ferry after the tide has risen.

### Sunday, June 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.

### Monday, June 10:

Meals: B,L

The morning is leisure time, then we take the 11 am ferry back to Campbell River. In **Port Alberni**, a local guide leads a driving and walking tour. We stay two nights at the Best Western Barclay Inn.

### Tuesday, June 11:

Meals: B,L,D

On board the **MV Frances Barkley**, we cruise 40-km long **Alberni Canal**, the longest fjord on Vancouver Island. After it widens into Barkley Sound, the ship weaves through a maze of little islands, some protected by Pacific Rim National Park. We dock at **Bamfield** for an hour, giving time to explore the historic buildings. The cable station, designed by Francis Rattenbury, opened in 1902 when Bamfield became the terminus for the trans-Pacific telegraph cable. The *Frances Barkley* is a heritage vessel, built in Norway in 1958, then she sailed through the Panama Canal in 1990 to her new home. There she joined the famous *Lady Rose* (now retired) providing service to Bamfield, Ucluelet, and Barkley Sound. Today's cruise leaves Port Alberni at 8 am and returns at 5 pm.

### Wednesday, June 12:

Meals: B,L

We stop at Cathedral Grove for a stroll among towering trees. Enjoy a wonderful buffet lunch at Chemainus Theatre, followed by **Mamma Mia!** ABBA's greatest hits are woven into three wonderful love stories: a young girl about to be married; her mother about to confront the past; and the best love story of all – the audience about to jump out of their seats with joy! We return to Victoria after the show.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due May 2, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$80 discount on first 15 seats and \$40 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after May 2.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to April 2, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From April 3 to May 2, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From May 3 to May 16, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After May 16, 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 is an optional walk at Rebecca Spit on a level loop trail. The ramp to the boat dock may be steep at low tide. The ship has stairs and no elevator. 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. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require ongoing assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour.

**E-points:** This tour earns 33 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 2.

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