

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST GETAWAY

With American Thanksgiving at Embassy Suites in Portland  
November 28, 2019 - 5 Days



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## Fares Per Person:

**\$1640** double/twin

**\$2070** single

**\$1540** triple



> Tour is exempt from GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$90 discount on first 15 seats; \$45 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 39 points from this tour.

Redeem **39 points** if you book by **October 15**.

## Includes

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- MV Coho ferry to Port Angeles
- *Portland Spirit* lunch cruise on Willamette River
- Ticket to *It Happened One Christmas* at Broadway Rose Theatre
- Portland Saturday Market
- Locally-guided tour of Portland
- Winter Wonderland Lights at Portland Racetrack
- Ticket to *Guys and Dolls* at Village Theatre
- Ferry from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Knowledgeable tour director
- **7 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 3 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 state sales tax in Oregon! We celebrate the holiday at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Portland 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. As well as free time, there are several activities to enjoy — shopping at Clackamas Town Center and among the multitude of vendors at the bustling Saturday Market, a lunch cruise on the Willamette River, and the Winter Wonderland of festive lights at Portland Racetrack. Two shows are included: *It Happened One Christmas* at Broadway Rose Theatre and *Guys and Dolls* at Village Theatre. What better way to kick off Christmas!

**Nanaimo, Comox, Courtenay & area clients:** You can easily join this tour. We are providing complimentary transportation to Victoria on November 27 to join the group on November 28, and a transfer home on December 2. You can book your own hotel for November 27, or we can arrange it at your expense.

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## Itinerary

### Thursday, November 28:

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 downtown **Embassy Suites Hotel** for three nights. 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 29:

Meals: B,L

A full hot breakfast is offered each day at the hotel. There is free time this morning to stroll through downtown or visit famous Powell Books a few blocks away. We board the *Portland Spirit* for a two-hour **lunch cruise on the Willamette River**. We pass under numerous bridges, view the downtown high-rises, and hear stories about Portland history. If you want to do some "Black Friday" shopping, our coach takes you to Clackamas Town Center for exciting after-Thanksgiving deals. Tonight, we go to Broadway Rose Theatre to see **It Happened One Christmas**. Take a fanciful trip to "Santa's Chalet" in Grimble's department store one snowy Christmas Eve. As Walter, the security guard, and Frances, the cleaner, make their evening rounds, their holiday fantasies spring to life in this merry, musical spectacle.

### Saturday, November 30:

Meals: B

We wander through **Portland Saturday Market**, a thriving arts and crafts open-air marketplace. A local guide meets us this afternoon for a drive around Portland while we learn about the city's history and green initiatives. After enjoying another hotel reception, there is an excursion to admire 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, December 1:

Meals: B,L

We head north along I-5 to **Seattle** and stay overnight at another delightful historic hotel, the renowned Mayflower. Tonight, we go to the Village Theatre in Issaquah to see **Guys and Dolls**. Its Broadway premiere was in 1950 where it won the Tony Award for Best Musical, and ran for 1,200 performances. It has enjoyed several Broadway and London revivals, and a 1955 film adaptation starring Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons, Frank Sinatra, and Vivian Blaine. Its best-known songs are *A Bushel and a Peck*, *Adelaide's Lament*, *If I Were a Bell*, and *Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat*.

### Monday, December 2:

We stop at **Bellis Fair Mall** in Bellingham and the Duty-Free Store at Blaine, then we cross the border and take an afternoon 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 15, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$90 discount on first 15 seats and \$45 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after October 15.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to September 16, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From September 17 to October 15, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From October 16 to October 28, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After October 28, 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.

**Photo Credit:** Travel Portland (Portland Spirit cruise)



**Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs such as to theatre seats, the lunch cruise, and Saturday Market. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 1, Wells Gray 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 39 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 15.

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