



Oregon Coast



Dune Buggy Ride

## THANKSGIVING ON THE OREGON COAST

October 9, 2020 – 9 Days

*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 between Coos Bay and Lincoln City. Stroll the beaches and do some beach combing. Explore a world-class aquarium, then savour dinner among the sea creatures. Get close to a myriad of marine life during a Yaquina Bay cruise. Yell out loud as you ride the sands in a dune buggy. Watch waves crashing into the narrow slot of Devil's Churn.

Activity Level: 2



17 Meals Included:

8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

Fares:

\$2,795 pp double, \$3,475 pp single, \$2,580 pp triple

Tour is exempt from GST

Early Bookers:

\$140 discount on first 15 seats; \$70 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 58 points on this tour

Redeem 58 points if you book by August 5

TOUR  
**30**



Oregon Coast Aquarium

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Friday, October 9

A transfer is provided to the airport. We fly from Victoria to Kelowna and stay at the Best Western.

Accommodation: Best Western Kelowna

### Day 2: Saturday, October 10

We meet the Interior passengers during pickups through the Okanagan. We cross the border at Osoyoos and drive across the volcanic tablelands of central Washington. Our overnight stop is at the Coast Hotel in **Wenatchee**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Coast Hotel

### Day 3: Sunday, October 11

After crossing Satus Pass, we drive through the scenic **Columbia Gorge** with views of several waterfalls such as 188-metre high Multnomah Falls. We stay in downtown Portland at Embassy Suites. Relax over complimentary drinks this evening.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Embassy Suites

### Day 4: Monday, October 12

Happy Canadian Thanksgiving! In Salem, Oregon's capital, we stop at the Willamette Heritage Center which contains a restored woollen mill and several pioneer buildings. We head west from Eugene to **Florence** where we stay two nights at Driftwood Shores Resort overlooking the beach. We celebrate our Thanksgiving at dinner tonight!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodation: Driftwood Shores Resort

### Day 5: Tuesday, October 13

We join Highway 101, the scenic byway that meanders along the Oregon Coast and head south to Coos Bay. **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. There is also a stop at a **myrtlewood**

store to buy some of these beautiful wood products. The rest of the afternoon is leisure time at the hotel. Enjoy the beach!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Driftwood Shores Resort

### Day 6: Wednesday, October 14

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. This hour-long tour may be some of the most fun you have had on sand! Heading north, we admire the panoramic vistas at Cape Perpetua and thrill to the crashing surf at **Devil's Churn**. We have a two-night stay at Elizabeth Street Inn in Newport which also has wonderful ocean views from every room. Tonight, we go to 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Elizabeth Street Inn

### Day 7: Thursday, October 15

There are many lighthouses along this stretch of coastline, and we visit the museum and grounds of **Yaquina Head Lighthouse** at Newport.

Opened in 1873 and still active, it has recently undergone restoration to preserve its important history. This afternoon, we board *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. A beach bonfire with smores is planned tonight!

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Elizabeth Street Inn

### Day 8: Friday, October 16

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 and Olympia. Our last night is in south Seattle at the lovely Embassy Suites which features indoor pool, a huge atrium, and complimentary drinks.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Embassy Suites

### **Day 9: Saturday, October 17**

There are shopping stops at **Bellis Fair Mall** in Bellingham and the Duty-Free Store, then we cross the border and take an afternoon ferry home.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Transfers to airport & Kelowna airport to hotel
- Flight from Victoria to Kelowna
- Coach transportation for 8 days
- 8 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Willamette Heritage Center
- Shore Acres State Park and gardens
- Oregon Sand Dunes buggy ride
- Cape Perpetua Visitors Center
- Yaquina Head Lighthouse
- Oregon Coast Aquarium with dinner among the sea creatures
- Marine Discovery cruise in Newport Harbor
- Evergreen Aviation Museum
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels and airline
- **17 meals:** 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

 **Activity Level 2:** Moderate activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. Walks such as Yaquina Head Lighthouse and Devil's Churn are optional, but you would miss these attractions if you cannot participate. The dune buggy ride can be rough and bumpy which may be hard for delicate backs and necks; consider opting out or taking motion medication. The coach cannot carry a scooter. 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. 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.

**TOUR 30** **Tour 30:** This is a Tour 30 departure, meaning capacity of tour is limited to 30 participants or less, a more intimate travel experience. This tour is limited to 30 travellers.

## **TOUR POLICIES**

**Payments:** A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 5, 2020. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$140 discount on first 15 seats and \$70 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 5.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to July 3, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person.

From July 4 to August 5, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From August 6 to September 4, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After September 4, 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.

**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.

**Home pickups and dropoffs** may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and the size of the chartered vehicle. Decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

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**Experience Points:** This tour earns 58 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 August 5.

**Consumer Protection BC Licences:** Victoria 65842, Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924

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