

## SCENIC WATERFRONT HOTELS

April 25, 2021 – 7 Days

*Enjoy 4 wonderful ocean-front hotels*

British Columbia has numerous hotels in scenic locations, many featuring an ocean, river or lake view. This tour travels to four of the unique ones. Granville Island Hotel is an oasis on the shore of False Creek amidst the bustle of Vancouver. The Kingfisher Inn sits majestically beside the Strait of Georgia just south of Courtenay and has a splendid view of the Coast Mountains. Painter's Lodge in Campbell River is a classic fishing lodge, overlooking beautiful Discovery Passage. Our final night is at the Beach Club beside the gorgeous sandy expanse of Parksville Bay. Each hotel is uniquely different and you can look forward to plenty of relaxation time in diverse waterfront settings.

Activity Level: 1



12 Meals Included:

6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

\$2,260 double/twin; \$2,940 single; \$2,110 triple  
Please add 5% GST.

**BC Seniors** (65 & over): \$15 discount with BC Services Card

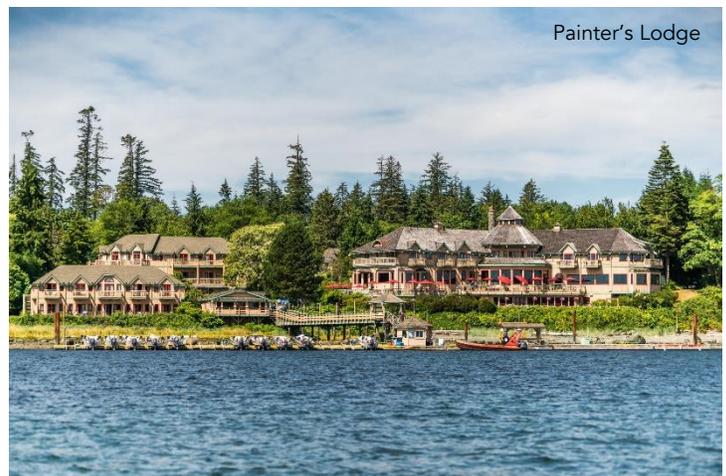
**Early Bookers:**

\$120 discount on first 12 seats; \$60 on next 8

**Experience Points:**

Earn 53 points on this tour.

Redeem 53 points if you book by February 23, 2021.



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Sunday, April 25

We drive to Vancouver and settle into the charming **Granville Island Hotel** for an overnight stay. This boutique hotel is located on False Creek at the east end of Granville Island which has many art galleries, craft shops, and restaurants within easy walking distance.

**Meals included:** Lunch

**Accommodation:** Granville Island Hotel



### Day 2: Monday, April 26

We ride a morning ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo. Take a stroll on the broad, sandy **Rathrevor Beach** at Parksville. We stay two nights at the **Kingfisher Oceanside Resort**, nestled in a coastal forest near Courtenay. All our rooms offer wonderful ocean views. You may want to savour the luxury of the Pacific Mist Spa where therapies focus on the rich ingredients of the sea, leaving you feeling completely relaxed and renewed.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Kingfisher Resort

### Day 3: Tuesday, April 27

A local guide joins us for a drive around the tri-cities of Courtenay, Comox, and Cumberland. At the **Cumberland Museum**, we learn about its coal mining history and the influence of the wealthy Dunsmuir family on the region. This afternoon, there is a choice of two activities. Please decide by final payment date.

- 1) **Comox CFB Air Force Museum** collects and exhibits artifacts relating to CFB Comox, its squadrons and its units. There are 10 heritage aircraft on display including a CF-100 Canuck, a CF-101 Voodoo, and a CF-104 Starfighter.
- 2) **Puntledge River field trip.** Many fossils have been found near this river and the best known is the elasmosaur on exhibit at the Courtenay Museum. At the Puntledge River fossil site, learn about its history and proper collection techniques, then you have a chance to find a fossil. Hammers, chisels and goggles are supplied. You can keep any fossils that you find.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Kingfisher Resort

### Day 4: Wednesday, April 28

We stop at the **Campbell River Museum** which offers an interesting film about the Ripple Rock explosion in 1958. We arrive at **Painter's Lodge** in Campbell River at noon. In the 1920s, salmon fishing in the area had become so popular that tent colonies had sprung up at the mouth of the Campbell River. E.P. Painter, a boat builder by trade, arrived in 1922 and, seeing the need for better accommodation for sport fishermen, opened his Painter's Lodge in 1929. It attracted clientele from Hollywood and regular patrons included Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, John Wayne, and Susan Hayward. The lodge burned down in 1985 and was soon rebuilt. We board a water taxi for the quick trip across Discovery Passage to **April Point Lodge** on Quadra Island. A waterfront lunch is served there, then we return to Painter's Lodge for a two-night stay.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Painter's Lodge

## Day 5: Thursday, April 29



The day is devoted to **Strathcona Provincial Park**. This was British Columbia's first provincial park, established in 1911, and protects the rugged peaks of central Vancouver Island. We take short walks in the forest to see Lupine Falls and Lady Falls, and stroll a

beach on Buttle Lake. Then we head across the Island and have lunch in Gold River, once a bustling pulp mill town.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Painter's Lodge

## Day 6: Friday, April 30

We visit the **Wildlife Recovery Centre** at Errington to view eagles, owls, falcons, hawks, ravens, and black bears. Many have been injured and are receiving rehabilitation before being returned to the wild. Nearby is **Englishman River Falls** which has a lovely forest walk to the bridge overlooking

the falls. There is time for shopping and lunch at unique Coombs Market, known for its goats grazing on the roof. Our last waterfront hotel is the **Beach Club Resort** in Parksville 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.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Beach Club Resort



## Day 7: Saturday, May 1

We ride the ferry from Duke Point to Tsawwassen and travel home via the Coquihalla.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 7 days
- 6 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings
- Comox Valley guide
- Cumberland Museum
- Choice of Air Force Museum OR Puntledge River fossil trip
- Campbell River Museum
- Water taxi to April Point Lodge and return
- Wildlife Recovery Centre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **12 meals:** 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

## TOUR NOTES



**Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. If you have any mobility challenges, do not choose the Puntledge River fossil trip. 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 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. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some tour days.

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## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due February 23, 2021. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$120 discount on first 12 seats and \$60 on next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after February 23, 2021. BC seniors (65 & over) receive \$15 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Services Card.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to January 22, 2021, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From January 23 to February 23, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From February 24 to March 9, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From March 10 to March 23, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After March 23, 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 Credits:** Kingfisher Resort, Coombs Market, Painter's Lodge, Granville Island Hotel, Roland Neave (falls), Beach Club

**Experience Points:** This tour earns 53 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 February 23, 2021.

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