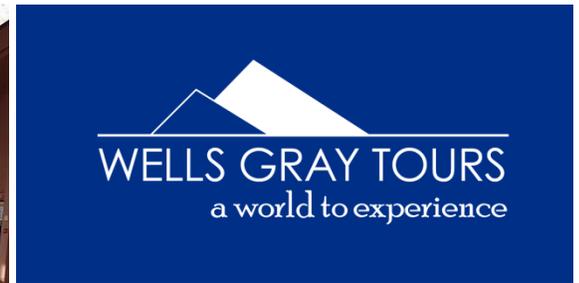




Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge



Deck at Tsa-Kwa-Luten

THANKSGIVING AT TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE

October 7, 2021 – 4 Days

*A Thanksgiving weekend escape to
Painter's Lodge and Quadra Island*

Our first night is spent at Painter's Lodge in Campbell River, a classic fishing lodge overlooking beautiful Discovery Passage. It opened in 1929 and soon attracted a Hollywood clientele such as Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, John Wayne, and Susan Hayward, all enjoying the fabulous fishing. Then we ride the ferry over to Quadra Island and stay 2 nights at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge. Relax on your private balcony and enjoy the panorama of the ocean, the mountains of Vancouver Island beyond, the rapidly-moving tides, and tugboats with barges navigating this narrow waterway. These oceanfront retreats are wonderful places to celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving.

Activity Level: 1



9 Meals Included:

3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

\$1,110 double/twin; \$1,395 single; \$1,060 triple
Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

\$60 discount on first 15 seats; \$30 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 26 points on this tour.

Redeem 26 points if you book by August 19, 2021.



Painter's Lodge

ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, October 7

After pickups around Greater Victoria, we drive north on the Island Highway. Lunch is at Coombs Market, known for the goats grazing on its roof. We arrive at **Painter's Lodge** in Campbell River in mid-afternoon, so there is time to enjoy the beautiful setting overlooking Discovery Passage.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Painter's Lodge

Day 2: Friday, October 8

We visit the Campbell River Museum which offers an exciting film about the Ripple Rock explosion in 1958. Afterwards, we take the 10-minute ferry ride over to **Quadra Island** and stay two nights at **Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge**. Admire the view of Discovery Passage from your bedroom, the dining room, the lobby, or the deck. After lunch, we drive to **Rebecca Spit** and take a pleasant stroll along a beach with the ocean on both sides.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge

Day 3: Saturday, October 9

We visit **Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre** (if open) which contains exquisite displays about the life of the Cape Mudge First Nations. This afternoon, a long-time resident, Rod Burns, presents a **cultural talk** about Quadra Island. There is leisure time to wander the beach in front of the hotel, hike to the Cape Mudge cliffs, walk to the lighthouse, or soak in the hot tub. A traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner is served tonight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge

Day 4: Sunday, October 10

In late morning, savour barbecued salmon served as a snack. We must wait for the 1 pm ferry to have the right tide level to get off Quadra Island. Lunch is in Campbell River, then we return to Victoria during the afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

A WEEKEND ESCAPE TO PAINTER'S LODGE & QUADRA ISLAND

Painter's Lodge. 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.

Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge on Quadra Island was built by the Kwagiutl people and its vast lobby resembles a traditional "Big House" with massive timbers, a soaring cathedral ceiling, and huge windows overlooking Discovery Passage. All rooms have an ocean view. Relax on your private balcony and enjoy the panorama of the ocean, the mountains of Vancouver Island beyond, the rapidly-moving tides, and tugboats with barges navigating this narrow waterway. Rooms do not have televisions in keeping with the get-away atmosphere, so you may want to bring a book. Please note that the Lodge only has 12 rooms for singles, so it is essential to book early if you prefer to travel single; a waiting list will be taken after these rooms are gone. All meals at the Lodge are included due to its isolation, and they are served in the main dining room. There are walking trails along the waterfront to the lighthouse, and a more difficult trail to the bluff at Cape Mudge with a view south into the Strait of Georgia.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights accommodation & hotel taxes
- Campbell River Museum
- Ferry to/from Quadra Island
- Rebecca Spit Provincial Park
- Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre
- Cultural talk by local expert Rod Burns
- Barbecued salmon sampling
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **9 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

 **Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk, some walking on sandy or pebbly beaches, and some stairs. If you stay in a beachfront cottage at Tsa-Kwa-Luten, there is a 5-minute walk uphill to the lodge for meals and the coach. Request a ground floor room at Tsa-Kwa-Luten if you have difficulty with stairs, as there is no elevator. 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 days of the tour.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 19, 2021. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

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 August 19, 2021.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 19, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 20 to August 19, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 20 to Sept 2, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After September 2, 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 until 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.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 26 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 19, 2021.

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