



THANKSGIVING AT TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE

October 6, 2022 – 4 Days

*A Thanksgiving weekend escape to
Salt Spring Island and Quadra Island*

We take the ferry to Fulford Harbour on Salt Spring Island, then a local guide shows us some of the highlights. On the first evening, we enjoy a show at Chemainus Theatre. On the second day, we ride the ferry over to Quadra Island and stay 2 nights at lovely 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



All Meals Included (10):

3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

\$1,245 double/twin; \$1,475 single; \$1,205 triple
Please add 5% GST.

BC Seniors (65 & over): \$8 discount with BC Services Card

Early Bookers:

\$70 discount on first 15 seats; \$35 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 29 points on this tour.

Redeem 29 points if you book by August 23, 2022.

Departures from: Victoria



ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, October 6

After pickups around Greater Victoria, we take the ferry from Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour on **Salt Spring Island**. World class artisans and crafters abound here, drawn by the laid-back idyllic lifestyle, and they stay because they find a vibrant market for their work. A local guide meets us for a tour of some island highlights and a naturalist presents a special talk about one aspect of Salt Spring. Lunch is at **Salt Spring Wild Cidery** with cider tasting. We take an afternoon ferry from Salt Spring over to Crofton on Vancouver Island. In Chemainus, we admire the dozens of colourful murals. Tonight, we go to **Chemainus Theatre** for a superb buffet dinner followed by a performance (TBA).

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Best Western Chemainus Inn

Day 2: Friday, October 7

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 balcony, 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 8

A local expert presents a **cultural talk** about Quadra Island. Afterwards, savour traditional barbecued salmon served as a snack. 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge

Day 4: Sunday, October 9

The morning is free time. We must wait for the noon 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 QUADRA ISLAND

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
- Ferry to Salt Spring Island
- Locally-guided tour of Salt Spring Island
- Talk by an island naturalist
- Salt Spring Wild Cidery tasting
- Ferry from Salt Spring to Vancouver Island
- Chemainus Theatre performance
- Campbell River Museum
- Ferries to/from Quadra Island
- Tour of Quadra Island with Rebecca Spit
- Cultural talk
- Barbecued salmon sampling
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **10 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 4 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 or motorized wheelchair. If Activity Level 1 could be challenging, you are urged to 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 23, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$70 discount on first 15 seats and \$35 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 23, 2022. BC seniors (65 & over) receive \$8 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Services Card.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 22, 2022, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 23 to August 23, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 24 to September 6, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After September 6, 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.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to a remote destination where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 29 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 23, 2022.

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