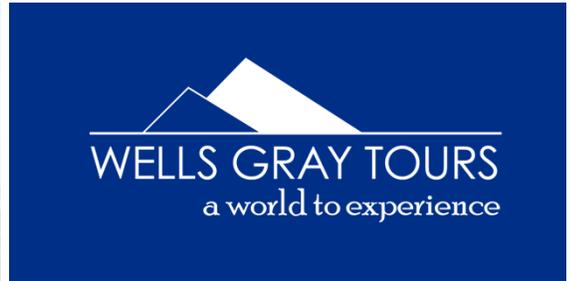




Beach Club Resort



Tsa-Kwa-Luten dining room

THANKSGIVING ON THE ISLAND

October 8, 2022 – 5 Days

Includes Salt Spring Island, Chemainus, Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge and Beach Club

A perfect Thanksgiving getaway! We head to Salt Spring Island to browse the popular Saturday Market, then enjoy a show at Chemainus Theatre. We take the ferry over to Quadra Island and relax for 2 nights at magnificent Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge. It 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. We also spend a night at the Beach Club in Parksville, located directly on the sandy beach of Parksville Bay and once again all rooms have a wonderful ocean view. Come and enjoy Thanksgiving on the Island.

Activity Level: 1



11 Meals Included:

4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

Fares per person:

\$1,755 double/twin; \$2,030 single; \$1,695 triple
Please add 5% GST.

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

Early Bookers:

\$100 discount on first 15 seats; \$50 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 43 points from this tour.

Redeem 43 points if you book by August 17, 2022.

Departure from: Lower Mainland



Tsa-Kwa-Luten lobby

ITINERARY

Day 1: Saturday, October 8

We take a ferry from Tsawwassen to **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. The seaside village of Ganges is especially noted for its **Saturday Market** where a great variety of products can be purchased. After plenty of time for browsing, 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: Dinner

Accommodation: Best Western Chemainus Inn

Day 2: Sunday, October 9

Near Parksville, we stop at Coombs Market, full of interesting shops, and known for the goats grazing on its roof. After lunch in Campbell River, we ride the 10-minute ferry across Discovery Passage to **Quadra Island**. At Rebecca Spit, we take a pleasant walk along a beach with the ocean on both sides. We stay for two nights near the south end of the island at **Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge**. Admire the view of Discovery Passage from your balcony, the dining room, the lobby, or the deck.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge

Day 3: Monday, October 10

Happy Thanksgiving Day! 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: Tuesday, October 11

After riding the 10 am ferry to Vancouver Island, we go to the Campbell River Museum which offers an interesting film about the Ripple Rock explosion in 1958. Next, we visit the **North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre**, a world-class rehabilitation facility that cares for animals with many needs, including birds with broken wings, orphaned black bears, and electrocuted eagles. We stay overnight at the **Beach Club**, located on the waterfront in Parksville. The rest of the afternoon is leisure time, so you may want to book a spa appointment, or stroll on Parksville's long boardwalk or the sandy beach.

Note: Please make spa appointments for Tuesday by calling the hotel in advance. Stonewater Spa: (250) 947-2123

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Beach Club Resort

Day 5: Wednesday, October 12

We take the ferry from Duke Point to Tsawwassen.

Meals included: Breakfast

TWO OCEANFRONT RESORTS DURING THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

- **Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge on Quadra Island** – This magnificent lodge 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 bedrooms 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. A two-bedroom beachfront cottage is available if you are sharing with two or three other passengers. All meals are included due to the isolation here. The lodge has complimentary wi-fi. Rooms do not have televisions in keeping with the get-away atmosphere, so you may want to bring a book.



- **Beach Club in Parksville** – This popular hotel is located directly on the sandy beach of Parksville Bay and your room has a wonderful ocean view. At low tide, you can walk ½ km out on the sand to the edge of the waves. Facilities include fitness room, Stonewater Spa, indoor pool, hot tub, and complimentary wi-fi.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Ferry to Salt Spring Island
- Ferry from Salt Spring to Vancouver Island
- Chemainus Theatre performance
- Ferries to/from Quadra Island
- Tour of Quadra Island with Rebecca Spit
- Cultural talk
- Traditional barbecued salmon sampling
- Campbell River Museum with film
- North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre
- Ferry from Nanaimo to Tsawwassen
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **11 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

TOUR NOTES



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. You can take a short or longer walk at Rebecca Spit. 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 \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 17, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level, and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$100 discount on first 15 seats and \$50 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 17, 2022. BC seniors (65 & over) receive a \$15 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Services Card.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 15, 2022, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 16 to August 17, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 18 to September 6, the cancellation charge is 50% 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.

Home pickups are available within Greater Vancouver for an additional charge of \$50 per person round trip. Transfer is to the coach route between downtown and Tsawwassen on October 8, and from the coach along Hwy #17 or #1 on October 12. Please request no later than at final payment.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 43 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 17, 2022.

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