



STORM WATCHING AT WICKANINNISH INN

March 7, 2023 – 5 Days

Featuring Long Beach, Tofino & Ucluelet

Perched on the edge of the wild, West Coast of Vancouver Island, the Wickaninnish Inn near Tofino combines heritage and elegance with untamed natural beauty. Framed by ancient rainforest and the Pacific Ocean, each room at the Wickaninnish Inn is designed to charm with its attention to detail and connection with nature. Perhaps your visit will coincide with watching an awesome West Coast storm. There is plenty of time for strolling the beaches and visits to Tofino and Ucluelet are included. Come and experience ocean, beach, and surf at the Wickaninnish Inn with Wells Gray Tours!

Activity Level: 1



9 Meals Included:

4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

First floor -- \$2,645 double/twin; \$3,440 single

Second floor -- \$2,745 double/twin; \$3,615 single

Third floor -- \$2,845 double/twin; \$3,780 single

Fares for triple occupancy also available.

Please add 5% GST.

Experience Points:

Earn 64 points on this tour.

Redeem 64 points if you book by January 4, 2023.

Departure from: Victoria & Nanaimo



ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, March 7

A transfer is provided from Victoria to Nanaimo to meet the BC Interior travellers. We stroll the smooth sands at Rath Trevor Beach and walk among towering firs at **Cathedral Grove** (if conditions permit). After lunch in Port Alberni, we drive to the West Coast of Vancouver Island. We stay three nights at the awesome **Wickaninnish Inn** near Tofino. Perched on a rocky point above Chesterman Beach, every room has a splendid ocean view. Maybe you will experience a thrilling storm where the spray lashes the windows while you are cuddled comfortably by the fireplace. Dinner is included at the hotel's renowned restaurant, The Pointe, with a limited choice menu.

Note: Please make optional spa appointments for Wednesday or Thursday by calling the hotel in advance. Ancient Cedars Spa: 1-250-725-3113

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Wickaninnish Inn

Day 2: Wednesday, March 8

Breakfast is included at The Wick each day. Low tides today are at 7:08 am and 7:22 pm, and high tide is at 1:10 pm. We drive into Tofino in late morning for some shopping and lunch time. This afternoon, we visit **Long Beach**, the best known feature of Pacific Rim National Park. Take a stroll on the sandy beach and peer into some tidal pools. The best beachcombing occurs during the dropping tide. Dinner is on your own so you can enjoy another tasty experience at the hotel, or the coach provides a transfer into Tofino.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Wickaninnish Inn

Day 3: Thursday, March 9

Low tides are at 7:43 am and 7:49 pm, and high tide is at 1:47 pm. In the morning, we drive to **Ucluelet** and admire the spectacle of big waves hitting the point near Amphitrite Lighthouse. The afternoon is free time at the Wickaninnish Inn. Maybe you have an appointment at the Ancient Cedars Spa. Otherwise, enjoy the fitness centre or a stroll on the beach. Dinner is served in The Pointe.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Wickaninnish Inn



Amphitrite Lighthouse

Day 4: Friday, March 10

We return to the east coast of Vancouver Island with a stop for lunch in Parksville. A sumptuous dinner is served at **Chemainus Theatre**, followed by the evening show. The spring 2023 season will be announced in the fall of 2022.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Best Western Chemainus Inn

Day 5: Saturday, March 11

After the BC Interior travellers leave for the ferry, transportation is provided from Chemainus to your Victoria or Nanaimo pickup point.

Meals included: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Pacific Rim National Park
- Housekeeping gratuities at Wickaninnish
- Chemainus Theatre show
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **9 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners



Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. The amount of walking at Long Beach is up to you. The walk to Amphitrite Lighthouse is about 500 metres. 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.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due January 4, 2023. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Cancellation Policy: Up to December 2, 2022, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From December 3, 2022 to January 4, 2023, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From January 5 to February 3, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After February 3, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: As the world emerges from the pandemic, many of our suppliers such as hotels, restaurants, attractions, and transportation providers are struggling with shortage of staff, inflated costs, and supply line challenges. Sometimes we are notified about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a component of a tour due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to 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.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. Restaurants in remote areas may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. As restaurants recover from two years of pandemic restrictions, many facing severe labour shortages, we have been informed that food allergies should be honoured, but it is impossible to handle everybody's requests for food preferences. (An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not.) 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 may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and coach size. 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 64 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 January 4, 2023.

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