



THANKSGIVING AT TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE

October 5, 2023 – 4 Days

*A Thanksgiving weekend escape to
Quadra Island with Chemainus Theatre*

Heading up the Island Highway, we stop at the new attraction on top of the Malahat, the Skywalk, followed by the Pacific Northwest Raptors. On the first evening, we enjoy a show at Chemainus Theatre, *The Fiancée*. 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. A cultural talk and traditional salmon barbecue samples are followed by Thanksgiving Dinner. This 4-day getaway is a wonderful way to celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving.

Activity Level: 1



All Meals Included (10):

3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

\$1,285 double/twin; \$1,530 single; \$1,235 triple
Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

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

Experience Points:

Earn 30 points on this tour.

Redeem 30 points if you book by August 22, 2023.

Departures from: Victoria, Nanaimo & Parksville



ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, October 5

After pickups around Greater Victoria, we stop at the exciting new attraction, the Malahat Skywalk. Start with a stroll along an elevated walkway through a west coast forest of Arbutus and Douglas Firs. Then ascend the spiral tower on gentle ramps to take in the stunning 360-degree view of Saanich Inlet and the Gulf Islands. At the Pacific Northwest Raptor Centre, British Columbia's first falconry facility, marvel at the Birds of Prey flying demonstration featuring falcons, eagles, owls, and hawks. In Chemainus, we admire the dozens of colourful murals. Tonight, we go to **Chemainus Theatre** for a superb dinner followed by a performance of *The Fiancée*. Lucy can't bear the thought of soldiers being sent off to war without the hope of someone to come home to. She is in a predicament when they all arrive home on the same day, ready for nuptial bliss, in this madcap, door-slamming, hilarious farce.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Best Western Chemainus Inn

Day 2: Friday, October 6

In Campbell River, we take the 10-minute ferry ride over to **Quadra Island**. At Rebecca Spit, we enjoy a pleasant stroll along a beach with the ocean on both sides. **Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge** is our home for the next two nights. 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: Saturday, October 7

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, walk to the lighthouse, hike to the Cape Mudge cliffs, 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 8

We take the 10 am ferry back to Campbell River and lunch is included in Parksville. 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
- Malahat Skywalk
- Pacific Northwest Raptors
- *The Fiancée* at Chemainus Theatre
- Ferries to/from Quadra Island
- Rebecca Spit Provincial Park
- Cultural talk about Quadra Island
- 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. Malahat Skywalk is 10 storeys high, accessed by gently-sloping ramps. If you stay in a beach-front 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. **Everybody** participating in this tour is expected to be capable of handling Activity Level 1. 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.

Nanaimo & Parksville clients: You can easily join this tour. We will pick you up on October 5 in your home city and drive you to Duncan to join the tour at the Raptors. Since you miss the Malahat Skywalk, your fare is reduced \$25.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 22, 2023. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

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 22, 2023.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 21, 2023, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 22 to August 22, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 23 to September 5, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After September 5, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Due to continuing after effects of the pandemic, 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 this 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 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. Please do not tell us about your food preferences, as restaurants ignore these requests. 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.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 30 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 22, 2023.

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