



Beach Club Resort



Tsa-Kwa-Luten dining room

THANKSGIVING ON THE ISLAND

October 7, 2023 – 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, *The Fiancée*. We take the ferry 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 celebrate Thanksgiving on the Island.

Activity Level: 1



11 Meals Included:

4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

Fares per person:

\$1,865 double/twin; \$2,165 single; \$1,795 triple
Please add 5% GST.

BC Seniors (65 & over): \$16 discount with BC Services Card

Early Bookers:

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

Experience Points:

Earn 45 points from this tour.

Redeem 45 points if you book by August 16, 2023.

Departure from: Lower Mainland



Tsa-Kwa-Luten lobby

ITINERARY

Day 1: Saturday, October 7

We take a ferry from Tsawwassen to **Salt Spring Island**. World class artisans and crafters abound here, drawn by the laid-back idyllic island lifestyle, and they find this vibrant market a showcase 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 dozens of colourful murals. Dinner is at **Chemainus Theatre** 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, ready for nuptial bliss, in this mad-cap, door-slamming, hilarious farce.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Best Western Chemainus Inn

Day 2: Sunday, October 8

Near Parksville, we stop at Coombs Market, full of interesting shops, and known for the goats grazing on its roof. In Campbell River, there is a 10-minute ferry ride across Discovery Passage to **Quadra Island**. This afternoon, a local expert presents a cultural talk about Quadra Island. 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 9

Happy Thanksgiving Day! We take a pleasant walk along the beach at **Rebecca Spit** with the ocean on both sides. Later, 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: Tuesday, October 10

After riding a mid-morning 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 late afternoon by calling the hotel in advance.

Stonewater Spa: (250) 947-2123

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Beach Club Resort



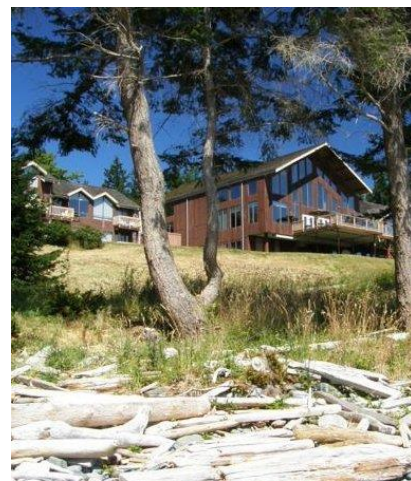
Day 5: Wednesday, October 11

We take the ferry 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 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. 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. Facilities include fitness room, Stonewater Spa, indoor pool, hot tub, and complimentary wi-fi. Take a stroll on the boardwalk along the waterfront.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Ferry to Salt Spring Island
- Salt Spring Island Saturday market
- Ferry from Salt Spring to Vancouver Island
- *The Fiancée* at Chemainus Theatre
- Ferries to/from Quadra Island
- Cultural talk about Quadra Island
- Rebecca Spit Provincial Park
- 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. **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.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 16, 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 \$100 discount on first 15 seats and \$50 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 16, 2023. BC seniors (65 & over) receive a \$16 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Services Card.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 14, 2023, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 15 to August 16, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 17 to September 5, the cancellation charge is 50% 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 45 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 16, 2023.

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