



## STORM WATCHING AT WICKANINNISH INN

November 27, 2023 – 6 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 storm. This tour offers excellent savings from regular room rates and lets you experience this renowned property with some elegant cuisine. We visit both Long Beach and Wickaninnish Beach in Pacific Rim National Park. Transportation is provided to Tofino and Ucluelet with a walk to the Amphitrite Lighthouse.

Come and experience ocean, beach, and surf at the Wickaninnish Inn with Wells Gray Tours!

Activity Level: 1



11 Meals Included:

5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

First floor – \$2,755 double/twin; \$3,575 single

Second floor – \$2,855 double/twin; \$3,740 single

Third floor – \$2,955 double/twin; \$3,905 single

Fares for triple occupancy also available.

Please add 5% GST.

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

**Experience Points:**

Earn 64 points on this tour.

Redeem 64 points if you book by September 21, 2023.

**Departure from:** BC Interior



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Monday, November 27

We travel over the Coquihalla Highway and take a late afternoon ferry from Tsawwassen to Nanaimo.

**Meals included:** Lunch

**Accommodation:** Coast Bastion Hotel

### Day 2: Tuesday, November 28

We stroll the smooth sands at Rathrevor 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. The next three nights are at **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. High tide is at 12:28 pm, so we arrive during a dropping tide. Dinner is included at the hotel's renowned restaurant, The Pointe, with a limited choice menu.

**Note:** To reserve optional spa appointments for Wednesday or Thursday, please call the hotel in advance. Ancient Cedars Spa: 1-250-725-3113

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Wickaninnish Inn

### Day 3: Wednesday, November 29

Breakfast is included at The Wick each day. Low tide today is at 7:16 am and high tide is at 1:07 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 4: Thursday, November 30

Low tide is at 7:58 am and high tide is at 1:45 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



### Day 5: Friday, December 1

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 *It's a Wonderful Life*. Based on the beloved holiday movie with a clever twist: the story is staged as a live radio broadcast. Actors portray numerous characters and take on sound effects. George Bailey, a generous and well-meaning man, has become too downcast and tired to continue living. It takes help from a lovable angel to show George what life would be like if he wasn't born for George to have a change of heart and understand the true spirit of the holidays.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Best Western Chemainus Inn

### Day 6: Saturday, December 2

We ride the ferry from Duke Point to Tsawwassen and travel home.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings
- Pacific Rim National Park
- Long Beach and Wickaninnish Beach
- Housekeeping gratuities at Wickaninnish
- *It's a Wonderful Life* at Chemainus Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **11 meals:** 5 breakfasts, 3 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. **Everybody** participating in this tour is expected to be capable of handling Activity Level 2. 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 September 21, 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:** BC seniors (65 & over) receive \$16 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Services Card.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to August 21, 2023, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From August 22 to September 21, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From September 22 to October 20, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After October 20, 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, 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 place 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 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 September 21, 2023.

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