

SUNSHINE COAST

September 2025



Sechelt

With Princess Louisa Fjord, Agamemnon Channel & Desolation Sound cruises

The Sunshine Coast is a distinct region of BC, located on the southern coast between Desolation Sound on the north and Howe Sound on the south. The rugged mountains bordering these inlets cut it off from direct road connection to the rest of the province, so although part of the BC mainland, it can only be reached by ferries or planes. Here are the traditional territories of the Squamish (Skwxwú7mesh), Sechelt (shíshálh), Tla'Amin, and Klahoose Nations. There are many highlights during our time on the Sunshine Coast – 3 cruises featuring Agamemnon Channel, Princess Louisa Fjord, and Desolation Sound; a local guide in Gibsons, *The Beachcombers* filming locations, a nature walking tour "Talking Trees", and Botanical Gardens. So much to see in this pocket of delights so close to home.



CANADIAN



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

▶ Departure from:

- 📍 **BC Interior:** September 2, 2025 - 7 days
- 📍 **Vancouver Island:** September 2, 2025 - 7 days
- 📍 **Lower Mainland:** September 2, 2025 - 7 days

▶ Fares per person

- 📍 from **\$3,770** double/twin, **\$4,485** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

▶ Early Booking Bonus

- \$180** discount on first 8 seats; **\$90** on next 4.

▶ Earn 89 Experience Points



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Your specific departure point will be confirmed at the time of booking. Passengers travelling from the BC Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland regions will begin the tour as follows:

- I BC Interior:** We depart on Tuesday, September 2, and drive to Sechelt. We return on Monday, September 8, from Powell River. Transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back again when we return.
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- V Vancouver Island:** We depart on Tuesday, September 2, and take the ferry to Vancouver where we join the main coach. We return on Monday, September 8 from Powell River, departing the main coach in Vancouver and returning to Victoria on the ferry.
- Departure from Victoria:** For passengers in the Greater Victoria Area, transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return. Home pickup may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area depending on the number of people booked and coach size. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.
- Departure from Up-Island:** No transportation is provided to and from Up-Island communities. Please make your way to either Victoria or Vancouver to join this tour.
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- L Lower Mainland:** We depart on Tuesday, September 2, and drive to Sechelt. We return on Monday, September 8 from Powell River. Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.
- Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack:** Pickup and drop off is by the main coach. Please refer to the BC Interior tour fares below.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$3,770 double/twin \$4,485 single \$3,580 triple	
V	Vancouver Island	\$3,970 double/twin \$4,685 single \$3,780 triple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please add 5% GST. • BC Seniors (65 & over): \$12 discount with BC Services Card.
L	Lower Mainland	\$3,805 double/twin \$4,520 single \$3,615 triple	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- 📍 **13 total:** 3 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- 📍 **12 total:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 7 days
- Ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale
- Ferry from Saltery Bay to Earls Cove
- Ferry from Langdale to Horseshoe Bay

▶ Accommodation

- 6 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

▶ Key Highlights

- Locally-guided tour of Gibsons & Sechelt
- Agamemnon Channel cruise from Egmont to Pender Harbour
- Nature walking tour "Talking Trees"
- Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden
- Tems Swiya Museum
- Cruise to Princess Louisa Fjord
- Cruise in Desolation Sound
- Henderson House
- Patricia Theatre

Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.

▶ Guides & Gratuities

- Gratuities for crew on boat tours & guides

Activity Level 2



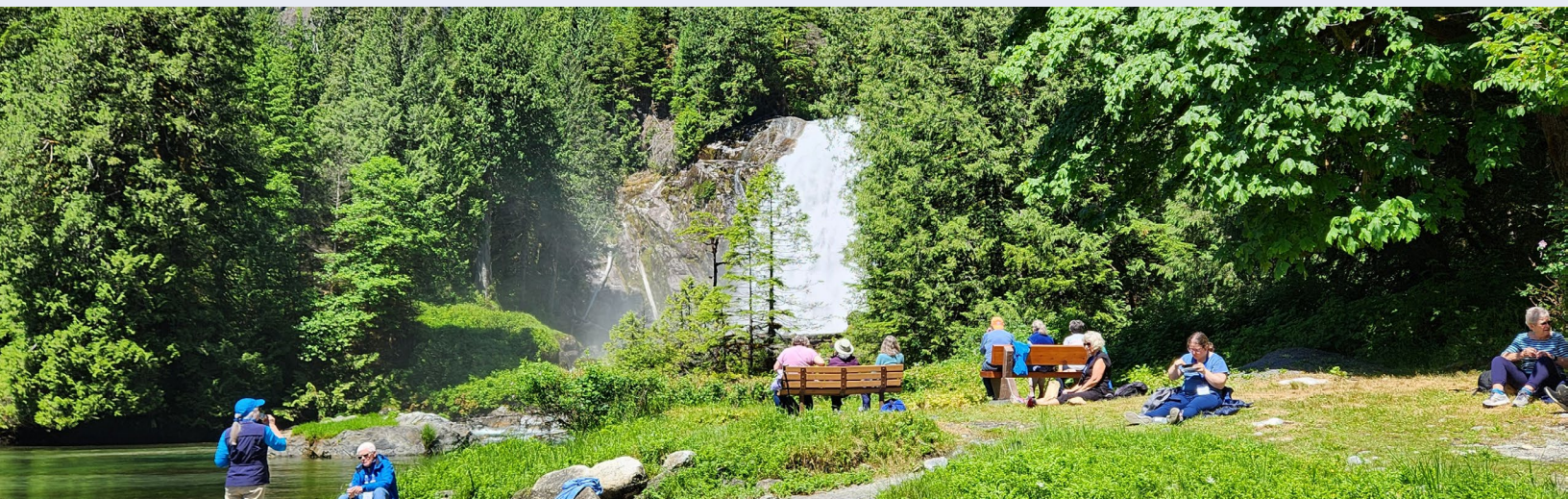
Moderate Activity: As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance. You can stand for prolonged periods and climb two flights of stairs without assistance. Ramps onto docks can be steep at low tide. There are steps getting in and out of the vessels. There is no luggage handling service at either hotel.

You may bring a cane or walking poles if needed. Walkers are not appropriate for this tour. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. 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 Size 22

This tour is limited to 22 participants, making it a more intimate travel experience.





Cruise through Agamemnon Channel

ITINERARY

Tuesday, September 2

We take the ferry from Horseshoe Bay across Howe Sound to Langdale. **Welcome to the Sunshine Coast!** We stay three nights at the Oceanside Coast Hotel, located on the waterfront a few kms south of Sechelt. Meet your fellow travellers at a get-acquainted dinner.

Meals included: 🕒 Lunch, Dinner 🍷🍴 Dinner

Accommodation: Oceanside Coast Hotel

Wednesday, September 3

A local guide shows us the highlights along the southern part of the Sunshine Coast. In Gibsons, we stop for photos at Molly's Reach, the famous restaurant seen by millions of viewers on CBC's **The Beachcombers** which ran for 19 seasons from 1972 to 1990. This afternoon, we drive to Egmont where Sechelt Inlet joins Jervis Inlet. We board two small vessels for a scenic cruise through **Agamemnon Channel** south to Pender Harbour. Steep rock walls rise 150 metres from the water, and some 2000-metre high peaks are visible. We stop at several pictographs, probably drawn centuries ago by Shísháhlh people, and you can speculate on their meaning.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Oceanside Coast Hotel

Thursday, September 4

An Indigenous guide takes us on a nature walking tour "**Talking Trees**" which shares the stories of how the shísháhlh (Sechelt) Coast Salish and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Peoples have been utilizing the land for food, medicine and technology for thousands of years. This afternoon, we stroll through the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden in Sechelt. Next is the **Tems Swiya Museum** which exhibits an extensive collection of artifacts and cultural materials belonging to the shísháhlh Nation. The name means 'our world' and the museum is central to the presentation, conservation, and protection of shísháhlh cultural heritage.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Oceanside Coast Hotel

Friday, September 5

This is a day of dramatic sights as we explore one of British Columbia's best known fjords. Leaving Egmont, we cruise for two hours up **Jervis Inlet** past soaring peaks and waterfalls that cascade directly into the ocean. Malibu Narrows is the location of historic **Malibu Lodge**, an impressive log structure that was an exclusive retreat for Hollywood celebrities in the 1940s and is now a popular church camp. The narrows mark the entrance to **Princess Louisa Fjord** and, from here on, the sheer cliffs rise a thousand metres. Princess Louisa was Queen Victoria's mother, but the indigenous name "Sway-oo-lat" means "facing the rising sun's rays". The vessels dock at the upper end and we have time ashore to admire the thundering cascade of **Chatterbox Falls**. We disembark at Saltery Bay on the north side of Jervis Inlet, then drive into **Powell River** for a three-night stay at Beach Gardens Resort. The hotel has a splendid setting overlooking Malaspina Strait and every room has an ocean view with a balcony. Tonight, take a stroll beside the ocean and enjoy this wonderful setting.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Beach Gardens Resort

ITINERARY continued

Saturday, September 6

We drive to the end of Highway 101 at Lund which is the jumping-off point for boat excursions into **Desolation Sound**. British Columbia's largest marine park, established in 1973, attracts recreational boaters from around the world because of its magnificent scenery, pleasant summer climate, numerous sheltered harbours, and the snowcapped peaks of the Coast Mountains which rise over 2,400 metres from the water. Captain George Vancouver saw it differently in 1792 when he described these waters as "forlorn" and "desolate". Our five-hour excursion from Lund in two small vessels visits sights such as Squirrel Cove, Roscoe Bay, and Copeland Islands, and lunch is provided on board. The small size, maneuverability, and minimal draft allow the boats to enter narrow passages.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Beach Gardens Resort

Sunday, September 7

We visit two historic buildings in Powell River. Henderson House was specially commissioned in 1911 by the Powell River Paper Company to attract a doctor to the new town. The Patricia Theatre was built in 1928 and is the longest running movie theatre in Canada. Lunch is at the Shingle Mill Bistro, overlooking Powell Lake. The afternoon is free time.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Beach Gardens Resort

Monday, September 8

We ride the ferries from Saltery Bay to Earls Cove and Langdale to Horseshoe Bay, then travel home.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



Sunshine Coast

THE SUNSHINE COAST

The "Sunshine Coast" name originated with a pioneer family. In 1914, Harry Roberts painted "The Sunshine Belt" on the first wharf built in Roberts Creek, and promoted the area as a summer resort. When Black Ball Ferries started service in 1951, they promoted the area as "Sunshine Coast" and the name quickly caught on.

In 1912, a pulp and paper mill was built in Powell River. By 1930, the mill employed more than 2,000 workers, and had become the largest newsprint mill in the world. The highway reached Pender Harbour in the 1930s and the end of the Sechelt Peninsula in the 1950s, then the new ferry provided convenient access to all the settlements and the population boomed. Powell River townsite was

designated as a National Historic District in 1995, one of only seven in Canada, and boasts over 400 original buildings.

Today, the Sunshine Coast is home to about 50,000 people. Forestry continues to be one of the region's economic mainstays with tourism a close second. The Sunshine Coast has the highest per capita population of artists and crafters in Canada, and dozens of studios dot Highway 101 with purple banner flags indicating that the artist is open. Here, too, are the traditional territories of the Squamish (Skwxwú7mesh), Sechelt (shíshálh), Tla'Amin, and Klahoose Nations.



Wells Gray Travellers at Henderson House

TOUR NOTES & POLICIES

Cruise Vessels: Agamemnon Channel cruise and Princess Louisa Fjord cruise are operated with two vessels, each carrying about 12 passengers with indoor seating and no restroom on board. Time on board is about 2 hours. Desolation Sound cruise utilizes two small vessels with indoor seating and a restroom.

Accommodation: Despite the Sunshine Coast being so close to the metropolitan area of Vancouver, it does not attract crowds of overnight tourists and accommodation choices are very limited. Oceanside Coast Hotel near Sechelt is a 2-storey motel with no elevator. Most rooms have an ocean view. Highway #101 is between the motel and the beach, and there is a crosswalk. At Beach Gardens Resort in Powell River, all rooms have an ocean view with a balcony.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. 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.

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due June 25, 2025. 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 (\$5,000 limit per person on credit cards).

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$180 discount on the first 8 seats and \$90 on the next 4 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after June 25, 2025.

BC Seniors (65 & over): \$12 discount offered by BC Ferries. Please bring your BC Services Card on the tour.

Cancellation Policy: Up to May 23, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From May 24 to June 25, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From June 26 to July 25, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After July 25, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Our many suppliers may notify us 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 tour component 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. This tour stays in British Columbia. While your BC Services Card

TOUR NOTES & POLICIES continued

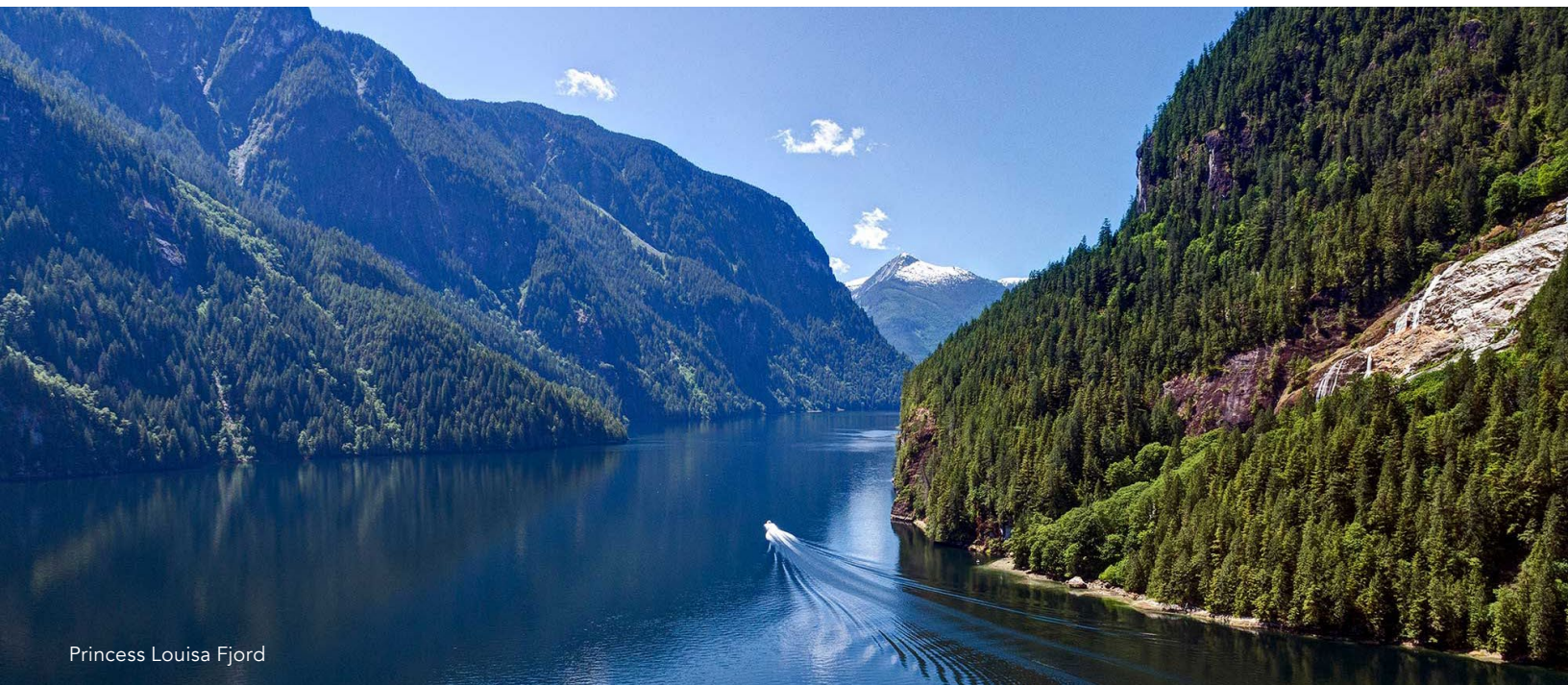
may cover you for a medical issue that arises during the tour, you will probably benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Many other benefits such as luggage insurance are included. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

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Henderson House), tour director Lisa (Chatterbox Falls), and West Coast Wilderness Lodge (Princess Louisa Fjord page 7).

Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 89 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until June 25, 2025.

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