

MV Frances Barkley <u>& the Uchuck</u>

August 14 - 18

4 nights 5 days 10 meals

Meals:

В

Meals: D

Highlights:

Vancouver Island • Port Alberni • MV Frances Barkley • McLean Mill National Historic Site • Bamfield • Cathedral Grove • 40 Knots Winery • Gold River • MV Uchuck III • Friendly Cove

Tour includes:

Four nights accommodation
Four breakfasts
Two lunches
Four dinners
Meal gratuities
All side tours and entrance fees
Services of a local guide
Local guide gratuities
Ferry tolls

Accommodation:

Port Alberni
Gold River

Ridgeview Motor Inn
Best Available

AGELESS PEACE OF MIND: \$175.00



Price Per Person:

Double or Twin: \$2,213.00 Single: \$2,719.00

Adults 56 - 64 or Non BC seniors 65+:
Add \$18.50 to the above rates

Prices include all taxes

Day One: Vancouver – Port Alberni

Travel mid morning to **Vancouver Island** and on to **Port Alberni** and the **McLean Mill National Historic Site** for a tour. After the tour check in to the **Best Western Barkley Inn**. Dinner is included.

Day Two: Port Alberni – Bamfield – Port Alberni Meals: B, L, D

Sail along the majestic **Alberni Inlet** to historic **Bamfield** and experience the spectacular sights. Aquatic wildlife, remote communities, beautiful views, and salt water air await you! Bamfield also services **Pachena Bay** and the start of the world famous 77-kilometre **West Coast Trail**.

The **MV Frances Barkley** is a 65-year-old heritage ship originating in Norway. After trekking through the Atlantic Ocean to Vancouver Island, she started her current route in 1990. Today, the ship is known for the essential services it provides to people in the remote communities of the inlet. The 36-metre vessel can carry up to 144 passengers and 100 tons of cargo. This boat cruise is 4.5 hours. Upon arrival enjoy a picnic lunch in Bamfield. Following lunch the coach drives back to the hotel.

Day Three: Port Alberni – Comox – Gold River Meals: B, L, D

Depart from the Port Alberni Valley with a brief stop at **Cathedral Grove**. Continue to **Comox** for lunch and wine tasting at the **40 Knots Winery**. After lunch travel east through **Strathcona Park** to the hamlet of **Gold River** and a two night stay at the **Ridgeview Motor Inn**. Dinner tonight is at the **Sea & Field Bistro**.

Day Four: Gold River – Friendly Cove – Gold River Meals: B, D

After breakfast board the MV Uchuck III, a working vessel, as it makes its way through Nootka Sound to Friendly Cove (Yuquot). This is the historic birthplace of British Columbia and ancestral home to the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations people where European Traders made first contact. Visit the lighthouse and historic Catholic Church/Cultural Centre, hike the beaches and trails, and learn about the significant native culture of the area. Lunch is available for sale onboard the boat. Dinner is included at a local eatery.

Day Five: Gold River – Vancouver

Depart Gold River for **Qualicum**. Take the midafternoon ferry back to the lower mainland.

