

MV Frances Barkley & The Uchuck

August 13 - 17

4 nights | 5 days | 10 meals

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
MV Frances Barkley Cruise
MV Uchuck III Cruise
Meal gratuities
All side tours and entrance fees
Services of a local guide
Local guide gratuities
Ferry tolls

Accommodation:

Port Alberni Best Western Barclay Inn
Gold River Baymont by Wyndham

AGELESS PEACE OF MIND: **\$175**

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Uneven and inclined pathways and stairs throughout the tour. This tour is not suitable for those who rely on a walker.



DAY ONE: VANCOUVER – PORT ALBERNI

Meals: D

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 Barclay 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 Baymont by Wyndham. Dinner tonight is included at a local eatery.

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

Meals: B

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

PRICE PER PERSON including all taxes

Double or Twin: **\$2,618**

Single: **\$3,439**

