

Motorcoach Tours: "Getaway Weekend" at Qualicum, Oregon Coast, California-Nevada

Relax for a weekend at lovely Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island. Special tours have been arranged to leave Vancouver at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 26 and April 9, returning on Sunday evening. Enjoy the scenic ferry crossing to Departure Bay and the coastal drive north on the Island to Qualicum Beach.

Spend two nights at delightful Qualicum College Inn which has a pool, a sauna and a whirlpool bath and a lovely beach, with golf, riding, fishing and water skiing available nearby.

On Saturday, there is an optional drive north as far as Campbell River included in fare.

The fare also includes three meals at the Inn as well as all transportation costs and the hotel. This is not an escorted tour so baggage-handling is not included. Fares for the March 26 trip are \$67 single, \$62 each twin accommodation. Fares are \$72 single and \$67 each twin for departures April 9 and May 7.

THE OREGON COAST

"Easter on the Pacific" is another new tour, this one escorted. It has been planned to show you the spring beauty of the famous Oregon Coast. Depart April 16 for four days and three nights, staying at the mouth of the Columbia River, Otter Rock and Jantzen Beach.

This is a beautifully picturesque tour offering some of the finest of the Pacific Coast scenery. Fares: single \$134.25, twin each \$109.85.

GRAND CIRCLE TOUR

"California and Nevada" escorted tour leaves Vancouver April 18. It is a 15-day holiday which spends much of its time in sunny California to take in many of the leading attractions of this entertaining state. Visit Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, fantastic Hearst Castle at San Simeon, Roaring Camp

with its narrow-gauge railway, Monterey Peninsula and lovely Carmel, the great "Queen Mary" at Long Beach, and on the return leg of the trip, Las Vegas with its "special package" for visitors.

There are many fringe benefits and fun things like a visit to a winery in Northern California where you can sample the products, the 17-mile Monterey Peninsula drive, two nights in San Francisco and a barbecue meal at Roaring Camp.

Fares are \$590.75 single, \$453.45 each for twin accommodation.

For additional information and for reservations for the above tours, call 681-6381.

Express Service to Cloverdale Races

From Vancouver: Saturdays leave Vancouver Bus Depot (Cambie and Dunsmuir) at 12 noon. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, leave at 6:30 p.m.

From New Westminster: Saturdays leave the New Westminster Bus Depot (111-7th St.) at 12:15. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, leave the depot at 6:45 p.m.

Buses are waiting to return passengers after the final race. For additional information call 683-2421.

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Coming Events

- Feb. 27 - "Rummage Sale", S.C.H. Alumnae, New Westminster City Centre, 1051 Columbia St., New Westminster, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon.
- Feb. 27 & 28 - Spring Thrift Sale, West Point Grey Presbyterian Church, 4397 West 12th Ave., Friday: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- Feb. 28 - "Rummage Sale", Senior Citizens Outreach, 3096 E. Hastings, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Feb. 28 - "Rummage Sale", St. John (Shaughnessy) Church, #1490 Nanton Ave., 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 28 - "Rummage Sale", The Vancouver Association of Insurance Women, Arcadian Hall, 2214 Main St., 11:00 a.m.
- Mar. 3 - "Rummage Sale", Danish Lutheran Church, 19th & Prince Albert St., 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Mar. 4 - "Rummage Sale", St. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, 1357 W. 38th Ave., 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 5 & 6 - Thrift Sale, St. Stephen's United Church, Granville at W. 54th Ave., Friday: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.
- Mar. 6 - "Rummage Sale", Duke Residence, 1114 Burnaby St., 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Mar. 6 - "Rummage Sale", Marpole Chapter #35, O.E.S., St. Giles United Church Hall, 305 - W. 41st., 10:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 6 - "Rummage Sale", Main St. 49th Ave., Masonic Temple, 11:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- Mar. 6 - "Rummage Sale", St. Mark's Church, 2nd & Larch, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Additional Trip to Mount Baker

An additional trip has been scheduled to Mt. Baker and Bellingham in Washington State. Visit the beautiful 4000-foot-high winter playground, then on to the busy little city for a two-hour stop-over. Leave the Vancouver Bus Depot at 9 a.m., Sunday, March 7. Back about 6:30 p.m. Adults \$6.50, children \$3.25. Your ticket is reservation.

UBC Open House March 5 and 6

The University of British Columbia is holding an Open House on Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6. This event occurs only every third year, so it provides an infrequent opportunity to visit the beautifully situated campus and see just what goes on in many of the buildings.

You can visit the Geophysics Building and observe the starry sky, weather and time-of-day permitting. Match your intelligence against a computer. See the action in the gymnasium where sports of all kinds will be played. Stop in the Music Building where continuous recitals will range from classical to modern.

Everyone is welcome. There is an excellent public transit service to and from the University.

Activities For Senior Citizens

A Craft Workshop for senior citizens begins on March 5 at Riley Park Recreation Centre, 4660 Ontario Street. Free instruction every Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in various crafts including pottery, macrame, needlework and flower-making. Supplies available for a small fee.

Free admission to Adult Social Evening and Pub Night on Tuesdays from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. featuring cribbage, ping-pong, darts and card games. Beer - 50¢, soda - 25¢. For further information please phone 879-8668

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"YOU'VE TOLD HER WHERE WE'RE BOARDING, WHERE WE'RE GOING, WHEN WE'RE GOING—NOW TELL ME JUST WHY WE'RE GOING..."

Growth Creates Problem

The rapid expansion of B.C. Hydro's transit system through the past few years has brought with it a major problem: how to provide fast and efficient service to people who telephone for transit information. The problem has two causes. First is the greatly expanded and now complex system which embraces dozens of new routes and is spread from White Rock to Deep Cove and from the University Endowment Lands to Langley. Second is the much greater use of the transit system, with consequent increase in the number of calls for information on how to use it.

The complexity of the system increases the work of the information clerk who frequently has to make choices of routes taking into account the shortest possible wait at transfer points as well as the most economical route when suburban travel

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information is sought.

The length of time required to answer individual enquiries has just about doubled and the number of calls has soared. The 10-line information centre is now inadequate. Larger and more efficient equipment is on order but there will be a delay of probably six months before it can be delivered and installed.

In the meantime we are doing our best to provide information as quickly and efficiently as we can. Here the public can be of help. First, try to plan ahead. If you expect to use unfamiliar routes, pick up a schedule. Schedules are complete and easy to use. We will mail a schedule to you if you are unable to pick up one from the various outlets listed in this Buzzer.

If you must telephone for information, please tell a clerk:

First, *where* you plan to board a bus.

Second, *where* you want to go.

Third, *when* you want to go.

And please be patient while clerks are obtaining the information. They are busy planning the best route and the best connections to make your trip as fast and easy as possible.

Timetables

BEACH-1
PNE PARK 'N RIDE EXPRESS-2
MAIN-3 ROBSON-5
FOURTH-4 OAK-17
FRASER-6 CAMBIE-15
DUNBAR-7 HASTINGS-14
RENFREW-16

DAVIE-8 KINGSWAY-19
BROADWAY-9
TENTH-UBC-10 HASTINGS-14
STANLEY PARK-11
POWELL-12 NANAIMO-24
RENFREW-16
ARBUTUS-18 HASTINGS
EXPRESS-34
GRANVILLE-20 VICTORIA-25
KNIGHT-22 MacDONALD-22
UBC & SPANISH BANKS
FORTY-FIRST-41
FORTY-NINTH-49
SOUTH EAST VANCOUVER
WESTERN NORTH VANCOUVER
EASTERN NORTH VANCOUVER
SIMON FRASER
UNIVERSITY SERVICE
NEW WESTMINSTER/
SOUTH BURNABY
COQUITLAM AREA
SURREY/NORTH DELTA
SOUTH DELTA
WHITE ROCK
RICHMOND AREA

Where Available

- * Information Desk
B.C. Hydro Head Office
970 Burrard Street
- * Vancouver Convention & Visitors Bureau
650 Burrard Street
- * Vancouver Bus Depot
Offices
150 Dunsmuir Street
- * "Speak Easy," — Student Union Bldg.
U.B.C.
- * Information Centre
Champlain Mall
- * Information Centre
Richmond Mall
- * Richmond Municipal Hall
- Delta Municipal Hall

- * White Rock City Hall
- * Surrey Public Libraries
- * New Westminster City Hall
- * Port Coquitlam City Hall
- * Port Moody City Hall
- * District of Coquitlam
Municipal Hall
- * Main Reception, Transportation Centre
Simon Fraser University
- * Burnaby Municipal Hall
- * North Vancouver City Hall
- * District of North Vancouver
Municipal Hall

Timetables Extended

All dated timetables have been extended to April 29. If you have one with the expiry date shown as April 15, please continue to refer to it until the 29th. Some timetables are undated, in which case they are effective until revision is necessary, which will be announced in the Buzzer.

Mystery Trips

Mystery Trips operate only on Wednesdays, leaving the Vancouver Bus Depot (Cambie and Dunsmuir) at 1 p.m. Return about 5 p.m. Adults \$3.00, children \$2.00. No reservations needed.

Free Theatre

Admission is free to "What the Butler Saw", a play to be presented March 4, 5 and 6 at Langara Theatre, A 130, 100 West 49th Ave., Vancouver, by the English Department of Vancouver Community College. Curtain at 8:00 p.m.

Premium Engine Fuel Helps Combat Pollution

The men who direct the operations of B.C. Hydro's fleet of buses are very conscious of the effect that many big internal combustion engines can have on the local environment. As a result, it has long been the Transportation Division's policy to burn a premium grade of fuel oil in the bus engines to minimize pollution.

B.C. Hydro buses use No. 1 fuel oil. Almost complete combustion of this fuel is obtained at the relatively low engine temperature of 550°F. Most heavy vehicles and especially those operating chiefly on highways burn No. 2 fuel oil which require a temperature of 650°F. for complete combustion.

While many of B.C. Hydro's vehicles operate many miles on highways and even freeways, all operate at least part of their routes within cities or other heavily built-up areas. The use of the premium fuel reduces to a minimum the pollution in these areas and of course anywhere the buses operate.

A higher price is paid for the No. 1 fuel and the Transportation Division obtains less British Thermal Units for its outlay, but the men who make the decisions are satisfied that this is the best policy.

Mt. Seymour Ski Bus

Pacific Stage Lines buses leave the Vancouver Bus Depot, weekends and holidays, at 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45 a.m. and 12:45 and 3:45 p.m. Departures from the parking area on Mount Seymour are at 9:45, 11:45 a.m. and 1:45, 2:45, 3:45 and 4:45 p.m.

Consideration, Please, For Other Passengers

We don't know whether modern buses and old-fashioned courtesy are compatible, but we would like to see the combination tried.

Maybe some passengers are thoughtless rather than discourteous, but whatever the cause we ask for consideration of other passengers when walking along the aisle. If you are carrying a shoulder-bag or wearing a bulky coat, try not to brush against seated passengers. The least you can do when your garment or equipment strikes a person's head is to disarrange a neat hairdo, and the worst can be a blow on the head. Neither is appreciated.

Umbrellas, too, are a problem and even a menace. Please carry them with the business end close to the floor. The point of an umbrella can cause painful or even serious injuries.

Then there is the business of feet on seats. Adults should know better. Children should, but it is up to the parents to make sure that they do not climb on seats, particularly in wet weather when deposits of mud dirty the clothes of the next passenger to sit there. Also, as a matter of courtesy, most children are capable of standing to let older people occupy a seat.

Bulky items are another problem. Much as we like to accommodate the special needs of passengers, transit vehicles are not equipped to handle large suitcases and similar items too big to carry on a lap or to slide under a seat, and consequently are left in the aisle. They, too, can re-

Service Changes

Service improvements have been made to several transit routes. A minor change affecting Seymour 211 and Seymour Fastbus 911 extends the route via Fairway Drive, Dollar Road and Dollarton Highway in both directions. This will offer service to local residents.

Three additional morning departures for the Tsawwassen Fastbus 602 now provide the following schedule: leave 2nd Ave. and 52A St. at 6:32, 6:47, 7:02, 7:17, 7:32 and 7:47 a.m. Evening departures from Hornby and Dunsmuir have also been increased with trips leaving as follows: 3:42, 3:57, 4:12, 4:27, 4:42, 4:57 and 5:12 p.m.

Tsawwassen Ring 603 has an added trip leaving 7:34 a.m. from 1st Ave. at English Bluff; bound for Burrard at Dunsmuir. Complete schedule leaving 1st Ave. at English Bluff is now 6:44, 7:14 and 7:34 a.m.

These Tsawwassen changes were explained fully in a release handed out on local buses.

In North Vancouver, there is an additional trip leaving Capilano College at 8:13 a.m., Monday to Friday.

People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one.

sult in an injury from a fall if someone trips over them.

Consideration for other passengers on buses is essential to the creation of a pleasant atmosphere so that everyone can relax and enjoy the advantages of travelling by public transit.