

Good afternoon,

We are excited about our upcoming 55+ bus trip to Parksville/Qualicum. This is our old stomping ground's and a place we absolutely love.

We also want to provide a little more clarity on the events and locations.

Day 1.

Our hotel is Hotel Feng and is located right across the street from the Parksville mini-golf. I know we will head there one evening for a round of golf. It is also right across the street from the beautiful sandy beaches that Parksville is famous for. There is a lovely boardwalk that goes for just under 500 meters along the length of the beach.



Day 2.

We have three options for Day 2. Some of the feedback that we received was a suggestion for some more free time built in to the trip. We are providing that with option 3. For **option 3**, we will have the bus head out to Coombs around 10am. Coombs is famous for the goats on the roof of the market. There are several other little shops that are fun to check out. After Coombs, we will head back to the hotel where you will have the option to stay in Parksville or head to Qualicum. Qualicum is a beautiful little village where you will have the chance to explore the lovely shops, Old School House Art Centre, Little Qualicum



Cheeseworks, and find a bite to eat, and just enjoy the charm of the village. For those that want to try their hand at golf, we are happy to get you to the Qualicum Golf course or another that is close by. You would need to make your own tee time arrangements. (Please check with us to make sure we can get you there for the right time)

You also have the option to stay in Parksville for the afternoon and wander around the town or stroll on the beach.

For **option #2**, we have booked a whale watching excursion with a long time sea captain from Parksville. You will be touring on his 50' yacht with comfortable space inside or outside and washrooms available. There is an option for a zodiac whale watching tour as well - that will depend on our numbers. Please see Ruth or Dave for more information regarding the whale watching.

Lastly, **option #1** is leaving first thing in the morning for a full day of travelling from Port Alberni to Bamfield on the MV Lady Rose. The boat makes a few stops along the way to deliver mail. It looks like a lovely route and there is a restaurant on board the boat if you want to buy lunch or you can find somewhere in Bamfield. You will have about an hour in Bamfield to explore before heading back to Port Alberni.

Day #3

We have several different places to visit in the morning and then the afternoon will involve an optional excursion on a commercial fishing boat. We will also have a tour of the French Creek Marina by the former harbour master and we will have a chance to ask questions and learn more about the commercial fishing industry off Vancouver Island. We will finish our day at the French Creek Pub for supper.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions. And as with all our tours, we will do our best to make this work for everybody. Some might have family in the area and wish to extend their stay by taking their own vehicle or some might want to save money by staying with family.

We will be flexible. However, from past experience, the best part of the trip is the time spent together as a group, and we are so looking forward to that again this year.

We will have brochures and will be available to answer questions tomorrow at church. Please look for Carmen and Ruth.

Blessings,

Dave (on behalf of the 55 Plus Team)