

Spoken Treasures – Totem Walking Tours

Tour Description: Our art, stories, history, & our community today – Spoken Treasures! Northwest Coast and Coast Salish art define and express a rich history, worldview and tribal way of living for our people, the *shísháhlh* (Sechelt) First Nations. We invite you to join us as we journey our village via a leisure walk to view the Northwest Coast totems, stone sculptures and historical buildings and sculpted monuments. What better way to learn the local history, lore and current events than by the friendly local people who have lived here for millennia.

The *shísháhlh* people, a Coast Salish tribe, have had indigenous self-government for 30+ years. Our people have inter-married with other First Nations and Canadians up and down the Northwest Coast, resulting in rich diverse culture and art that conveys our interconnectedness & relationship to the land.

This tour includes a local guide and cultural ambassador who will provide interpretation of the history of Sechelt, and discuss our clans, legends and stories of the people as expressed through our totems, welcome figures and sculptures. Highlights include the history of contact, the revitalization of culture, art, and the fascinating tales of Emily Carr and her visits to our *shísháhlh* village during the 1930's. Aboriginal Tea is included.

Time: Morning: 10 am to 11:30 am

Afternoon: 12 pm to 1:30 pm

2 pm to 3:30 pm

Duration: 1.5 hours **Cost:** \$35/pp adult; \$28 6-18 years of age. 0-5 years Free

Dates: Monday through to Sunday (7 days a week). Book 7 days in advance.

Guide: Candace Campo, shishalh cultural ambassador guide, anthropologist and teacher.

The duration of this tour is approximately 1.8 km. The level is moderate.

Group Size:

Minimum: 12 **Maximum:** 20

This is a group tour program. Advanced booking is required.

What to bring:

Please ensure to wear comfortable walking shoes and or runners.

Dress for the weather. Hats, sunglasses and sunscreen on sunny days. We do tours on light rainy days. Jackets with water resistant protection, a cap or hat or small umbrella will do you just fine. If you do not have an umbrella let us know and we can provide you one.