

SACRED JOURNEY



TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

Invitation to attend the Opening Blessing Ceremony

May 4, 2023 Inner Harbour in Downtown Victoria and Royal BC Museum

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Start Time: 9:45 am PST

Location: Victoria Inner Harbour – Protocol Corner and the Royal BC Museum

We would be honoured if you joined us at the Opening Ceremony of the Sacred Journey Travelling Exhibit at the Victoria Inner Harbour and the Royal BC Museum. Sacred Journey Travelling Exhibit is an immersive experience celebrating the power of Tribal Canoe Journeys. It will be on display on the ground floor of the Royal BC Museum in Clifford Carl Hall.

The First Nation and Native American Tribes canoe families will paddle from the Songhees Longhouse or Songhees Park (located at the Delta, Downtown Victoria) to the Inner Harbour in Downtown Victoria where they will be welcomed by the ɫəkʷəŋən (Lekwungen) People. Please join us in watching the canoes paddle into harbour followed by a private event at the Royal BC Museum.

To register for the event, please visit: <https://sacredjourney.eventbrite.ca/>

We look forward to you joining us,
The ɫəkʷəŋən (Lekwungen) People, Songhees & Esquimalt Nations and the Heiltsuk Nation in partnership with the Royal BC Museum

For general questions around the event, registration, location etc., please contact:
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Opening Blessing Ceremony Agenda

Sacred Journey Travelling Exhibition

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9:45 am	Raft Up: Canoe families raft up and prepare for landing protocol at the Inner Harbour, Victoria
10:00 am	Canoe Protocol: Canoe families announce themselves and ask permission to come ashore from the ləkʷəŋən (Lekwungen) People, Songhees and Esquimalt Nations
11:30 am	Tie up: V-Moorage at Victoria Causeway Marina, L dock
11:45 am	Muster at Protocol Corner and march up to Royal BC Museum, Thunderbird Park
12:00 pm	Official Welcome by the ləkʷəŋən (Lekwungen) People, Songhees and Esquimalt Nations (Boxed lunches available at Totem Park for canoe families and registered guests)
12:30 pm	Blessing Ceremony of Sacred Journeys Travelling Exhibit begins: Frank Brown, Heiltsuk Nation Welcome by Royal BC Museum: Alicia Dubois, CEO, and Leslie Brown, Board Chair
1:00 pm	Cultural Sharing by host First Nation and Canoe Families at Wawaditla
3:00-3:30 pm	Closing Ceremony: ləkʷəŋən (Lekwungen) People, Songhees and Esquimalt Nations' blessings for Canoe families return home

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