

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Transfers to/from Pearson International Airport
 Return Airfare (Toronto-Prince Rupert)
 7 nights accommodation with luggage handling
 Professional Local Guide
 Roundtrip BC Ferry (Prince Rupert - Haida Gwaii)
 Seven Breakfasts - Four Lunches - Two Dinners
 Grizzly Bear Sight-Seeing Cruise
 Zodiac Boat Ride in Gwaii Haanas National Park
 Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
 Canada National Parks Fees
 Lakeshore/Cardinal Tour Director



TOUR PRICING

Double Occupancy: \$5895.00 | Single: \$6645.00 CAD

Includes approximate taxes of \$675.00. All prices in Canadian Dollars. Gratuities not included.

Terms & Conditions

Booking & Payments

Deposit of \$500 due at the time of booking. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

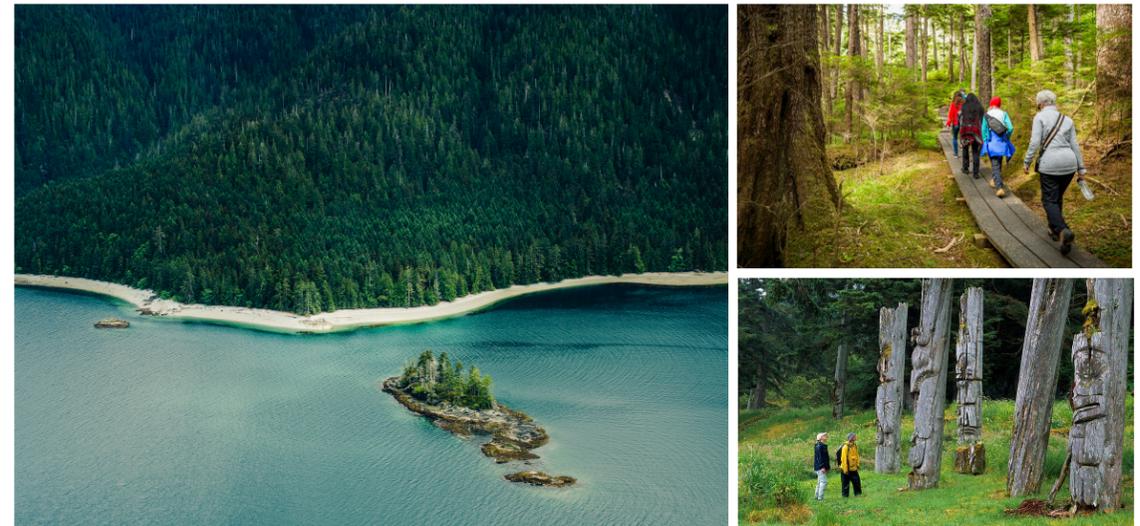
Cancellation Penalties

Cancellations received more than 75 days prior to departure will result in a loss of all deposits

Cancellations received 75 days or less prior to departure are 100% non-refundable
 Cancellation insurance is recommended and available in office.

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HAIDA GWAII



JUNE 15 to 22, 2021

Once you reach the edge of your world, Haida Gwaii begins. Located off the coast of British Columbia, Haida Gwaii is one of Canada's most historically, culturally, and geographically unique areas. We will begin our journey in Prince Rupert, a bustling coastal town and the gateway to British Columbia's pristine and untamed North. Visit Khutzeymateen also known as the "Valley of the Grizzly" home to one of the highest concentrations of grizzly bears in North America. Watch for whales from the BC Ferry on the scenic journey across the Hecate Strait to Haida Gwaii. We will spend 3 nights on this beautifully rugged archipelago of islands often nicknamed the Galapagos of Canada. Learn about the culture and way of life of the Haida people. Admire centuries-old totem poles standing in the remains Haida Nation Villages and experience some of the last remaining authentic examples of coastal first Nations villages. The islands are known for their dramatic landscapes, abundant wildlife, and some of the world's richest heritage treasures. There are no chain stores, fast food franchises or large hotels on the Islands of the People, so you can truly get away from it all!

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HAIDA GWAI ITINERARY

Day 1 - Monday, 15 June, 2021 | Arrive in Prince Rupert (D)

Board our coach to at your pre-determined pickup location to head to the airport. We will fly from Toronto to Prince Rupert, a bustling coastal town and the gateway to British Columbia's pristine North. Get to know your fellow travellers this evening at a Welcome Dinner in anticipation for the adventure that lies ahead! We will check into the Prestige Hotel in Prince Rupert where we'll spend the next two nights.

Day 2 - Tuesday, 16 June, 2021 | Khutzeymateen (B, L)

After breakfast we will depart for a cruise to the famous Khutzeymateen "Valley of the Grizzly". As we travel North through Chatham Sound you will be fascinated with stories about the historic native villages. Along the way, watch for porpoises, seals, sea lions and bald eagles as you learn first-hand about this diverse marine environment. We will enter the rugged coastal mountains of the Khutzeymateen Valley - home to one of the highest concentrations of grizzly bears in North America. You'll have a chance to see these legendary giants in their natural environment. It is a photographer's paradise and will be the highlight of your holiday. This evening enjoy some time at leisure to explore Cow Bay and the many shops and restaurants along Prince Rupert's pristine waterfront.

Day 3 - Wednesday, 17 June, 2021 | Prince Rupert - Haida Gwaii (B)

On board a BC Ferry, we sail from the mainland and begin our scenic journey across the Hecate Strait to Haida Gwaii. Haida Gwaii, meaning 'Islands of the People' is an archipelago of over 150 islands with an incredible history surrounding the culture of the Haida People who first inhabited these islands over 10,000 years ago. Thousands of years ago, the strait was both a transport route to the mainland land, with its shallow waterways providing a navigational challenge to outsiders, and a source of protection for the Haida people. This afternoon we arrive in Haida Gwaii and travel to our accommodation at the Haida House where we will stay for the next 4 nights. Nestled along the banks of the serene Tlell River, surrounded by ancient forest and open sky, Haida House at Tllaal specializes in authentic indigenous cultural experiences. The Haida House lodge offers the ideal setting to explore the many natural attractions and historical and cultural sites found on Haida Gwaii's Graham and Moresby Islands. The Haida House Lodge rooms are the perfect comfortable retreat after a day of adventure. Enjoy the evening at leisure to explore the quaint island village.

Day 4 - Thursday, 18 June, 2021 | Port Clements and Tlell (B, L)

After breakfast we'll visit Port Clements Museum and learn about the past and present conditions of the forestry industry on the islands. A short walk from the museum we join the Golden Spruce Trail for a short, easy hike if you are capable. The Golden Sitka Spruce, a spruce tree that grew for nearly 300 years had a mutation causing the spruce to grow needles of a golden yellow colour. We visit Tlell, home to a variety of local artisans and take time at leisure to visit their shops and learn of their craft first hand. Our afternoon is spent at the magnificent Haida Heritage Centre. This is magnificent showcase of the Haida People, culture and way of life, highlighting the traditions of all fourteen Haida Clans. Enjoy an interpretive tour of the facility followed by ample time to experience the exhibits at leisure. This evening we arrive in Queen Charlotte City to get some rest before our exciting day tomorrow.



Day 5 - Friday, 19 June, 2021 | SGang Gwaay Llnagaay (Ninstints) (B, L)

Today we explore the world famous SGang Gwaay Llnagaay on Anthony Island. Here, we will walk through the ancient village and UNESCO World Heritage Site, learning about Haida lineages and lifestyles. Given that it is located at the southernmost part of Haida Gwaii, we will also enjoy a zodiac boat ride that traverses the full eastern shoreline of Gwaii Haanas. Along the way, our guides will incorporate storytelling, songs and local history, giving us a glimpse into the Haida people's heritage and how they protect their land and waters. We arrive back in Queen Charlotte City this evening!

Day 6 - Saturday, 20 June, 2021 | Greater Masset and Naikoon Provincial Park (B, L)

Today a local guide joins us as we travel to the north end of Graham Island, the largest of the islands that form Haida Gwaii and visit the village of Masset. In Masset we visit the Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum which showcases the diverse history of Masset and the first settlements in the area. Continuing on we visit Old Masset, the site of three traditional Haida Villages. Naikoon Provincial Park, the ancestral home of the Gwak'rala'chala people, is known for its pristine wilderness dotted with cultural sites and seemingly endless rugged coastline where we can explore both Agate and North Beach. At Tow Hill we take a short walk along the boardwalk to the Blowhole where the force of the ocean is on full display as water shoots through the blowhole with each wave coming in. Our day concludes with visiting St. Mary's Spring where, if desired you can taste the fresh spring water which, according to local lore, a drink from the well will bring you back to Haida Gwaii later in life. Finally, we visit Balance Rock, a remnant of the Ice Age that looks precariously posed on the coast, but is in fact, firmly in place and immovable!

Day 7 - Sunday, 21 June, 2021 | Haida Gwaii - Prince Rupert (B, D)

Today we bid farewell to Haida Gwaii and begin our journey back to Prince Rupert. We will board a BC Ferry and once again sail the scenic waters of the Hecate Strait to Prince Rupert. Take this last chance to once again watch for wildlife and see Haida Gwaii from the water. This evening we will return to the Prestige hotel in Prince Rupert and will enjoy a farewell dinner with fellow travellers.

Day 8 - Monday, 22 June, 2021 | Depart Prince Rupert for Home (B)

We enjoy one last breakfast together before beginning our journey home. Flight times to be determined. Upon arrival into Toronto Pearson airport, our coach will meet us and return us to our original pickup points!

B - Breakfast | L - Lunch | D - Dinner

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