

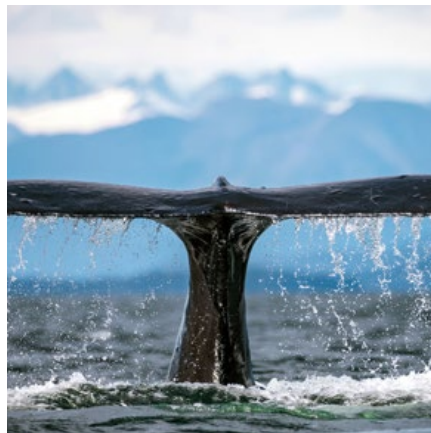
2027
CATALOGUE



Remarkable Journeys Engaging People Wild Spaces

EXPEDITION CRUISES BY BOUTIQUE SHIP

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, AND ALASKA



CANADA

Haida Gwaii
Great Bear Rainforest
Desolation Sound
Vancouver Island
Gulf Islands National Park

ALASKA

Alaska Adventure
Alaska Supervoyage

3 BOUTIQUE SHIPS

Maple Leaf
Swell
Cascadia

INTRODUCTION

Why Our Ships Give You the Best of the Inside Passage and Haida Gwaii

The coastline of British Columbia and Alaska folds into bays, twists through archipelagos, and stretches into fjords carved deep between mountain ranges.

This is wild geography. There are few roads. As a result, wildlife and nature thrive. In the coastal communities along the way, people remain deeply connected to the ocean.

To truly experience these places, you must travel by water — as people have for millennia.

Our small ships access a world closed to bigger vessels. Our permits and First Nations protocol agreements, combined with our crew's local knowledge, give you rare access to special places, wildlife, and people.

You Get the Locals' Best

First and foremost, this coast is our beloved home — and you are our very welcome guest. Everyone, from captain to chef, takes pride in sharing the coast they know and love. Often, our crew are involved in ongoing coastal research, community building, or the care of our own ships. They are handpicked for their mastery and ingenuity.

Expert mariners share a deep understanding of tides, weather, and the rhythms of the coast; chefs bring their approach to local specialties; naturalists help connect what you see to its ecological, cultural, and historical context.

Personalized and Enriching

With just 8, 12, or 24 guests per trip, you travel as our friend, not part of a crowd to be managed. The proximity you feel to the coast's mountains, forests, and marine life is incomparable with any other form of cruising. Every moment is part of a real journey.

Enjoy the friendship of fellow guests. Smell the sweet coniferous forest as you step ashore. Feel the rhythm of ship and ocean as you take the helm under crew guidance. Taste huckleberries along the trail. Hear the sharp inhalation of a whale before it dives.

Our purpose is to delight and inspire you while also benefiting our ecosystems and social fabric. Care and attention to detail are at the heart of all we do.

Typical Activities

- » Rainforest walks
- » Beachcombing
- » Exploring by small boat
- » Wildlife viewing
- » Natural history interpretation
- » Coastal village visits
- » Beach campfire and star watching in dark skies
- » Cultural experiences and site visits
- » Photography
- » Kayaking (optional)
- » Hiking (optional; possibly one good hike on a trip)
- » Foraging (sea asparagus, berries, etc., some trips only)

Eco-Tourism is Regenerative

Our goal is not simply to minimize impact, but to contribute positively to the places we call home, while offering you an exceptional experience that leaves a lasting legacy. Since our inception in 1986, we have celebrated, partnered with, and supported nature conservation and the communities where we operate.

Spontaneous Adventures

Our itineraries are flexible to give you the best possible experience; they remain adaptable in the spirit of exploration and discovery. Come up to the helm, help spot whales, and let us know your hopes for the trip. If you seek to explore in an authentic way, with the camaraderie of expert crew and guides, we look forward to welcoming you aboard.

Is Adventure Travel for You?

This is a trip for people with adventurous spirits. Our ships are beautiful and comfortable, but if you prefer urban comforts or large-ship cruise amenities, including shows, shopping, and 24-hour-a-day alcohol service, this trip may not be for you.

Our office and our trips are located in the traditional, unceded territory of dozens of First Nations. We encourage you to visit the Ecotourism page on our website to learn about this.

Welcome Aboard

A Letter from Kevin & Maureen: Our Coastal Community

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to introduce you to the wonder and soul of the spectacular coastline we are fortunate to have been part of all our lives.

We know that your holiday time is precious and we are grateful you have chosen to spend it here.

Although in geological time, Maple Leaf Adventures' 40 years of history is a blip, in our time, it has enabled us to build deep, meaningful connections with places and people all along the coast's stunning breadth.

We sometimes say that the coast is like a small town—a 1,000 kilometre-long small town. Whether we're in Sitka or Waglisla or Ganges, we share a marine-based culture. We're connected even when we can't see one another – by the usual methods, by our travels and visits ashore, and also by the marine radio that's a lifeblood of the coast.

And we're connected by our pride in doing great work to keep our coastal economies, nature and communities alive and healthy.



Maple Leaf Adventures co-owners Maureen and Kevin

All of us—from our crew who maintain and operate our three coastal ships, the guides who steer you to that special wildlife spot, the elders who share their time, the conservation scientists who receive our support, to the folks in the office making arrangements—welcome you to the Maple Leaf Adventures family and, by extension, to our coastal community.

Thank you.

Kevin Smith *Maureen Gordon*

Kevin Smith and Maureen Gordon
Co-Owners



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About the Itineraries

In each destination that follows, we list a sample itinerary for each trip, showing the typical routes, highlights and events. Note that our itineraries are flexible, accommodating wildlife activity, weather, special events and guest interests. Our expert crew know how to combine the highlights of each area, and in the right order, to provide the best possible experience each time.

OVERVIEW

“We felt like we had visited the edge of the world, both physically and culturally... in our opinion, MLA delivers great value: spectacular scenery, in-depth exposure to a unique culture, great crew, and a wonderful group of kindred travellers.”

- Rod W. on TripAdvisor



Explore ancient ecosystems, wildlife, Haida culture and monumental art on our classic trip.

In this archipelago, sometimes known as “the boundary between worlds”, you’ll experience the meeting of North America’s ancient rainforest, ocean and charismatic wildlife, and the culture that has grown among them.

Situated on the continental shelf, the region is one of the planet’s most biologically productive. Among the hundreds of islands, the marine world is thick with fish, mammals and seabirds. Haida Gwaii has supported the powerful and artistic Haida culture for so long that nobody knows how far beyond the last ice age this history runs.

Our rich itinerary lets you fully experience this place of wonder: from the communities of the north island to Gwaii Haanas in the south; from ancient village sites to modern culture; from dense rainforest to sweeping beaches; from small beach shells to huge baleen whales and thousand-year-old cedars.

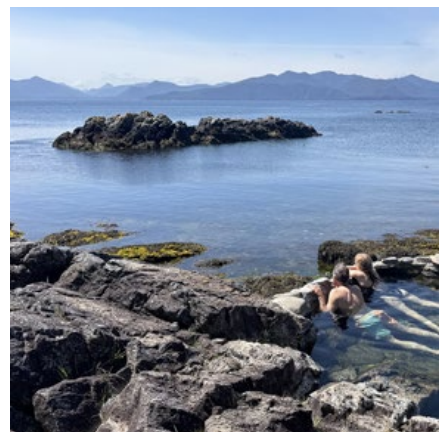
Special Features

- » Haida-guided interpretation, with additional free time, at modern and ancient Haida village sites, including UNESCO world heritage site SGang Gwaay (Ninstints).
- » A longer trip, with a week in the protected Gwaii Haanas region, lets you fully explore.
- » Naturalist walks in ancient rainforest, beachcombing, natural hot springs soak, wildlife colony visits, remote island explorations.
- » Unique exploration of northern Haida Gwaii highlights on our land day portion of the trip.
- » A seamless journey that builds in depth and camaraderie.
- » Local guides with 40 years’ of history operating here. On Cascadia, an additional Haida storyteller as crew.



DESTINATION

HAIDA GWAII



DESTINATION | HAIDA GWAII

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Haida Gwaii Classic

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Jun 7-15, Jun 15-23, Jun 23-Jul 1,
Jul 1-9, Jul 9-17, Jul 17-25

\$9750 CAD

DEPART/RETURN:

Masset, BC
Sandspit, BC

Cascadia

May 5-12, May 12-19, May 19-26,
Jun 11-18, Jun 18-25, Jun 25-Jul 2

\$13975 CAD (cat. 1)

\$16095 CAD (cat. 2)

\$18590 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART & RETURN:

Vancouver, BC

DAY 1

Masset. Tour kickoff, land-based tour of Northern Haida Gwaii, featuring local highlights and Haida culture, such as a visit to a carving shed in Gaw Tlagée (Old Masset), and a walk on the Golden Spruce Trail. Dinner and lodge accommodation on Graham Island.

DAY 2-3

HlGaagilda (Skidegate), Haida Heritage Centre at Kay 'Llnagaay. Board ship, orientation, cruising, watching for seabirds in Laskeek Bay, island anchorage and explore. T'aanuu village site and an introduction to the rainforest on a walk on Kunga Island. Scenic Anna Inlet anchorage. Optional evening kayak.

DAY 4-5

Cruise southward in Darwin and Juan Perez Sounds, watching for marine mammals. K'iid Xyangs K'iidaay (Burnaby Narrows) for some of the planet's densest intertidal life. Possible sighting of the Haida Gwaii black bear. Sea lion haulout visit. Cruising through scenic Houston-Stewart Channel past Rose Harbour. Puffin viewing while crossing

to UNESCO World Heritage Site SGang Gwaay (Ninstints). Guided tour among this stunning site of historic monumental Haida poles and big house remains.

DAY 6-7

Southward around Cape St James to anchorage on southern Kunghit Island. Beach exploration. Visit Gandll K'in Gwaayaay (Hot Springs Island) for hot springs soak and visit with Haida Watchmen.

DAY 8

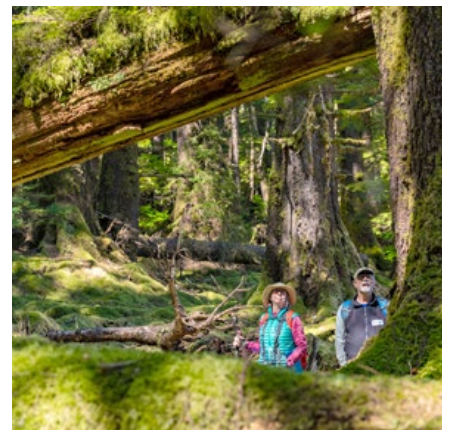
Visit Hlk'yah GawGa (Windy Bay), a Haida cultural heritage site and home to the Legacy pole. Cruise north to visit K'uuna (Skedans) village site.

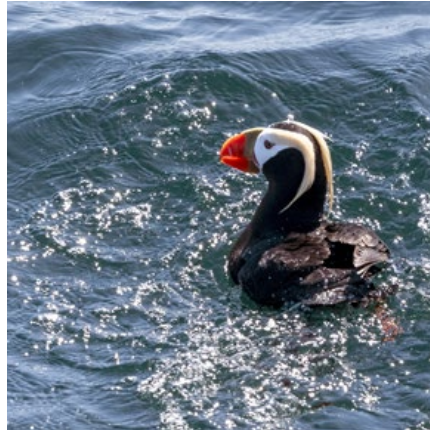
DAY 9

Cruise to port and transfer to Sandspit airport.

Note: Trips on Maple Leaf are 8 nights/9 days

Trips on Cascadia are 7 nights/8 days (same key highlights) and include roundtrip flights between Vancouver and Haida Gwaii.





A one-of-a-kind journey, designed for *Canadian Geographic*.

Our classic expedition, enhanced with additional exploration, special experiences, and expert resource people from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. Past RCGS Ambassadors have included renowned broadcaster and writers Kim and David Grey, acclaimed writer and ethnologist Wade Davis, environmental activist and writer Severn Cullis-Suzuki. 2027 Ambassador: TBA.

ITINERARY 2

Haida Gwaii with Canadian Geographic

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Jun 3-11

\$15835 CAD (cat. 1)

\$18350 CAD (cat. 2)

\$20870 CAD (cat. 3)

Special: Cascadia fare includes flights

DEPART & RETURN:

Vancouver, BC

DAY 1

Meet at Vancouver airport for flight to Haida Gwaii. Tour kick-off at Masset, land-based tour of Northern Haida Gwaii, featuring local highlights and Haida culture, such as a visit to a carving shed in Gaw Tlagée (Old Masset), and a walk on the Golden Spruce Trail. Dinner and lodge accommodation on Graham Island.

DAY 2-3

HIGaagilda (Skidegate), Haida Heritage Centre at Kay 'Llnagaay. Board ship, orientation, cruising, watching for seabirds. Island anchorage and explore ashore or from the tender. Enter Gwaii Haanas and visit the ancient village site of T'aanuu Llnagaay, followed by a nature walk on Kunga Island. Whale watching en route to HIK'yah GawGa (Windy Bay), a Haida cultural site and home to the Legacy Pole.

DAY 4-5

Cruise south to K'iid Xyangs K'iidaay (Burnaby Narrows), home to one of the world's richest intertidal ecosystems. Explore by kayak and small boat. Visit UNESCO World Heritage Site SGang Gwaay on the southern tip of Gwaii Haanas.

DAY 6-7

South around Cape St. James while viewing seabirds, sea lion haulout. Explore southern beaches. Cruising north to De La Beche Inlet. Afternoon kayaking and/or small boat tour of calm island-strewn anchorage.

DAY 8

Cruise through Juan Perez Sound and visit Gandll K'in Gwaayaay (Hot Springs Island) for hot springs soak and visit with Haida Watchmen. Cruise north to visit K'uuna (Skedans) village site.

DAY 9

Cruise to Sandpit for flight to Vancouver.

OVERVIEW

“Every day was an exciting one. We saw abundance of wildlife; humpback whales bubble-net feeding, eagles galore, grizzlies, black bears and low-and-behold a Spirit Bear fishing for salmon.

This trip exceeded all our expectations. I returned home with thousands of photographs and wonderful memories which I will cherish forever.”

- Sandra H.

Awe and wonder with local guides, in one of Earth’s great wild places.

As one of the tour operators who originated ecotourism in the Great Bear Rainforest, we look forward to guiding you through a place we’ve fought for decades to protect. This land of fjords, mountains, rainforests, and great river estuaries is home to whales, grizzlies, wolves and the mysterious white Spirit Bear.

You’ll feel connected to the place, through the up-close experience of very small groups (8, 12, or 24) –ideal for the tight anchorages, forest trails and estuary meadows of this region—and our longstanding relationships with communities and researchers.

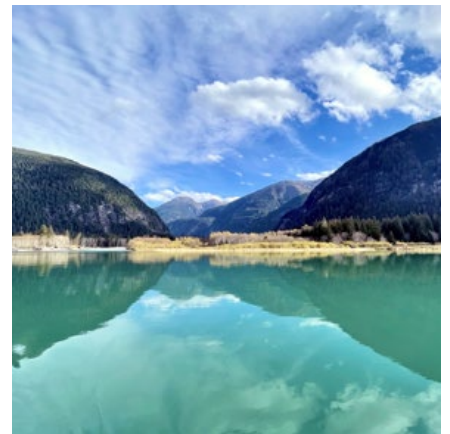
We operate with all exclusive permits and protocol agreements required to go ashore, view wildlife, and visit communities here.

Special Features

- » Cruising and exploring granite fjords, hidden passageways and quiet coves.
- » Opportunity to view grizzly bears, black bears and spirit bears in their natural habitat, with expert guides who grew up exploring the rainforest.
- » Seasonal highlights: wildflower meadows & grizzlies in spring, outer beaches, whales, seabirds and exploration in summer, salmon spawning and bears in autumn.
- » Whales and other marine mammals populate the protected waters; visit remote scientists who have discovered amazing things about the whales and other natural elements we see.
- » Ancient human history and modern First Nations culture with local hosts.
- » Exploring the ancient rainforest and natural hot springs.



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST



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ITINERARIES

SPRING



Unique features: wildflowers and so much green, fair weather, stunning scenery, grizzlies in sedge meadows, migrating birds, whales.

Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest

Great Bear Rainforest Spring

Great Bear Rainforest Spring Short Trip

Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope

SUMMER

Unique features: Incredible whale and seabird activity; west coast beaches; chance of wolves, most settled weather.

Whales & Wild Isles

Whales & Wild Isles Short Trip

Southern Great Bear Rainforest

AUTUMN



Unique features: Salmon run, spirit bear, grizzly bear, black bear, whales, wetter weather.

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn Supervoyage

Great Bear Rainforest Short Trip

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn with Canadian Geographic



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

May 11-19

\$5450 CAD

DEPART/RETURN:

Port McNeill, BC

Bella Bella, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard. Cruising into Broughton Archipelago's islands, watching for whales. Introduction to rainforest on afternoon shore trip.

DAY 2

Morning small boat exploration of kelp forest. Visit remote science station for guided tour. Sailing around Cape Caution.

DAY 3-4

Exploring the western islands and beaches of the Great Bear Rainforest by foot and small boat. Optional hike to view, coastal bogs. Watching for sea otters and whales. Exploring intertidal life.

DAY 5-8

Entering the mainland inlets and fjords, viewing humpback whales, possible early grizzly bears. Soak in remote natural hot spring. Explore estuary meadows, rainforest, waterfalls, early wildflowers, and learn about the lifecycle of bears.

DAY 9

Cruise to Bella Bella, watching for wildlife. Welcome to the territory by our Heiltsuk guide, and exploration of beautiful big house and Heiltsuk culture. Farewell and transfer to airport.

ITINERARY 2

Great Bear Rainforest Spring

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

May 20-27

\$7250 CAD

Swell

May 16-23, May 24-31, Jun 1-8,
Jun 17-24, Kitimat to Prince Rupert

\$8390 CAD (cat. 1)

\$9420 CAD (cat. 2)

\$10760 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Bella Bella, BC

Kitimat, BC

or reverse

DAY 1

Visit Heiltsuk community of Bella Bella, including guided tour and conversations at big house, example of First Nations artistry, culture and architecture. Board your ship, orientation. Cruising into Fjordland viewing spectacular fjords and waterfalls. Rainforest walks.

DAY 2-3

Visit Fjordland river estuaries, wildflower meadows, bear viewing.

DAY 4

Mainland inlet, bear viewing, rainforest walk, waterfalls, inside passage cruising. Soak in remote natural hot springs.

DAY 5-6

Sailing down aptly named Whale Channel, viewing marine mammals including whales and sea lions. Visit remote whale research station and speak with scientists. Cruise to west coast beach and explore. Sandy beaches, optional hike to view, watch for wildlife.

DAY 7

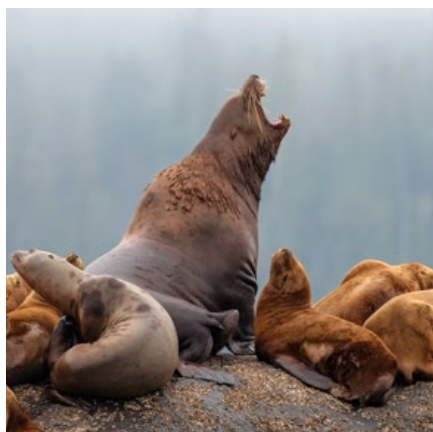
Cruise inland through scenic channels. Sailing from outer coast to inner coast watching for whales. Afternoon shore trip in scenic inlet.

DAY 8

Cruising to port, wildlife viewing en route. Transfer to airport.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



ITINERARY 3

Great Bear Rainforest Spring 6-Day

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Apr 22-27, Apr 28-May 3

\$7280 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8500 CAD (cat. 2)

\$9760 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Bella Bella, BC

DAY 1

Local Heiltsuk territorial welcome and visit to beautiful community big house. Depart from Bella Bella, cruising through islands to a protected conservancy in beautiful natural fjords.

DAY 2

Explore fjords and estuaries and grizzly bear habitat, by small boat and walk, learning about bears' lifecycle and looking for bears. Cruising the inner channel waters, watching for whales. Afternoon shore trip in bear habitat. Rainforest walk and watching for wildlife.

DAY 3

Cruising up Dean Channel fjord. Stop at historic site, then visit to inlet covered in scenic waterfalls or scenic cove with kayaking and wildlife viewing potential.

DAY 4

Morning kayak. Visit and soak in natural hot springs, next to ocean, in scenic inlet. Exploring the waterways and the Quatlena River system. Rainforest interpretive walk.

DAY 5

Cruising across Fitzhugh Sound, watching whales. Entering the realm of the Great Bear Rainforest's outer islands. Small boat exploration of the many islands in Nalu Passage. Heading to the offshore Goose Group of islands. Shore trips on island beaches, watching for sea otters. Exploring the fascinating intertidal life of the outer shores.

DAY 6

Morning kayaking among the pretty Goose Group islands, watching for sea otters. Cruising to port, watching for wildlife along the way.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 4

Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

May 28-Jun 3

\$5500 CAD

Swell

Jun 9-15

\$7880 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8590 CAD (cat. 2)

\$10050 CAD (cat. 3)

Cascadia

Aug 18-25

\$8915 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10460 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11910 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Kitimat, BC

DAY 1

Board your ship, orientation, cruising and watching for marine mammals and birds. Anchorage: beautiful estuary at the foot of coastal mountains – watch for bears.

DAY 2-3

Morning estuary walk rainforest interpretation, learning about bear habitat, river exploration. Hot springs visit. Enter Gardner Canal, the longest fjord on the coast, crossing from territory of Haisla to Henaaksiala. Sail deep into the coast mountains, leaving the outside world behind as the fjord snakes past 4,000-foot peaks to the Kitlope.

This stunning passage is naturally intact and filled with the stories and history of the Henaaksiala people that Wa'xaid (Cecil Paul) and his family generously shared with us. Exploring ashore at sites along the way.

DAY 4

Go ashore in the vast Kitlope estuary; visit the storied and beautiful G'psgolox pole. Explore the river and the estuary, watch-

ing for the wildlife that inhabits it including ducks, eagles, bears, and ungulates.

DAY 5

Cruising among spectacular fjords to Kowesas to explore the small estuary that used to be a Henaaksiala habitation. Visit Kemaano and its monumental pole.

DAY 6-7 (FOR 7-DAY TRIPS)

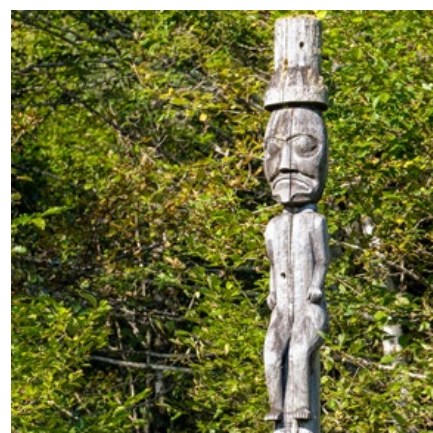
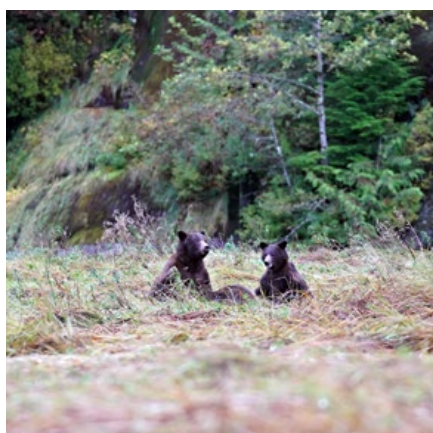
Whale watching and exploring further sites along the fjord, visit hot springs. Cruise to Kitamaat. Wildlife viewing en route.

DAY 6-8 (FOR 8-DAY TRIPS)

Exit Henaaksiala territory, and cruising west down Whale Channel, aptly named and popular with cetaceans. Visit whale researchers at a remote station. Marine mammal viewing, outer coast islands beach exploration, watching for wolves. Island anchorages. Cruising to Kitamaat. Wildlife viewing en route.

Note: Trips on Maple Leaf and Swell are 6 nights/7 days.

Trips on Cascadia are 7 nights/8 days.



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 5

Southern Great Bear Rainforest

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Aug 9-14, Aug 15-20

\$5995

DEPART/RETURN:

Port McNeill, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard and cruise the beautiful Broughton Archipelago, viewing humpback whales and abundant seabirds. Afternoon beach shore trip.

DAY 2

Morning rainforest walk. Cruising among islands, watching for marine mammals and seabirds. Visit to Salmon Coast research station, an off-grid science community. Explore islands by small boat, watching for black bears.

DAY 3

Cruising deep into the mountains, viewing the steep fjords, watching for black bears. Exploring spectacular rainforest watershed, estuary walk, learn-

ing about the habitat of grizzly bears. Optional evening kayak.

DAY 4

Shore trip into estuary watching for birds and bears. Beach walk and forest hike to view over Johnstone Strait. Dinner on the beach, with optional kayaking.

DAY 5

Cruising through islands, watching sea otters and other marine mammals. Visit Heiltsuk territory and guided tour of beautiful big house. Cruise watching for abundant humpback whales and possible orca.

DAY 6

Cruising to port, watching for wildlife.

ITINERARY 6

Southern Great Bear Rainforest, Northbound

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Aug 21-29

\$9250

DEPART/RETURN:

Port McNeill, BC

Bella Bella, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard and cruising into the beautiful islands of the Broughton Archipelago, watching whales. Afternoon shore trip on rugged beach.

DAY 2-3

Morning rainforest walk. Cruising looking for black bears on beach. Visit whale researchers in one of two interpretive sites, learning about the cetacean populations here and groundbreaking research. Sea lion viewing. Sailing north to Cape Caution. Evening anchorage exploring among islands, islets and waterways, ashore and in small boats.

DAY 4-5

Cruising up Fitzhugh Sound watching whales. Anchorage at

Calvert Island with a visit to an off-grid research station. Stunning beach walk and easy hike to view. Evening kayak. Exploring offshore islands, beachcombing, and potential sea otter viewing.

DAY 6-7

Sailing north into the fjord network, one of the largest in the world. Explore river estuary, learning about salmon spawn. Rainforest walk. Cruise viewing waterfalls and watching for bears.

DAY 8

Cruising fjords, exploring rivers and watching for grizzly bears. Shore walk and kayaking.

DAY 9

Morning shore trip, cruising to port, watching for wildlife.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 7

Whales & Wild Isles

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Aug 9-17

\$11600 CAD (cat. 1)

\$13610 CAD (cat. 2)

\$15500 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC
Kitimat, BC

DAY 1

Board your ship, orientation, cruising and watching for whales: Possible humpbacks, orcas, porpoises. Island anchorage, beach exploration.

DAY 2-4

Morning kayak and/or small boat exploration of marine and intertidal life. Cruising north from Broughton Archipelago to the wilder outer coast, around Cape Caution, viewing humpback whales and seabirds. Shore trip at Penrose Islands, Calvert Island, beach and forest walk, visit to research station. Exploring small outer islands, with a variety of marine mammals. Optional evening kayak. Sailing northeast into

mainland fjords or along outer coast weather permitting. Shore trips to explore.

DAY 5-6

Whale Channel, aptly named and popular with cetaceans. Visit whale researchers at remote station and look for cetaceans (whales, sea lions). Outer coast visit with beach walks and forest hikes. Possible wolf sighting.

DAY 7-8

Mainland fjord and inside passage cruising and exploring ashore. Hot springs visit.

DAY 9

Cruise to port, watching for wildlife.

ITINERARY 8

Whales & Wild Isles 6-Day

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Aug 2-7

\$8440 CAD (cat. 1)

\$9790 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11170 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard and cruising north through scenic Walker Group of Islands watching for whales, seabirds and other marine mammals. Evening shore tender explore and shore walk into rainforest.

DAY 2

Morning kayak or tender ride through spectacular Murray Labyrinth of islands. Tender trip to Nakwakto Rapids, the fastest tidal rapids on the planet. Cruise around Cape Caution, the dividing line between the north and south coast of BC. Anchorage in scenic Penrose Islands.

DAY 3-4

Morning exploring the intertidal life among the islands. Cruising

Fitzhugh Sound watching humpback whales. Visit Hakai research station (off-grid site of important discoveries in marine and archaeological fields), walk to scenic west coast beach, optional hike to view. Cruise to beautiful off-shore island group with beaches, ancient rainforest and sea otters.

DAY 5

Cruising south watching for whales. Tender ride to Cape Sutil and hike to very northern tip of Vancouver Island. Rugged and scenic beach with sea stacks. Last night celebratory dinner.

DAY 6

Optional early morning kayaking, cruising to port, watching for whales.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 9

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn Supervoyage

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Sep 1-Sep 10

\$14570 CAD (cat. 1)

\$15900 CAD (cat. 2)

\$18330 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Prince Rupert, BC
Bella Bella, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard and cruising through the islands of the Great Bear Rainforest. Evening kayaking in scenic bay before welcome dinner.

DAY 2

Cruising the islands of the outer coast, watching for wildlife. Exploring the kelp forest by small boat or kayak. Shore trips on beautiful beaches and shoreline, including habitat of the coastal wolf. Hike to view and evening beach fire.

DAY 3-4

Further remote island exploration – beaches, kayaking, small boat tours. Whale watching in one of the best areas for viewing humpback whales, and possibly fin whales or other species. Sea lion haulout. Visit whale researchers at remote station. Cruising inner channels, natural hot springs visit.

DAY 5

Meet our Gitga'at guides from Hartley Bay to spend the day in a location well known for the rare spirit bear.

DAY 6-7

Cruising Inside Passage to mainland fjord laced with waterfalls. Rainforest hike and interpretation. Shore trip for wildlife viewing in habitat for grizzly bears. Morning exploration of river by small boat, watching for grizzly bears. Walking the estuary meadow. Cruising through spectacular inside passage, watching for wildlife. Evening kayak.

DAY 8

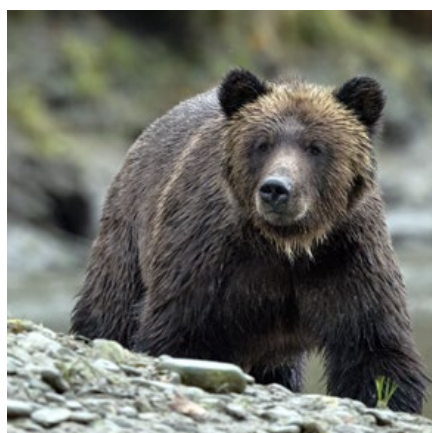
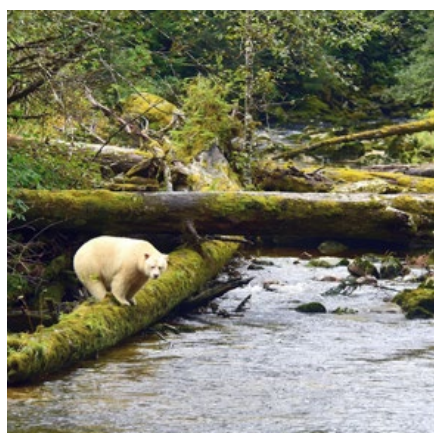
Morning shore walk exploring the rainforest ecosystem and the salmon running into it. Cruising spectacular Fjordland full of granite mountains, waterfalls. Visit estuary where grizzly bears live. Shore trip to explore and watch for wildlife.

DAY 9

Further explorations and wildlife viewing in Fjordland.

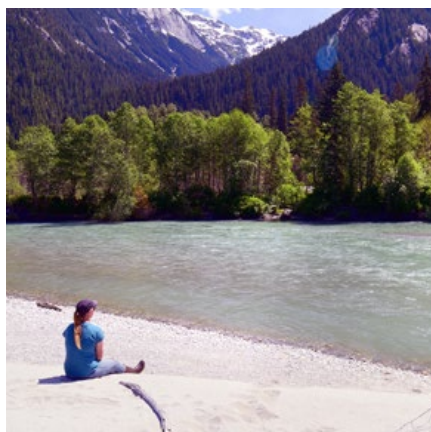
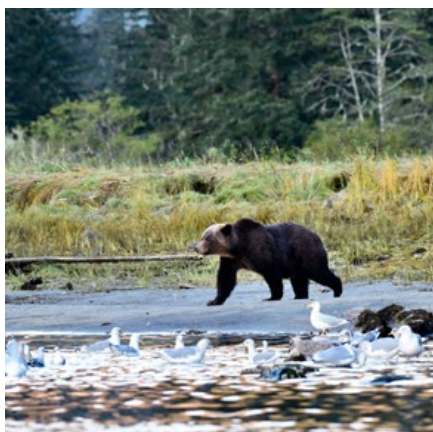
DAY 10

Morning kayak or shore walk. Cruising to port. Meet Heiltsuk guide who welcomes us to the territory. Visit spectacular big house in Bella Bella that includes cultural interpretation.



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



ITINERARY 10

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Aug 30-Sep 6, Sep 7-14, Sep 15-22,
Sep 24-Oct 1

\$9400 CAD

Swell

Sep 11-18, Sep 19-26,
Sep 27-Oct 4, Oct 5-12

\$12030 CAD (cat. 1)

\$13090 CAD (cat. 2)

\$15120 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Bella Bella, BC
Kitimat, BC

or reverse

DAY 1

Shuttle to Bella Bella from airport. Welcome to Heiltsuk territory by local guide. Visit to spectacular big house in Bella Bella with cultural interpretation. Board ship, cruising through islands and fjords. Early evening river exploration with spawning salmon, learning about the "salmon forest."

DAY 2

Morning kayak or beach walk. Cruising into Fjordland. Spectacular channels surrounded by granite mountains. Massive waterfalls, pictographs. Explore river estuary by boat and foot, watching for grizzly bears in one of the best havens for bears.

DAY 3

Morning bear viewing, then cruising spectacular inside passage watching for whales. Visit beautiful fjord laced with waterfalls. Afternoon shore trip.

DAY 4

Exploring the fjord's small river by zodiac. Natural history of a grizzly bear's life, watching for bears.

Afternoon wildlife viewing shore trip on other side of river. Coastal cruising to new anchorage. Hot springs visit and soak.

DAY 5

Spirit bear island anchorage. Shore excursion to one of the places with the best chance for viewing spirit bears. Cruising into Whale Channel, humpback whale watching en route to anchorage.

DAY 6

Visit with whale researchers at remote station. Sailing down coastal channel, watching whales in one of the coast's most important habitats for cetaceans. Visit sea lion haulout. Optional evening kayak or shore trip.

DAY 7

Cruising outer coast to scenic island anchorage. Visit beautiful, wild beach. Optional hike to view. Look for wolf tracks, listen for wolves. Cruising through inner channels watching for whales. Island anchorage.

DAY 8

Short morning exploration. Cruising to port for shuttle to airport.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 11

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn Catamaran

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Aug 26-Sep 2,

Sep 12-19

\$13170 CAD (cat. 1)

\$15260 CAD (cat. 2)

\$17340 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Kitimat, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard in Haisla territory, cruising to evening anchorage, watching for whales.

DAY 2-3

Cruising into fjords, crossing into Henaaksiala territory, with traditions and stories of our mentor, elder Wa'xaid (Cecil Paul). Cruising down the Gardner Canal, where granite mountains rise from thousands of feet below the sea. Viewing waterfalls and possible mountain goats. Exploring estuary meadows, where grizzly bears spend their days in the autumn. Learning the Indigenous history and stories of special sites in the region. Visit remote coastal hot spring.

DAY 4

Visit island known as the epicentre of spirit bears with our Gitga'at friends and guides. Full

day at viewing site for the best opportunity to view a spirit bear. Cruising west into Whale Channel, watching for whales en route to anchorage.

DAY 5-6

Cruising Whale Channel region, a critical habitat for several species of whales. Visit whale researchers at remote station. Visit sea lion haulout. Cruising outer coast to scenic island anchorage. Visit beautiful, wild beach. Optional hike to view. Look for wolf tracks, listen for wolves.

DAY 7

Exploring archipelago of tiny islands, some areas so wild they're not yet charted. Seabird viewing. Cruising through inner channels watching for whales.

DAY 8

Cruising to port, watching for wildlife.

ITINERARY 12

Great Bear Rainforest 6-Day Catamaran

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Sep 30-Oct 5, Oct 6-11

\$9360 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10860 CAD (cat. 2)

\$12325 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Bella Bella, BC

DAY 1

Local Heiltsuk territorial welcome. Cruising through islands to a protected conservancy in beautiful natural fjords.

DAY 2

Explore fjords and estuaries and grizzly bear habitat, by small boat and on foot, learning about, and looking for, bears. Cruising the inner channel waters, watching for whales. Afternoon shore trip in bear habitat. Rainforest walk and watching for wildlife.

DAY 3-4

Cruising up Dean Channel fjord. Stop at historic site, then visit to inlet laced with waterfalls. Scenic

cove with kayaking and wildlife viewing potential. Visit and soak in natural hot springs. Exploring the waterways and the Quatlena River system. Rainforest walk.

DAY 5

Cruising across Fitzhugh Sound, watching whales, to outer coast islands. Shore trips on beaches. Exploring the intertidal life of the outer shores and watching for sea otters.

DAY 6

Morning kayaking among the beautiful Goose Group islands. Cruising to Bella Bella with visit to spectacular big house.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 13

Great Bear Rainforest 6-Day Sailing Ship

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Oct 2-7, Oct 8-13

\$6900 CAD

DEPART/RETURN:

Bella Bella, BC
Kitimat, BC

or reverse

DAY 1

Local Heiltsuk territorial welcome and tour of beautiful big house with local guide. Welcome aboard and departure. Seaforth Channel and then cruising among the islands. Shore trip to explore the coastal temperate rainforest and the salmon running into it.

DAY 2

Morning kayak in protected rainforest bay. Inside Passage cruising, looking for marine mammals and bald eagles. Cruising north through the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest to spectacular mainland inlet laced with waterfalls. Bear viewing in this beautiful estuary.

DAY 3

Morning looking for grizzly bears. Estuary walk and exploration of the habitat of grizzly bears. Wildlife viewing and river exploration.

Cruising inside passage, watching for whales. Afternoon visit to second spectacular mainland inlet, rainforest hike.

DAY 4

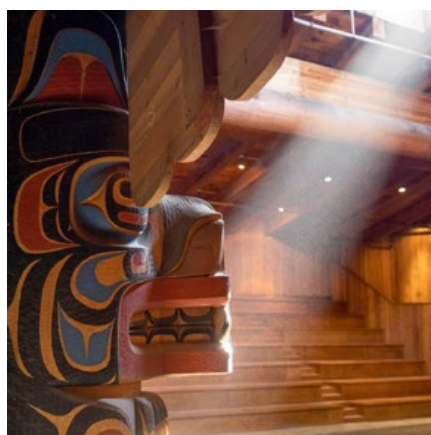
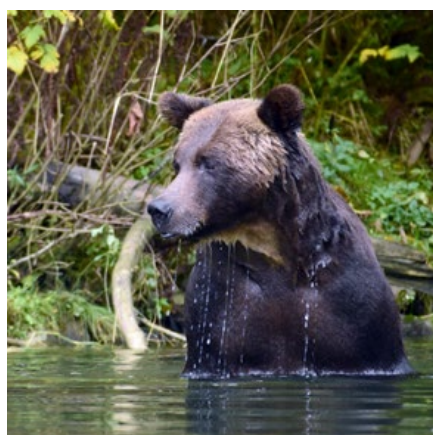
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DAY 5

Visit and soak in natural hot springs. Whale watching. Explore third and different mainland inlet estuary, looking for wildlife and estuary walk.

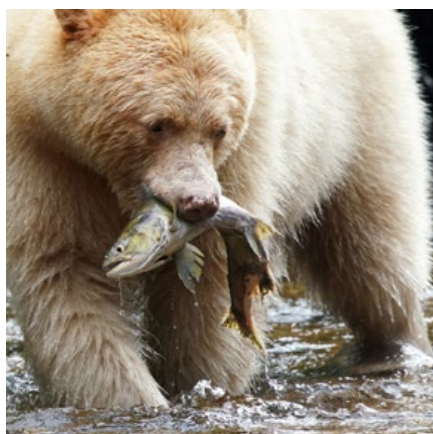
DAY 6

Morning kayak in beautiful inlet. Cruising to port, watching for wildlife.



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



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Our classic expedition with additional exploration, special experiences, and expert resource people from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. Past RCGS Ambassadors have included renowned photographer and Nikon Ambassador Jenny Wong, and environmental activist and writer Severn Cullis-Suzuki. 2027 Ambassador: anthropologist and author Wade Davis.

ITINERARY 14

Great Bear Rainforest with Canadian Geographic

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Sep 3-10

\$13695 CAD (cat. 1)

\$15835 CAD (cat. 2)

\$17995 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Kitimat, BC



DAY 1

Welcome aboard in Haisla territory, cruising to anchorage, watching for whales. Evening talk with Wade Davis.

DAY 2-3

Crossing into Hennaksiala territory, cruising down a spectacular fjord, where granite mountains rise from thousands of feet below the sea. Learning the stories of this land shared with us by our mentor Wa'xaid. Perspectives discussion with Wade. Viewing waterfalls and possible mountain goats. Exploring ashore in estuary meadows by salmon streams, where grizzly bears spend their days in the autumn. Optional evening kayaking.

DAY 4

Wildlife viewing and exploring landscapes among the fjords. Cruising the Great Bear's island channels. Visit to natural hot springs.

DAY 5

Visit island known as the epicentre of spirit bears with our Gitga'at guides. Full day at viewing site for the best opportunity to view a spirit bear.

DAY 6-7

Morning shore exploration in estuary. Cruising Whale Channel region, critical habitat for several whale species. Visit whale researchers at remote station. Shore trip in beautiful inlet. Optional kayaking. Visit wild outer islands and beaches, with hike to view. Cruising to and exploring archipelago of tiny islands, some areas so wild they're not yet fully charted. Possible wolf sighting. Additional conversations, presentations and one-on-one time with Wade. Last night dinner and photo sharing.

DAY 8

Morning shore trip in beautiful inlet. Optional kayaking. Cruise to port, watching for wildlife.

OVERVIEW

“The Alaska Adventure cruise was one of the best experiences of my life. The most wonderful staff, delicious food, perfect weather and friendliest fellow passengers. Our naturalist Misty was so enthusiastic and knowledgeable that it enhanced all the wonderful wildlife viewings we had. It was way above 5 stars in every way and I will never forget it.”

- Susan M.



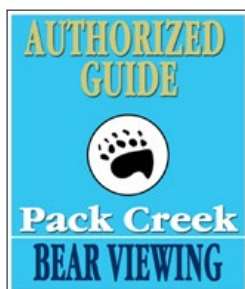
The ultimate Alaska itinerary.

Southeast Alaska breathes majesty: fjords, islands, rivers, and tidewater glaciers. Its rich, cold waters support abundant wildlife, from humpback whales to sea otters, sea lions, and millions of seabirds. The land supports towering rainforests and lush estuaries where brown bears, black bears and bald eagles feed. The towns evoke Alaska's history – from Tlingit to American. On board a Maple Leaf boutique expedition cruise, your exploration of this overpowering wilderness differs significantly from the typical cruise ship experience.

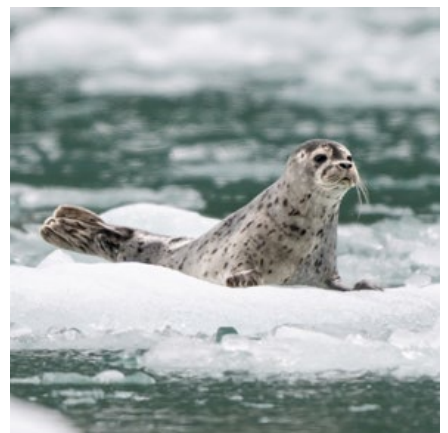
You will be part of a very small group of guests who wish to experience Alaska by living and breathing its grandeur day after day, not by steaming past it at twenty knots.

Special Features

- » Intimate and up-close experience of Alaska's ice world, with at least one day-long journey down a fjord to a calving glacier, plus zodiac ride or kayaking with naturalists among the ice bergs and local wildlife.
- » Special, hard-to-get access to the best brown bear viewing site in southeast Alaska, Pack Creek, with our expert bear guides.
- » Guided visits to historic Alaskan communities like Petersburg, Ketchikan and Sitka, as well as the hamlet of Baranof (possible hot springs).
- » Flexible daily itinerary to make the most of ad-hoc opportunities
- » Close encounters with whales and other marine mammals to observe and listen to their natural behavior in a respectful manner.
- » Rainforest walks, beach visits, and a sense of what it's like to live in the nature of Southeast Alaska.



DESTINATION | ALASKA



DESTINATION | ALASKA

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Alaska Adventure

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Jul 7-16

\$14070 CAD / \$10180 USD (cat. 1)

\$15380 CAD / \$11130 USD (cat. 2)

\$16960 CAD / \$12275 USD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Sitka, AK

Petersburg, AK

DAY 1

Welcome and historic walking tour of Sitka and its Tlingit, Russian and American history. Sitka Sound Science Centre, Russian Bishop's house. Welcome dinner and overnight at Sitka hotel.

DAY 2

Breakfast, Visit Sheldon Jackson Museum, Sitka National Historic Park. Welcome aboard Swell and cruising the west coast watching for sea otters, seabirds, whales. Afternoon beach walk with naturalist in Tongass National Forest wilderness.

DAY 3

Morning kayaking or small boat tour, watching for wildlife. Cruising Peril Strait. Rainforest walk with naturalist. Cruising 'waterfall' coast on Baranof Is's east shore. Visit to hamlet of Baranof, walk to lake, soak in natural hot springs.

DAY 4-7

Cruising Frederick Sound watching whales, otters and visit to sea lion haulout. Visit Five Fingers Light House. Guided brown bear viewing and rainforest walk, at estuary and forest site, at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island (with our exclusive access). Kayaking among quiet coves in bear sanctuary. Entering the realm of Alaska's fjords.

DAY 8

Cruising spectacular fjord to tidewater glacier, icebergs, wildlife viewing. Option to zodiac, kayak and/or walk, exploring glacier, icebergs in this awesome ice world.

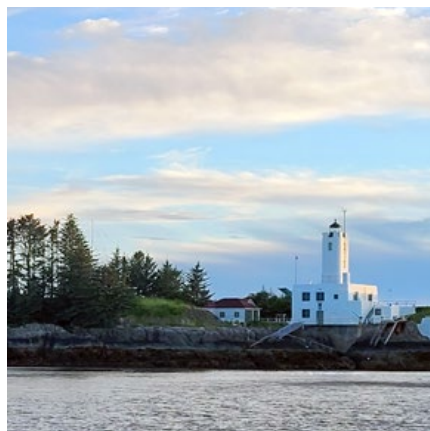
DAY 9

Morning kayaking and tender exploration. Rainforest hike to waterfall.

DAY 10

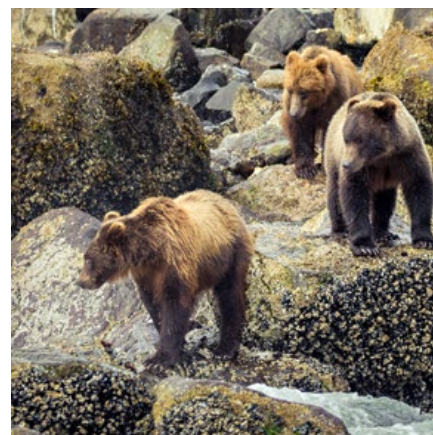
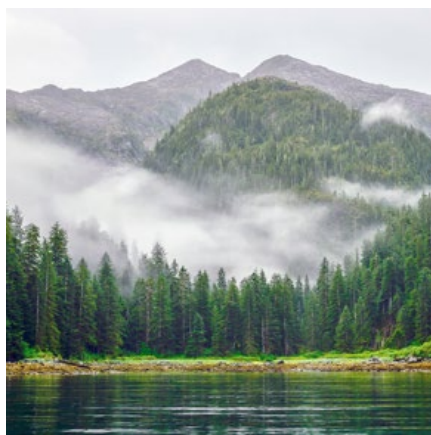
Cruising to fishing town of Petersburg, watching for wildlife and also elements of Alaskan life on the water.

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DESTINATION | ALASKA

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



ITINERARY 2

Alaska Supervoyage

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Jun 26-Jul 7, Ketchikan to Sitka

Jul 26-Aug 6, Sitka to Petersburg

Aug 6-17, Petersburg to Sitka

Aug 17-28, Sitka to Ketchikan

\$17170 CAD / \$12425 USD (cat. 1)

\$18750 CAD / \$13570 USD (cat. 2)

\$20690 CAD / \$14970 USD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

See dates

Note: Each trip includes a land day featuring Alaska's storied history and local culture, with accommodation in a local hotel or inn. This experience is in Sitka, Petersburg or Ketchikan, depending on the itinerary. Our reservations team can confirm which for the itinerary you select.

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DAY 1

Meet in Ketchikan, historic walking tour, including gold rush history. Welcome dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 2-3

Breakfast at hotel, free time to explore. Tlingit history experience. Welcome aboard Swell and cruising Clarence Strait. Visit remote, off-the-grid community of Meyer's Chuck and rainforest walk ashore. South Etolin wilderness exploration by boat and ashore. Exploring intertidal life, islets, black bears. Cruising north.

DAY 4

Scenic Wrangell Narrows cruise, with a view of Alaskan water-based lifestyle. Marine mammal viewing in Frederick Sound to Cascade Creek. Rainforest and waterfall hike.

DAY 5-9

Cruising Frederick Sound, watching for whales. Visit sea lion haulout, small island beach walk. Visit Five Fingers Lighthouse. Beach wildflower walk at a glacier's terminal moraine. Cruising spectacular fjord to tidewater glacier, icebergs, wildlife viewing. Options to zodiac, kayak and/or walk, exploring glacier, icebergs in this awesome ice world. Guided brown bear viewing and walk up salmon creek at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island, with special access for Swell guests.

DAY 10-11

Cruising the waterfall coast of Baranof Island. Visit hot springs and small community of Baranof. Shore walks, whale watching, bear viewing, west coast sea otter viewing.

DAY 12

Cruise to Sitka, watching for wildlife.

DESTINATION | ALASKA

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



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ITINERARY 3

Alaska Adventure with Canadian Geographic

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Jul 16-25

\$14590 CAD / \$10560 USD (cat. 1)

\$15900 CAD / \$11500 USD (cat. 2)

\$17480 CAD / \$12650 USD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Petersburg, AK
Sitka, AK



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DAY 1

Welcome and hotel check-in in the historic fishing town of Petersburg. Free time to explore followed by welcome dinner.

DAY 2

Walking tour exploring Tlingit culture and history. Explore Petersburg's fishing heritage and docks, followed by a lunch featuring local fish (or alternatives). Board ship and cruise, watching for wildlife and life on the water. Rainforest hike to waterfall.

DAY 3-4

Morning kayaking and/or beach exploration. Cruising Frederick Sound and Stephen's Pass, watching for whales. Beach wildflower walk at a glacier's terminal moraine. Cruising a spectacular fjord to a tidewater glacier, with icebergs and wildlife viewing. Option to zodiac, kayak and/or walk among icebergs. Presentations by Canadian Geographic special resource person.

DAY 5-7

Guided brown bear viewing and walk up salmon creek at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island, with special access for Swell guests. Kayaking quiet coves in a bear sanctuary. Exploring Frederick Sound, watching for marine mammals. Visit sea lion haulout and Five Fingers Lighthouse.

DAY 8

Rainforest walk, cruising the waterfall coast on Baranof Island's east shore. Visit the hamlet of Baranof, walk to a lake, and soak in natural hot springs.

DAY 9-10

Cruising north, watching for whales. Presentation by Canadian Geographic special resource person. Shore trip in Alaskan rainforest. Cruising Peril Strait toward the west coast, watching for sea otters, seabirds and whales. Kayaking among western islands. Cruise to Sitka, watching for wildlife.

OVERVIEW

“We loved our time aboard the beautiful boat and had amazing shore adventures every day. The crew were outstanding and went out of their way to make our trip special. We created travel memories that will last a lifetime right here at home in our own beautiful country.”

- Canadiangal51 on TripAdvisor

Mediterranean islands and nature's bounty in the Salish Sea.

Some people who visit the Gulf Islands think they've stumbled into paradise.

This group of hundreds of semi-Mediterranean islands in a protected sea has drawn people for millennia, with its green and gold slopes, blue ocean and ring of snow-capped peaks.

With 200+ islands and islets, some with “dry rain-forests”, some with white shell beaches, some with colonies of animals, the options for exploring are many.

The Gulf Islands offer a combination of unique wilderness, eclectic communities, and deep human (First Nations) history. While you'll visit some of the larger, well-known islands, you'll also be guided to little-known havens to which most people will never have access. (Ever heard of Cabbage Island? How about Mandarte, Prevost and Wallace?)

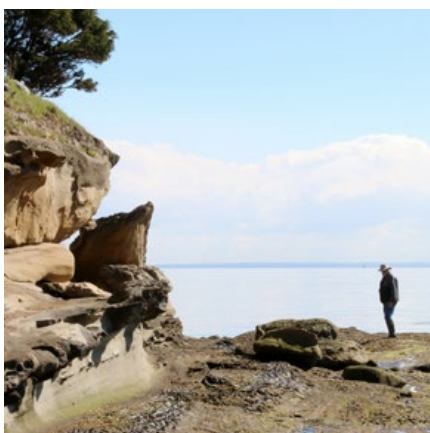
Special Features

- » Island hopping in the calm Salish Sea, including off-the-beaten-track, natural islands and islets.
- » Beachcombing on a variety of beaches – white shell, sand, rocky.
- » Walks in forests, meadows and historic farmsteads. Flexible daily itinerary to make the most of ad-hoc opportunities.
- » Wildlife viewing (seabirds, sea lions, seals, possible porpoises and whales).
- » Historic site visits, from First Nations to Kanaka settlements, to modern outposts.
- » Cruising the scenic ‘back ways’ through the islands.



DESTINATION

GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA



DESTINATION | GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA

ITINERARIES

SPRING

Unique features: Spring blooms and sunny sailing in the Salish Sea.

Spring in the Gulf Islands

Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic

AUTUMN

Unique features: Autumn's bounty in picturesque islands

Autumn in the Gulf Islands

Craft Beer & Culinary Cruise

Wines & Islands

ITINERARY 1

Spring or Autumn in the Gulf Islands

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Apr 16-20

Oct 25-29

\$3950 CAD

DEPART AND RETURN:

Sidney, BC

DAY 1

Orientation, cruising in the Gulf Islands, BC. Seabird island visit, wildlife watching. Beach landing and forest walk at Beaumont Marine Park, Pender Island.

DAY 2

Morning optional kayak. Cruising then walk to view on Saturna Island. Cruising some of the most productive waters of the southern Gulf Islands. Anchorage and beachcombing, early farm history exploration in the outer Gulf Islands. Sea lion haulout and seabirds. Chance to sail in the Strait of Georgia. Anchorage, Prevost Island.

DAY 3

Morning walk featuring sandstone, meadows and forest to lookout over Trincomali Channel. Cruising to Wallace Island, both a historic site and a beautiful combination of forest and meadow

sloping down to rocky fingers that enter the Salish Sea. Exploring ashore. Cruising around the northern tip of Salt Spring Island. Entering spectacular Sansum Narrows, where Vancouver Island bluffs rise close to Salt Spring Island bluffs. Anchorage, Burgoyne Bay.

DAY 4

Morning kayak or forest walk in protected Burgoyne Bay at the base of a forested ecological reserve. Cruise to Russell Island. Here, learn both the history of the Coast Salish shell beaches and the Kanakas (Hawaiians who sailed to this coast with European explorers) in an idyllic location just off Salt Spring Island. Anchorage, Portland Island.

DAY 5

Morning rocky shoreline walk. Cruising to Sidney watching for wildlife.



A one-of-a-kind trip, designed for *Canadian Geographic*.

On this special journey with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, you'll explore a cross-border region gaining international attention. Naturalists, historians, and local Elders guide you through millennia of history, connecting you to the names, stories, and living cultures of these islands. Past Elders have included Florence James, Salilye, and Earl Claxton.

ITINERARY 2

Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Apr 12-16

\$5050 CAD (cat. 1)

\$5770 CAD (cat. 2)

\$6850 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Sidney, BC



DAY 1

Welcome aboard. Cruising to seabird island for viewing and historic discussion. Russell Island and shore walk with Salish and Kanaka history, and natural history. First night dinner and short presentation.

DAY 2

Cruising spectacular Samsun Narrows, history and stories of the mountains and bays we see. Shore trips at Penelakut Island, Valdez Island, Wallace Island, to explore the beautiful central islands' geological, natural, and human history. Cruising Porlier Pass, shore trip Galiano Island, historic site. Short evening presentation.

DAY 3

Exploring the outer islands on the edge of the 'big sea', Strait of Georgia. Marine mammal viewing. Exploring ashore on Cabbage and Tumbo Islands, Salish history, historic farmstead, beautiful beach and bird viewing.

DAY 4

Exploring Gulf Islands National Park Reserve on the remote south end of Saturna Island. Shore trip includes old farmstead, spectacular vistas, forest ecology, and view of important Boundary Pass and the site of a dispute over the siting of the Canadian border. Cruising to further remote sites in the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve. Evening presentation.

DAY 5

Morning shore walk, optional kayaking, wrap-up and cruising to Sidney, watching for wildlife.

ITINERARY 3

Craft Beer & Culinary Cruise

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Oct 27-31

\$4730 CAD (cat. 1)

\$5250 CAD (cat. 2)

\$6360 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Sidney, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard. Introduction to world of beers, brewing history. Private tasting with micro-brewing "elder" Paul Hadfield. Seabird colony visit, cruising scenic Samsun Narrows. Coastal rain-forest walk. Tasting dinner aboard with social history of BC beer discussion.

DAY 2-3

Island hopping. Visit Wallace Island to explore its meadows, arbutus forest, scenic viewpoints and history. Tasting lunch and history of Vancouver Island pubs at historic Crow and Gate pub. Cruise to beautiful Montague Harbour, Galiano Island for beach and trail walk. Visit Mayne Island brewery for guided tasting with

owners. Island cruising to outer Gulf Islands. Sea lion and seabird viewing at small chain of islets. Beachcombing and historic farmstead exploration at Cabbage and Tumbo Islands.

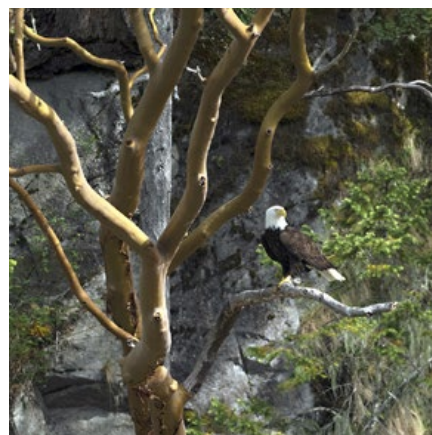
DAY 4

Walk to spectacular Monarch Head on Saturna Island with view of Canada/USA boundary and surrounding islands. Al fresco snack. Guided visit with Gulf Islands Brewery or Salt Spring Wild Cider House on Salt Spring Island. Afternoon interpretive walk on pretty Russell Island. Cruising to Portland Island. Optional kayaking.

DAY 5

Morning shore exploration or kayak. Cruising and watching for wildlife enroute to Sidney.





ITINERARY 4

Wines & Islands

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Oct 25-29

\$7670 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8990 CAD (cat. 2)

\$10230 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Sidney, BC



» Rated one of the "10 Best Wine Vacations in North America" by Time Out Magazine.

DAY 1

Welcome aboard toast and tasting. Under way, transiting scenic passageways in Gulf Islands. Introduction to BC wines, terroir and history, what makes the region noteworthy. Late afternoon shore walk in marine park. Tasting dinner that provides an overflight of the wines and what we'll explore in the coming days.

DAY 2

Salish Sea wines feature. Morning kayaking in beautiful bay. Winemaker lunch with Kutatas proprietor, Salt Spring Island. Vancouver Island wine experiences with Zanatta and Blue Grouse. Marine wildlife viewing and winemaker dinner with Unsworth aboard Cascadia.

DAY 3

Okanagan and Similkameen wines feature. Morning cruising to outer Gulf Islands past

beautiful scenery, through biologically productive Tumbo Channel, watching for wildlife. Shore trips at Tumbo Island exploring beaches, wetland, birdlife and historic farmstead. Cruising Boundary Pass and Boiling Reef featuring rich marine upwelling. Saturna Island anchorage. Scenic walk to spectacular vista for picnic. Okanagan and Similkameen tasting dinner.

DAY 4

Pan-BC wine focus. Morning cruise to Beaumont Marine Park, and morning shore walk among beach and forest here. Wine-maker lunch with Sea Star Vineyards proprietor. Small boat ride to Sage Hayward Vineyards, Saturna Island. Final tasting dinner.

DAY 5

Optional morning kayak or small boat exploring. Cruising to Sidney, watching for wildlife. Final toast.

OVERVIEW

“An unbelievable experience with the most dedicated and involved crew I’ve ever experienced. Every day was ‘magical’. The bar for my next adventure now is high! A true way to tick off a bucket list item in such a successful way. Thanks so much to all the fabulous crew.”

- Chuck C.

Access a spectacular mountain world through rural island water ways.

Sail beneath glaciated peaks, rainforested hillsides, and expansive waters that turn into secret coves you will explore.

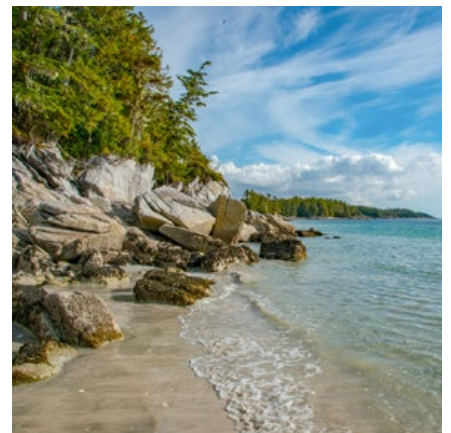
While Desolation Sound is one of the world’s most popular cruising destinations, you will enjoy the area in a unique way: without the bustle of other boaters. By touring Desolation Sound and the Discovery Islands in “off peak” times—which are actually peak times for wild-life—you’ll enjoy the fjords, islands, wildlife, and forest trails in peace.

Special Features

- » Beautiful vistas of one of BC’s most breathtaking fjords.
- » Hikes from the beach, along rivers and waterfalls to BC’s warmest lakes.
- » Opportunities to view grizzly bears in spring and fall.
- » Whales and marine mammals (humpback whale, orca, sea lion, harbour seal).
- » Visit one of BC’s most prolific bird sanctuaries (Mitlenatch Island).
- » Natural foods foraging with your own private chef.
- » Combination of fjords, islands and intact rainforest with easy access to the start and end point on southern Vancouver Island.



DESTINATION | DESOLATION SOUND



DESTINATION | DESOLATION SOUND

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Desolation Sound

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Apr 23-27, Apr 28-May 2, Oct 17-21

\$3995 CAD

Swell

Apr 19-23, Apr 24-28, Apr 29-May 3

\$4420 CAD (cat. 1)

\$5030 CAD (cat. 2)

\$5980 CAD (cat. 3)

Cascadia

Apr 15-19

\$5865 CAD (cat. 1)

\$6850 CAD (cat. 2)

\$7850 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Campbell River, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard. Visit Mittenatch Island seabird colony, while watching for whales and other marine mammals. Anchor at Savary Island. Welcome dinner.

DAY 2

Morning beach walk. Cruise to spectacular Teakerne Arm, on West Redonda Island. Here waterfalls plunge down a steep cut in the island's cliffs, where we'll moor. Dry rainforest and rocky bluff walk to a lake with a picnic lunch. Cruising the scenic passages between West Rodonda and the mainland, watching for wildlife. Entering a small fjord at Roscoe Bay. Anchorage and beach walk and optional evening kayak.

DAY 3

Explore one of the coast's spectacular fjords, cutting deep into the snow-capped coast mountains. Chance of grizzly bear sighting. Anchorage at Prideaux Haven, at the confluence of Malaspina Inlet and Homfray Channel.

DAY 4

Explore ashore at Prideaux Haven. Cruise to the Copeland Islands and explore by kayak or small boat. Evening anchorage at Shark Spit.

DAY 5

Morning shore trip, cruise to Campbell River watching for wildlife.

Desolation Sound & Vancouver Island

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

May 3-10

\$5450 CAD

Swell

May 4-11

\$6330 CAD (cat.1)

\$7050 CAD (cat. 2)

\$7260 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Campbell River, BC
Port McNeill, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard and cruising into Desolation Sound. Afternoon shore trip exploring beaches and marine life.

DAY 2-3

Optional morning kayaking. Cruising into Desolation Sound Marine park, rainforest walk with naturalist and small boat explore among islets. Spectacular Teakerne Arm for waterfall viewing and walk to lake. Exploring Toba Inlet, cruising through Desolation Sound's island channels. Small boat ride through tidal rapids.

DAY 4-5

Heading north into scenic Johnstone Strait, watching for

marine mammals. Entering the Broughton Archipelago. Beach landing and rainforest walk among the northern rainforest of cedars and hemlocks.

DAY 6-7

Visit researchers at Salmon Coast field station. Cruising through Broughton Archipelago marine park, remote island anchorage and beach exploration. Learn about research on area humpback whales' notable feeding technique. Visit N'amgis village of Alert Bay and U'mista Cultural Centre with private guided tour.

DAY 8

Optional morning kayak or small boat ride, then cruising to port, watching for wildlife.

DESTINATION | DESOLATION SOUND

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



ITINERARY 3

Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Oct 17-26

\$7590 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8360 CAD (cat. 2)

\$9850 CAD (cat. 3)

Cascadia

Oct 15-24

\$10090 CAD (cat. 1)

\$12010 CAD (cat. 2)

\$13670 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Port McNeill, BC
Sidney, BC

DAY 1

Board vessel and cruise to anchorage in the Broughton Archipelago.

DAY 2

Small boat trip to explore the marine life of the archipelago – kelp forest, seabirds, and marine mammals. Visit remote research station to learn about the salmon, whales, and research done here. Alert Bay and U'mista Cultural Centre with private guided tour of Kwakwaka'wakw potlatch collection. Visit the Whale Interpretive Centre in Telegraph Cove.

DAY 3

Whale watching and marine science. Rainforest hike. Cruising south in Johnstone Strait.

DAY 4

Exploring the waterways of the Discovery Islands and back channels. Tidal rapids and whirlpools. Shore trip for beaches, culture site. Aft deck barbecue.

DAY 5-6

Exploring spectacular Toba Inlet, a fjord that cuts 35 kms into the

Coast Mountains. Shore trips to explore the nature of estuary meadows and the coastal rainforest. Watch for late season bear.

DAY 7

Exploring Desolation Sound – kayaking, small boats, walks, on sites such as Prideaux Haven, the Redonda Islands.

DAY 8

Morning exploration in Desolation Sound. Cruising south and exploring the islets and more Mediterranean climate northern Gulf Islands, watching for marine mammals and birds. Island and beach hike. Intertidal exploration.

DAY 9

Morning kayaking and wildlife viewing. Cruise south through Dodd Narrows, watching for wildlife feeding in the rich waters. Shore walk in the arbutus forest at storied DeCourcy Island. Explore Wallace Island and cruise to anchorage at Montague Harbour.

DAY 10

Morning shore walk at white shell beach scenic shoreline trail or optional kayaking. Cruising to port.

OVERVIEW

“What a company, to provide such a great boat and assemble such an out-of-this-world crew. With an itinerary that is so action packed and scenic. I can’t really think of one highlight, everything stands out in my mind.”

- Pete M.

Nature and culture in one of the world’s most diverse ecosystems.

Named the #1 island in continental US and Canada by Condé Nast Traveler readers, Vancouver Island offers everything from a historic small city, Victoria, to a remote peninsula whose ecosystems go back past the last ice age; from wildflower meadows and islands with cactus, to giant rainforest cedars next to long sand beaches swept by the Pacific ocean. Our Vancouver Island trips showcase this diversity, with unique journeys through nature and culture.

Special Features

- » Beautiful vistas off the beaten track, of one of BC’s most breathtaking fjords, mountain ranges and island passages.
- » Hikes from the beach, along rivers and waterfalls.
- » Wildlife viewing, including of whales, bears, seals, sea lions and seabirds. And, on the north and west coast, sea otters.
- » Cultural history from Indigenous guides and Canadian historians.
- » Natural foods foraging with your own private chef.
- » Easy access ports on Vancouver Island (driving distance from many places).

DESTINATION | VANCOUVER ISLAND



ITINERARY 1

Vancouver Island's Wild Side

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Jul 29-Aug 5, Port Hardy to Port McNeill
\$7300 CAD

Cascadia

Jul 7-14
\$9940 CAD (cat. 1)
\$11570 CAD (cat. 2)
\$13360 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC

Note: Port McNeill and Port Hardy use the same airport

DAY 1

Welcome aboard, exploring "hanging rainforest gardens" or abundant intertidal life, Quatsino Sound. Evening tender ride into river and shore walk, introduction to rainforest.

DAY 2-3

Morning kayak in scenic anchorage. Cruising around the wild Brooks Peninsula. Wildlife viewing (puffins and other seabirds, sea lions) at Solander Island, an ecological reserve. Shore trip to explore west coast beach. Explore Checleset Bay, site of an ecological reserve, kelp forest and sea otter viewing.

DAY 4-5

Visit friends from Kyuquot at Spring Island. Rainforest guided walk, traditional salmon bake on campfire. Shared community

dinner at anchorage with our Ka:'yu:'k't'h' / Che:k'tles7et'h' hosts. Exploration of offshore group of islands and Rugged Point with sandy beaches. Cultural site visit. Looking for sea otters, humpback whales.

DAY 6-7

Heading north, shore trip to explore beach on northern Brooks Peninsula. Anchorage in inlet and exploring ashore. Possible black bear viewing. Cruising north around Cape Scott and Vancouver Island's northern tip, Cape Sutil, where we'll explore calm Crescent Bay and a walk through forest out to the sea stacks and headlands of the Cape.

DAY 8

Morning wildlife viewing, kayaking. Cruising the east coast toward port, watching for whales.

ITINERARY 3

Vancouver Island Inside Passage Summer

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Jul 26-Aug 1
\$9330 CAD (cat. 1)
\$10970 CAD (cat. 2)
\$12430 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Campbell River, BC
Port Hardy, BC

DAY 1

Board at Campbell River, cruising into Desolation Sound. Afternoon shore trip or kayaking exploring our first anchorage.

DAY 2-3

Morning rainforest walk with naturalist. Scenic island channels, tidal rapids, and summer cruising. Exploring beaches with mountain backdrop. Exploring spectacular fjord by small boat. Evening beach walk, swimming, kayaking. Further exploring the islands and inlets of Desolation Sound and Discovery Islands.

DAY 4-5

Cruising the back channels between the Discovery Islands and

Johnstone Strait, watching for whales. Visit Alert Bay and U'mista Cultural Centre with private guided tour of Kwakwaka'wakw potlatch collection.

DAY 6

Exploring the remoter parts of the Broughton Archipelago islands off northeastern Vancouver Island, and its kelp forests, marine mammal haulouts, beaches, inlets and outposts.

DAY 7

Morning kayak, farewell brunch. Cruising to Port Hardy, watching for wildlife.

DESTINATION | VANCOUVER ISLAND

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



ITINERARY 2

Vancouver Island Supervoyage

2027 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Jul 14-26

\$12790 CAD (cat. 1)

\$15160 CAD (cat. 2)

\$17290 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Vancouver

(boarding in Port Hardy, BC)

Victoria

(disembarking in Campbell River, BC)

Note: This trip can be customised. Please contact us for more detail.

DAY 1-2

Arrive in Port Hardy from Vancouver and transfer to hotel for welcome dinner. In the morning, explore Alert Bay and visit the U'mista Cultural Centre, and an interpretive walk in an ecological reserve. Transfer to the ship Cascadia in the evening to begin your voyage.

DAY 3-4

Cruise through Holberg Inlet and Quatsino Narrows, then anchor in Klaskish Inlet for dinner. Next day, explore East Creek for bear sightings, circle Solander Island for sea lions and seabirds, and walk a pristine beach at Nasparti Inlet. Evening kayaking available.

DAY 5-6

Discover a temperate rainforest, visit the Bunsby Islands, and enjoy a traditional salmon bake on Spring Island, accompanied by Indigenous stories. Watch for sea otters and whales en route to Shushartie Bay, where black bears often roam the shore.

DAY 7-8

Weather permitting, visit beaches at Vancouver Island's northern tip, then explore the Broughton Archipelago by kayak or small boat, with rainforest hikes and kelp forest viewing. Next morning, enjoy whale watching in Blackney Passage, explore Telegraph Cove, and cruise Johnstone Strait to Port Neville.

DAY 9-11

Explore Dent Rapids with whirlpools, and scenic Discovery Islands. Visit Walsh Cove pictographs, and islands in Desolation Sound. Continue to Toba Inlet for kayaking amid granite fjords and a river estuary walk. On your final full day, visit Mitlenatch Island's wildlife-rich shores, then Marina Island for an evening paddle or cruise and a four-course farewell dinner.

DAY 12-13

After breakfast, disembark in Campbell River, tour a Cowichan Valley winery, and overnight in Cowichan Bay region. Morning transfer to Victoria, historical tour of Victoria and farewells.

TRIP DATES AT A GLANCE



SAILING SHIP

SV Maple Leaf

Gulf Islands in Spring	Apr 16 – Apr 20
Desolation Sound	Apr 23 – 27, Apr 28 – May 2
Desolation Sound & Vancouver Island	May 3 – May 10
Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest	May 11 – May 19
Great Bear Rainforest Spring	May 20 – May 27
Great Bear Rainforest and Kitlope	May 28 – Jun 3
Haida Gwaii	Jun 7 – 15, Jun 15 – 23, Jun 23 – Jul 1, Jul 1 – 9, Jul 9 – 17, Jul 17 – 25
Vancouver Island's Wild Side	Jul 29 – Aug 5
Southern Great Bear Rainforest	Aug 9 – 14, Aug 15 – 20, Aug 21 – 29
Great Bear Rainforest	Aug 30 – Sep 6, Sep 7 – 14, Sep 15 – 22, Sep 24 – Oct 1, Oct 2 – 7, Oct 8 – 13
Desolation Sound in Autumn	Oct 17 – Oct 21
Gulf Islands in Autumn	Oct 25 – Oct 29



TUGBOAT

MV Swell

Salish Sea Expedition with Canadian Geographic	Apr 12 – Apr 16
Desolation Sound	Apr 19 – 23, Apr 24 – 28, Apr 29 – May 3
Desolation Sound & Vancouver Island	May 4 – May 11
Great Bear Rainforest Spring	May 16 – 23, May 24 – 31, Jun 1 – 8, Jun 17 – 24
Great Bear Rainforest and Kitlope	Jun 9 – Jun 15
Alaska SuperVoyage	Jun 26 – Jul 7, Jul 26 – Aug 6, Aug 6 – 17, Aug 17 – 28
Alaska Adventure	Jul 7 – 16, Jul 16 – 25 (with Can Geo)
Great Bear Rainforest Supervoyage	Sep 1 – Sep 10
Great Bear Rainforest	Sep 11 – 18, Sep 19 – 26, Sep 27 – Oct 4, Oct 5 – 12
Desolation Sound and Fjords of BC	Oct 17 – Oct 26
Craft Beer & Culinary Cruise	Oct 27 – Oct 31

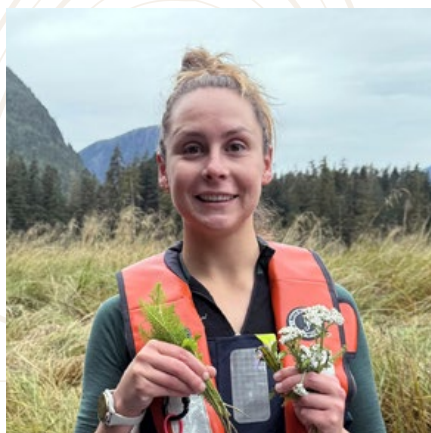


CATAMARAN

MV Cascadia

Desolation Sound	Apr 15 – Apr 19
Great Bear Rainforest Spring	Apr 22 – 27, Apr 28 – May 3
Haida Gwaii	May 5 – 12, May 12 – 19, May 19 – 26, Jun 3 – 11 (with Can Geo), Jun 11 – 18, Jun 18 – 25, Jun 25 – Jul 2
Vancouver Island's Wild Side	Jul 7 – 14
Vancouver Island Supervoyage	Jul 14 – Jul 26
Vancouver Island Inside Passage	Jul 26 – Aug 1
Whales and Wild Isles	Aug 2 – Aug 7, Aug 9 – Aug 17
Great Bear Rainforest and Kitlope	Aug 18 – Aug 25
Great Bear Rainforest	Aug 26 – Sep 2, Sep 3 – 10 (with Can Geo), Sep 12 – 19
Great Bear Rainforest 6-Day	Sep 30 – Oct 5, Oct 6 – 11
Desolation Sound and Fjords of BC	Oct 15 – Oct 24
Wines and Islands	Oct 25 – Oct 29

YOUR GUIDES AND CREW



The Soul of The Coast

Although our guests visit for the nature and culture, they say overwhelmingly that it was the crew that made their trips so special. Skilled and welcoming, each person is dedicated to sharing their knowledge to make a memorable trip for you.

You'll also meet other locals onshore—community leaders or elders, researchers, and other local guides.

Maple Leaf Adventures has been involved in important land-use, conservation and sustainable industry development on the coast for 40 years. Our connections to what is happening on the ground and in government, as well as what is being discovered, run deep, bringing you access to special people and places.

Some of the Maple Leaf Adventures crew and guides, from top left: Expedition Leader Mike Jackson, Deckhand Emily Hardardt, Deckhand Polly Cox, Chefs Chris Picek and Katie Harney, Captain Bryan Bowles, Haida Cultural Guide Gaajiaawa (Linda Tollas)

Choose a Unique Journey

Culinary Adventures Steeped in Nature

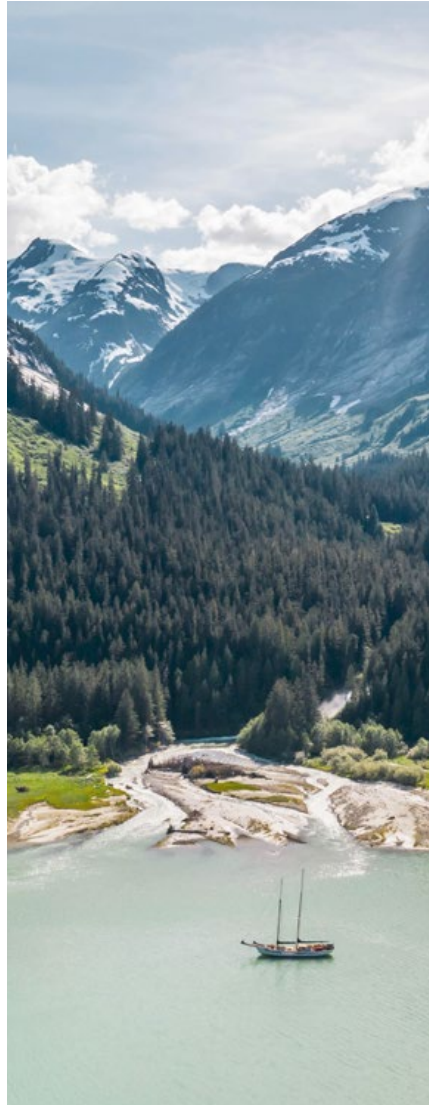
We take pride in our west-coast cuisine and libations. In addition to tasting, these 'deep' trips cover the social history and landscapes that create the people and the food we enjoy.

Swell

- » Craft Beer & Culinary Cruise, Oct 27-31.

Cascadia

- » Wines & Islands, Oct 25-29.



Canadian Geographic Expeditions

These special-edition trips with Canadian Geographic bring you a VIP resource person and special extras not available on other trips.

Swell

- » Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic, Apr 12-16.
- » Alaska Adventure with Canadian Geographic, Jul 16-25.

Cascadia

- » Haida Gwaii with Canadian Geographic, Jun 3-11.
- » Great Bear Rainforest with Canadian Geographic, Sep 3-10.



Explore Our 2027 Special Offers

FLY TO THE GREAT BEAR FOR FREE

Get a Free 2-Way Flight

Book by Feb 28, 2027 & get a free 2-way flight from Vancouver to your starting port. Available **Great Bear Rainforest, Aug 30-Sep 6, Sep 7-14, Sep 15-22, Sep 24-Oct 1, Oct 2-7, Oct 8-13, Maple Leaf; Great Bear Rainforest, Aug 26-Sep 2, Oct 6-11, Cascadia.**

FLIGHT CREDITS

Get a \$500 Flight Credit on Spring Trips

Book by July 31, 2026 and get a \$500 credit on your fare per person. Qualifying trips: **Salish Sea Expedition, Apr 12-16, Swell; Gulf Islands Spring, Apr 16-20, Maple Leaf; Desolation Sound, Apr 15-19, Cascadia; Desolation Sound, Apr 19-23, Apr 29-May 3, Swell; Desolation Sound, Apr 28-May 2, Maple Leaf; Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest, May 11-19, Maple Leaf; Desolation Sound and Vancouver Island, May 4-11, Swell.**

Flights to Haida Gwaii

Book a Haida Gwaii sailing aboard Cascadia, with airfare from Vancouver arranged and covered by us. **Available on all Haida Gwaii Cascadia sailings.**

Get a \$600 Flight Credit on Summer Getaways

Book by Feb 28, 2027 and get a \$600 credit on your fare per person. Available on **Whales & Wild Isles Aug 2-7, Aug 9-17, Cascadia.**

Get a \$500 Flight Credit on Autumn Escapes

Book by Mar 31, 2027 and get a \$500 credit on your fare per person. Available on **Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC, Oct 15-24, Cascadia, Oct 17-26, Swell; Wines & Islands, Oct 25-29, Cascadia; Craft Beer & Culinary Cruise, Oct 27-31, Swell; Gulf Islands in Fall, Oct 25-29, Maple Leaf.**

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Solo Travellers Rejoice!

We're waiving single supplements on select voyages, making it easier for you to embark on your dream adventure. For 2027, eligible departures include the **Salish Sea Expedition with Canadian Geographic, Apr 12-16, Swell; Desolation Sound, Apr 24-28, Apr 29-May 3, Swell, Apr 15-19, Cascadia; Haida Gwaii, May 5-12, May 12-19, Cascadia; Whales and Wild Isles, Aug 2-7, Aug 9-17, Cascadia; Great Bear Rainforest, Aug 26-Sep 2, Oct 6-11, Cascadia; Desolation Sound and Fjords of BC, Oct 15-24, Cascadia, Oct 17-26, Swell; Craft Beer & Culinary Cruise, Oct 27-31, Swell; and Wines & Islands, Oct 25-29, Cascadia.**

PAY IN FULL INCENTIVE

Save 5% on Final Balance

Pay your full fare on any trip by Oct 1, 2026 and get 5% off the final balance.

REUNITE AND EXPLORE

Family and Friends Save 5%

Gather a group of 5 or more people on our trips on MV Cascadia or SV Maple Leaf and enjoy a 5% credit towards each person's final balance. **All trips qualify.**

Book Together and Sail

Receive \$100 off per guest when two or more book aboard Maple Leaf. Available on bookings made before Dec 15, 2026 on **Desolation Sound, Apr 23-27; Wild Side Vancouver Island, Jul 29-Aug 5; Great Bear Rainforest, Aug 9-14, Aug 15-20, Aug 21-29.**

TWICE THE SAIL, TWICE THE PERKS

Get a 20% Credit

Travel on your second trip in the same calendar year and receive 20% credit toward the final balance of your second trip. **All trips qualify.**

BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS

Hotel Stay Between Trips

Extend your adventure with two consecutive trips and enjoy a complimentary hotel night between sailings. **All trips qualify.**

Check our website for updates on our 2027 Special Offers

Rewarding Your Spirit of Adventure

Our voyages are about more than just destinations - they're about connection, curiosity, and transformation. The Maple Leaf Explorers Club (MLEC) is our way of saying thank you to our most devoted guests - those who share our love for wild coastlines, authentic experiences, and a life less ordinary.

What is MLEC?

The Maple Leaf Explorers Club is our way of thanking returning guests who continue to explore with us and share Maple Leaf Adventures with others. Members earn points for bookings, referrals, reviews, social media shares, and more. Points can be redeemed for travel credits, onboard perks, and exclusive offers – because your next adventure should be just as rewarding as the last.

How It Works

- » **Earn** points for bookings, referrals, reviews, social media shares, and surveys.
- » **Redeem** for cruise discounts, onboard gift shop credit, cabin upgrades, and invitations to member-only events.
- » **Receive early access** to new itineraries and other exclusive perks.

The Details

- » 400 points per booking | 300 for each successful referral
- » 200 points for reviews or surveys | 100 points for social posts
- » Each point = \$0.50 CAD toward your travel
- » Points valid for 5 years | Maximum redemption of \$1,000 per year

Members will receive a personal login to our MLEC portal, where they can view and manage their rewards from any device.

Because the greatest journeys change us – and some deserve to be taken again, for less.

Discover the Magic of Spring

Spring is one of the best-kept secrets of our cruising season — a time of quiet beauty, vibrant life, and intimate journeys into the wild.

Starting in mid-April, Vancouver Island and the surrounding coast awaken with color and energy. Meadows burst into bloom, migratory birds return, early bears begin to forage, and whales often grace the coastline — all before the summer crowds arrive.

Our spring expeditions are shorter in duration but rich in experience — perfect for a quick escape that still feels immersive. With fewer guests aboard, you'll enjoy an even deeper connection with the landscape, the wildlife, and the people around you.

This is nature, uninterrupted — and it might just become your new favorite season to explore.



SHIP OVERVIEW

“It is a stunning example of design, comfort and class. It is purpose-built to explore.”

- LawTalk, New Zealand Law Society

About Cascadia

The go-anywhere MV Cascadia was built to take you to the wild corners of the world, while providing a level of luxury that cannot be found elsewhere on this coast. With just 24 guests, Cascadia is bright and spacious. Find comfort and solitude in your private cabin or enjoy time in any of the interior or outdoor lounges, or the “open” bridge. Her large windows bring the outside in, and her separate dining area becomes a sophisticated “long table” event for meals.

SHIP TYPE:

Power Catamaran

NUMBER OF GUESTS:

24

NUMBER OF PRIVATE CABINS:

12

LENGTH OVERALL:

138 feet

BEAM (WIDTH):

42 feet

NUMBER OF DECKS:

4

Special Features

- » Spacious cabins and lounges.
- » Spectacular aft deck lounge and dining area for al-fresco meals or before dinner drink.
- » Large windows and vistas from all public areas and many cabins.
- » 360° views from rooftop hot tub.

Public Area

- » Main lounge and beverage area.
- » Dining area, presentation area, resource books.
- » Terrace lounge and dining area.
- » Upper deck open air lounge.
- » Open bridge.
- » Forward deck seating.

Expedition Equipment

- » Rugged shore boats.
- » Multiple kayaks.
- » Hydrophone (for listening to whales).
- » Video microscope and presentation screen.
- » Portable, mini aquariums and plankton tow.

Cabin Information

- » Private ensuite bathrooms, with heated floors.
- » Roomy wardrobes with hangers.
- » Individual climate control.

Category 1: Queen bed or two twins, portholes with natural light, corridor access, 160 sq. ft. Names: Campania, Cortes, Hanson, Kunghit, Penelakut, Salt Spring.

Category 2: Queen bed or two twins, large windows, door to deck and corridor, 195 sq. ft. Names: Admiral-ty, Calvert, Moresby, Vancouver.

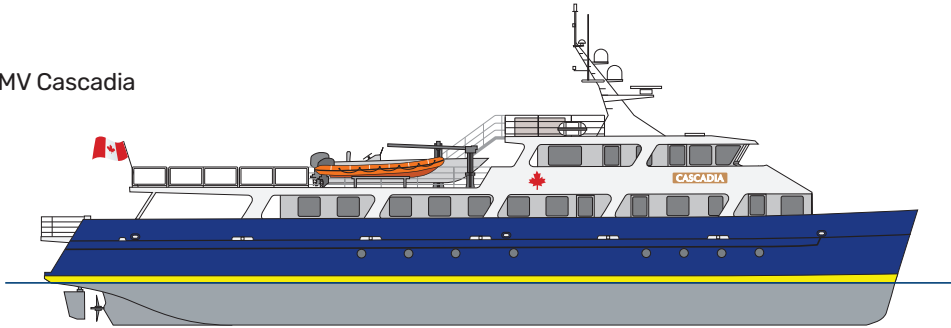
Category 3: King size bed, large windows with view, door to deck and corridor, 235 sq. ft. Names: Prince of Wales and Princess Royal.

OUR SHIPS | CASCADIA

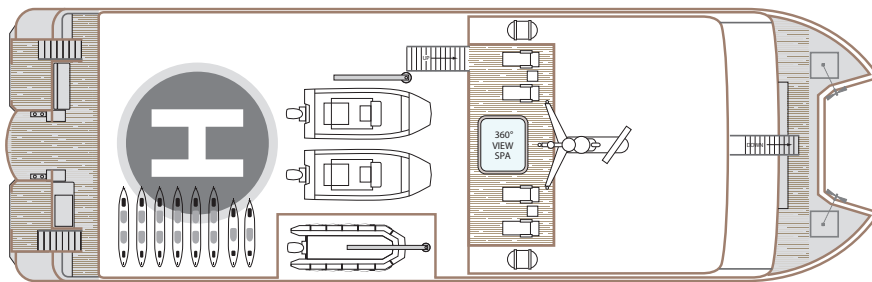


SHIP LAYOUTS

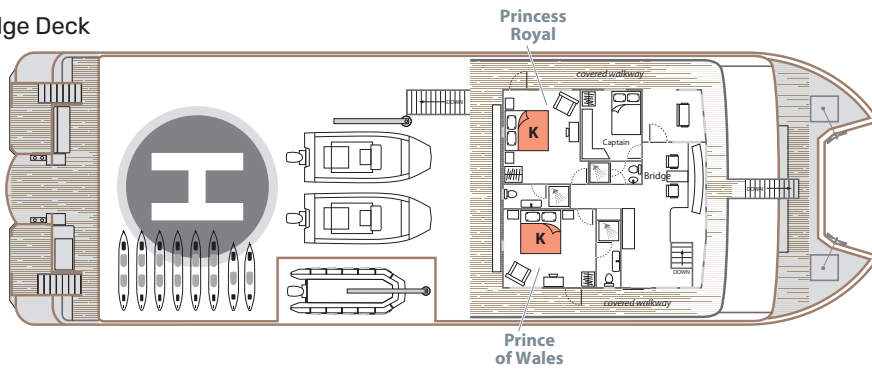
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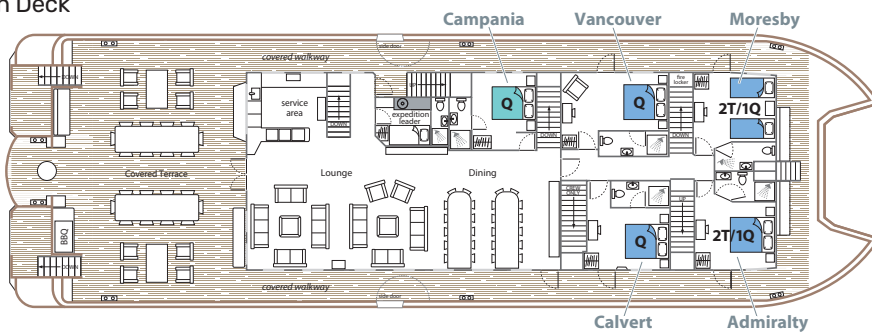
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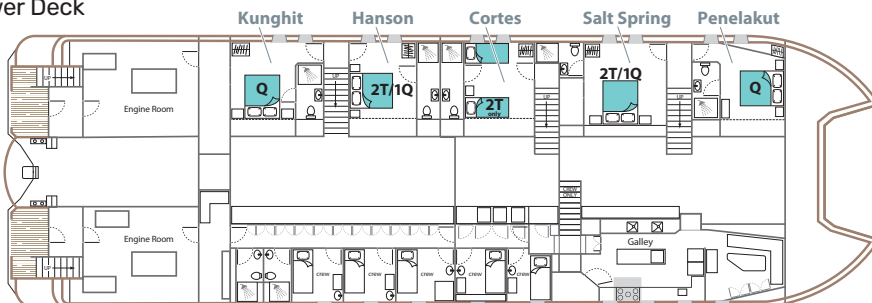
Bridge Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck





“The crew were awesome.
Friendly, lighthearted and
professional in their jobs.”

- Sandra H. TripAdvisor

SHIP OVERVIEW

“I love the small ships, being close to nature and away from crowds. It is easy to make friends with the guests and crew, since numbers are so small.”

- cruisegranny, TripAdvisor

About Maple Leaf

Maple Leaf is one of Canada's most historic vessels and our flagship. Built in Vancouver in 1904 as a luxury racing yacht, she has a long history as both an elegant and tough ship, and is well-loved along the coast.

Maple Leaf is not only a beautiful work of art, she is a comfortable vessel at sea. She can take you to the coast's wildest, remotest corners more comfortably and safely than most other vessels. Her sails and 40,000-pound keel keep her steady.

Epitomizing the spirit of adventure, Maple Leaf's trips typically have the strongest camaraderie between guests and crew.

SHIP TYPE:

Sailing Ship (schooner)

NUMBER OF GUESTS:

8

LENGTH OVERALL:

92 feet

BEAM (WIDTH):

15 feet

NUMBER OF DECKS:

2

Special Features

- » 360-degree views on deck.
- » Steer and help sail traditionally rigged schooner.
- » 'Flying' over the water on the bowsprit.
- » Strong camaraderie between guests and crew.

Public Area

- » Dining lounge and library: excellent collection of books on nature and culture of the coast. A calm place to sip coffee and read, and a warm chef's kitchen party at night.
- » Open wheelhouse lounge, with natural history tools, access to the navigators and comfy seating.
- » Three levels of deck for viewing, lounging, having alone time or being with the naturalist and crew.

Expedition Equipment

- » 2 rugged, rigid-hull inflatable shore boats.
- » 2 kayaks.
- » Hydrophone (for listening to whales).
- » Video microscope and presentation screen.
- » Portable, mini aquariums and plankton tow.

Cabin Information

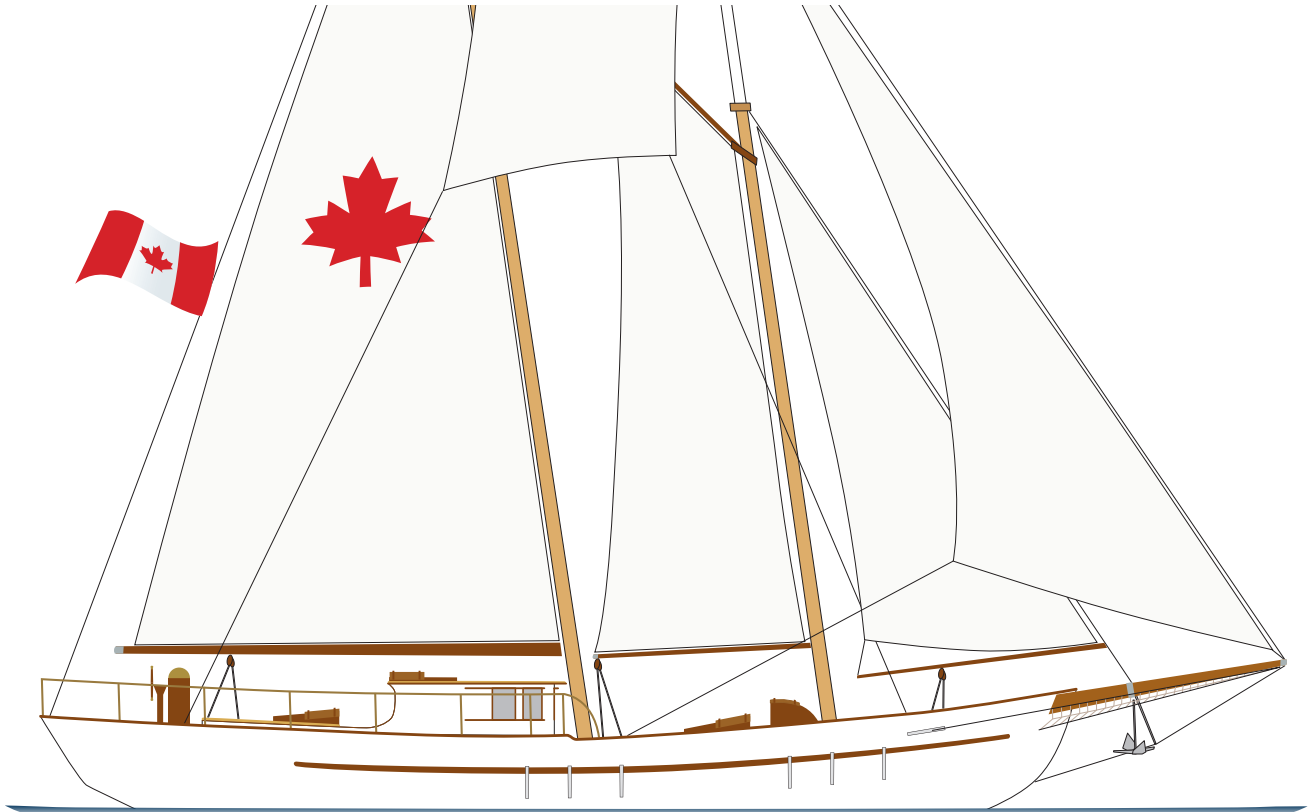
- » The spacious main cabin is airy and divided by half-walls and heavy curtains into four "cabins," providing sleeping accommodations for eight guests. Each area contains large comfortable beds (six and a half feet long), space for your belongings, brass reading lamps, fluffy duvets and blankets. They have walls on two-and-a-half sides and thick, heavy curtains on the other one-and-a-half sides.
- » Note: If you are a solo traveller, you will be sharing one of the 'cabins', or our comfortable wheelhouse accommodations, with a same sex solo traveller.

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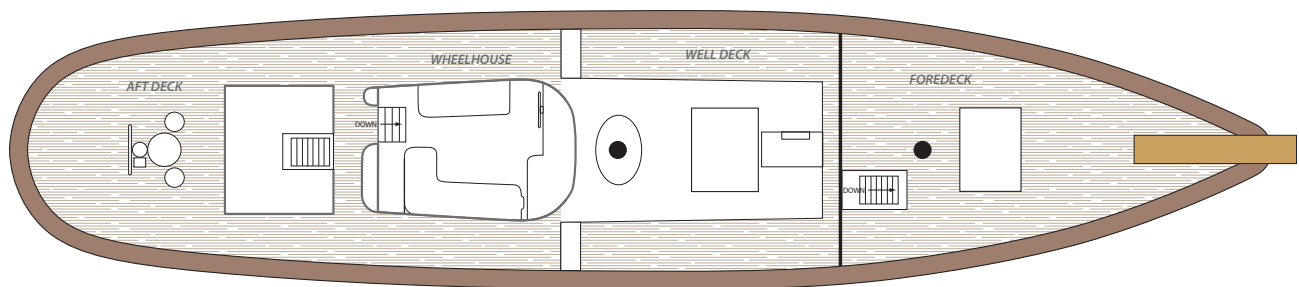


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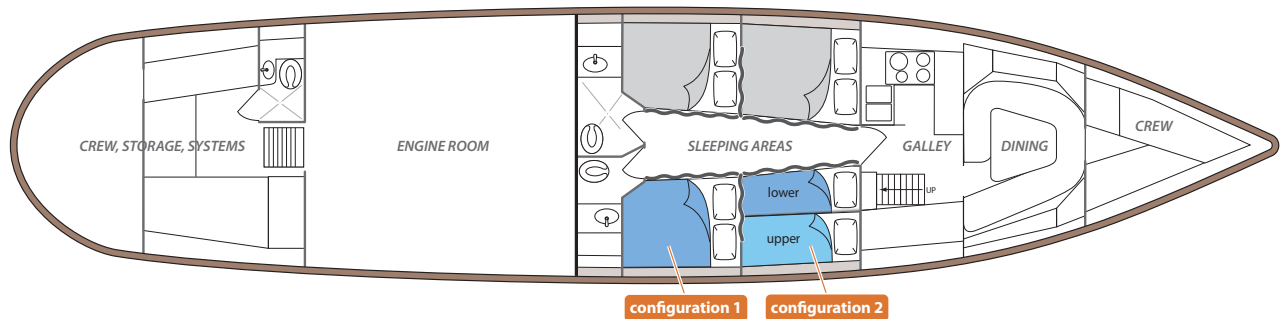
SHIP LAYOUTS



Upper Deck



Lower Deck





“We created travel memories
that will last a lifetime right
here at home in our own
beautiful country.”

- Canadiangal51, TripAdvisor

SHIP OVERVIEW

“The Swell has character, atmosphere and comfort. I think our cabin was the bees knees.”

- Travel Fan, TripAdvisor

About Swell

Swell is an authentic, coastal tugboat. Her small size and handsome character prove that great things come in a small package.

Her salon is both reading room and lodge dining room for meals. Her cabins are beautifully and lovingly decorated, but they are not hotel rooms. They are authentic, small boat cabins. This means the beds are non-standard sizes but are comfortable. There are door sills to step over to enter each cabin. So step aboard without thinking of cabins as hotel rooms, but rather as cozy cabins on a real heritage ship.

SHIP TYPE:

Tugboat
(converted)

NUMBER OF GUESTS:

12

NUMBER OF PRIVATE CABINS:

6

LENGTH OVERALL:

88 feet

BEAM (WIDTH):

22 feet

NUMBER OF DECKS:

2

Special Features

- » Cabins have direct-to-deck access and ensuite bathrooms.
- » Hot tub (Jacuzzi) on upper aft deck.
- » Authentic custom tugboat history and build.

Public Area

- » Salon and dining area with coffee/tea bar, comfortable seating, small library and presentation screen.
- » “Open” wheelhouse: Join your crew in the classic wheelhouse, with excellent views and comfortable seats, where you can learn about navigation.
- » Aft deck lounge, main deck: An enclosed, covered lounge, you’re comfortable and protected but still relaxing ‘outside’.
- » Aft deck lounge, upper deck: An open-air, partially covered deck, protected from the breeze. Relax here on a comfy settee with blankets.

Expedition Equipment

- » 2 rugged, rigid-hull shore boats.
- » 4 kayaks.
- » Hydrophone (for listening to whales).
- » Video microscope and presentation screen.
- » Portable, mini aquariums and plankton tow.

Cabin Information

- » Private ensuite bathrooms.
- » Individual climate control.
- » Outside location (windows & doors to natural light).

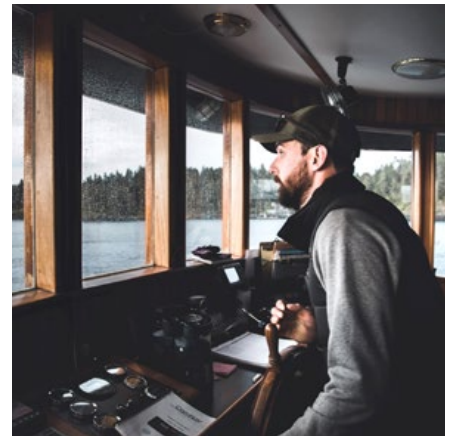
Category 1: Two up and down single bunks, 57 sq. ft. Names: Red Alder.

Category 2 option 1: Double bed with angled foot. Under bed storage. 80 sq. ft. Names: Sitka Spruce, Western Hemlock.

Category 2 option 2: Two large up and down bunks. Small desk. 80 sq. ft. Names: Arbutus.

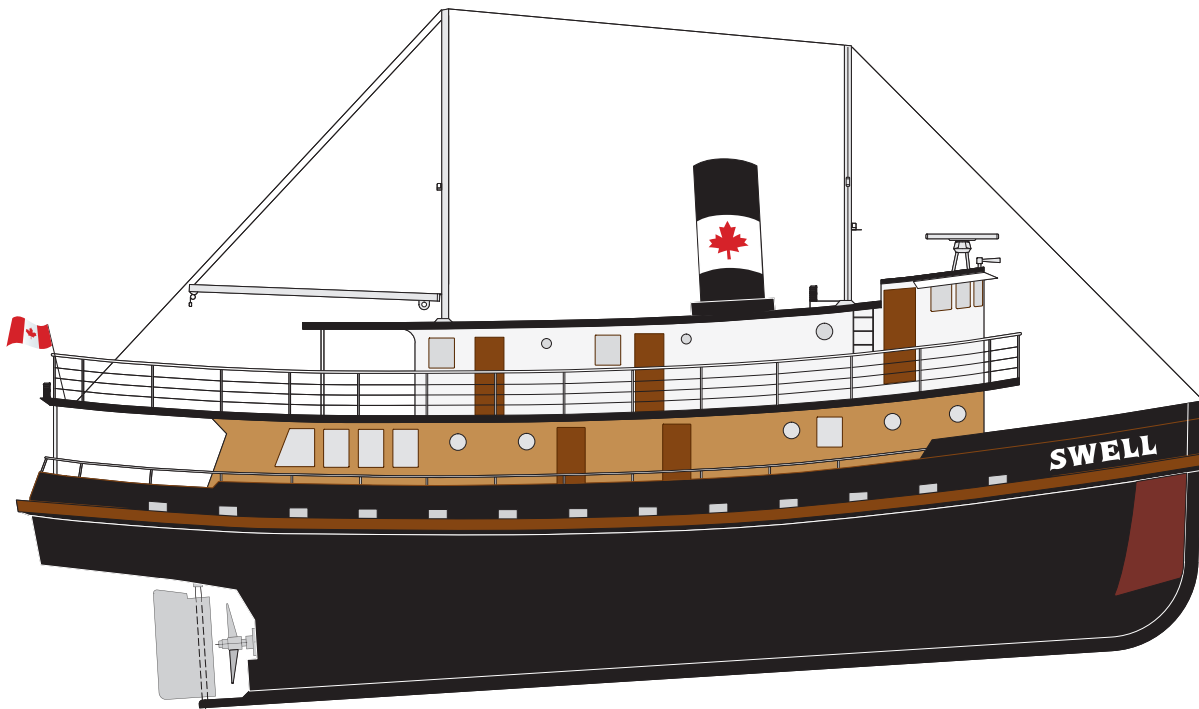
Category 3: Queen-size bed, largest cabins and floor space, 120 sq. ft. Names: Cedar, Douglas Fir.

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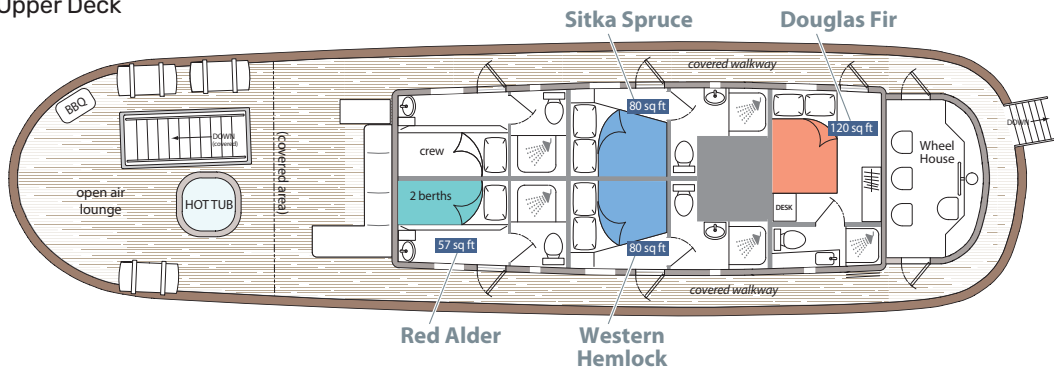


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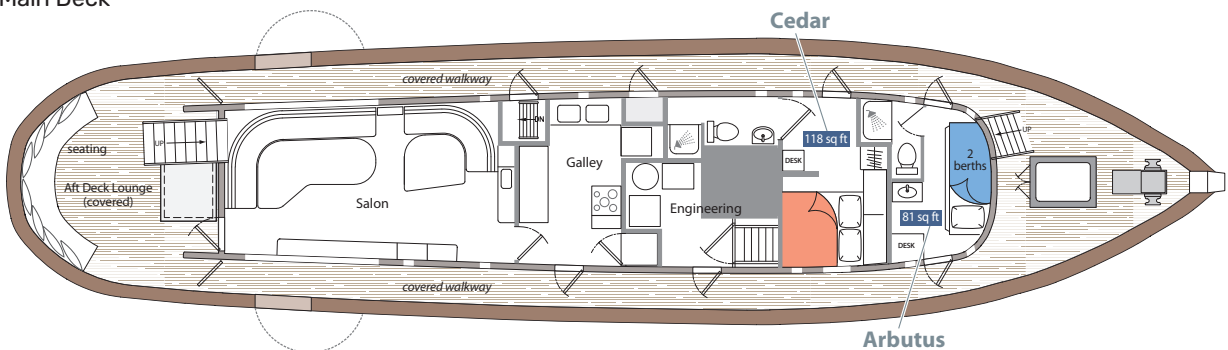
SHIP LAYOUTS



Upper Deck



Main Deck

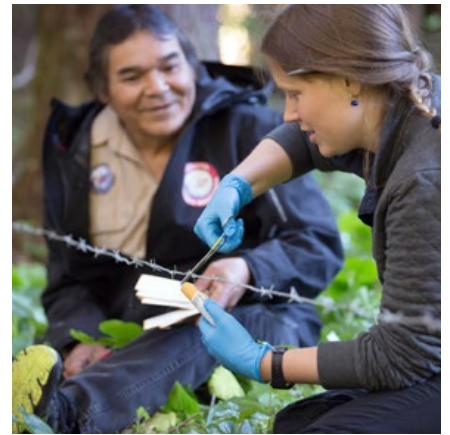




“It was life changing. It created such a deep shift in my thinking in a few short days. ”

- LustyGlazeBeach

SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION



We believe that great hospitality, passion for our natural home, and economic benefit should go hand in hand. We have always believed that with a values-based business, we can create the world we want to see: to benefit coastal people, the wildlife who are our neighbours, and the ecosystems that breathe life into us all.

Through each trip you do, you help us support coastal people, research and conservation projects. Our shared endeavour has helped fund innovative research and make advances in conservation and reconciliation. Here are a few projects supported by the trips you take.

Bear Conservation and Research

We and our colleagues have always donated toward bear conservation. But following the end of the grizzly bear trophy hunt in BC (which we as an industry were part of making happen), our companies also stepped up to replace a 'conservation fee' that hunters used to pay in order to kill a grizzly bear. We all implemented a self-tax, per guest who travels with us, that goes to bear conservation and research. We have raised almost half a million dollars so far, and we're just getting started.

Haida Watchman Program Support

We, along with our colleagues, created a self-tax to contribute money to the Haida Watchman program in Gwaii Haanas. This is over and above the standard support we have provided the program in the past, and was created when the Watchman program needed more funding. Through the program, Haida work as ambassadors between nations at the Haida village sites, as well as monitoring and protecting sensitive areas.

Marine Mammal Conservation and Research

With our colleagues in the North Island Marine Mammal Stewardship Association, we donate a self-tax, per guest, that goes toward marine mammal conservation in the north Island region. Our fund awards grants of up to \$15,000, and has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars so far. Recipients range from educational, to hard science and social science.

Citizen Science

Over the years we and our guests have contributed to a lot of baseline scientific data, on species from seabirds and eelgrass beds to whales. This year we're also working with our industry group to monitor ocean acidification and hypoxia, in partnership with Oregon State University. On trips, crew and guests will be able to deploy and retrieve the monitoring devices in our nightly anchorages, read the data and connect it with data readings from around the coast. The technology we'll use is funded by the BC Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Action Plan and the climate-ready BC seafood program.

Marine Debris Removal

This major movement we lead with our industry partners to rid the coast of harmful marine debris continued in 2024. We covered 150 km of coastline, and collected 32,500 kg (71,500 pounds), 80% of which was recycled. And, on some trips, our guests also participated, bringing the number higher. Thank you!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Eligibility

Anyone is eligible so long as they are: enthusiastic about participating; amenable to the vagaries of weather; agile enough to clamber in and out of shore vessels in an area where there are no docks, walk along an uneven shoreline, step over a raised door sill, and climb a short steep staircase; and friendly enough to get along in the relatively close quarters of a yacht. We have had people on board as much as 80+ years of age. However, our trips are not suitable for people of failing health or physical disabilities.

Dietary accommodation?

Yes. If you advise us in the pre-trip forms we can accommodate most dietary requirements.

Shore time – will I get ashore?

Yes—usually a few times a day. Each shore trip is usually between 1 and 3 hours in length.

I've never been on a boat – is that OK?

Yes. You are our guest and we will look after you.

Kayaks

You are welcome to paddle in the bays we anchor in.

Will I be seasick?

Sea sickness on our trips is rarely a problem as your trip is on a sturdy and sea-kindly ship. We travel short distances in protected waters and go ashore often.

Can I help sail?

Aboard our sailing ship you are welcome to lend a hand when we sail, but it is optional.

Operating history

We have been operating since 1986.

Solo travel

Each year, a significant portion of our guests are solo travellers. As our crew are your comrades in adventure, you have between 4 and 10 other solo travellers already on every trip. From naturalists and expedition leaders who are with you on shore trips, to the other crew you share experiences with on board, you will find a wonderful camaraderie with crew -- and with the other guests.

On the Maple Leaf, there is no single supplement. If the trip fills, you will share with another single person of your own sex. On Swell and Cascadia there are several options: opt to share a cabin; have your own cabin on select trips for no single supplement (see Special Offers) or on other sailings have your own cabin for a 50% single supplement for a cabin (category 1 or 2 only).

The other guests

Our guests are people like you, who are interested in high quality experiences and in learning about the natural world and/or culture and enjoy the path less travelled.

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

MONTH	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT
ALASKA			⚓	⚓	⚓		
GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST	⚓	⚓	⚓		⚓	⚓	⚓
HAIDA GWAII		⚓	⚓	⚓			
GULF ISLANDS	⚓						⚓
VANCOUVER ISLAND & DESOLATION SOUND	⚓	⚓		⚓	⚓		⚓
CULINARY CRUISES							⚓

HOW TO GET TO YOUR TRIP

Your journey begins before you step aboard. Here's how to reach your departure point.



Airport Access

Many of our BC and Alaska expeditions begin from coastal ports serviced by regular flights.

- » For BC trips, guests typically fly into Vancouver International Airport (YVR).
- » For Alaska trips, connections are often made through Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) in Washington State, USA.

Your Welcome Aboard package will include detailed travel information for your specific itinerary – and our team is always happy to assist.

Ferries

Ferries connect many of the ports we operate from, including:

- » Vancouver–Victoria and Nanaimo
- » Port Hardy and Prince Rupert
- » Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii
- » Seattle–Victoria
- » Alaskan ports and Prince Rupert

Ferry travel requires careful planning, and sometimes a car – we recommend booking in advance.

Driving

If you plan to drive to your departure point, contact your travel agent or our office to confirm directions, timing, and parking options.

Travel Agent

Need help booking flights or accommodations? We're happy to share contacts for trusted travel professionals familiar with our trips.

Booking and Cancellation Policy

Deposit: A deposit of one-third of the trip fare is due at time of booking to reserve your space.

Balance: Final payment is due 120 days before your departure date.

Payment methods: We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, cheque, money order, or bank transfer.

Cancellations: If you cancel at least 120 days before departure, your deposit is refundable, minus a \$300 plus tax per person admin fee.

Cancellations within 120 days of departure are non-refundable.

If cancellation occurs within 72 hours of booking, your deposit is fully refundable.

We strongly recommend travel insurance to protect your investment. See the next page for details.

Group Bookings: For large group charters (e.g. full-ship family trips), different booking and cancellation terms may apply. Please contact us directly for more information.

BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE



Our All-Inclusive Package

- » All accommodation and warm hospitality on our boutique ships, and local lodges if your trip includes a lodge stay.
- » All shore trips, wildlife viewing, and zodiac excursions guided by our expert, knowledgeable crew, naturalist and guides.
- » All cultural site visits, and all additional local guides. All permits and fees.
- » All meals and snacks, freshly prepared by our chef. Meals offer great variety and highlight local specialties.
- » All beverages including coffee, tea, juices and sodas, filtered water, wine and craft beer. Note that alcohol is not a large focus of our trips.
- » Open wheelhouse. You are welcome in the ship's wheelhouse, where your crew navigate the ship.

Additional fees **not included** in the price:

- » Transportation to the trip's point of origin (unless booking with select special offers).
- » Goods and Service Tax (Canadian trips only, 5%).
- » Crew gratuities.
- » Sustainability Fee of \$200. As an ecotourism company, we work with local communities, and protect the environment. Responsible operations cost a little more. We extract from the fare a token amount of the increased costs that go towards sustainability to recognize this.

- » For solo travellers booking a whole cabin on Swell or Cascadia, a 50% single supplement. (There is no single supplement on Maple Leaf.)

Cancellation Insurance

We highly recommend cancellation insurance, which protects you if you have to make a late cancellation in certain cases (such as a medical emergency). Cancellation and any needed medical insurance can be purchased through a travel agent. This should be done at the time your booking is nonrefundable.

Pre-Trip Information Package

We will send you a comprehensive Welcome Aboard package including information on how to get to your trip, what to wear and bring, and other tips. It also includes an online questionnaire and a passenger agreement. There is also a reading list, for those who like to do pre-trip reading.

Full Ship Charters

Charter an entire trip for your family and friends and share quality time without worrying about logistical details. Children are welcome on full ship charters. Contact us for details.

Note: Full ship charters require advance planning, as the trips are popular and once a trip has bookings, it can no longer be exclusively yours.

How to Book Your Trip

To book, we welcome your call or email. We complete bookings by telephone (contact details on reverse).

“I’ve lectured for Kevin and Maureen’s trips at Maple Leaf Adventures several times. The intimate scale of their boats, with at most 24 guests, and their amazing staff and crew give you a very personalized experience of the northwest coast of North America. They grew up here and they know it better than any other.”

- Wade Davis, anthropologist, author, explorer



About Maple Leaf Adventures

Maple Leaf has received the Parks Canada Sustainable Tourism Award for promoting the appreciation of Canada’s natural, cultural and aesthetic heritage, while also protecting them.

As a long time practitioner of ecotourism, Maple Leaf Adventures pioneered travel in BC’s Great Bear Rainforest and northwestern Vancouver Island, and has made significant contributions to conservation.

Our trips are operated by expert locals and recognize the traditional territory of coastal First Nations, with whom we work, through protocol agreements. National Geographic Adventure has rated Maple Leaf Adventures one of the “Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth”.

Photographs in this brochure are captured on trip by our crew and CanGeo Ambassadors, including: Scott Forsyth (cover), Jeff Reynolds, Greg Shea, Philip Stone, Simon Ager, Grace Gladstone, Mary Morris, Kayleen VanderRee, Kevin Smith, Tavish Campbell, Brandon Harvey, Sherry Kirkvold, Robert Oakes, Matt Whelan, Daisy Gilardini, Marcus Atkins, Jenny Wong

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