



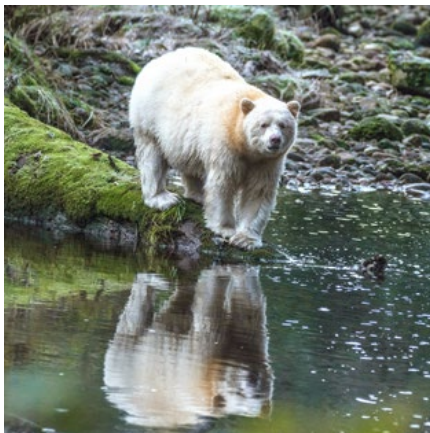
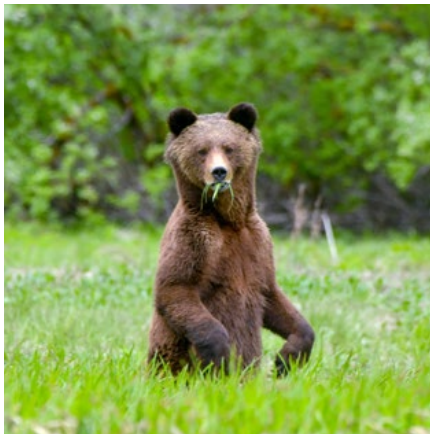
2026

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 undulates into bays, twists into archipelagos, and stretches down fjords that slice through mountain ranges.

This is wild geography. There are few roads. As a result, wildlife and nature thrive. We, in the few coastal communities, have a deep connection to the ocean.

To reach the richest areas, you must travel by water, as people have done for millennia.

Our tiny ships access a world closed to bigger ships. Our permits and First Nations protocol agreements, combined with our crew's local knowledge, give you exclusive reach to special areas, wildlife and people.

You Get the Locals' Best

First and foremost, this coast is our beloved home and you our very welcome guest. Everyone, from captain to chef, takes pride in showing you the best experiences we know. Often your crew are involved in ongoing coastal research, community building, or the care of our own ships. They're handpicked for their mastery and geniality. Expert mariners are happy to share their intimate understanding of coastal bathymetry and weather; chefs their approach to local specialties; naturalists their understanding not just of what you see but its context — ecologically, socially, historically.

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 will 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 residents. Smell the sweet coniferous forest as you step ashore. Feel the rhythm of ship and ocean as you steer under crew's guidance, taste the flavour of huckleberries or freshly caught prawns, and hear a whale's sharp inhalation of breath before it dives.

Our purpose is to delight and inspire you, while also benefitting 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 approach is to enhance, rather than take from, our home, to give you an exceptional experience that also leaves a legacy. Ever since our inception in 1986, we have celebrated, partnered with and funded nature conservation and communities where we operate.

Spontaneous Adventures

Our itineraries are flexible to give you the best experience possible; they are true open itineraries in the spirit of exploration and discovery. Come up to the helm, help spot whales, 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 seek urban or cruise ship amenities, including shows, shopping and 24-hour-a-day alcohol, 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 and Maureen Gordon
Co-Owners



DESTINATIONS



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About the Itineraries

In each destination that follows, we list the sample itinerary for each trip showing the typical route and events. Note, that our itineraries are flexible, to accommodate the actions of wildlife, weather and special events we encounter. Our expert crew know how to combine the highlights of each area, and in the right order, to provide the best possible trip each time.

OVERVIEW

“We were warmly welcomed by Haida people who introduced us to their culture and traditions, and led us on tours of their historic sites. We also had great fun kayaking, fishing for rock bass and harvesting sea asparagus. Life on the Cascadia was pure luxury in terms of comfort, gourmet dining and amazing service.”

- JMR 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.

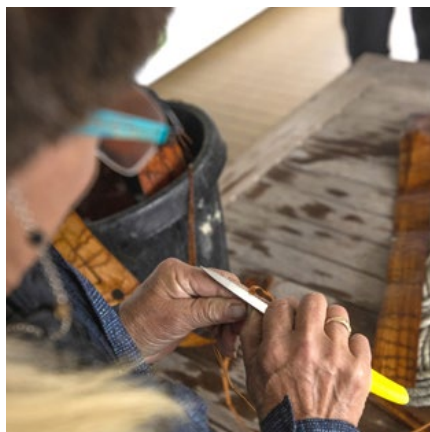
Special Features

- » 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



DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Haida Gwaii Classic

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Jun 13-21, Jun 21-Jun 29, Jun 29-Jul 7,
Jul 8-16, Jul 16-24, Jul 24-Aug 1

\$9250 CAD

DEPART/RETURN:

Masset, BC
Sandspit, BC

Cascadia

May 11-18, May 18-25, May 25-Jun 1,
Jun 2-9, Jun 17-24, Jun 24-Jul 1, Jul 1-8

\$12995 CAD (cat. 1)

\$14995 CAD (cat. 2)

\$17350 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART & RETURN:

Vancouver, BC

DAY 1

Masset. Tour kickoff, land-based tour of Northern Haida Gwaii and modern communities, including Taaw Tldáaw (Tow Hill) as well as cultural activities such as a visit to Gaw Tlagee (Old Masset). Dinner and lodge accommodation on Graham Island.

DAY 2-3

Tlell, HIGaagilda (Skidegate), Haida Heritage Centre at Kay 'Lnagaay. Board ship, orientation, cruising, whale watching, island anchorage and explore ashore. T'aanuu village site, K'iid Xyangs K'iidaay (Burnaby Narrows) for some of the planet's densest intertidal life, kayaking, cruising.

DAY 4-6

Sailing southward in Gwaii Haanas, towards Cape St. James (southern tip of Haida Gwaii), fishing. Seabird viewing, UNESCO World Heritage Site visit, Sǫang Gwaay (Ninstints), Rose Harbour visit (remote community, pop. 4). Cruising, rainforest walk, possible bears.

DAY 7

Sailing Juan Perez Sound, whale watching, hot springs island visit.

DAY 8

Hlk'yah GawGa (Windy Bay) cultural heritage site, whale watching, K'uuna (Skedans) village site.

DAY 9

Cruise to port and transportation 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 trip, designed for *Canadian Geographic*.

Our classic trip with extras including an additional day exploring, extra experiences, and additional special resource people from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. Past 2024/2025 RCGS Ambassadors include world renowned photographer, Daisy Gilardini, award-winning artist David McKeown and acclaimed landscape photographer and writer, Scott Forsyth. 2026 Ambassador: TBA

ITINERARY 2

Haida Gwaii with Canadian Geographic

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Jun 9-17

\$14750 CAD (cat. 1)

\$17120 CAD (cat. 2)

\$19500 CAD (cat. 3)

Special: *Cascadia fare includes flights!*

DEPART & RETURN:

Vancouver, BC

DAY 1

Meet at Vancouver airport's south terminal for flight to Haida Gwaii. Tour kickoff, then land-based tour of Masset, G̱aw Tḻagee (Old Masset), Taaw Tḻḏáa (Tow Hill), and the northern island. Special Haida welcome dinner and lodge accommodation in HḻG̱aagilda (Skidegate).

DAY 2-3

HḻG̱aagilda (Skidegate), Haida Heritage Centre at Kay 'Lnagaay, board ship, orientation, cruising, whale watching, island anchorage and explore ashore. T'aanuu village site, K'iid Xyangs K'iidaay (Burnaby Narrows) for some of the planet's densest intertidal life, kayaking, cruising.

DAY 4-5

Sailing southward in Gwaii Haanas, exploring southern bays and beaches, Cape St. James (southern tip of Haida Gwaii).

DAY 6

Seabird viewing, UNESCO World Heritage Site visit, S̱Gang Gwaay (Ninstints), Rose Harbour visit (remote community, pop. 4)

DAY 7-8

Cruising Juan Perez Sound, whale watching, hot springs island visit. Hlk'yah G̱awGa (Windy Bay) cultural heritage site, whale-watching, K'uuna (Skedans) village site. Farewell dinner.

DAY 9

Cruising to Sandspit. Flight from Sandspit to Vancouver.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

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.

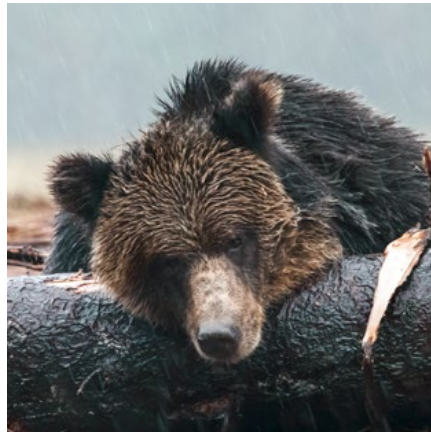
We operate with all exclusive permits and protocol agreements required to go ashore, view wildlife, and visit communities here.

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 & 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

Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope

AUTUMN



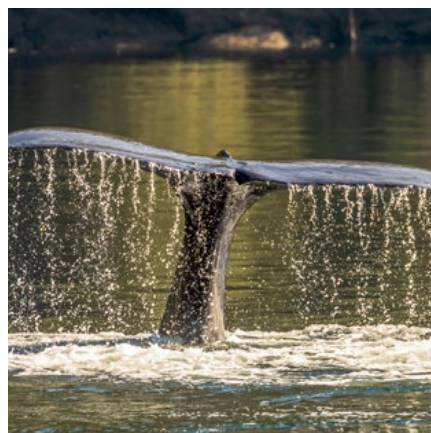
Unique features: Salmon run, spirit bear, grizzly bear, black bear, whales, wetter weather.

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn Supervoyage

Great Bear Rainforest Short Trip

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn Photo Trip with Canadian Geographic



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

May 17-24

\$4900 CAD

DEPART/RETURN:

Port McNeill, BC

Bella Bella, BC

DAY 1

Board at Campbell River. Cruising Quadra Island and Vancouver Island shores. Seymour Narrows, the dividing line between southern and northern climates. Historic Ripple Rock, watch for whales and porpoises. Rainforest walk.

DAY 2-4

Johnstone Strait and the steep-sided islands of the Broughton Archipelago. Coastal villages, Alert Bay cultural centre, marine mammals. Sailing Cape Caution, exploring western islands and beaches of southern Great Bear.

DAY 5-7

Entering the mainland inlets and fjords. Viewing humpback whales, possible early bears. Fjords, where waterfalls cascade down granite cliffs. Petroglyphs, hot springs visit, cultural history, early spring wildflowers in meadows.

DAY 8

Cruise to Bella Bella. Wildlife viewing en route.

ITINERARY 2

Great Bear Rainforest Spring

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

May 25-Jun 1

\$6850 CAD

Swell

May 17-24, May 26-Jun 2,

Jun 3-10, Jun 18-25

\$7950 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8950 CAD (cat. 2)

\$10250 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Bella Bella, BC

Kitimat, BC

or reverse

DAY 1

Board your ship, orientation, cruise into Fjordland viewing spectacular mountains and waterfalls. Rainforest walk.

DAY 2-3

Visit Fjordland river estuaries, wildflower meadows. Bear viewing. Visit Kitasoo/Xai'xais community of Klemtu, including guided tour and conversations at big house, example of First Nations artistry, culture and architecture.

DAY 4

Mainland inlet, bear viewing, rainforest walk, waterfalls, inside passage cruising, hot springs visit.

DAY 5

Sailing down aptly named Whale Channel, viewing marine mam-

mals including whales and sea lions. Visit remote whale research station and speak with scientists. Cruise to west coast beach and explore.

DAY 6-7

Sailing the outer coast, exploring remote islands. Intertidal life, whales, seabirds, beaches. Exploring north coast wolf habitat, cruising from outer coast to inner coast, rainforest walk.

DAY 8

Cruising to port, wildlife viewing en route.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 3

Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Jun 2-9

\$6000 CAD

Swell

Jun 11-17

\$7450 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8150 CAD (cat. 2)

\$9550 CAD (cat. 3)

Cascadia

Aug 23-29

\$8300 CAD (cat. 1)

\$9770 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11150 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 - watch for bears.

DAY 2-3

Morning estuary walk (wildflowers), learning about bear habitat, river exploration. Hot springs visit. Enter Gardner Canal, the longest fjord on the coast, crossing from territory of Haisla to Hennaaksiala. 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 Hennaaksiala 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 for the amazing tale of the G'psgolox pole.

Explore the river and the estuary, watching for the wildlife that in-

habits it including ducks, eagles, bears, and ungulates.

DAY 5

Cruise to Kowesas to explore ashore and then the site of Kemaano.

DAY 6

Whale watching and exploring further sites along the fjord. Visit second hot springs.

DAY 7 (CASCADIA, SWELL)

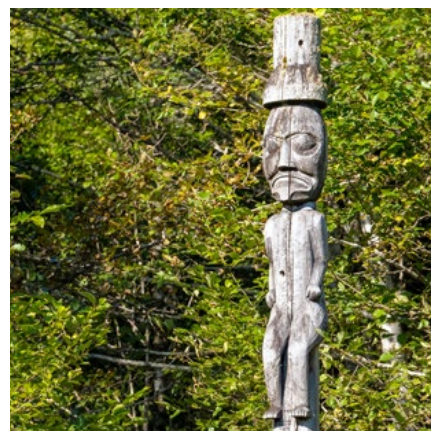
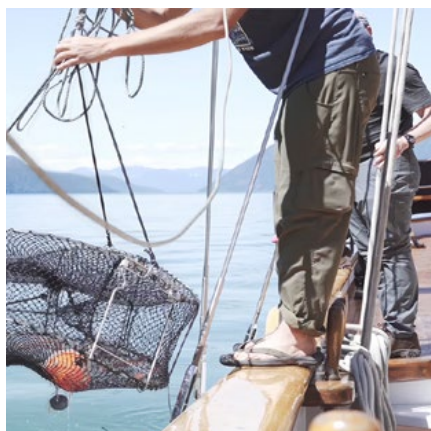
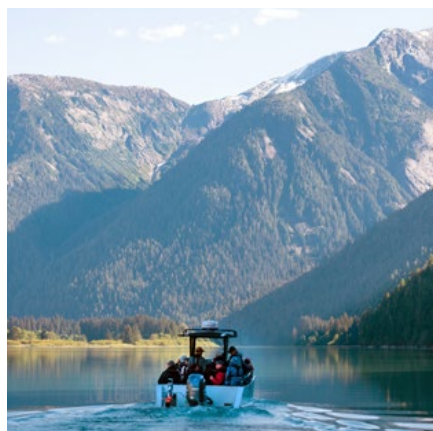
Cruise to Kitamaat. Wildlife viewing en route.

DAY 7-8 (MAPLE LEAF)

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

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

Trips on Maple Leaf are 7 nights/8 days.



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 4

Whales & Wild Isles, Great Bear Rainforest

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Aug 9-17

\$11070 CAD (cat. 1)

\$13020 CAD (cat. 2)

\$14850 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

Sailing northwest, 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, research station, sailing up Fitzhugh Sound 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. Marine mammal viewing (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 Prince Rupert. Wildlife viewing en route.

ITINERARY 5

Whales & Wild Isles 5-Day, Great Bear Rainforest

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Aug 18-22

\$6400 CAD (cat. 1)

\$7450 CAD (cat. 2)

\$8515 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Kitimat, BC

DAY 1

Board your ship, orientation, cruising and watching for whales. Island anchorage, rainforest walk with naturalist.

DAY 2

Exploring the inner channels watching for whales. Visit whale researchers at their remote research station. Sea lion haul-out. Afternoon kayak, tender ride or estuary walk.

DAY 3

Cruising the outer coast and beautiful island groups. Exploring beautiful beaches, some where the elusive coastal wolves live. Optional hike to view and kayaking. Exploring intertidal life, seabird viewing, beachcombing.

DAY 4

Further outer coast exploration, then entering the inner channels and more marine mammal viewing. Natural hot springs visit.

DAY 5

Cruise Douglas Channel to Kitimat. Wildlife viewing en route.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



ITINERARY 6

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Sep 1-8, Prince Rupert to Kitimat

Sep 9-16, Kitimat to Bella Bella

Sep 17-24, Bella Bella to Kitimat

Sep 26-Oct 3, Kitimat to Bella Bella

\$8650 CAD

Swell

Sep 12-19, Bella Bella to Kitimat

Sep 20-27, Kitimat to Bella Bella

Sep 28-Oct 5, Bella Bella to Kitimat

Oct 7-14, Kitimat to Bella Bella

\$11150 CAD (cat. 1)

\$12150 CAD (cat. 2)

\$14060 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Bella Bella, BC

Kitimat, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard, orientation, embark on your Great Bear Rainforest tour, cruising. Island anchorage, river exploration with spawning salmon, and 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 who live here, in one of the best havens for bears.

DAY 3

Morning bear viewing, then cruising. Tour First Nations village, Klemtu, with local Indigenous guide. Big House tour. Intertidal life. Fjord anchorage.

DAY 4

Exploring coastal river by zodiac. Natural history of a grizzly bear's life, watching for bears who live here. Afternoon shore trip on other side of river. 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. Whale Channel, humpback whale watching.

DAY 6

Visit with whale researchers at remote station. Sailing down coastal channel, watching for whales. Sea lion haul-out visit. Island anchorage. Optional evening kayak.

DAY 7

Outer coast Great Bear Rainforest tour and beach exploration, optional hike to view. Possibility of hearing or seeing a wolf. Cruising through inner channels watching for whales. Island anchorage.

DAY 8

Short morning exploration. Cruising to port to disembark. Shuttle to airport.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 7

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn Supervoyage

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Sep 2-Sep 11

\$13950 CAD (cat. 1)

\$15250 CAD (cat. 2)

\$17600 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.

DAY 2

Cruising the islands of the outer coast, watching for wildlife. Shore trips on beautiful beaches and shoreline, including habitat of the coastal wolf. Hike to view and evening beach fire.

DAY 3

Further remote island exploration. Whale watching in one of the best areas for viewing humpback whales, and possibly fin whales or other species.

DAY 4

Sea lion haul out, whale watching, visit whale researchers at remote station. Cruising into the inner channels of the Great Bear Rainforest. 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 white spirit bear.

DAY 6

Cruising Inside Passage to mainland fjord. Rainforest hike and interpretation. Cruise inlet laced with waterfalls. Early evening shore trip for wildlife viewing in habitat for grizzly bears.

DAY 7

Morning exploration of river by small boat, watching for grizzly bears. Walking the estuary meadow, learning about the lifestyle of coastal grizzlies. Visit Kitasoo / Xai'xais village of Klemtu, with guided tour of its big house.

DAY 8

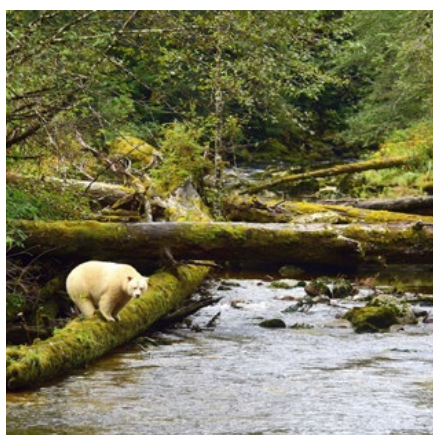
Morning shore walk exploring the rainforest salmon ecosystem. Cruising spectacular Fjordland full of granite mountains, waterfalls. Shore trip to explore estuary and watch for wildlife.

DAY 9

Further explorations and wildlife viewing in Fjordland

DAY 10

Morning kayak or shore walk. Cruising to port, watching for wildlife.



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 8

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn Catamaran

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Aug 30-Sep 6,

Sep 16-23, Sep 24-Oct 1

\$12350 CAD (cat. 1)

\$14350 CAD (cat. 2)

\$16320 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Kitimat, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard in Haisla territory, cruising to evening anchorage, watching for whales. Evening rainforest walk before dinner.

DAY 2-3

Crossing into Hennaksiala territory, with traditions and stories of our mentor, Killer Whale Clan elder Wa'xaid (Cecil Paul). Cruising down a spectacular fjord, 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.

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.

DAY 5

Morning shore exploration in estuary. Cruising Whale Channel region, a critical habitat for several species of whales. Marine mammal viewing. Visit whale researchers at remote station. Island anchorage.

DAY 6-7

Visit the Great Bear Rainforest's wild outer islands and beaches, with hike to views. Possible wolf sighting. Cruising to and exploring archipelago of tiny islands, some areas so wild they're not yet charted. Seabird viewing.

DAY 8

Cruise to port, watching for wildlife.

ITINERARY 9

Great Bear Rainforest 6-Day Catamaran

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Oct 4-9, Oct 10-15

\$8890 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10350 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11770 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Bella Bella, BC

DAY 1

Local Heiltsuk territorial welcome. 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 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 5-6

Cruising across Fitzhugh Sound, watching whales. Outer island exploration. Shore trips on island beaches. Morning kayaking among the pretty Goose Group islands, watching for sea otters. Cruising to Bella Bella, looking for whales en route.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 10

Great Bear Rainforest 6-Day Sailing Ship

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Oct 4-9, Oct 10-15

\$6300 CAD

DEPART/RETURN:

Kitimat, BC

Bella Bella, BC

DAY 1

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. Visit to Kitasoo-Xai'xais village of Klemtu, big house tour with our Indigenous guide. Cruising north through the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest to spectacular mainland inlet.

DAY 3

Morning looking for grizzly bears. Estuary walk and exploration of the lifestyle and home 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

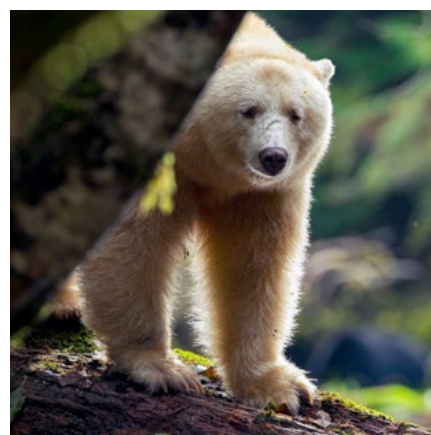
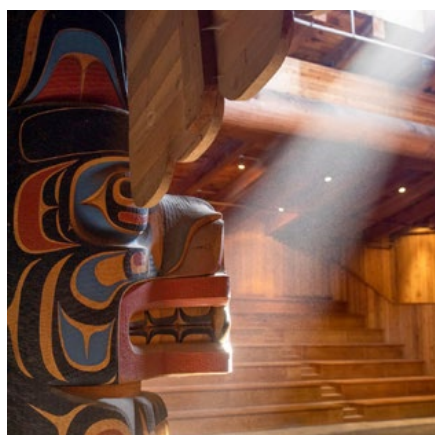
Meet our Gitga'at guides from Hartley Bay to spend the day in a location well known for the rare white spirit bear.

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



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

Exclusive guiding by special resource person to be announced (2025 was Jenny Wong, RCGS Ambassador and Nikon Ambassador. Previous resource people were Wade Davis and Severn Cullis-Suzuki). Flights to and from Vancouver, special additional cultural opportunities and an accomplished ambassador from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society are included in this trip.

ITINERARY 11

Great Bear Rainforest Photo Trip with Canadian Geographic

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Sep 7-14

\$12850 CAD (cat. 1)

\$14890 CAD (cat. 2)

\$16950 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Kitimat, BC



DAY 1

Welcome aboard in Haisla territory, cruising to anchorage, watching for whales. Evening photography presentation and/or shore walk.

DAY 2

Crossing into Hennaksiala territory, cruising down a spectacular fjord, where granite mountains rise from thousands of feet below the sea. 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 3

Grizzly bear viewing and exploring landscapes among the fjords while learning from photography guide in action. Cruising the Great Bear's island channels. Visit to village of Hartley Bay for a

big house tour and cultural introduction by local guide.

DAY 4

Visit island known as the epicentre of spirit bears with our Gitga'a't guides, plus photography guide. Full day at viewing site for the best opportunity to view a spirit bear.

DAY 5-7

Morning shore exploration in estuary. Cruising Whale Channel region, critical habitat for several whale species. Visit whale researchers at remote station. 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. Last night dinner and photo sharing.

DAY 8

Cruise to port.

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.



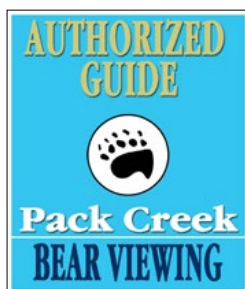
The ultimate Alaska itinerary.

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

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Jul 9-18

\$13200 CAD / \$9700 USD (cat. 1)

\$14450 CAD / \$10500 USD (cat. 2)

\$15950 CAD / \$11600 USD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Sitka, AK

Petersburg, AK

DAY 1

Board at Petersburg, cruising Frederick Sound, introduction to Alaskan natural world on shore walk. Wilderness anchorage.

DAY 2

Rainforest walk along creek to waterfall, introduction to coastal rainforest. Whale watching, wild-flower meadow walk. Optional evening kayak.

DAY 3-4

Cruising spectacular fjord to tidewater glacier, icebergs, wild-life viewing. Option to zodiac, kayak and/or walk, exploring glacier, icebergs in this awesome ice world. Humpback whales of Stephens Passage, Five Fingers Lighthouse, Windfall Harbour. Explore estuary and look for brown bears.

DAY 5-7

Guided brown bear viewing and rainforest walk, at estuary and forest site, at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island (with our exclusive access). Frederick Sound marine mammals and islands. Trail walk and hot springs soak at hamlet of Baranof, then spectacular inlet anchorages.

DAY 8

Hike through many ecotypes and on spectacular west coast beaches. Cruising the west coast, sea otters, seabirds.

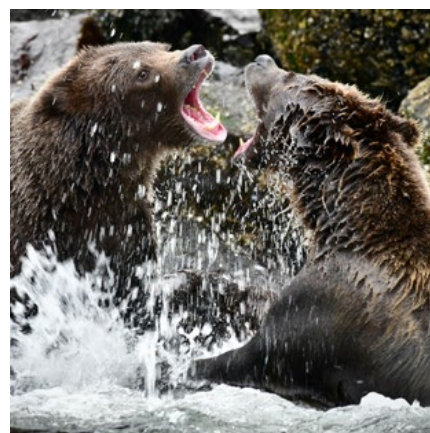
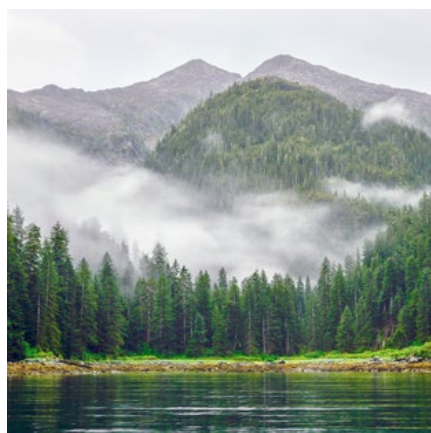
DAY 9

Tie up at historic town of Sitka and disembark for historic walking tour covering Tlingit, Russian and American history. Farewell dinner, hotel stay.

DAY 10

Breakfast, museum visit, and free time to explore Sitka.

Note: Alaska fares listed are an approximate conversion of US Dollars calculated at the time of publication, fare paid is in Canadian dollars.



DESTINATION | ALASKA

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



ITINERARY 2

Alaska Supervoyage

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Jun 28-Jul 9 (Ketchikan to Sitka)
Jul 28-Aug 8 (Sitka to Petersburg)
Aug 8-19 (Petersburg to Sitka)
Aug 19-30 (Sitka to Ketchikan)
\$16150 CAD / \$12000 USD (cat. 1)
\$17650 CAD / \$13000 USD (cat. 2)
\$19500 CAD / \$14500 USD (cat. 3)

Maple Leaf

Aug 8-18 (Ketchikan to Petersburg)
Aug 19-29 (Petersburg to Ketchikan)
\$11200 CAD / \$8500 USD

DEPART/RETURN:

See dates

Note: Land-based tour of Ketchikan, Sitka, or Petersburg is at either the beginning or end of trip and is exclusive to Swell voyages only.

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DAY 1

Meet in Ketchikan, historic walking tour, including gold rush history. Welcome dinner.

DAY 2-3

Breakfast at hotel, free time to explore, Tlingit history experience, board ship. 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 haul out, 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. 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

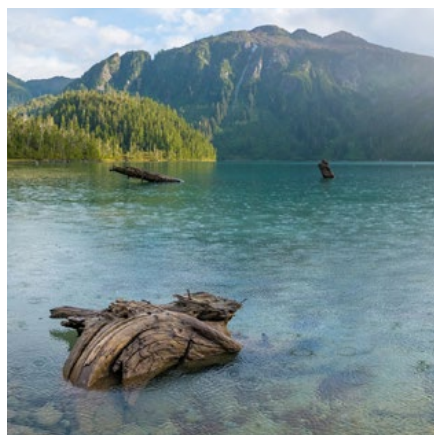
Cruising the waterfall coast of Baranof Island. Visit hot springs and small community of Baranof. Shore walks, whale watching, bear viewing, sea otter viewing.

DAY 12

Cruise to Sitka, watching for wildlife.

DESTINATION | ALASKA

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



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

Exclusive guiding by a special resource person from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. Past 2025 RCGS Ambassadors include world renowned photographer, Daisy Gilardini and award-winning artist David McKeown. 2026 Ambassador: TBA. Additional interpretive experience also included in this itinerary. If possible, includes visit with Alaska Whale Foundation researchers.

ITINERARY 3

Alaska Adventure with Canadian Geographic

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Jul 18-27

\$13700 CAD / \$10100 USD (cat. 1)

\$14950 CAD / \$11000 USD (cat. 2)

\$16450 CAD / \$12000 USD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Petersburg, AK

Sitka, AK



Note: Alaska fares listed are an approximate conversion of US Dollars calculated at the time of publication, fare paid is in Canadian dollars.

DAY 1

Board at Petersburg, cruising Frederick Sound, introduction to Alaskan natural world on shore walk. Wilderness anchorage.

DAY 2

Rainforest walk along creek to waterfall, introduction to coastal rainforest. Whale watching, wildflower meadow walk. Optional evening kayak.

DAY 3-4

Cruising spectacular fjord to tidewater glacier, icebergs, wildlife viewing. Option to zodiac, kayak and/or walk, exploring glacier, icebergs in this awesome ice world. Humpback whales of Stephens Passage, Five Fingers Lighthouse, Windfall Harbour. Explore estuary and look for brown bears.

DAY 5-7

Exclusive guided brown bear viewing and rainforest walk at estuary and forest site at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island. Frederick Sound marine mammals and islands. Trail walk and hot springs soak at hamlet of Baranof, then spectacular inlet anchorages.

DAY 8

Hike through many ecotypes and on spectacular west coast beaches. Cruising the west coast, sea otters, seabirds.

DAY 9

Tie up at historic town of Sitka and disembark for historic walking tour covering Tlingit, Russian and American history. Farewell dinner, hotel stay.

DAY 10

Breakfast, museum visit, and free time to explore Sitka.

OVERVIEW

“We loved our time aboard the beautiful boat and had amazing shore adventures every day; tide pooling, hiking, caving and exploring. 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 rainforests”, 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?)

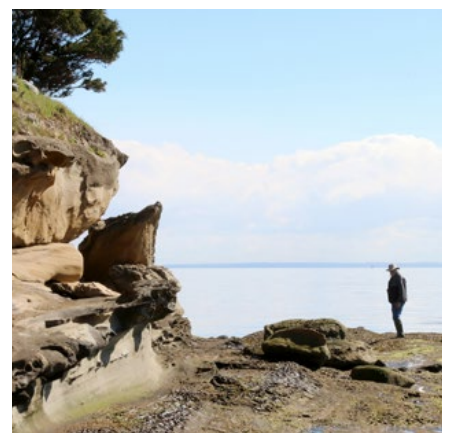
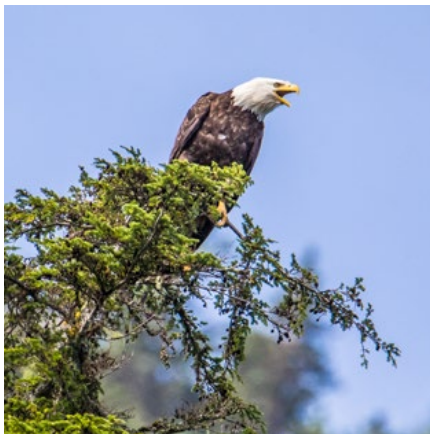
Special Features

- » 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



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 and Islands of British Columbia

ITINERARY 1

Spring or Autumn in the Gulf Islands

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Apr 21-25

Oct 27-31

\$3650 CAD

DEPART AND RETURN:

Sidney, BC

DAY 1

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

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 and seabird haul out. 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 Samsun Narrows, where Vancouver Island bluffs rise close to Salt Spring Island bluffs. Anchorage, Burgoyne Bay.

DAY 4

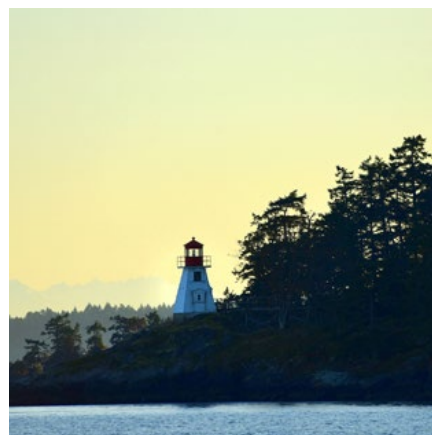
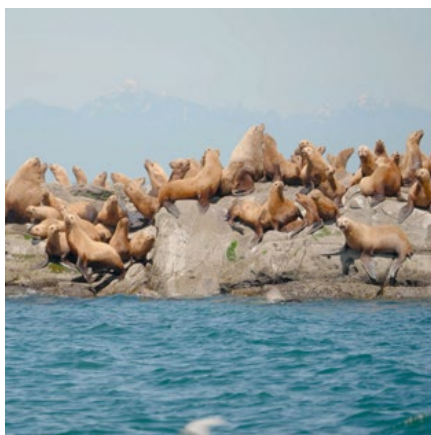
Morning kayak or forest walk in protected Burgoyne Bay at the base of a forested ecological reserve. Cruise to Russell Island. Here, learn both the history of the Coast Salish shell middens and the Kanakas (Hawaiians who sailed to this coast with European explorers) in an idyllic location just off Salt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

DAY 5

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

DESTINATION | GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



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

On this special trip with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, you'll explore a cross-boundary region gaining international attention. Naturalists and historians guide you, including a local elder. Past elders include Florence James, Salilye, and Earl Claxton, who guide us for 5 days through a millennia of history, connecting you to the names and stories these beautiful islands have always had, but that few people know.

ITINERARY 2

Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Apr 14-18

\$4700 CAD (cat. 1)

\$5400 CAD (cat. 2)

\$6450 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Sidney, BC



DAY 1

Welcome orientation. 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 lecture.

DAY 2

Cruising spectacular Samsun Narrows, with history of European/Canadian exploration, and coastal First Nations history. Shore trips at Penelakut Island, Valdez Islands, historic sites. Cruising Polier Pass, shore trip Galiano Island, historic site. Short evening presentation.

DAY 3

Exploring the outer islands on the edge of the 'big sea', Georgia Strait. Marine mammal viewing. Exploring ashore on Cabbage

and Tumbo Islands, settler history, historic farmstead, beautiful beach. Optional kayaking.

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.

DESTINATION

GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 3

Craft Beer & Culinary Cruise

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Oct 28-Nov 1

\$4230 CAD (cat. 1)

\$4710 CAD (cat. 2)

\$5750 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. Tasting dinner aboard with social history of BC beer discussion.

DAY 2-3

Island hopping. Explore Ruxton Island and local legend ashore in the morning. Cruise to Ladysmith and tasting lunch at Crow and Gate pub. Cruise to beautiful Montague Harbour, Galiano Island or Wallace Island for shore walk. Cruising north through the Gulf Islands to Nanaimo / Ladysmith area. Brewery tour and tasting, guided by brewmaster.

DAY 4

Island cruising to outer Gulf Islands. Wildlife viewing at small chain of islands that hosts birds and marine mammals. Beachcombing and historic farmstead exploration at Cabbage and Tumbo Islands at midday. Afternoon walk to spectacular Monarch Head on Saturna Island with view of Canada/USA boundary and surrounding islands.

DAY 5

Cruising and watching for wildlife en route to Sidney.



DESTINATION | GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



ITINERARY 4

Wines & Islands

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Oct 27-31

\$7110 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8370 CAD (cat. 2)

\$9550 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Sidney, BC

TimeOut

10 BEST WINE VACATIONS

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

DAY 1

Board. 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 & Similkameen wines feature. Morning cruising to outer Gulf Islands past beautiful scenery, through biologically productive Tumbo Channel, watching for wildlife. Shore trips at Cabbage and Tumbo Islands exploring beach-

es, 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.

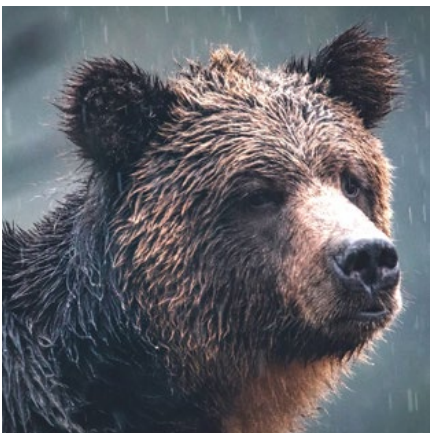
While Desolation Sound is one of the world’s most popular cruising destinations, you will enjoy the area in a unique way: without the bustle of other boaters. By touring Desolation Sound and the Discovery Islands in “off peak” times—which are actually peak times for wild-life—you’ll enjoy the fjords, 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; in fall with our partners from the Klahoose Nation.
- » 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

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Apr 28–May 2, May 3–7

Oct 19–23

\$3650 CAD

Swell

Apr 21–25, Apr 26–30, May 1–5

\$3975 CAD (cat. 1)

\$4550 CAD (cat. 2)

\$5450 CAD (cat. 3)

Cascadia

May 3–7

\$5500 CAD (cat. 1)

\$6450 CAD (cat. 2)

\$7425 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Campbell River, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard. Visit Mitten-natch 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 buff 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

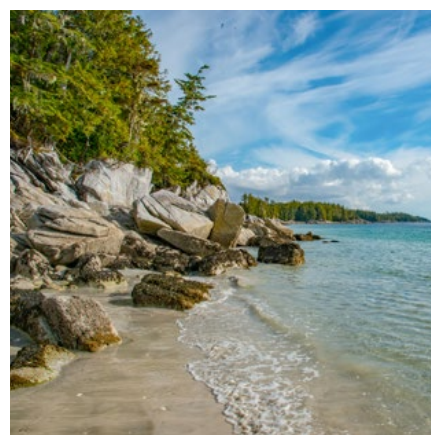
Explore one of the coast's spectacular fjords, cutting deep into the snow-capped coast mountains. Chance of grizzly bear sightings. Anchorage at Prideaux Haven, at the confluence of Malaspina Inlet and Homfray Channel.

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.



DESTINATION | DESOLATION SOUND

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



ITINERARY 2

Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

Oct 18-27

\$6970 CAD (cat. 1)

\$7690 CAD (cat. 2)

\$9090 CAD (cat. 3)

Cascadia

Oct 18-26

\$9250 CAD (cat. 1)

\$11050 CAD (cat. 2)

\$12600 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Port McNeill, BC
Sidney, BC

DAY 1

Board vessel and cruise to anchorage in the Broughton Archipelago. Optional evening kayak.

DAY 2

Small boat trip to explore the marine life of the archipelago - kelp forest, seabirds and marine mammals such as sea lions and whales. Heading deeper into the islands to visit Billy Proctor's museum and homestead. Visit Alert Bay and U'mista Cultural Centre with private guided tour of Kwakwaka'wakw potlatch collection.

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. Shore trip for beaches, culture site. Aft deck barbecue and alfresco dining.

DAY 5-6

Exploring spectacular Toba Inlet, a fjord that cuts 35 kilometres into the Coast Mountains. Shore trips to explore the nature of estuary meadows and the coastal rainforest. Visit with our friends from the Klahoose Nation's viewing stands where grizzly bears fish salmon at several sites along the river. Island anchorage.

DAY 7

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

DAY 8

Exploring the islets and more Mediterranean climate northern Gulf Islands, watching for marine mammals and birds. Island and beach hike. Intertidal exploration.

DAY 9

Cruising to port, watching for wildlife.

Note: Swell trip has one day extra to allow for slower movement between areas.

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.

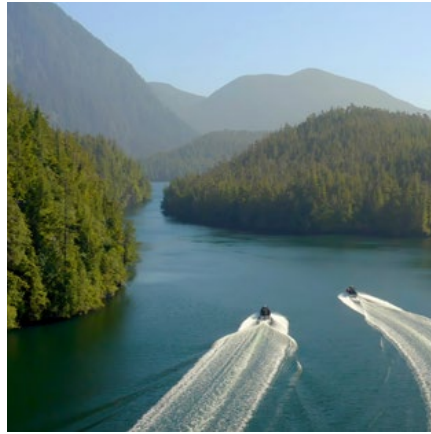
Nature and culture in one of the world’s most diverse ecosystems.

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



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D A T E S & I T I N E R A R Y S A M P L E

SPRING

Unique features: Cruising in quiet waters under snow-capped mountains, wildflowers, whales, bears and seabirds, and peaceful anchorages.

Vancouver Island Inside Passage Spring

SUMMER

Unique features: More settled weather for exploring the west coast, sandy beaches, puffins, whales, sea otters, black bears, albatross, remote islands, visit with Kyuquot village friends.

Vancouver Island's Wild Side

Vancouver Island Supervoyage

Vancouver Island Inside Passage Summer

ITINERARY 1

Vancouver Island Inside Passage Spring

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell

May 6-13

\$5950 CAD (cat.1)

\$6650 CAD (cat. 2)

\$6850 CAD (cat. 3)

Maple Leaf

May 9-16

\$5100 CAD

DEPART AND RETURN:

Campbell River, BC

Port McNeill, BC

DAY 1

Forest hike to panoramic view. Visit to beaches, historic farmstead and wildlife islets (seabirds, sea lions).

DAY 2-3

Cruising Georgia Strait, Explore ashore in the Discovery Islands beaches. Whale watching.

Seymour Narrows, historic Ripple Rock, whales and porpoises, rainforest shore excursion, Port Neville. Johnstone Strait and the steep-sided islands of the Broughton Archipelago. Look for bears.

DAY 4-5

Coastal villages, Alert Bay's U'mista cultural centre, marine mammals.

DAY 5-6

Intertidal exploration ashore—the wondrous world of creatures that live where the tide comes in and

out. Cruise to next anchorage and watch for killer whales and porpoises.

DAY 7

Broughton Archipelago, visit with researchers, visit to historic boardwalk village Telegraph Cove. Wildlife viewing. Optional evening kayak. Celebration dinner.

DAY 8

Cruise to port, watching for whales.

See also:

Desolation Sound & Salish Sea Supervoyage (Apr, May)

Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC (Oct)

(Page 35) in the section "Desolation Sound". These trips also include Vancouver Island's inside passage.

ITINERARY 2

Vancouver Island Inside Passage Summer

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Aug 1-7

\$8695 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10250 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11650 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

Morning rainforest walk with naturalist. Scenic island channels, tidal rapids, and summer cruising with the Coast Mountains in backdrop. Exploring spectacular fjord by small boat. Evening beach walk, swimming, kayaking.

DAY 3

Further exploring the islands and inlets of Desolation Sound and Discovery Islands.

DAY 4

Cruising the back channels between the Discovery Islands and Johnstone Strait, watching for whales. Explore the landscape as

it changes from the drier southern ecosystems to the northern rainforest.

DAY 5

Visit boardwalk village of Telegraph Cove on Vancouver Island, and learn from whale research friends at the Whale Interpretive Centre. Explore Kwakwaka'wakw history and culture at Alert Bay including a private guided tour of the regalia collection.

DAY 6

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

DAY 7

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

ITINERARY 3

Vancouver Island's Wild Side

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Jul 14-20

\$8695 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10150 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11750 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC

DAY 1

Board ship in Port Hardy. Whale watching on Vancouver Island's northeast side. Cruising and exploring the Cape Sutil area (Vancouver Island's northern tip).

DAY 2-3

Cruising around the wild Brooks Peninsula. Weather permitting, cruising the continental shelf region where seabirds (albatross, puffins) and marine mammals forage. Anchorage and remote beach exploration. Morning kayak. Anchorage in Nesparti Inlet.

DAY 4

Kyuquot Sound exploration, sea

otter viewing, traditional salmon bake around campfire with gourmet dinner.

DAY 5-6

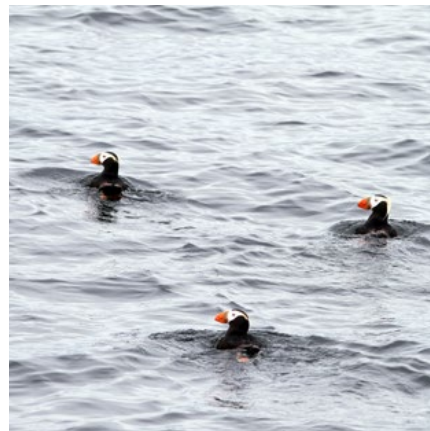
Exploration of offshore group of islands with sandy beaches and salal-rich headlands. North around Brooks Peninsula. Puffin viewing, possible black bear viewing and meadow walk. Optional evening kayak, Quatsino Sound. Cruise to Klaskish and East Creek.

DAY 7

Exploring "hanging rainforest gardens" or abundant intertidal life onshore. Transportation from Coal Harbour to Port Hardy airport.

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DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



ITINERARY 4

Vancouver Island Supervoyage

2026 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Cascadia

Jul 20 - Aug 1

\$11990 CAD (cat. 1)

\$14250 CAD (cat. 2)

\$16275 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Vancouver

(boarding in Port Hardy, BC)

Victoria

(disembarking in Campbell River)

Note: This trip is fully customizable!

DAY 1-2

Arrive in Port Hardy from Vancouver and settle into the Kwa'lilas Hotel for welcome dinner. In the morning, ferry to Alert Bay to visit the U'mista Cultural Centre and enjoy an interpretive walk in an ecological reserve. Board 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

Witness Dent Rapids and scenic Discovery Islands, view photographs in Walsh Cove, and savor dinner under the stars. 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 conclude your adventure with a historical tour of Victoria.

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, Mate Simon Ager, Captain Stan DuBiel, Mate Emma Troost, Deckhand Polly Cox, Haida Cultural Guide Gaajiaawa (Linda Tollas)

Choose a Unique Journey

Culinary Adventures Steeped in Nature

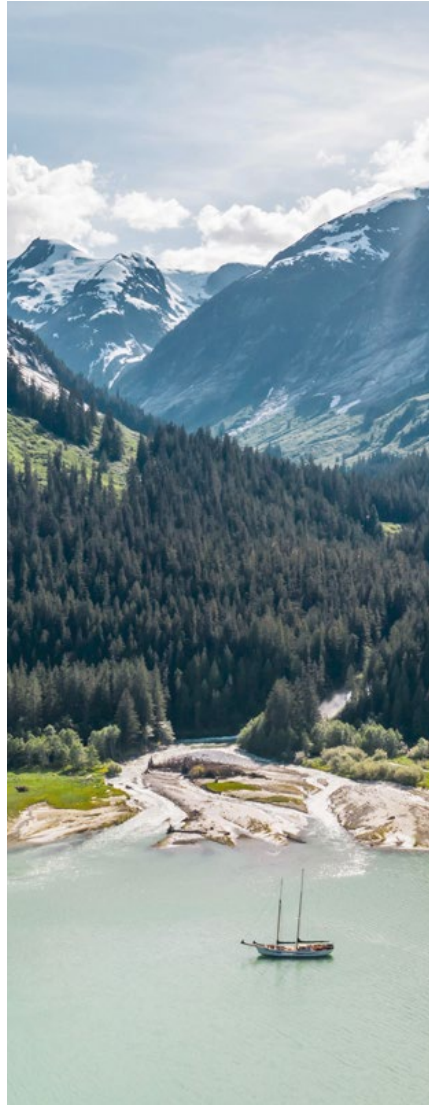
We take pride in our west-coast cuisine and libations. In addition to tasting, these 'deep' trips cover the social history and landscapes that create the people and the food we enjoy.

Swell

- » Craft Beer and Culinary Cruise, Oct 28-Nov 1.

Cascadia

- » Wines and Islands, Oct 27-31.



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 14-18.
- » Alaska Adventure with Canadian Geographic, Jul 18-27.

Cascadia

- » Haida Gwaii with Canadian Geographic, Jun 9-17.
- » Great Bear Rainforest Photography with Canadian Geographic, Sep 7-14.



Explore Our 2026 Special Offers

FLY TO THE GREAT BEAR FOR FREE

Get a Free 2-Way Flight

Book by Feb 28, 2026 & get a free 2-way flight from Vancouver to your starting port. Available **Great Bear Rainforest, Sep 1-Sep 8, Sep 9-16, Sep 17-24, Sep 26-Oct 3, Oct 4-9, Maple Leaf; Great Bear Rainforest Aug 30-Sep 6, Oct 10-15, Cascadia.**

FLIGHT CREDITS

Get a \$500 Flight Credit on Spring Trips

Book by November 30, 2025 and get a \$500 credit on your fare per person. Qualifying trips: **Salish Sea Expedition, Apr 14-22, Swell; Gulf Islands Spring, Apr 21-25, Maple Leaf; Desolation Sound, May 3-7, Cascadia; Desolation Sound, Apr 21-25, Apr 26-30, May 1-5, Swell; Desolation Sound, Apr 28-May 2, Maple Leaf; Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest, May 9-16, Maple Leaf; Vancouver Island Inside Passage, May 6-13, 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 \$500 Flight Credit on Summer Getaways

Book by Jan 26, 2026 and get a \$500 credit on your fare per person. Available on **Whales & Wild Isles Aug 9-17, Aug 18-22, MV Cascadia.**

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Solo travelers rejoice!

We're waiving single supplements on select voyages, making it easier for you to embark on your dream adventure. For 2026, eligible departures include the **Salish Sea Expedition with Canadian Geographic, Apr 14-18, Swell; Desolation Sound, Apr 21-25, Apr 25-30, Swell, May 3-7, Cascadia; Haida Gwaii, May 11-18, May 18-25, Cascadia; Whales and Wild Isles, Aug 9-17, Cascadia; Whales and Wild Isles 5 days, Aug 18-22, Cascadia; Great Bear Rainforest, Aug 30 - Sep 6, Oct 10 - 15, Cascadia; Desolation Sound and Fjords, Oct 18 - 26 Cascadia, Oct 18 - 27, Swell; Craft Beer Cruise, Oct 28 - Nov 1, Swell; and Wines and Islands, Oct 27 - 31, Cascadia.**

PAY IN FULL INCENTIVE

Save 5% on Final Balance

Pay your full fare on any trip by Sept 30, 2025 and get 5% off the final balance.

REUNITE & 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.**

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.**



BINOCULARS AVAILABLE ON BOARD

Enhance Your Viewing

Spot the glint in an eagle's eye or the whiskers of a coastal wolf with Vortex Diamondback 10x42 HD binoculars, available for purchase onboard. Whether scanning for bears, sea otters, or warblers, binoculars deepen your connection with the wild.

Interested in purchasing? Just ask your crew onboard. Availability is limited, so we recommend inquiring early in your trip.

Check our website for updates on our 2026 Special Offers

TRIP DATES AT A GLANCE



SAILING SHIP

SV Maple Leaf

Gulf Islands in Spring	Apr 21 - Apr 25
Desolation Sound	Apr 28 - May 2, May 3 - 7
Vancouver Island Inside Passage	May 9 - May 16
Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest	May 17 - May 24
Great Bear Rainforest Spring	May 25 - Jun 1
Great Bear Rainforest and Kitlope	Jun 2 - Jun 9
Haida Gwaii	Jun 13 - 21, Jun 21 - 29, Jun 29 - Jul 7, Jul 8 - 16, Jul 16 - 24, Jul 24 - Aug 1
Alaska Supervoyage	Aug 8 - 18, Aug 19 - 29
Great Bear Rainforest	Sep 1 - 8, Sep 9 - 16, Sep 17 - 24, Sep 26 - Oct 3, Oct 4 - 9, Oct 10 - 15
Desolation Sound	Oct 19 - Oct 23
Gulf Islands in Autumn	Oct 27 - Oct 31



TUGBOAT

MV Swell

Salish Sea Expedition with Canadian Geographic	Apr 14 - Apr 18
Desolation Sound	Apr 21 - 25, Apr 26 - 30, May 1 - 5
Vancouver Island's Inside Passage	May 6 - May 13
Great Bear Rainforest Spring	May 17 - 24, May 26 - Jun 2, Jun 3 - 10
Great Bear Rainforest and Kitlope	Jun 11 - Jun 17
Great Bear Rainforest Spring	Jun 18 - Jun 25
Alaska SuperVoyage	Jun 28 - Jul 9, Jul 28 - Aug 8, Aug 8 - 19, Aug 19 - 30
Alaska Adventure	Jul 9 - 18, Jul 18 - 27 (with Can Geo)
Great Bear Rainforest Supervoyage	Sep 2 - Sep 11
Great Bear Rainforest	Sep 12 - 19, Sep 20 - 27, Sep 28 - Oct 5, Oct 7 - 14
Desolation Sound and Fjords of BC	Oct 18 - Oct 27
Craft Beer & Culinary Cruise	Oct 28 - Nov 1



CATAMARAN

MV Cascadia

Desolation Sound	May 3 - May 7
Haida Gwaii	May 11 - 18, May 18 - 25, May 25 - Jun 1, Jun 2 - 9, Jun 9 - 17 (with Can Geo), Jun 17 - 24, Jun 24 - Jul 1, Jul 1 - 8
Vancouver Island's Wild Side	Jul 14 - 20
Vancouver Island Supervoyage	Jul 20 - Aug 1
Vancouver Island Inside Passage Summer	Aug 1 - 7
Whales and Wild Isles	Aug 9 - 17
Whales and Wild Isles 5-Day, Great Bear Rainforest	Aug 18 - 22
Great Bear Rainforest and Kitlope	Aug 23 - Aug 29
Great Bear Rainforest	Aug 30 - Sep 6, Sep 7 - 14 (with Can Geo), Sep 16 - 23, Sep 24 - Oct 1
Great Bear Rainforest 6-Day	Oct 4 - 9, Oct 10 - 15
Desolation Sound and Fjords of BC	Oct 18 - Oct 26
Wines and Islands	Oct 27 - Oct 31

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.



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 new loyalty and referral program, designed exclusively for re-turning guests. Members earn points for booking voyages, referring friends, sharing their experiences online, 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.

Celebrating 40 Years of Expedition Travel with Purpose



In 2026, Maple Leaf Adventures marks four decades of exploring wild places, building community, and standing up for the coast, our home.

Our story began in 1986, when the restored heritage schooner Maple Leaf was relaunched into BC waters. At the time, Halley's Comet streaked across the sky, Microsoft was going public, and the first major media campaign to protect Gwaii Haanas was underway.

Since then we've witnessed – and helped shape – transformative change:

- » The protection of vast coastal ecosystems
- » The end of the grizzly bear trophy hunt
- » Reconciliation and recognition of Indigenous rights and title
- » A growing shift toward regenerative travel

We're proud to have played a role in helping build a conservation-based economy along this coast.

Our anniversary celebrations begin in 2025, with special events, offers and stories to share throughout the year. If you'd like to be part of it, sign up for our e-newsletter by emailing info@MapleLeafAdventures.com or giving us a call.

As we look to the future, this milestone is more than a celebration—it's a recommitment to the values that brought us here. We can't wait to share the journey with you.

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.
- » Fishing gear.

Cabin Information

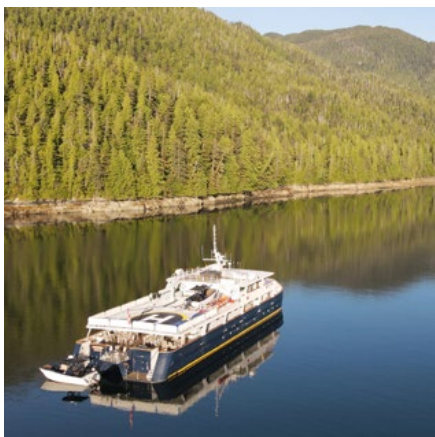
- » Private ensuite bathrooms, with heated floors.
- » Roomy wardrobes with hangers.
- » Individual climate control.

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: Admiralty, Calvert, Moresby, Vancouver.

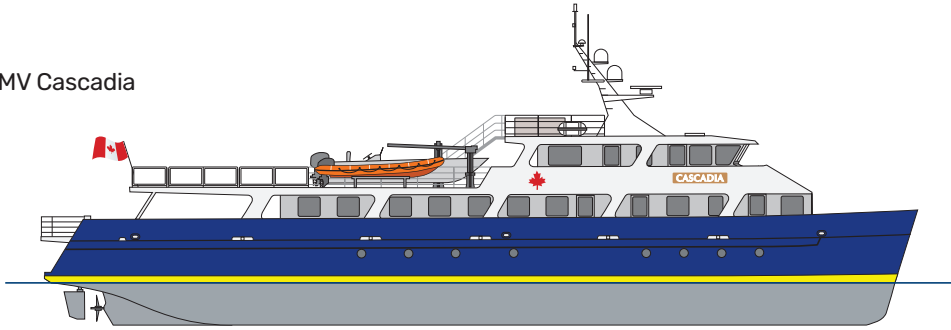
Category 3: King size bed, large windows with view, door to deck and corridor, 235 sq. ft. Names: Prince of Wales and Princess Royal.

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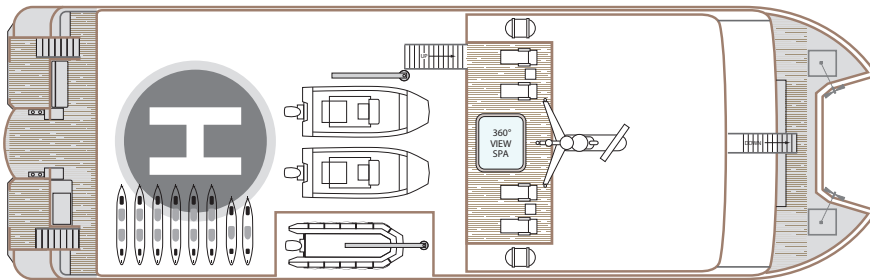


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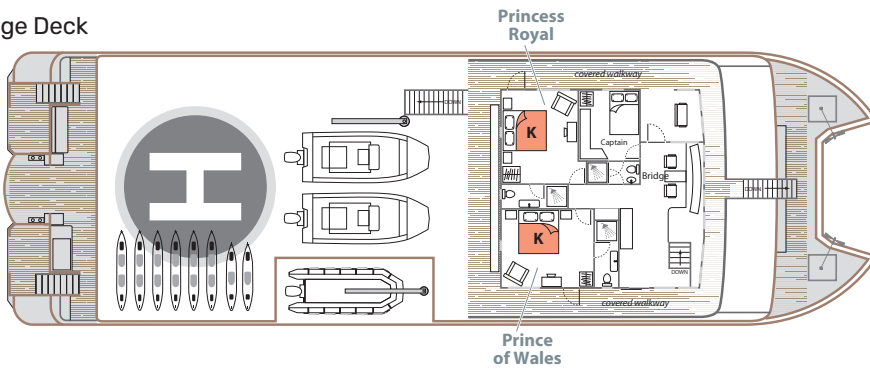
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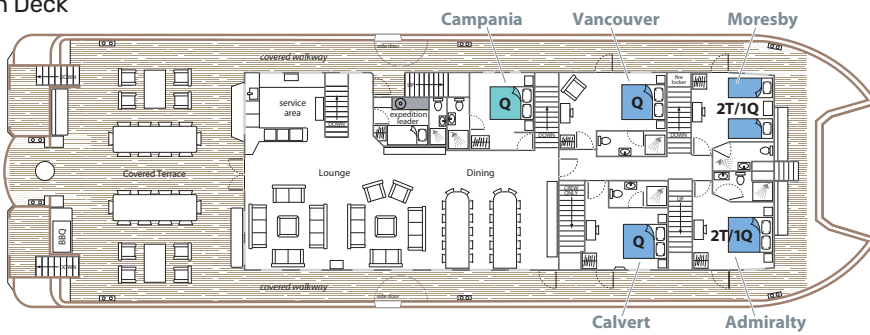
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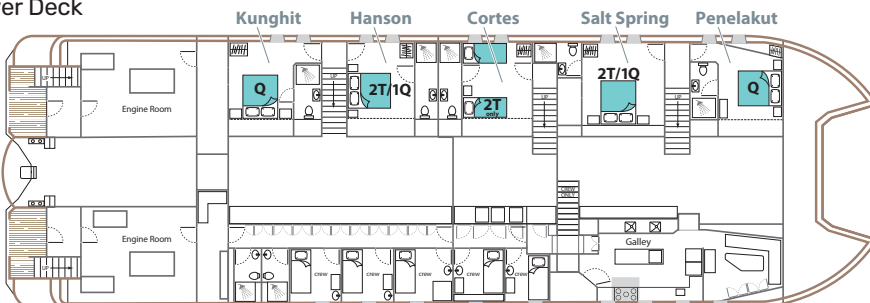
Bridge Deck



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.
- » Fishing gear.

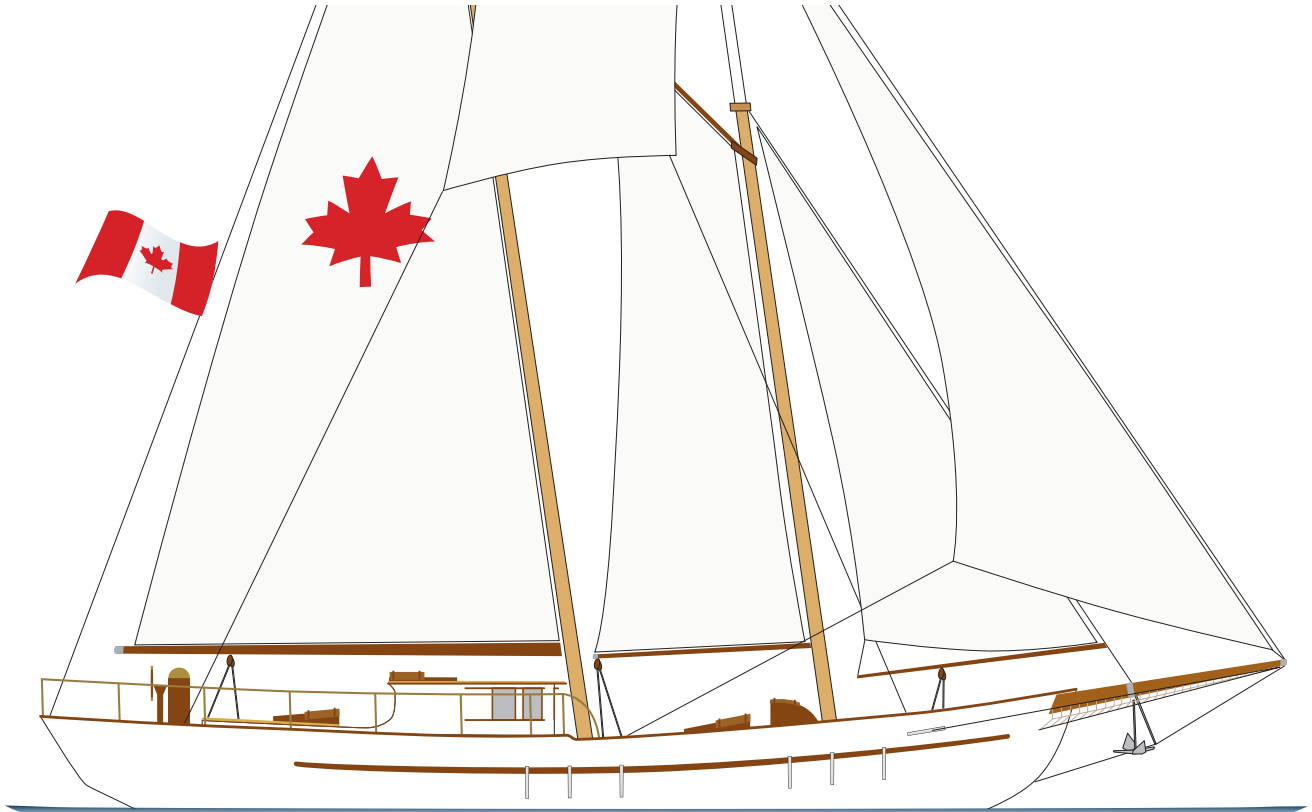
Cabin Information

- » 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 traveler, you will be sharing one of the 'cabins', or our comfortable wheelhouse accommodations, with a same sex solo traveler.

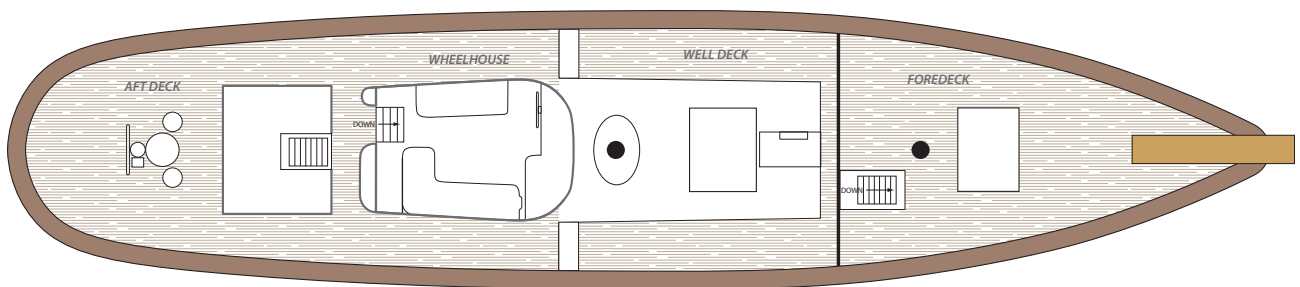
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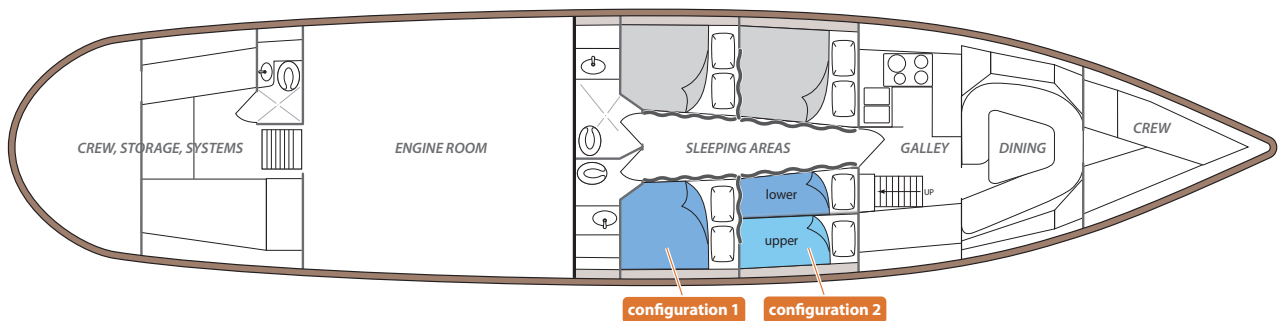
SHIP LAYOUTS



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.
- » Fishing gear.

Cabin Information

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

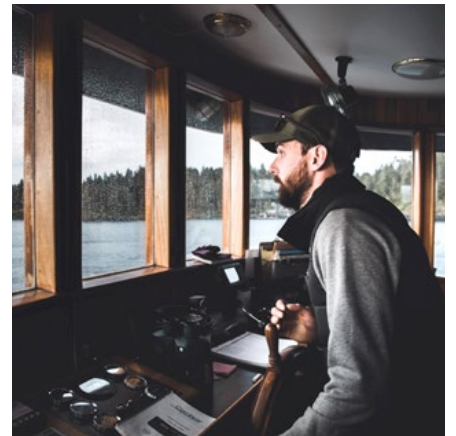
Category 1: Two up and down single bunks, 57 sq. ft. Names: Red Alder.

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.

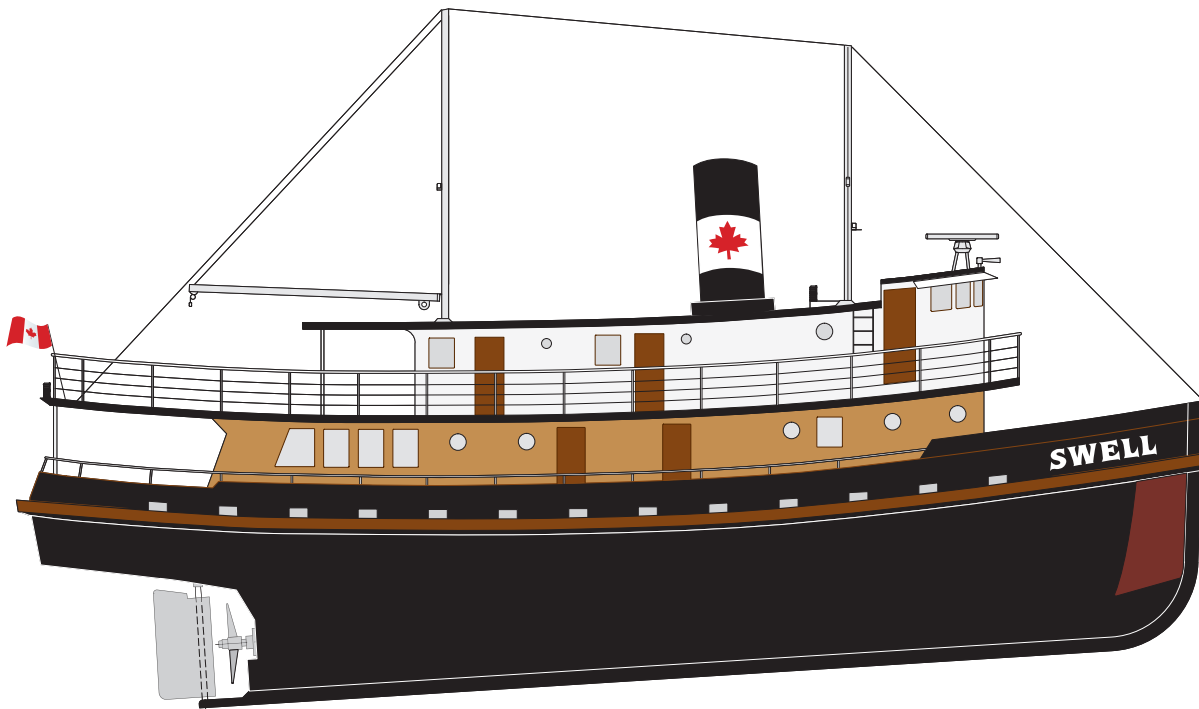
Category 3: Queen-size bed, largest cabins and floor space, 120 sq. ft. Names: Cedar, Douglas Fir.

OUR SHIPS | SWELL

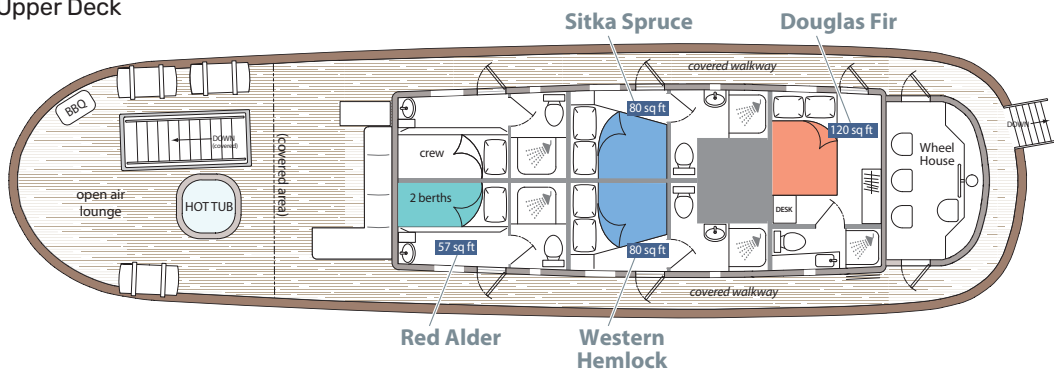


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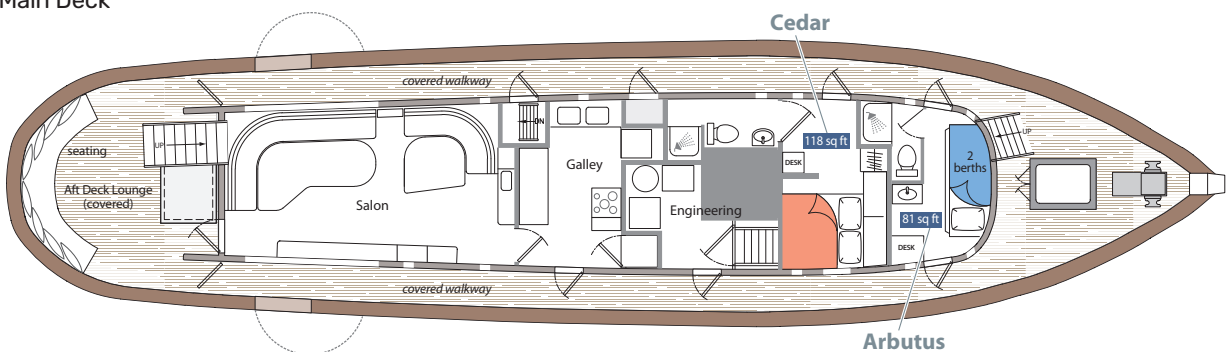
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Upper Deck



Main Deck

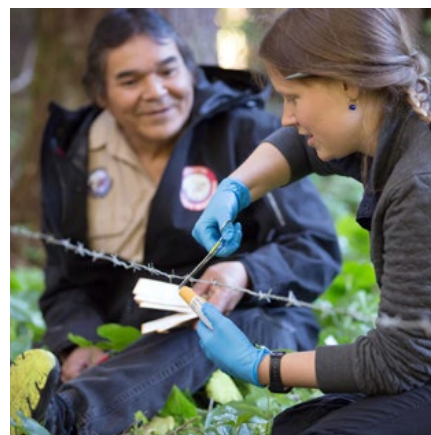




“It was life changing. It created such a deep shift in my thinking in a few short days. ”

- 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”.

All photographs in this brochure are captured on trip by our crew: Jeff Reynolds, Greg Shea, Philip Stone, Simon Ager, Grace Gladstone, Kayleen VanderRee, Kevin Smith, Tavish Campbell, Scott Forsyth, Brandon Harvey, Sherry Kirkvold, Robert Oakes, Matt Whelan, Yuri Choufour, Amelia Johnston.

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