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Remarkable Journeys.
Engaging People.
Wild Spaces.

EXPEDITION CRUISES BY BOUTIQUE SHIP

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, AND ALASKA



CANADA

Haida Gwaii
Great Bear Rainforest
Broughton Archipelago
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 island archipelagos, and stretches far down fjords that slice through mountain ranges.

This is wild geography. There are few roads. As a result, wildlife and nature thrive. 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.

Personalized and Enriching

With just 8, 12 or 24 guests per trip, you travel as our welcome guest, not part of a crowd to be managed. The proximity you will feel to the coast's mountains, forests and 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.

Local Guides

Everyone is a local - from naturalist to chef - with insights to share. Often they are involved in ongoing coastal research, community building, and the care of our unique ships. All are handpicked for their mastery and expertise. They are happy to share their knowledge with you - expert mariners' intimate understanding of coastal bathymetry and weather; chefs' knowledge

of how to make delicacies from nettles; naturalists' understanding of bears' body language; visits with local researchers who understand the latest patterns and behaviors of humpback whales.

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)
- » Fishing (with a licence)
- » Foraging (sea asparagus, berries, etc., some trips only)

Eco-Tourism

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 30 years ago, we have celebrated, partnered with and funded nature conservation and cultural communities, including indigenous communities and guides, where we operate.

Spontaneous Adventures

Our itineraries are flexible to give you the best experience possible; true open itineraries in the spirit of exploration and discovery. 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.



Maple Leaf Adventures owners Kevin and Maureen

Welcome aboard. Join us to explore the thousands of islands that make up the Inside Passage and Haida Gwaii.

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 consider ourselves fortunate to spend our lives on.

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' 35 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 Bella Bella 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.

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



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About the Itineraries

In each destination that follows, we list the sample itinerary for each trip. The itineraries show the route and events of a typical trip. 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

“The enthusiastic and extremely competent and knowledgeable crew, combined with the fascinating and proud Haida people and jaw-dropping surroundings, made this an absolutely perfect adventure.”

- PhillyReviewer on TripAdvisor, 2016



Explore ancient ecosystems, wildlife and monumental Haida culture 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 grew from 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 more than 14,000 years.

Our rich itinerary lets you fully experience this place of wonder: from Tow Hill in the north 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 ancient Haida village sites, including UNESCO world heritage site SGang Gwaay (Ninstints).
- » A longer trip, with a week in the protected Gwaii Haanas region.
- » Additional shore trips: naturalist walks in ancient rainforest, beachcombing, natural hot springs soak, wildlife colony visit, remote island exploration.
- » Unique exploration of northern Haida Gwaii, from Masset and Tow Hill to Skidegate and the Haida Heritage Centre.
- » A seamless journey that builds in depth and camaraderie.
- » Local guides with 30 years’ of history operating here.



DESTINATION | HAIDA GWAII



ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Haida Gwaii Classic

SHIP & DATES & PRICE:

Maple Leaf

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DEPART/RETURN:

**Masset, BC
Sandspit, BC**

Cascadia

Aug 11-17, Aug 18-24

\$8700 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10100 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11500 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

**Vancouver, BC
Vancouver, BC**

DAY 1

Meet at Vancouver airport's south terminal for flight to Haida Gwaii. Boarding Cascadia at Sandspit, welcome/kickoff, cruising south, orientation, watching for wildlife. Optional late afternoon kayak or shore trip. Welcome dinner.

DAY 2-3

T'aanuu village site, Burnaby Narrows for some of the planet's densest intertidal life, kayaking, cruising. Sailing southward in Gwaii Haanas, sea lion colony visit, exploring intertidal life and beaches on southwest coast of Haida Gwaii.

DAY 4-5

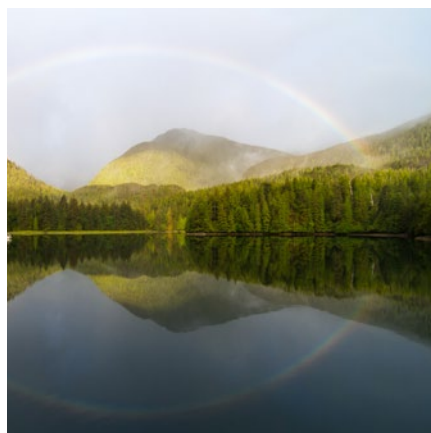
Seabird viewing, UNESCO World Heritage Site visit, SGang Gwaay (Ninstints). Hot springs Island visit.

DAY 6

Exploring Juan Perez Sound, whale watching. Windy Bay cultural site visit and rainforest walk to giant, ancient trees. K'uuna (Skedans) village site visit. Farewell dinner.

DAY 7

Cruising to Sandspit. Flight from Sandspit to Vancouver.



ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE



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

Exclusive guiding by special resource person TBA (previous resource people have been 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. (This trip is one day longer than Cascadia's typical Haida Gwaii trips). See insert for more detail.

ITINERARY 2

Haida Gwaii with Canadian Geographic

SHIP:

Cascadia

Aug 3-10

\$10200 CAD (cat. 1)

\$11870 CAD (cat. 2)

\$13500 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

**Vancouver, BC
Vancouver, BC**

DAY 1

1 Meet at Vancouver airport's south terminal for flight to Haida Gwaii. Boarding Cascadia at Sandspit, welcome/kickoff, cruising south, orientation, watching for wildlife. Optional late afternoon kayak or shore trip. Welcome dinner.

DAY 2-3

T'aanuu village site, Burnaby Narrows for some of the planet's densest intertidal life, kayaking, cruising. Sailing southward in Gwaii Haanas, sea lion colony visit, exploring intertidal life and beaches on southwest coast of Haida Gwaii.

DAY 4-5

Seabird viewing, UNESCO World Heritage Site visit, SGang Gwaay (Ninstints). Cruising southward, Cape St. James (southern tip of Haida Gwaii), Woodruff Bay beach exploration, fishing.

DAY 6

Hot springs Island visit, exploring Juan Perez Sound, whale watching. Windy Bay cultural site visit and rainforest walk to giant, ancient trees.

DAY 7

Rainforest walk, K'uuna (Skedans) village site visit. Farewell dinner.

DAY 8

Cruising to Sandspit. Flight from Sandspit to Vancouver.



OVERVIEW

“Words simply can’t express my gratitude for the amazing experiences I have had on this trip. Everything I wanted to experience has been realized – spirit bear, sailing, fishing, kayaking – and much more. Every crew member has impacted positively on me. It has been a wonderful adventure, and I hope to join Maple Leaf again.”

- Catriona H., 2017

Awe and humility in one of Earth’s last great wild places.

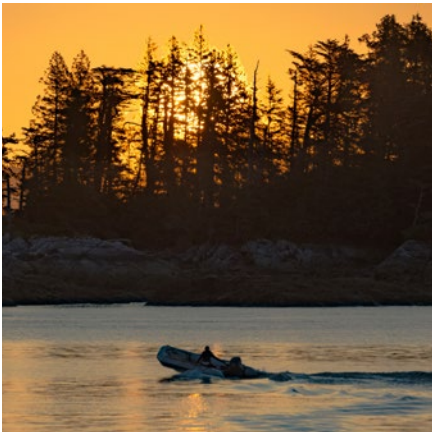
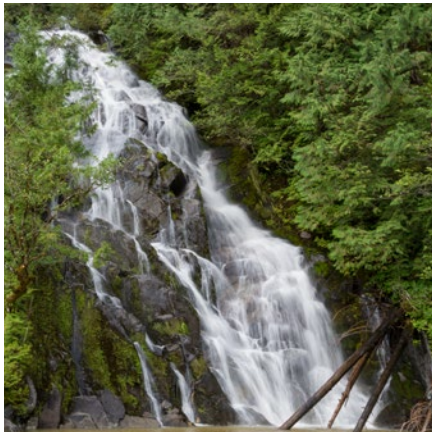
Journey into one of Earth’s greatest wild places. Robert Kennedy Jr. calls it “the last stand of the great North American rainforest”. It is a land of fjords, mountains, rainforests, and great river estuaries. It is home to grizzlies, wolves and the mysterious white Spirit Bear. Maple Leaf’s trips in 3 seasons (spring, summer, fall) are timed for peak experiences of natural beauty and wildlife.

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.
- » Seasonal highlights with naturalists: wildflower meadows in spring, salmon spawning in autumn.
- » Whales and other marine mammals populate the protected waters.
- » Ancient human history and modern First Nations culture with local hosts.
- » Other wild highlights such as west-coast beaches, natural hot springs.
- » Exploring the ancient rainforest – the largest tracts in the world, without roads.
- » Visits with researchers who have spent many years discovering new elements of the region’s biology.



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST



ITINERARIES

SPRING



Unique features: wildflowers and so much green, fair weather, stunning scenery, grizzlies in sedge meadows (later spring trips), 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; settled weather generally.

Great Bear Summer (Prince Rupert to Kitimat) or (Kitimat to Prince Rupert)

Whales & Wild Isles (Port McNeill to Bella Bella) or (Port Hardy to Prince Rupert)

Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope Supervoyage

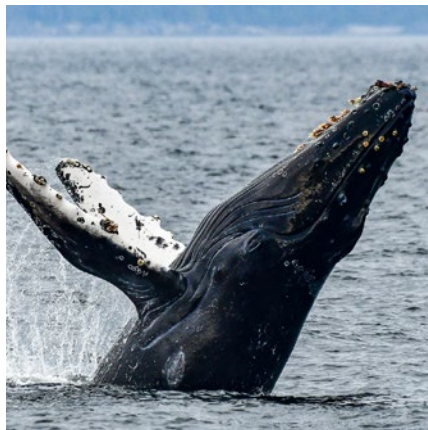
Great Bear Rainforest North

AUTUMN



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

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn (Kitimat to Kitimat) or (Prince Rupert to Bella Bella) or (Bella Bella to Bella Bella) or (Kitimat to Bella Bella) or (Bella Bella to Kitimat)



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest

SHIP & DATES & PRICE:

Maple Leaf

May 11-19

\$4250 CAD

DEPART/RETURN

Campbell River, 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 porpoises. Rainforest walk. Anchorage Port Neville.

DAY 5-7

Entering the mainland inlets and fjords. Likely sea otters, humpback whales, early bears. Fjordland where waterfalls cascade down granite cliffs. Petroglyphs, hot springs visit, cultural history, bear meadows.

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 8

Explore west coast islands. Beach walks and zodiac excursions.

DAY 9

Cruise to Bella Bella. Wildlife viewing en route.

ITINERARY 2

Great Bear Rainforest Spring

SHIP & DATES & PRICE:

Maple Leaf

May 20-27

\$5050 CAD

Swell

May 19-26

Jun 3-10, Kitimat to Prince Rupert

\$6100 CAD (cat. 1)

\$6700 CAD (cat. 2)

\$7350 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN

Bella Bella, BC
Kitimat, BC

DAY 1

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

DAY 5

Visit coastal community, sailing down whale channel, viewing of marine mammals including whales and sea lions. Visit remote whale research station and speak with scientists. Cruise to west coast beach and explore.

DAY 2-3

Visit great Fjordland river estuaries, wildflower meadows. Possible bear viewing. Visit First Nations community of Klemtu, including guided tour and conversations at big house, example of First Nations artistry, culture and architecture

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 4

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

DAY 8

Cruising to Kitimat, wildlife viewing en route.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 3+4

Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope

and Kitlope Supervoyage

SHIP:

Maple Leaf

May 28-Jun 3

\$4500 CAD

Swell

May 27-Jun 2

\$5800 CAD (cat. 1)

\$6350 CAD (cat. 2)

\$6950 CAD (cat. 3)

Cascadia

Aug 27-Sep 2

\$8550 CAD (cat. 1)

\$9950 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11450 CAD (cat.3)

DEPART AND RETURN

Kitimat, BC

DAY 1

Board your ship, orientation, cruising and watching for marine mammals and birds. Anchorage: hot springs.

DAY 2-3

Cruise mainland inlet estuary popular with bears. Estuary meadow walk (wildflowers), learning about bear habitat, river exploration. Morning exploration ashore, then cruising Whale Channel, aptly named and popular with cetaceans. Visit whale researchers at remote station. Marine mammal viewing.

DAY 4

Return to mainland waterways, and enter Gardner Canal, the longest fjord on the coast. This stunning waterway qualifies as remote wilderness but is filled with the stories and history of the Henaaksiala people.

DAY 5

Sail deep into the coast mountains, leaving the outside world behind as the fjord snakes past 4,000-foot peaks to the Kitlope. Go ashore in the vast Kitlope estuary for the amazing tale of the G'psgolox pole. Explore the river and the estuary, watching for wildlife.

DAY 6

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

DAY 7

Cruise to Kitimat. Wildlife viewing en route.

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

Trips on Cascadia are 8 nights/9 days. Cascadia trip is a Supervoyage spending one more day exploring the spectacular Gardner Canal region and additional opportunity to see spawning salmon and foraging bears.



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 5

Whales & Wild Isles, Great Bear Rainforest

SHIP & DATES & PRICES:

Cascadia

Jul 23-31

\$8550 CAD (cat. 1)

\$9950 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11450 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN

Port Hardy, BC
Prince Rupert, BC

Maple Leaf

Aug 21-29

\$6100 CAD

DAY 1

Board Port Hardy, BC. Orientation, cruising and watching whales in Blackfish Sound. 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. Visit Ocean Falls, possible dolphins, bear viewing and/or hot springs, depending on route.

DAY 5-7

Exploring the Great Bear and the meadows, rivers and life of the fjords. Possible grizzly bear viewing. Visit Bella Bella and First Nations village of Klemtu.

DAY 8

Head to the outer coast for beautiful island group, sunset views, and wild coast exploring. Possible sea otters.

DAY 9

Cruise to Prince Rupert. Wildlife viewing en route.

Note:

Maple Leaf trip Departs from Port McNeill and returns to Kitimat

ITINERARY 6

Great Bear Rainforest Summer

SHIP:

Swell

Jul 1-7, Jul 8-14, Jul 16-22

\$6760 CAD (cat. 1)

\$7430 CAD (cat. 2)

\$8150 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN

Kitimat, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard, cruising watching for wildlife. Evening kayak or zodiac cruise. Welcome dinner.

DAY 2

Cruising the spectacular scenery of the coast's longest fjord – granite cliffs, waterfalls and mountain peaks. Shore trip in estuary meadow frequented by bears in spring and fall. Possible special cultural site visit.

DAY 3

Further exploration of the fjord and its various inlets that slice through the heart of the Coast Mountains. Evening natural hot spring visit.

DAY 4

Morning rainforest interpretive walk with naturalist. Afternoon visit whale researchers at remote station. Viewing marine mammals in one of the coast's best habitat for humpback whales, fin whales and killer whales, as well as other species.

DAY 5-6

Explore remote, outer coastal islands, islets and beaches. Walk / hike to view over Pacific. Watch for seabirds and wolves or wolf sign in this habitat for marine wolves. Optional kayaking. Evening beach fire and stargazing.

DAY 7

Cruising to port watching for wildlife.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 7

Great Bear Rainforest Summer

SHIP:

Cascadia

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DEPART/RETURN

**Kitimat, BC
Prince Rupert, BC**

or reverse

DAY 1

Welcome aboard, cruising watching for wildlife. Evening kayak or zodiac cruise. Welcome dinner.

DAY 2

Visit whale researchers at remote station. Viewing marine mammals in one of the coast's best habitat for humpback whales, fin whales and killer whales, as well as other species.

DAY 3

Explore outer coastal beaches, walk / hike to view over Pacific. Watch for seabirds and wolf sign in this habitat for marine wolves.

DAY 4

Exploring the rainforest ashore as we meander through the channels and mainland anchorages of the Great Bear Rainforest. Optional activities such as kayaking, fishing.

DAY 5

Cruising to port, watching for wildlife.

ITINERARY 8

Great Bear Rainforest Supervoyage

SHIP:

Swell

Jul 23-Aug 2 (11 days/10 nights)

\$9700 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10650 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11685 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN

**Kitimat, BC
Prince Rupert, BC**

DAY 1

Welcome aboard, cruising watching for wildlife. Evening kayak or zodiac cruise. Welcome dinner.

DAY 2

Cruising the spectacular scenery of the coast's longest fjord – granite cliffs, waterfalls and mountain peaks. Shore trips in estuary meadow frequented by bears in spring and fall, and in the coastal temperate rainforest.

DAY 3

Further exploration to the end of the fjord and the Kitlope river valley, the world's largest intact temperate rainforest. Exploration of the river and its natural history, visit and interpretation at the very moving bear pole site (subject of an NFB film). Optional kayaking, and anchorage at the base of 4,000-foot Coast Mountains.

DAY 4-5

Potential cultural site visit and remote natural hot springs. Visit whale researchers at remote station. Viewing marine mammals in one of the coast's best habitats for humpback, fin, and killer whales, as well as other species. Remote island anchorage, beachcombing and optional hike to view. Evening beach fire.

DAY 6-9

Explore remote, outer coastal islands, islets and beaches, observing marine wildlife. Watch for seabirds and wolves or wolf sign in this habitat for marine wolves. Optional kayaking and fishing.

DAY 10

Returning to the Great Bear Rainforest's inland waters, whale watching, rainforest walks, farewell dinner.

DAY 11

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

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 9

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

SHIP:

Swell

Aug 31-Sep 8, Prince Rupert to Bella

Bella

Sep 9-17, Bella Bella to Kitimat

Sep 18-26, Kitimat to Bella Bella

Sep 27-Oct 5, Bella Bella to Kitimat

Oct 7-15, Kitimat to Bella Bella

\$9250 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10100 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11000 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN

Kitimat, BC (or Prince Rupert)
Bella Bella, BC

DAY 1

Board your ship, welcome and orientation, cruising to the outer coast, watching for whales, anchor and explore outer coast beach.

DAY 2-3

Exploring the islands of the west coast: seabirds, intertidal life, wolf and bear habitat. The beaches of the west coast and hike to coastal bog with views. West coast beach fire.

DAY 4

Entering the inner channels of the Great Bear, Camaano Sound, Whale Channel. Marine mammal viewing. Visit to whale research station. Exploring the coast of Princess Royal Island.

DAY 5-6

Mainland fjords of the coast mountains. Exploring waterfalls, walking the majestic rainforest and meadows. Grizzly and black bear viewing and habitat exploration. Discovering river by zodiac. Visit with bear researchers and stewards.

DAY 7-8

Spirit bear island anchorage. Day-long excursion to spirit bear viewing site with bear stands. Evening whales and spectacular scenery of Devastation Channel and the Gardner Canal. Optional evening kayak or small boat trip.

DAY 9

Cruise to Kitimat, watching for whales.

ITINERARY 10

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Aug 31-Sep 8,

Sep 9-17,

Sep 18-26,

Sep 27-Oct 5,

Oct 7-15

\$7150 CAD

DEPART AND RETURN

Bella Bella, BC

DAY 1

Board Maple Leaf in Bella Bella, orientation, cruising. Island anchorage, river exploration, and learning about the 'salmon forest'.

DAY 2-3

Beach walk. Cruising into Fjordland. Massive waterfalls, spectacular inlet, pictographs, estuary exploration and search for bears. Cruising to one of the leading grizzly bear havens. Extended watching for bears. Optional evening kayak, fishing.

DAY 4

Morning shore walk, visit First Nations village, Klemtu. Big House tour by village guide. Intertidal life. Fjord anchorage.

DAY 5-6

Exploring spectacular inlet and river by zodiac, looking for grizzly and black bears, seals and eagles. Evening hot springs visit. Spirit bear island for the day. Shore excursion to viewing site with bear stands. Whale Channel, humpback whale watching. Optional kayak.

DAY 7-8

Visit with whale researchers and marine mammal viewing, hike and beach bonfire. Sailing down coastal channel. Outer coast beach exploration, sailing and cruising the western waters.

DAY 9

Cruise to Bella Bella, watching for wildlife.

DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 11

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

SHIP:

Cascadia

Aug 26-Sep 2,

Sep 12-19,

Sep 20-27,

Sep 28-Oct 5,

Oct 6-13 (ends in Bella Bella)

\$9350 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10900 CAD (cat. 2)

\$12400 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN

Kitimat, BC

Note: Oct 6-13 trip ends in Bella Bella.
Same key highlights.

DAY 1

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

DAY 2

Cruising down a spectacular, long fjord, where granite mountains rise from thousands of feet below in the sea. Viewing waterfalls and possible mountain goats. Exploring ashore in estuary meadows, where some bears spend their days in the autumn. Learning about the daily life of bears, and the salmon cycle. Optional evening kayaking.

DAY 3

Bear viewing among the fjords. Learning the indigenous history and stories of special sites in the region. 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

Cruising Whale Channel region, a critical habitat for several species of whales. Whale viewing. Visit whale researchers at remote station. Sea lion viewing. Island anchorage.

DAY 5

Visit the Great Bear Rainforest's wild outer islands and beaches. Beach visit and hike to views over the Pacific ocean. Kayaking or optional fishing. Cruising to and exploring archipelago of tiny islands, some areas so wild they're not yet fully charted. Seabird viewing.

DAY 6

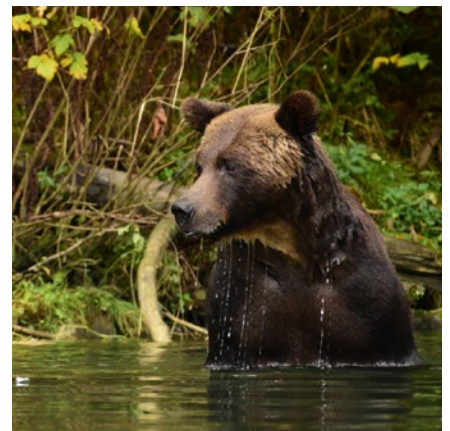
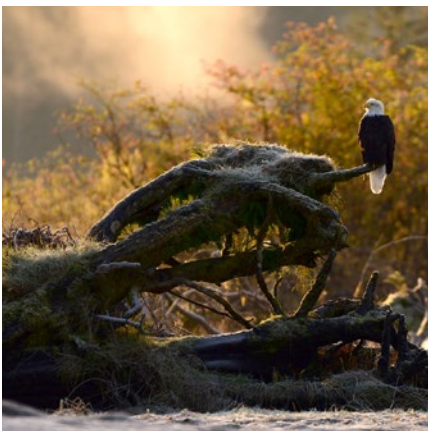
Rainforest walk and salmon spawning stream. Cruising to historic cannery site of Butedale on Princess Royal Island. Optional hike to lake.

DAY 7

Visit island known as the epicentre of spirit bears with local guides as well as Cascadia's bear guides. Full day at viewing site for the best opportunity to view a spirit bear. Last night celebration dinner and events.

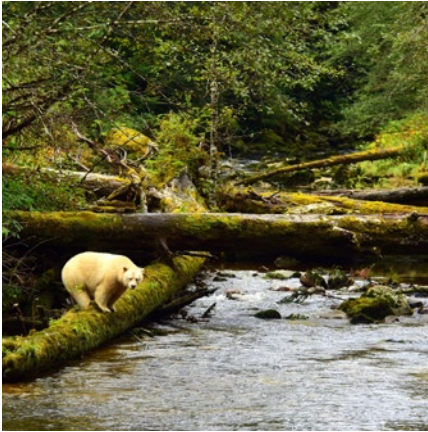
DAY 8

Cruise to port, watching for wildlife.



DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE



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

Exclusive guiding by Canadian Geographic photographer. Special additional photo opportunities and an accomplished ambassador from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society are included in this trip. *See insert for more detail.*

ITINERARY 12

Great Bear Rainforest Photography with Canadian Geographic

SHIP:

Cascadia

Sep 3-10

\$9750 CAD (cat. 1)

\$11350 CAD (cat. 2)

\$12900 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN

Kitimat, BC



DAY 1

Welcome aboard in Haisla territory, cruising to evening anchorage, watching for whales. Evening photography presentation and lecture.

DAY 2

Cruising down a spectacular, long fjord, where granite mountains rise from thousands of feet below in the sea. Viewing waterfalls and possible mountain goats. Exploring ashore in estuary meadows, where some bears spend their days in the autumn. Learning about the daily life of bears, and the salmon cycle.

DAY 3-4

Bear viewing among the fjords while learning from photography guide in action. Cruising the Great Bear's island channels and Whale Channel. Visit to village of Hartley Bay for a big house tour and cultural introduction by local guide. Visit to researchers at remote station.

DAY 5

Visit the Great Bear Rainforest's wild outer islands and beaches. Beach visit and hike to views over the Pacific ocean. Kayaking or optional fishing. Cruising to and exploring archipelago of tiny islands, some areas so wild they're not yet fully charted. Seabird viewing.

DAY 6

Rainforest walk and salmon spawning stream. Cruising to historic cannery site of Butedale on Princess Royal Island. Optional hike to lake.

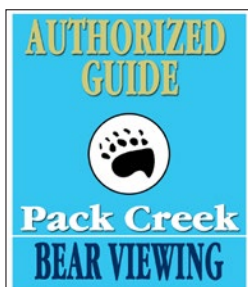
DAY 7-8

Visit island known as the epicentre of spirit bears with local guides as well as Cascadia's bear and photography guides. Full day at viewing site for the best opportunity to view a spirit bear. Last night celebration dinner and photo sharing. Cruise to port.

OVERVIEW

“Our trip was truly amazing and better than we could have imagined. Southeast Alaska is one of the most beautiful and peaceful places we’ve been. Our crew was exceptional. It would not have been such a great trip without their expertise in everything. They were professional, knowledgeable, talented, extremely gracious, and fun hosts!”

- Maggie T. 2017



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



ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Alaska Adventure

SHIP:

Swell

DATES

Jun 14-23, Petersburg to Sitka

Jun 23-Jul 2, Sitka to Petersburg

\$10550 CAD (cat. 1)

\$11500 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11950 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

**Petersburg, AK
Sitka, AK**

Note: Land-based tour in Sitka is at either the beginning or end of trip.

DAY 1

Board at Petersburg, cruising Frederick Sound, introduction to Alaskan life, and coastal rainforest on walk. Wilderness anchorage.

DAY 2-3

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 4-6

Guided brown bear viewing and rainforest walk, at estuary and forest site, at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island (special access). Frederick Sound marine mammals and islands. Spectacular Baranof inlet and meadow favoured by brown bears.

DAY 7-8

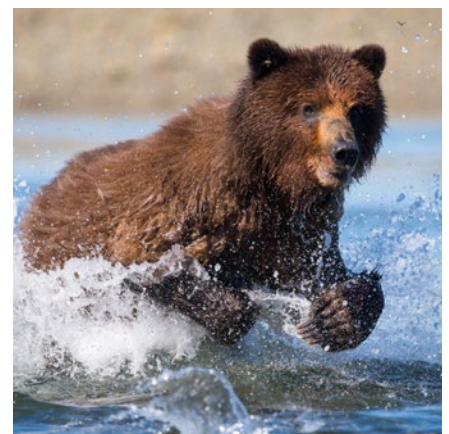
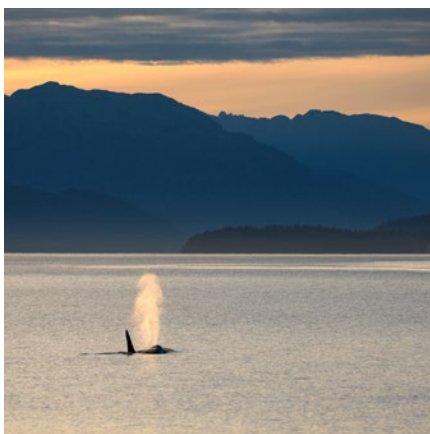
Hike on through many ecotypes and on spectacular west coast beaches. Cruising the west coast, sea otters, seabirds. Weather permitting, explore by zodiac at St. Lazaria, a spectacular island with thousands of nesting seabirds and rich intertidal life. Vistas of volcanic Mt. Edgecumbe as it sweeps down toward the sea. Possible visit to hot springs.

DAY 9

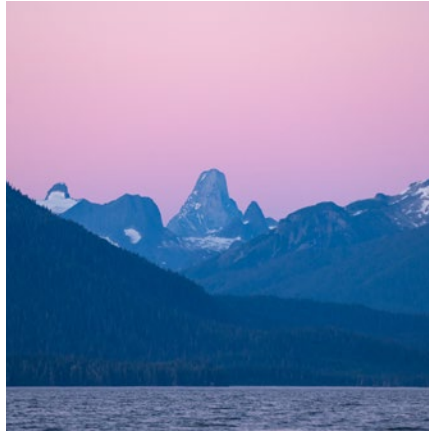
Cruise to historic town of Sitka and disembark for historic walking tour covering Tlingit, Russian and American history. Farewell dinner, hotel stay.

DAY 10

Breakfast and free time to explore Sitka.



ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE



ITINERARY 2

Alaska Supervoyage

SHIP:

Swell

DATES

Jul 15-25, Ketchikan to Sitka

Aug 6-16, Ketchikan to Sitka

Aug 17-27, Sitka to Ketchikan

\$11700 CAD (cat. 1)

\$12800 CAD (cat. 2)

\$13350 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

**Ketchikan, AK
Sitka, AK**

Note: Land-based tour (Ketchikan or Sitka) is at either the beginning or end of trip.

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. Visit Petersburg village. Frederick Sound to Cascade Creek. Rainforest and waterfall hike.

DAY 5-8

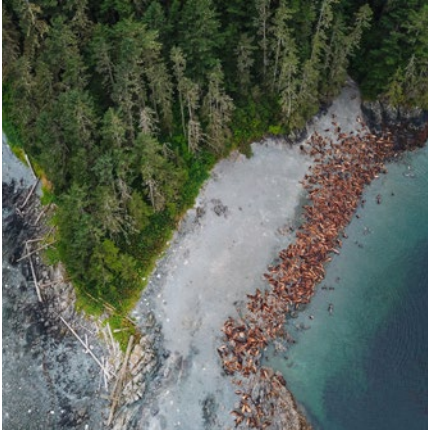
Cruising Frederick Sound, watching for whales. Visit sea lion haul out, small island beach walk. Visit Five Fingers Lighthouse. Beach walk at a glacier's terminal moraine. Cruising spectacular fjord to tidewater glacier, icebergs, wildlife viewing. Exploring glacier, icebergs in this awesome ice world.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

DAY 9-10

Cruising the waterfall coast of Baranof Island. Peril Strait to Kruzof Island and west coast home of sea otters. Spectacular inlet hike to west coast beach.

DAY 11

Cruise to Sitka, watching for wildlife.



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

Exclusive guiding by a local expert (TBA). Special additional cultural opportunities and an accomplished ambassador from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society are included in this trip. *See insert for more detail.*

ITINERARY 3

Alaska Supervoyage with Canadian Geographic

SHIP:

Swell

DATES

Jul 26-Aug 5

\$12700 CAD (cat. 1)

\$13850 CAD (cat. 2)

\$14500 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

**Sitka, AK
Ketchikan, AK**

DAY 1

Board in Sitka, watching for wildlife. Wilderness anchorage.

DAY 2-4

Cruising the waterfall coast of Baranof Island. Peril Strait to Kruzof Island and west coast home of sea otters. Spectacular inlet hike to west coast beach. Wildlife viewing. Evening lecture on the sacred waterways. Scenic Wrangell Narrows cruise, with a view of Alaskan water-based lifestyle. Visit Petersburg village. Frederick Sound to Cascade Creek. Rainforest and waterfall hike.

DAY 5-8

Cruising Frederick Sound, watching for whales. Visit sea lion haul out, small island beach walk. Visit Five Fingers Lighthouse. Beach walk at a glacier's terminal moraine. Cruising spectacular fjord to tidewater glacier, icebergs, wildlife viewing. Guided brown bear viewing and walk up salmon creek at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island, with special access for Swell guests.

DAY 9-10

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 Clarence Strait watching for whales. Arrive in Ketchikan. Exclusive guided tour of Ketchikan, Tlingit history experience and special cultural opportunities. Celebration dinner and night in lodge.

DAY 11

Breakfast at lodge and explore Ketchikan, historic walking tour, including gold rush history.





“Every single crew member contributed to this awesome experience.”

- Catriona H. Google, 2018

OVERVIEW

“We had wonderful times on the boat, excellent guided nature walks, and relaxing and informal conversations with the fantastic crew. An afternoon spent with the sea lions, killer whales and humpback whales will be treasured forever.”

- Ken C on TripAdvisor, 2016

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?)

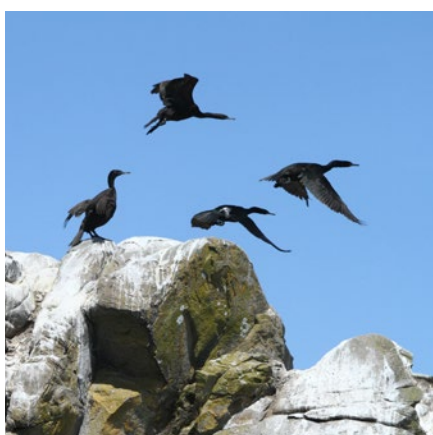
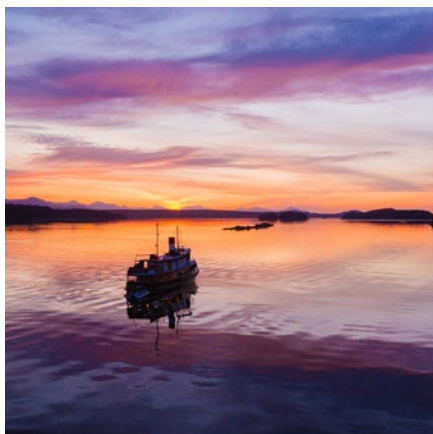
Special Features

- » 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



ITINERARIES

SPRING

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

Spring in the Gulf Islands

Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic

AUTUMN

Unique features: Autumn's bounty in picturesque islands

Autumn in the Gulf Islands

Craft Beer Culinary Cruise

Wines and Islands of British Columbia

Wild Gulf Islands Culinary Cruise

ITINERARY 1

Spring or Autumn in the Gulf Islands

SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Apr 16-20,

Apr 21-25

\$2550 CAD

Oct 26-31

\$2700 CAD

(departs from Nanaimo)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Sidney, BC

DAY 1

Orientation, cruising. Seabird island visit, wildlife watching, porpoises. Anchorage Saturna Island.

DAY 2

Morning hike on Saturna Island, forest ecology. Spectacular views and picnic. Cruising some of the most productive waters of the southern islands. Anchorage and beachcombing, early farm history exploration. Sea lion and seabird haul out.

DAY 3

Village visit, sailing in Georgia Strait and one of many channels in the area. Anchorage Prevost Island. Exploring the intertidal life at low tide. Hike to view and mariner's light.

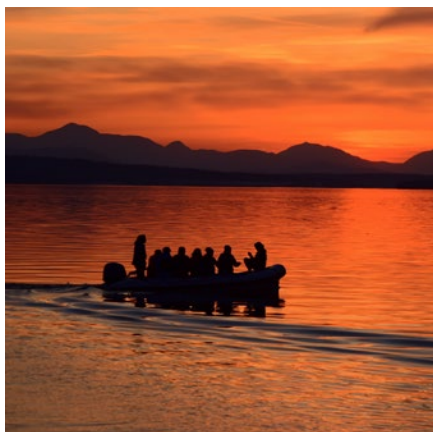
DAY 4

Visit the small, inner islands: Wallace Island for an idyllic walk, Penelakut Island with ancient First Nations history. Wildflower meadows or mushrooms and fall foliage highlights (seasonal). Cruising to Russell Island. Optional kayak.

DAY 5

Morning woodland shore walk. Kanaka and Salish history. Cruising to Sidney.

ITINERARY DETAILS - 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 have been Florence James and Salilye. Exclusively on this trip the elder guides us for 5 days through millennia of history, connecting you to the names and stories these beautiful islands have always had, but that few people know. *See insert for more detail.*

ITINERARY 2

Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic

DATES:

Apr 14-18

SHIP:

Swell

\$3600 CAD (cat. 1)

\$4000 CAD (cat. 2)

\$4600 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Sidney, BC

DAY 1

Meet in Victoria and board your ship. Welcome reception, 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.



ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 3

Craft Beer Culinary Cruise

SHIP:

Swell

Oct 26-30

\$3200 CAD (cat. 1)

\$3600 CAD (cat. 2)

\$4100 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

**Nanaimo, BC
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. Beach-combing 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.



ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 4

Wines & Islands

SHIP:

Cascadia

Oct 24-28

\$4350 CAD (cat. 1)

\$5150 CAD (cat. 2)

\$7250 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

**Nanaimo, BC
Sidney, BC**

DAY 1

Board at Nanaimo. Welcome aboard toast and tasting. Under way, transiting scenic passageways in northern 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

Gulf Islands area wines feature. Morning shore trip on DeCourcy Island and afternoon visits with wine-makers producing exciting work on Salt Spring and Saturna Islands.

DAY 3

Okanagan & Similkameen wines feature. Morning shore walk in Gulf

Islands rainforest, and optional kayaking. Cruising Boundary Pass and Boiling Reef featuring rich marine upwelling. Explore historic farmstead at Tumbo in the outer Gulf Islands. Scenic walk to spectacular vista for picnic. Okanagan and Similkameen tasting dinner.

DAY 4

Vancouver Island area wine focus, including visits with leaders in Cowichan Valley & Saanich wines, discussion, tastings, tasting meals, vineyard walks. Vancouver Island wine last night dinner.

DAY 5

Morning optional kayak at Burgoyne Bay. Wrap up, cruising, looking for wildlife en route to Sidney. Final toast.

ITINERARY 5

**Wild Gulf Islands
Culinary Cruise**

***Preliminary Itinerary**

SHIP:

Maple Leaf

Oct 26-31

\$2700 CAD

DEPART/RETURN:

Sidney, BC

Join a Maple Leaf chef and naturalist experienced in local and wild foods for an exploration of the British Columbia coast. Through the entry point of food, explore both nature and culture, as well as coastal cuisine.

DAY 1

Orientation and welcome. Seabird island visit and island anchorage. Overview of the Salish Sea region on an island walk, with a little foraging. Tasting dinner aboard.

DAY 2-3

Morning kayak or walk. Cruising the islands, watching for wildlife. Anchorage at Saturna Island, the southern point of the Gulf Islands. Walk/hike to spectacular view, forest ecology learning. Preparing foraged food into gourmet cuisine for tasting dinner.

DAY 4

Exploring small outer islands on Georgia Strait. Historic homestead with heritage fruit and herbs. Exploring beaches and intertidal life at low tide. Lessons about the ethnobotanical uses of foraged plants. Tasting dinner aboard.

DAY 5

Historic and First Nations history. Mushroom, fall foliage highlights, island anchorage. Optional kayak. Possible Russell Island anchorage, woodland shore walk, and Kanaka history. Final tasting dinner aboard.

DAY 6

Morning shore trip and/or wildlife viewing. Cruising to Sidney.

O V E R V I E W

“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., 2017

Access a spectacular mountain world through rural island waterways.

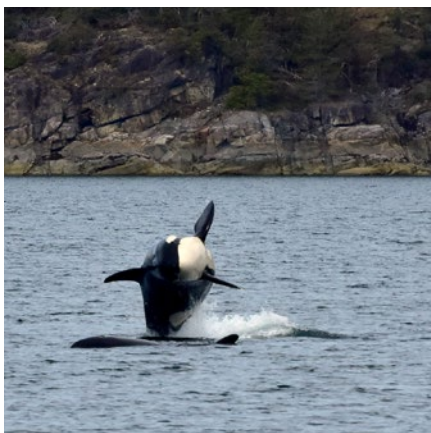
Sail beneath glaciated peaks, rainforested hillsides, and expansive waters that turn into secret coves you will explore.

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 May, you’ll enjoy the fjords, islands, wildlife, and forest trails in peace – as immortalized in the popular book *The Curve of Time*.

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.
- » Visit one of BC’s most prolific bird sanctuaries (Mitlenatch Island).
- » Historical stories about early pioneers and homesteaders told around the campfire
- » Natural foods foraging with your own private chef.
- » Other wildlife viewing, including seals, sea lions and possibly a spring bear.

DESTINATION | DESOLATION SOUND



DESTINATION | DESOLATION SOUND

ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Desolation Sound & Discovery Islands

DATES & PRICES & SHIPS:

Maple Leaf

May 5-9

\$2550 CAD

Swell

Apr 27-May 1,

May 2-6

\$3100 CAD (cat. 1)

\$3500 CAD (cat. 2)

\$4000 CAD (cat. 3)

Cascadia

Apr 30-May 4

\$4250 CAD (cat. 1)

\$4950 CAD (cat. 2)

\$5700 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Campbell River, BC

DAY 1

Welcome aboard and cruise to Cortez Island. Rainforest walk with naturalist. Local community visit. Welcome dinner.

DAY 2

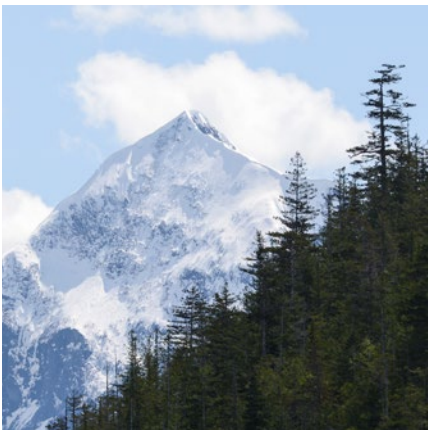
Cruise to spectacular Teakerne Arm, where a waterfall plunges down a steep cut beside the ship. Walk to a lake with a picnic lunch. Cruising the scenic passages. Evening shore trip.

DAY 3-4

Sail or cruise into Toba Inlet. This spectacular fjord, 35 km long, cuts deep into the coast mountains. As you cruise the snow-capped peaks tower above. Watch for seals and sea lions, seabirds, bear and other animals. Anchorage at Prideaux Haven, at the confluence of Malaspina Inlet and Homfray Channel. Cruise to the Copeland Islands.

DAY 5

Explore bird and sea lion colony Mitlenatch Island by boat. Cruise to Campbell River.



ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 2

Desolation Sound and Salish Sea Supervoyage

SHIP:

Swell

Apr 19-26

\$4050 CAD (cat. 1), \$4600 CAD

(cat. 2), \$5150 CAD (cat. 3)

Maple Leaf

Apr 26- May 4

\$3700 CAD

DEPART AND RETURN:

**Sidney, BC
Campbell River, BC****DAY 1**

Board at Sidney, orientation, cruising the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve. Seabird, shore walk to spectacular views.

DAY 2-4

Visit the beaches and old homestead at Cabbage and Tumbo Islands, wildlife colonies at the Belle Chain Islets. Explore Galiano's outer coast and cruising through Porlier Pass, watching for seabirds in the nutrient-rich waters. Dodd Narrows and sailing Georgia Strait. Shore trip and anchorage, Hornby Island. Set sail for Savary Island, cruising to seabird haven Mitlenatch for zodiac explore and birdwatching. Anchorage Cortez Island.

DAY 5-6

Cruising, anchorage and shore trips in Desolation Sound such as spectacular Prideaux Haven, Teakerne Arm on West Redonda Island and Desolation Sound marine park.

DAY 7

Seabird colony visit. Cruise to Campbell River, watching for wildlife including whales.

Note: The trip on Maple Leaf is 2 days longer, along the same route.

ITINERARY 3

Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC

DATES & PRICES & SHIPS:

Swell

Oct 19-25 (departs from Port McNeill)

\$4150 CAD (cat. 1), \$4600 CAD

(cat. 2), \$5150 CAD (cat. 3)

Cascadia

Oct 17-23

\$4750 CAD (cat. 1)

\$5750 CAD (cat. 2)

\$6550 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

**Port Hardy, BC
Nanaimo, BC****DAY 1**

Welcome aboard and cruise to Blackfish Sound region, a congregation point for whales. Island anchorage and beach exploration. Welcome dinner.

DAY 2-5

Visit Alert Bay and U'mista Cultural Centre with private guided tour of Kwakwaka'wakw potlach collection. Rainforest walk, then cruise to island anchorage dinner, keeping eyes and ears out for wildlife.

Exploring the cascades and waterways Vancouver Island's inside passage and Desolation Sound, visiting estuaries where bears fish for salmon, Toba Inlet (a fjord that cuts 35 km into the Coast Mountains), and marine parks like Prideaux Haven and Desolation Sound Marine Park.

DAY 6

Visit the isolated Mitlenatch Island, a seabird colony, watching for marine mammals, and exploring the northern Gulf Islands.

DAY 7

Morning kayak, or explore ashore. Cruising to Nanaimo.

OVERVIEW

“We saw and experienced so much, the food was incredible, we met and made friends with the other guests. Nothing more to say -- it simply exceeded our expectations on so many levels.”

- Alec W. on TripAdvisor, 2016

“Some nights I hear whales in my dreams. Some nights I wake... and find it hasn't been a dream at all.” – Alexandra Morton

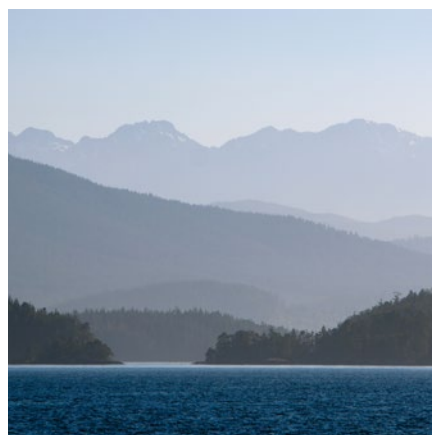
This is the “Serengeti of the sea”: rich in wildlife, home to a complex whale community, addictive cruising and ancient human cultures. It is the best place on earth to see killer whales and humpback whales. It is rich in seabirds, porpoises and other ocean life. On forested islands and on the water, humans have also thrived for millennia and this trip will introduce you to the ancient and modern First Nations culture, and to other inhabitants of floating hamlets.

Special Features

- » Watching and learning about whales and how they live, for hours in comfort, with our flexible itinerary and expert guides.
- » Visits to tiny coastal places such as the boardwalk community of Telegraph Cove, the historic Kwakwaka'wakw site at Village Island, and Alert Bay, a community that is home to the spectacular Kwakwaka'wakw cultural centre, U'mista.
- » Cruising intricate channels and island hopping, viewing seabirds and perhaps even a black bear swimming while under way
- » Rainforest walks and, time permitting, exploring the rich nature of a mainland inlet estuary.



DESTINATION | BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO



DESTINATION | BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO

ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

Whales and Northern Vancouver Island Summer

SHIP:

Cascadia

Jul 1-8

\$7475 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8800 CAD (cat. 2)

\$10030 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC

DAY 1

Board the ship, orientation, cruising to the Broughton Archipelago. Humpback whale & porpoise viewing. Optional evening kayak.

DAY 2

Orca viewing for hours. Afternoon forest interpretive walk, intertidal life exploration.

DAY 3-4

Village Island ancient Kwakwaka'wakw village site, personal guided tour at U'mista Cultural Centre, Alert Bay. Heading deeper into the archipelago, visiting a collection of islands with various habitats excellent for walks or kayaking. Possibility to view

local black bears on the beach. Visit remote Echo Bay float house community and Billy Proctor's Museum.

DAY 5-6

Cruising mainland fjord, river estuary meadow walk, rainforest walk. Optional kayak, zodiac ride.

DAY 7

Exploring Johnstone Strait and marine mammals (possibility of dolphins, porpoises, humpback whales and/or orcas). Hike to view.

DAY 8

Whale watching or dolphins, cruising to port.

ITINERARY 2

Whales & Totems of the Broughton Archipelago, Summer

SHIP:

Maple Leaf

For summer 2021, available for group charter only.

Suggested dates:

Jul 15-20, Jul 21-26, Jul 28-Aug 2, Aug 3-8, Aug 9-14, Aug 15-20

See 2022 dates and prices for individual bookings.

DEPART AND RETURN:

Port McNeill, BC

DAY 1

Board the ship, orientation, sailing. Humpback whale & porpoise viewing. Optional evening kayak.

DAY 2

Killer whale watching for hours. Lunch in the company of whales. Afternoon forest interpretive walk, intertidal life exploration.

DAY 3-4

Village Island ancient Kwakwaka'wakw village site, personal guided tour at U'mista Cultural Centre, Alert Bay. Cruising mainland fjord, river estuary walk, search for bears. Optional kayak, zodiac ride.

DAY 5

Humpback whale viewing. Shore walk and intertidal life viewing. Visit remote Echo Bay float house community and Billy Proctor's Museum.

DAY 6

Whale watching or dolphins, cruising to Port McNeill.

Note:

Family friendly trips welcome children age 5+



“A true connection with nature
at its purest.”

- N. Tomich, 2016

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., 2017

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

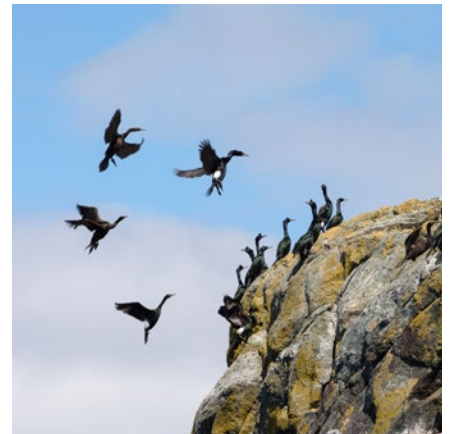
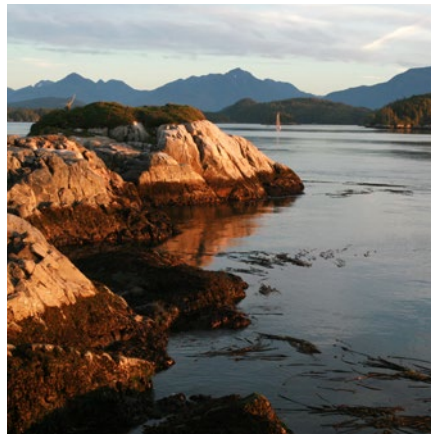
Named the #1 island in continental US and Canada by *Condé Nast Traveler* readers, Vancouver Island offers everything from a historic small city, Victoria, to a remote peninsula whose ecosystems go back past the last ice age; from wildflower meadows and islands with cactus, to giant rainforest cedars 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 of one of BC’s most breathtaking fjords.
- » Hikes from the beach, along rivers and waterfalls to BC’s warmest lakes.
- » Visit one of BC’s most prolific bird sanctuaries (Mitlenatch Island).
- » Historical stories about early pioneers and homesteaders told around the campfire.
- » Natural foods foraging with your own private chef.
- » Wildlife viewing, including seals, sea lions and possibly a spring bear.

DESTINATION

| VANCOUVER ISLAND



ITINERARY DETAILS - SAMPLE

SPRING

Unique features: Cruising in quiet waters under snow-capped mountains, bird life, and blooming wild flowers.

Whales and Vancouver Island Inside Passage, South
(Nanaimo to Campbell River, 6 days)

Whales and Vancouver Island Inside Passage, North
(Campbell River to Port McNeill, 8 days)

SUMMER

Unique features: More settled weather for exploring the west coast, sandy beaches, black bears, whales.

Wild Side of Vancouver Island
(Port Hardy to Port Hardy, 7 days)

Wild Side of Vancouver Island with Canadian Geographic
(Port Hardy to Port Hardy, 7 days)

ITINERARY 1

Vancouver Island Inside Passage

SHIP:

Swell

May 7-14

\$4250 CAD (cat.1)

\$4750 CAD (cat. 2)

\$5450 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/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 and wildlife viewing

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

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. 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

Wild Side of Vancouver Island

SHIP:

Cascadia

Jul 1-8, Jul 9-15

\$6400 CAD (cat. 1)

\$7550 CAD (cat. 2)

\$8600 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC

DAY 1

Board ship in Port Hardy. Welcome aboard, orientation, whale watching on Vancouver Island's northeast side. Cruising and exploring the Cape Scott area, rounding 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. Rainforest and beach walks. Optional morning kayak. Anchorage in Nespartit 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 and Rugged Point with sandy beaches and salal-rich headlands. Heading north around Brooks Peninsula. Seabird viewing. Possible black bear viewing and meadow exploration. Optional evening kayak, Quatsino Sound. Cruising to Klaskish and East Creek.

DAY 7

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



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

Exclusive guiding by special resource person, George Kourounis, storm chaser and weather expert. Special additional cultural opportunities and an accomplished ambassador from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society are included in this trip.

ITINERARY 3

Wild Side of Vancouver Island with Canadian Geographic

SHIP:

Cascadia

Jul 16-22

\$6950 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8200 CAD (cat. 2)

\$9350 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC

DAY 1

Pick up in Port Hardy and drive to Quatsino sound. Welcome aboard, orientation, exploring “hanging rain-forest gardens” or abundant intertidal life onshore. Optional evening kayak, Quatsino Sound. Cruising to Klaskish and East Creek. Bear viewing, shore walk in meadow and along river. Evening lecture.

DAY 2-3

Cruising around the wild Brooks Peninsula. Seabird viewing. Anchorage and remote beach exploration. Rainforest and beach walks. Optional morning kayak. Anchorage in Nespart Inlet.

DAY 4

Kyuquot Sound exploration, sea otter viewing, visit village of Kyuquot. Learn about local weather systems and hidden caves. Evening traditional indigenous salmon bake around the campfire.

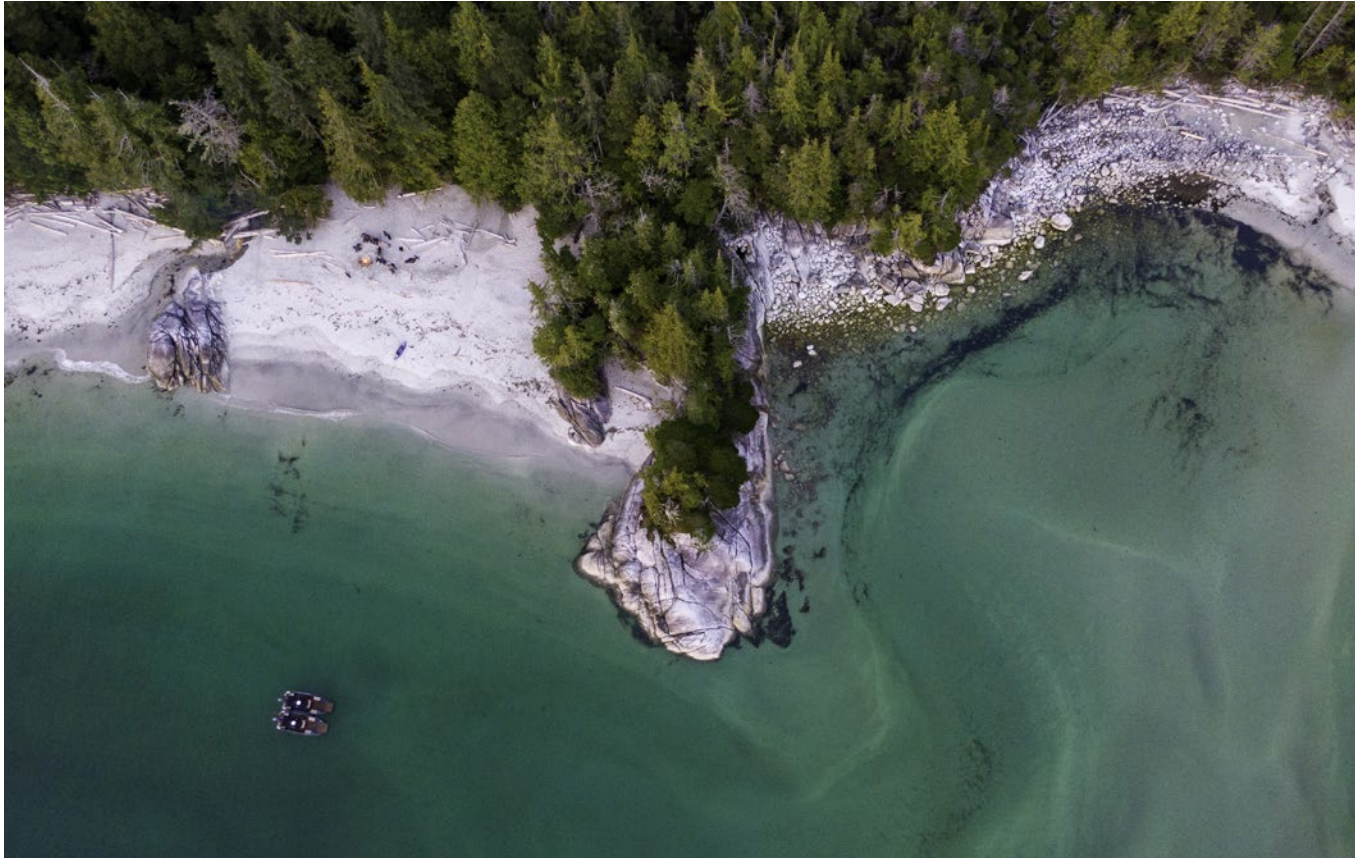
DAY 5-6

Exploration of offshore group of islands and Rugged Point with sandy beaches and salal-rich headlands. Heading north around Brooks Peninsula. Seabird viewing. Cruising and exploring the Cape Scott area, rounding Vancouver Island’s northern tip. Bear viewing.

DAY 7

Whale watching on Vancouver Island’s northeast side, and cruising to Port Hardy.





“A brilliant trip. We returned home starry eyed.”

- Carla R. on Google, 2018

UNIQUE JOURNEYS



Culinary Adventures

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.

Maple Leaf

- » Wild Gulf Islands Culinary Cruise, Oct 26-31.

Swell

- » Craft Beer Culinary Cruise, Oct 26-30.

Cascadia

- » Wine Islands, Oct 24-28.
Possible second trip Oct 29-Nov 2.



Family Friendly Trips

Discover the Broughton Archipelago through the eyes of your child. This itinerary is designed especially with your family in mind. Ages 5 and up.

Maple Leaf

- » Whales & Totems, Aug 3-8.



Canadian Geographic Expeditions



These special-edition trips with Canadian Geographic bring you a VIP resource person and special extras not available on other trips. *See insert for more detail.*

Swell

- » Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic, Apr 14-18.
- » Alaska Supervoyage with Canadian Geographic, Jul 26-Aug 5.

Cascadia

- » Haida Gwaii with Canadian Geographic, Jun 6-14.
- » Vancouver Island's Wild Side with Canadian Geographic, Jul 16-22.
- » Great Bear Rainforest Photography with Canadian Geographic, Sep 3-10.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Spring Fling



Book one of our below qualifying trips before Sept. 30, 2020, and receive free round trip air, between the start and end of your trip and Vancouver or Victoria airport. Up to a \$600 value.

Gulf Islands, Apr 16-20, April 21-25 aboard Maple Leaf
 Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic, Apr 14-18 aboard Swell
 Desolation Sound, Salish Sea & Vancouver Island Supervoyage, Apr 20-25 aboard Swell
 Desolation Sound, April 27-May 1, May 2-6 aboard Swell

Desolation Sound May 5-9, aboard Maple Leaf
 Vancouver Island Inside Passage May 7-14 aboard Swell
 Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest, May 11-19 aboard Maple Leaf
 Great Bear Rainforest Spring, May 19-26, May 20-27 aboard Maple Leaf
 Great Bear Rainforest Spring, May 27-Jun 3 aboard Swell

Summer Getaways



Book one of our below qualifying trips before Dec 31, 2020, and receive free round trip air, between the start and end of your trip and Vancouver or Victoria airport. Up to a \$600 value.

Vancouver Island Wild Side, Jul 9-15, July 16-22 aboard Cascadia
 Whales & Wild Isles, July 23-31 aboard Cascadia

Great Bear Rainforest North, Aug 1-5, Aug 6-10, Aug 12-16 aboard Cascadia
 Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope Supervoyage, Aug 17-25 aboard Cascadia

Autumn Escapes



Book one of our below qualifying trips before Dec 31, 2020, and receive free round trip air, between the start and end of your trip and Vancouver or Victoria airport. Up to a \$600 value.

Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC, Oct 17-23 aboard Cascadia
 Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC, Oct 19-25 aboard Swell

Gulf Islands National Park Reserve, Oct 22-27 aboard Maple Leaf
 Wines & Islands, October 24-28 aboard Cascadia
 Craft Beer Cruise, Oct 26-30 aboard Swell

Great Bear Getaways



Book one of our below qualifying trips before Dec 31, 2020, and receive free round trip air, between the start and end of your trip and Vancouver or Victoria airport. Up to a \$600 value.

Great Bear Rainforest, Aug 26-Sep 2 aboard Cascadia
 Great Bear Rainforest Photography with Canadian Geographic, Sep 3-10 aboard Cascadia
 Great Bear Rainforest, Sep 12-19 aboard Cascadia

Great Bear Rainforest, Sep 20-27 aboard Cascadia
 Great Bear Rainforest, Sep 28-Oct 5 aboard Cascadia
 Great Bear Rainforest, Oct 6-13 aboard Cascadia



Free Hotel Night with Back-to-Back Trips

Book back-to-back trips and we'll host you in a hotel for a night between trips.

All trips

Pay in Full, Receive 5%

Receive 5% off final balance when trip is paid in full by October 31, 2020.

All trips

Free Hotel with Alaska Trip

Book before February 28, 2021 and receive a free hotel night before or after your trip.

All Alaska Itineraries

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:

3

Special Features

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

Public Area

- » Main lounge and beverage area.
- » Dining area.
- » 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.

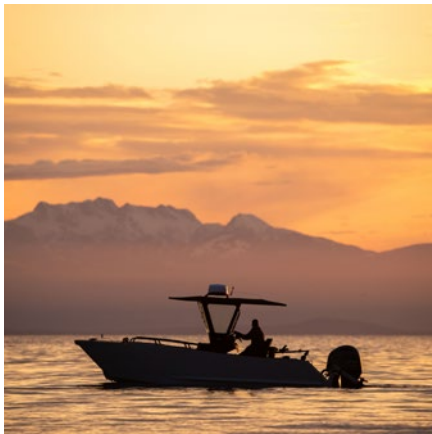
Cabin Information

- » Private ensuite bathrooms.
- » 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.

OUR SHIPS



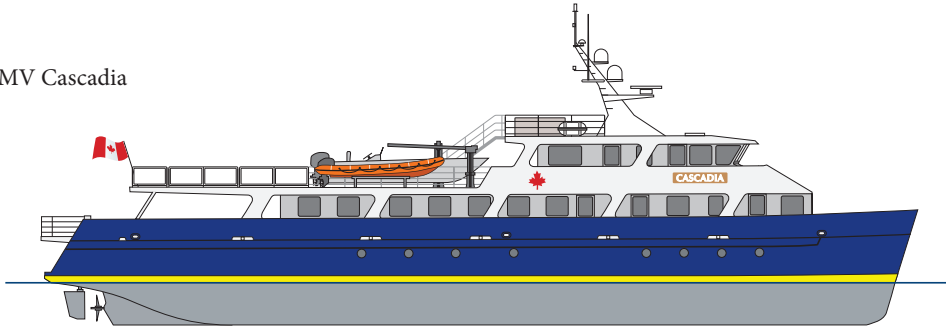
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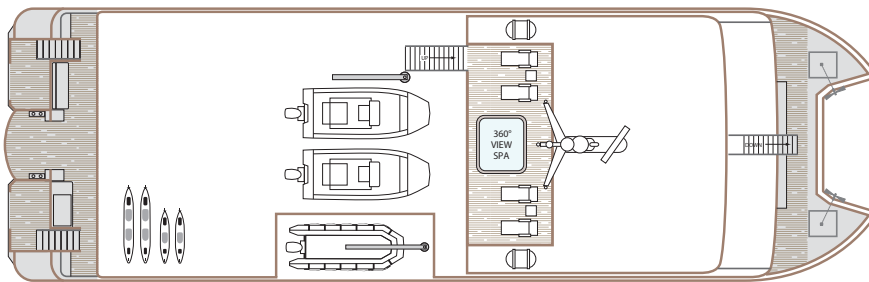
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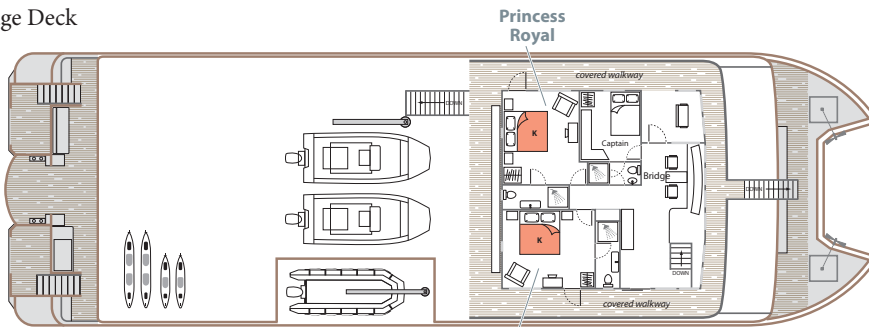
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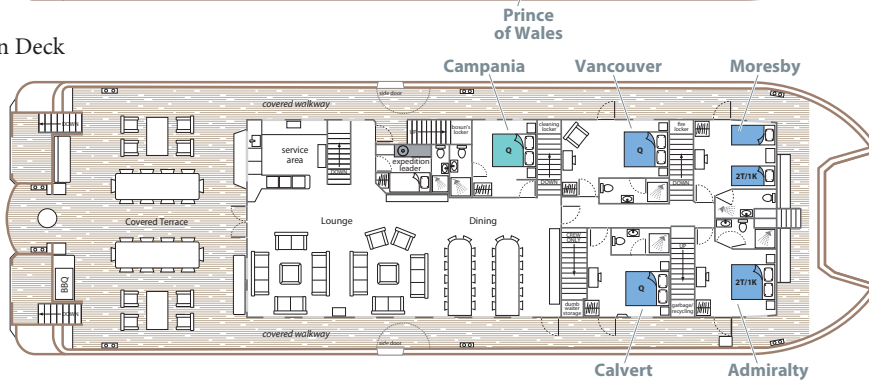
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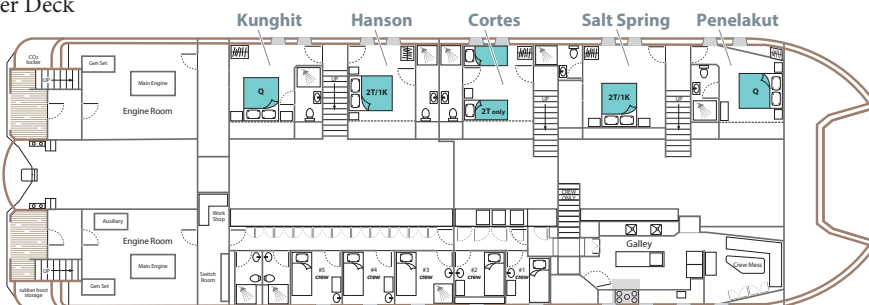
Bridge Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck





“A truly superlative vacation,
adventure and learning
experience.”

- Bill P. on TripAdvisor, 2018

SHIP OVERVIEW

“Maple Leaf provided us the perfect opportunity to experience the wilderness of Haida Gwaii without unduly sacrificing our creature comforts.”

- amoxl, TripAdvisor, 2016

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, sometimes referred to as summer camp for sophisticated adults.

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

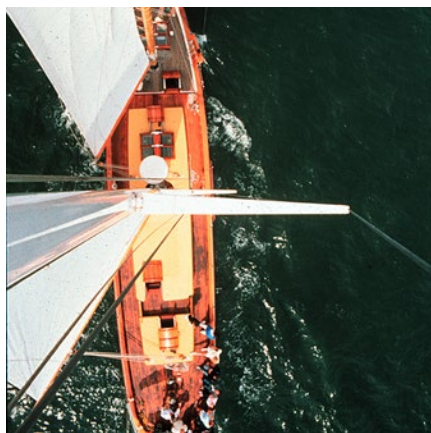
- » Dining lounge and library: excellent collection of books on nature and culture of the coast. A calm place to sip coffee and read, and a warm chef’s kitchen party at night.
- » Open wheelhouse lounge, with natural history tools, access to the navigators and comfy seating.
- » Three levels of deck 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

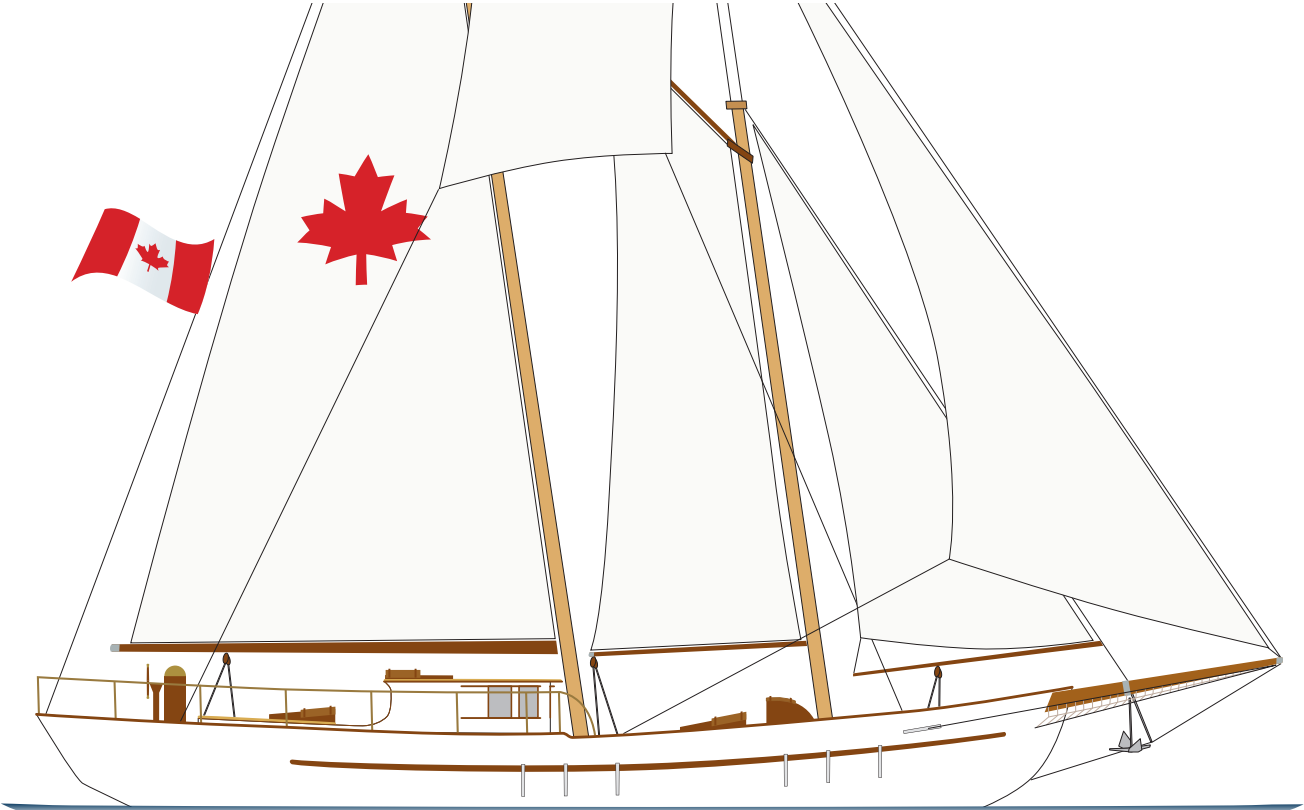
- » The spacious main cabin is airy and divided by half-walls and heavy curtains into four “cabins,” providing sleeping accommodations for eight guests. Each area contains large comfortable beds (six and a half feet long), space for your belongings, brass reading lamps, fluffy duvets and blankets. They 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 berths, or our comfortable wheelhouse accommodations, with a same sex solo traveler.



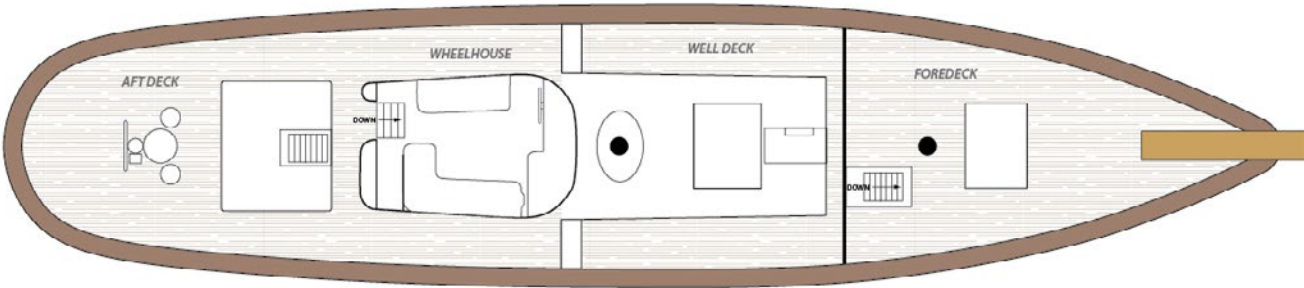
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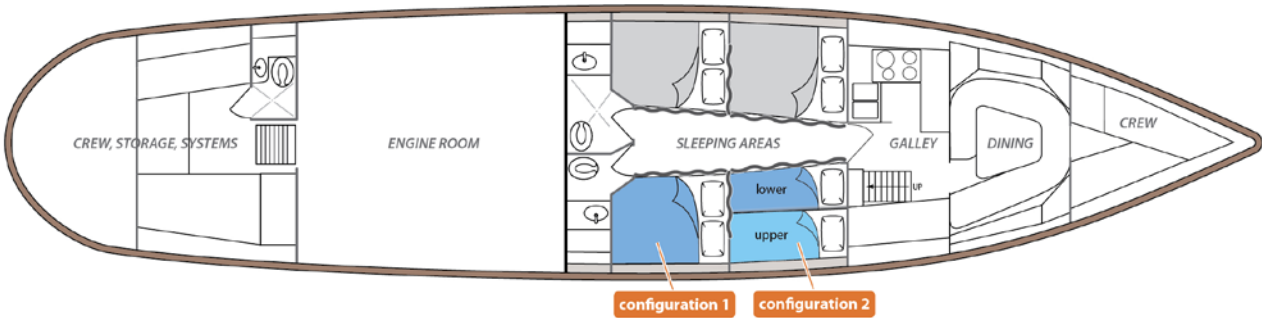
SHIP LAYOUTS



Upper Deck



Lower Deck





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

- Canadiangal51, Tripadvisor, 2019

SHIP OVERVIEW

“A lovingly restored tugboat, built in 1912. The Swell has 6 guest cabins and offers all the comforts of home.” - MandHMB2016, 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:

3

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

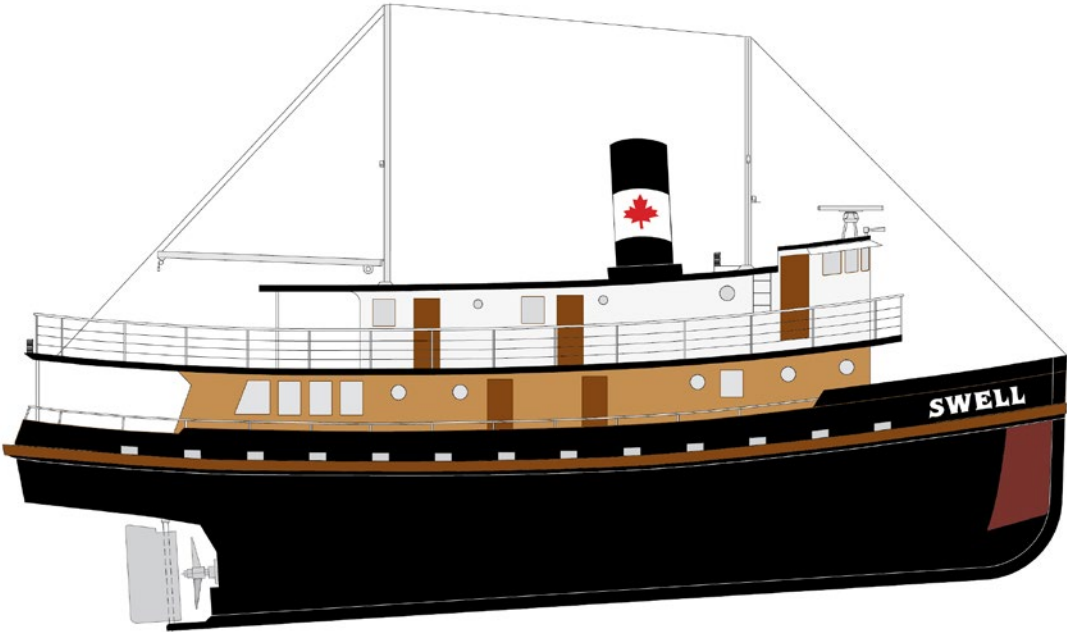
- » Private ensuite bathrooms.
- » Individual climate control.
- » Outside location (windows to natural light).
- » Category 1: Two up and down single bunks, 57 sq. ft. Names: Red Alder.
- » Category 2 option 1: Double bed with angled foot. Under bed storage. 80 sq. ft. Names: Sitka Spruce, Western Hemlock.
- » Category 2 option 2: Two large up and down bunks. Small desk. 80 sq. ft. Names: Arbutus.
- » Category 3: Queen-size bed, largest cabins and floor space, 120 sq. ft. Names: Cedar, Douglas Fir.

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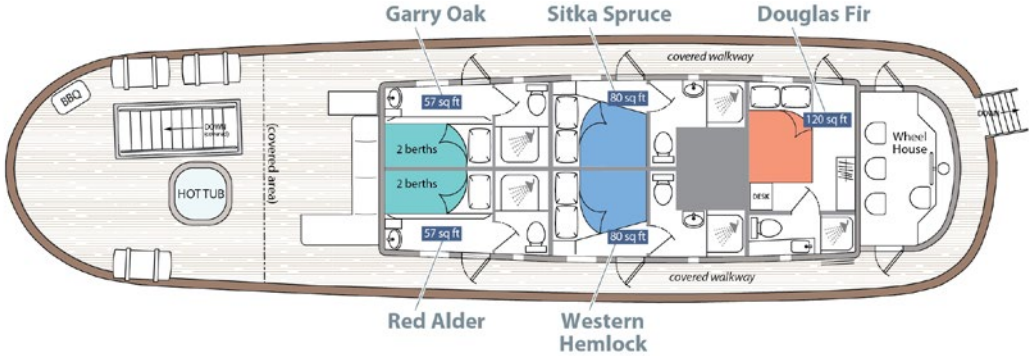


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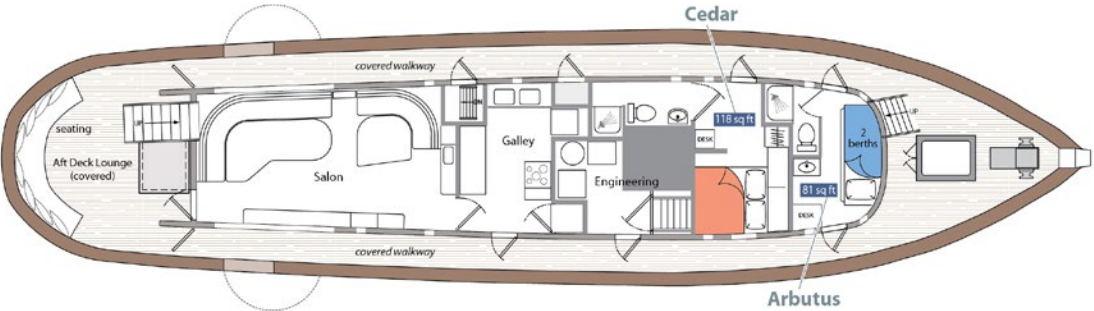
SHIP LAYOUTS



Upper Deck



Main Deck



ALL-INCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS



What's Included

- » 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, prepared freshly 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 to come into the ship's wheelhouse, where your crew navigate the ship.

- » You are at times welcome to take the helm under the crew's guidance, and help sail on the sailing ship.
- » Use of gear on board including kayaks, fishing gear (with permit), and rubber boots.

Your Trip Supports Our Conservation-Based Economy

By travelling with Maple Leaf, you are part of the important, emerging, conservation-based economy on the coast. We are a coast-owned and operated business, and 99% of the money from the trips stays within the coastal economy, providing meaningful and inspiring work that helps rather than hinders the coast.

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 over 30 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: Captain Lynsey Rebbetoy, Deckhand Callyn Holder and Kayleen VanderRee, Chef Kyra Wilson, Naturalist Jeff Reynolds, Penelakut Elder Florence James, Captain Dave Hollis.

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.

Kayaks

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

Operating history

We have been operating since 1986.

Can I help sail?

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

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.

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

Yes. You are aboard as our guest and we will look after you very well.

Single supplement

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 is a 50% single supplement for a cabin (category 1 or 2 only). Ask us about sharing on Cascadia.

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 GWAI		Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ			
GULF ISLANDS	Ⓟ						Ⓟ
BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO				Ⓟ	Ⓟ		Ⓟ
VANCOUVER ISLAND & DESOLATION SOUND	Ⓟ	Ⓟ		Ⓟ			Ⓟ

HOW TO GET TO YOUR TRIP



Airport Access

Our BC and Alaska trips originate from ports along the coast that are serviced by regularly scheduled flights. In BC, all of these flights originate from Vancouver International Airport, in Vancouver, BC. If you are flying from outside the area, and you are wondering where you need to get to in order to connect to your trip, then Vancouver International Airport is the answer.

For Alaska, any air travel to or from Alaska goes via Seattle-Tacoma airport, in Washington State, USA.

You may like to consult our website (“How to Get to Here”) for a map showing these flights and ports.

We provide all of this information plus more detail and guidance in the Welcome Aboard package that you will receive upon booking your place with Maple Leaf. We are also happy to help any time!

Ferries

Ferries transport passengers between Vancouver and Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo, Port Hardy and Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii, Seattle and Victoria, and Alaskan ports and Prince Rupert. Travelling by ferry requires careful planning and sometimes a car.

Driving

If you wish to drive to and/or from your trip, you may be able to. It's best to email or phone us or your travel agent for further information.

Staying Beforehand or Afterward

Our Welcome Aboard packages lists some places you may wish to stay at before or after your trip.

Travel Agent

If you would like the assistance of a travel agent, we are happy to provide contact information for one who has worked with our guests.

Booking and Cancellation Policy

To avoid disappointment, your reservation should be made early. The number of participants in each program is limited, and the demand is high. Trips can sell out early.

Deposit: A deposit of one third of the price of the trip will reserve your space for any trip.

Balance: The balance is due 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations: If you are unable to participate and cancellation occurs at least 120 days prior to the departure date of your trip, the full amount of your deposit is refundable, minus a \$200 admin fee per person to cover costs we cannot recover. If cancellation occurs less than 120 days prior to the departure date of your trip, the fare is non-refundable. We highly recommend cancellation insurance. See next page for details.

Group Bookings: For large group bookings, such as a family charter of the entire ship, the booking and cancellation policy may be different - please contact us for information.

BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE



Payment Methods

We accept Visa, Master Card, Discover, cheque, money order or bank transfer.

Included in the Price

See “What’s Included” on page 59.

Not included in the price:

- » Transportation to the trip’s point of origin (unless booking with one of our promotions).
- » Goods and Service Tax (Canadian trips only, 5%)
- » Crew gratuities
- » Sustainability Fee of \$200. As an ecotourism company, we work with local communities, do things the right way, 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). There are several kinds available for different cancellation reasons. 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. It includes information on how to get to your trip, what to wear and bring, and other tips for your trip. It also includes an emailed 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 fullship charters. Contact us for details.

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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 we have 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 van Helvoirt, Kayleen VanderRee, Kevin Smith, Tavish Campbell, Scott Forsyth, Brandon Harvey, Sherry Kirkvold, Matt Whelan.

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