

2022 2023 CATALOGUE

Remarkable Journeys. Engaging People. Wild Spaces.

EXPEDITION CRUISES BY BOUTIQUE SHIP









## CANADA

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



Alaska Adventure Alaska Supervoyage







## **3 BOUTIQUE SHIPS**

Maple Leaf Swell Cascadia

## 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. 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

## INTRODUCTION

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 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 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; they are 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.

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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.

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## DESTINATION

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#### 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, 2019



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## 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 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 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 ancient Haida village sites, including UNESCO world heritage site SGang Gwaay (Ninstints).
- » A longer trip, with a week in the protected Gwaii Haanas region.
- » Naturalist walks in ancient rainforest, beachcombing, natural hot springs soak, wildlife colony visit, remote island exploration.
- » 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 35 years' of history operating here.











HAIDA GWAII









## DESTINATION

## HAIDA GWAII

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

## ITINERARY 1 Haida Gwaii Classic

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Maple Leaf	Maple Leaf
Jun 6-14 / Jun 15-23	Jun 6-14 / Jun 15-23
Jun 23-Jul 1 / Jul 1-9	Jun 23-Jul 1 / Jul 1-9
Jul 9-17	Jul 9-17
\$7100 CAD	\$8100 CAD
DEPART/RETURN:	DEPART/RETURN:
Masset, BC	Masset, BC
Sandspit, BC	Sandspit, BC
Cascadia	Cascadia
May 8-15 / May 15-22	May 8-15 / May 15-22
May 22-29 / May 29-Jun 5	May 22-29 / May 29-Jun 5

Jun 14-21 / Jun 21-28 Jun 14-21 / Jun 21-28 Jun 28-Jul 5 Jun 28-Jul 5 \$10300 CAD (cat. 1) \$11750 CAD (cat. 1) \$11950 CAD (cat. 2) \$13650 CAD (cat. 2) \$13600 CAD (cat. 3) DEPART & RETURN:

Vancouver, BC

## \$15550 CAD (cat. 3) DEPART & RETURN: Vancouver, BC

## DAY1

Tour kickoff, land-based tour of Northern Haida Gwaii and modern communities as well as cultural activities including the famed Haida Heritage Centre. Dinner and lodge accommodation on Graham Island.

#### DAY 2-3

Tlell, Skidegate, Haida Heritage Centre at KAAY LLNAGAAY, board ship, orientation, cruising, whale watching, island anchorage and explore ashore. T'aanuu village site, K'iid Xyangs K'iidaay 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 view ing, UNESCO World Heritage Site visit, SGang Gwaay (Ninstints), Rose Harbour visit (remote community, pop. 4). Cruising, rainforest walk, possible bears.



Sailing Juan Perez Sound, whale watching, visit seabird researchers at seabird colony.

#### DAY 8

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 from Vancouver and return.

Art at Sea trip includes art instructor and opportunity to paint and sketch.



# DESTINATION





## 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).

#### ITINERARY 2

## Haida Gwaii with Canadian Geographic

**2022 DATES** 

#### **2023 DATES**

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Cascadia	Cascadia
Jun 6-14	Jun 6-14
\$11950 CAD (cat. 1)	\$13450 CAD (cat. 1)
\$13850 CAD (cat. 2)	\$15600 CAD (cat. 2)
\$15800 CAD (cat. 3)	\$17750 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART & RETURN: Vancouver, BC **DEPART & RETURN:** Vancouver, BC



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#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE





#### DAY1

Meet at Vancouver airport's south terminal for flight to Haida Gwaii. Tour kickoff, then land-based tour of Masset, Old Masset, North Beach, Tow Hill, tour of Graham Island. Special Haida welcome dinner and lodge accommodation in Skitegate.

### DAY 2-3

Tlaal, Skidegate, Haida Heritage Centre at KAAY LLNAGAAY, board ship, orientation, cruising, whale watching, island anchorage and explore ashore. T'aanuu village site, K'iid Xyangs K'iidaay for some of the planet's densest intertidal life, kayaking, cruising.

#### **DAY 4-5**

Sailing southward in Gwaii Haanas, Cape St. James (southern tip of Haida Gwaii), Woodruff Bay beach exploration, fishing.

#### DAY 6

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

#### DAY 7-8

Cruising Juan Perez Sound, whale watching, visit seabird researchers at seabird colony. Windy Bay cultural heritage site, whale-watching, K'uuna (Skedans) village site. Farewell dinner.

### DAY 9

Cruising to Sandspit. Flight from Sandspit to Vancouver.

## 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., 2021

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

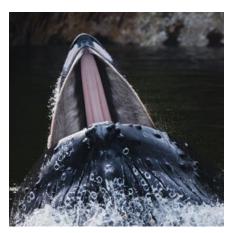
Journey into one of Earth's greatest wild places. It is a land of fjords, mountains, rainforests, and great river estuaries. It is home to grizzlies, wolves and the mysterious white Spirit Bear. Maple Leaf's trips in 3 seasons (spring, summer, fall) are timed for peak experiences of natural beauty and 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, outer beaches and exploration in summer, 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.













## GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST







## GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

## DESTINATION

#### ITINERARIES

Unique features: Incredible whale

beaches; settled weather generally.

and seabird activity; west coast

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)

Kitlope Supervoyage

Great Bear Rainforest &

## SPRING



Unique features: wildflowers and so much green, fair weather, stunning scenery, grizzlies in sedge meadows (mid May to mid July trips), migrating birds, whales.

Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest

Great Bear Rainforest Spring

Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope

## SUMMER



bear, grizzly bear, black bear, whales,

(Kitimat to Kitimat) or (Prince Rupert to Bella Bella) or (Bella Bella to Bella Bella) or (Kitimat to Bella Bella) or

## ITINERARY 1

## Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest

**2022 DATES** 

#### **2023 DATES**

DATES/PRICES & SHIP: Maple Leaf May 11-19 \$4350 CAD

## DATES/PRICES & SHIP: Maple Leaf May 11-19 \$4900 CAD

DEPART/RETURN: Bella Bella, BC

DEPART/RETURN: Campbell River, BC Campbell River, BC Bella Bella, BC











#### ITINFRARY 2

## Great Bear Rainforest Spring

**2022 DATES** 

**2023 DATES** 

DATES/PRICES & SHIP: Maple Leaf May 20-27 \$5200 CAD

DATES/PRICES & SHIP: Maple Leaf May 20-27 \$5850 CAD

# Swell

May 19-26 Jun 3-10, Kitimat to Prince Rupert \$6300 CAD (cat. 1) \$6900 CAD (cat. 2) \$7600 CAD (cat. 3) May 19-26 Jun 3-10, Kitimat to Prince Rupert \$7200 CAD (cat. 1) \$7900 CAD (cat. 2) \$8700 CAD (cat. 3)

Swell

DEPART/RETURN: Bella Bella, BC Kitimat, BC

## DEPART/RETURN: Bella Bella, BC Kitimat, BC

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## AUTUMN

Unique features: Salmon run, spirit wetter weather.

Great Bear Rainforest Autumn (Bella Bella to Kitimat)

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

## DAY1

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 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. Likely humpback whales, possibly early bears. Fjordland where waterfalls cascade down granite cliffs. Petroglyphs, hot springs visit, cultural history, bear meadows.

## DAY 8

Explore west coast islands. Beach walks and zodiac excursions.

## DAY 9

Cruise to Bella Bella. Wildlife viewing en route.

## DAY1

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

## 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 4

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

## 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 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 Kitimat, wildlife viewing en route.

#### GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST DESTINATION

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

#### ITINERARY 3

## Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope and Kitlope Supervoyage

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHI
Maple Leaf	Maple Leaf
May 28-Jun 3	May 28-Jun 3
\$4650 CAD	\$5200 CAD
Swell	Swell
Swell	Swell
May 27-Jun 2	May 27-Jun 2

\$6000 CAD (cat. 1) \$6550 CAD (cat. 2) \$7200 CAD (cat. 3)

## Cascadia

Aug 17-25 \$9000 CAD (cat. 1) \$10600 CAD (cat. 2) \$12050 CAD (cat.3)

DEPART AND RETURN: Kitimat, BC

## TES/PRICES & SHIP: laple Leaf ay 28-Jun 3 200 CAD

well ay 27-Jun 2 \$6700 CAD (cat. 1) \$7350 CAD (cat. 2) \$8050 CAD (cat. 3)

## Cascadia Aug 17-25

\$10100 CAD (cat. 1) \$11900 CAD (cat. 2) \$13550 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.

tains, 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.

Sail deep into the coast moun-

### DAY 6

DAY 5

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 more time exploring the spectacular Gardner Canal region and additional opportunity to see spawning salmon and foraging bears.





## DESTINATION

#### ITINERARY 4

## Whales & Wild Isles, Great Bear Rainforest

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Maple Leaf	Maple Leaf
Jul 21-29,	Jul 21-29,
Aug 21-29, reverse,	Aug 21-29, reverse,
ends in Bella Bella	ends in Bella Bella
\$6250 CAD	\$7050 CAD
DEPART/RETURN:	DEPART/RETURN:
Kitimat, BC	Kitimat, BC

ITINERARY 5

Port McNeill, BC

## Whales & Wild Isles, Great Bear Rainforest

#### **2022 DATES 2023 DATES**

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Cascadia	Cascadia
Jul 23-31	Jul 23-31
\$9000 CAD (cat. 1)	\$10100 CAD (cat. 1)
\$10600 CAD (cat. 2)	\$11900 CAD (cat. 2)
\$12050 CAD (cat. 3)	\$13550 CAD (cat. 3)

Port McNeill, BC

DEPART/RETURN: Port Hardy, BC Prince Rupert, BC

DEPART/RETURN: Port Hardy, BC Prince Rupert, BC

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

## DAY1

Board at Kitimat. Orientation, cruising Douglas Channel and Whale Channel. Island anchorage. Beach exploration.

### **DAY 2-4**

Visit whale researchers at their remote research station. Marine mammal viewing. Sailing the outer coast. Going ashore on wild islands, exploring intertidal life, marine mammals, sailing the schooner Maple Leaf. Humpback whale viewing. Visit to a remote and natural hot spring. Inner islands rainforest and wildflower exploration, porpoises. Visit village of Klemtu for big house tour and village visit. Sailing to remote island group, sea otter viewing, seabird viewing, beachcombing, optional evening kayak.

#### DAY 6

Cruising the outer islands, scenic coastal hike with a view, humpback whale viewing, exploring islets by kayak or zodiac.

## DAY 7-8

Rounding Cape Caution, whale watching, entering Queen Charlotte Strait, home of orcas. Killer whale viewing, sea lion viewing, possible dolphins, rainforest hike.

## DAY 9

Cruising to Port McNeill.

## DAY1

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. 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.

#### GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST DESTINATION

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

#### ITINERARY 6

## Great Bear Rainforest North

#### **2022 DATES**

#### DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

Swell Jul 6-13 \$6300 CAD (cat. 1) \$6900 CAD (cat. 2)

\$7600 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN: Prince Rupert, BC

## DAY1

Welcome aboard at Prince Rupert, 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. Afternoon anchorage and visit to special cultural site with permission of the owners. Exploration of spectacular river valley.

#### DAY 3

Cruising the Great Bear Rainforest's inner channels. Visit bear viewing meadow.

#### ITINERARY 7

## Great Bear Rainforest Summer

**2022 DATES 2023 DATES** DATES/PRICES & SHIP: DATES/PRICES & SHIP: Cascadia Cascadia Aug 12-16 Aug 12-16 \$5300 CAD (cat. 1) \$5850 CAD (cat. 1) \$6850 CAD (cat. 2)

\$6250 CAD (cat. 2) \$7150 CAD (cat. 3)

### DEPART/RETURN: Kitimat, BC

Prince Rupert, BC or reverse

DEPART/RETURN: Kitimat, BC Prince Rupert, BC or reverse

\$7850 CAD (cat. 3)

#### DAY1

#### 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 wolves or wolf sign in this habitat for marine wolves.

Rainforest walk. Visit to community of Hartley Bay with local guides at the big house.

#### DAY 4

Cruising Whale Channel, observing marine life. Whale research station visit. Marine mammal haul-out visit.

#### DAY 5-6

Cruising the wild outer coast, island hopping, beach visits, hike to view over Pacific. Intertidal life, whales, seabirds.

#### **DAY 7-8**

Viewing whales and exploring northern islands. Cruising to pretty port community of Prince Rupert.

DAY 4

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.

# Exploring the rainforest

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## Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Swell	Swell
Aug 31-Sep 8, Prince Rupert	Aug 31-Sep 8, Prince Rupert
to Bella Bella; Sep 9-17, Bella	to Bella Bella; Sep 9-17, Bella
Bella to Kitimat; Sep 18-26,	Bella to Kitimat; Sep 18-26,
Kitimat to Bella Bella;	Kitimat to Bella Bella;
Sep 27-Oct 5, Bella Bella	Sep 27-Oct 5, Bella Bella

to Kitimat; Oct 7-15,	to Kitimat; Oct 7-15,
Kitimat to Bella Bella	Kitimat to Bella Bella
\$9550 CAD (cat. 1)	\$11450 CAD (cat. 1)
\$10450 CAD (cat. 2)	\$12500 CAD (cat. 2)
\$11350 CAD (cat. 3)	\$13650 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN: Kitimat, BC (or Prince Rupert) Bella Bella, BC

## DEPART/RETURN: Kitimat, BC (or Prince Rupert) Bella Bella, BC

#### ITINERARY 9

## Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Maple Leaf	Maple Leaf
Aug 31-Sep 8,	Aug 31-Sep 8,
Sep 9-17,	Sep 9-17,
Sep 18-26,	Sep 18-26,
Sep 27-Oct 5,	Sep 27-Oct 5,
Oct 7-15	Oct 7-15
\$7350 CAD	\$8450 CAD
DEPART AND RETURN:	DEPART AND RETURN:
Bella Bella, BC	Bella Bella, BC

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

## DAY1

Welcome aboard 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.

## DAY1

Welcome aboard and orientation, cruising. River exploration, and learning about the 'salmon forest'.

## DAY 2-3

Beach walk. Cruising into Fjordland. Massive waterfalls, spectacular inlet, and pictographs. 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. 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.

## DAY 9

Cruise to Bella Bella, watching for wildlife.

#### GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST DESTINATION

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

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## Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Cascadia	Cascadia
Aug 26-Sep 2,	Aug 26-Sep 2,
Sep 3-10,	Sep 12-19,
Sep 12-19,	Sep 20-27,
Sep 28-Oct 5,	Sep 28-Oct 5,
Oct 6-13 (ends in	Oct 6-13 (ends in
Bella Bella)	Bella Bella)
\$9850 CAD (cat. 1)	\$11050 CAD (cat. 1)
\$11450 CAD (cat. 2)	\$12850 CAD (cat. 2)
\$13000 CAD (cat. 3)	\$14650 CAD (cat. 3)
DEPART AND RETURN:	DEPART AND RETURN:
Kitimat, BC	Kitimat, BC

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

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## DAY1

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 vet 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





## 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 11

## Great Bear Rainforest Photography with Canadian Geographic

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Cascadia	Cascadia
Sep 20-27	Sep 3-10
\$10250 CAD (cat. 1)	\$11500 CAD (cat. 1)
\$11900 CAD (cat. 2)	\$13350 CAD (cat. 2)
\$13550 CAD (cat. 3)	\$15250 CAD (cat. 3)
DEPART AND RETURN:	DEPART AND RETURN:
Kitimat, BC	Kitimat, BC





#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



#### DAY1

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.

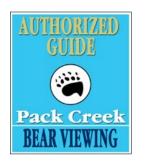
## DESTINATION

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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



## **77.** 77

## 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 adhoc 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.











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ALASKA









## DESTINATION

## ALASKA

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

#### ITINERARY 1

## Alaska Adventure

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Swell	Swell
Jun 14-23, Petersburg to	Jun 14-23, Petersburg to
Sitka	Sitka
Jun 23-Jul 2, Sitka to	Jun 23-Jul 2, Sitka to
Petersburg	Petersburg
Jul 3-12, Petersburg to	Jul 3-12, Petersburg to
Ketchikan	Ketchikan
\$10850 CAD (cat. 1)	\$11950 CAD (cat. 1)
\$11850 CAD (cat. 2)	\$13000 CAD (cat. 2)
\$12350 CAD (cat. 3)	\$13650 CAD (cat. 3)
DEPART/RETURN:	DEPART/RETURN:
Petersburg, AK	Petersburg, AK
Sitka, AK	Sitka, AK
Ketchikan, AK	Ketchikan, 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.

## DESTINATION

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE





#### ITINERARY 2

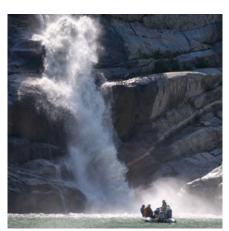
## Alaska Supervoyage

#### **2023 DATES 2022 DATES** DATES/PRICES & SHIP: DATES/PRICES & SHIP: Swell Swell Jul 15-25, Ketchikan to Sitka Jul 15-25, Ketchikan to Sitka Aug 6-16, Ketchikan to Sitka Aug 6-16, Ketchikan to Sitka Aug 17-27, Sitka to Aug 17-27, Sitka to Ketchikan Ketchikan \$13350 CAD (cat. 1) \$12100 CAD (cat. 1) \$14550 CAD (cat. 2) \$13200 CAD (cat. 2) \$15150 CAD (cat. 3) \$13750 CAD (cat. 3) DEPART/RETURN: DEPART/RETURN:

<sup>depart/return:</sup> Ketchikan, AK Sitka, AK

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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.

## DESTINATION ALASKA

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



## 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

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Swell	Swell
Jul 26-Aug 5	Jul 26-Aug 5
\$13100 CAD (cat. 1)	\$14450 CAD (cat. 1)
\$14300 CAD (cat. 2)	\$15750 CAD (cat. 2)
\$14900 CAD (cat. 3)	\$16450 CAD (cat. 3)
DEPART/RETURN:	DEPART/RETURN:
Sitka, AK	Sitka, AK
Ketchikan, 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. 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.

Cruising spectacular fjord to

wildlife viewing. Guided brown

tidewater glacier, icebergs,

bear viewing and walk up salmon creek at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island, with special access for Swell guests.

## DAY 11

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



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

- Sandra H. TripAdvisor, 2021

## GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA

DESTINATION

#### 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, 2019

# 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.

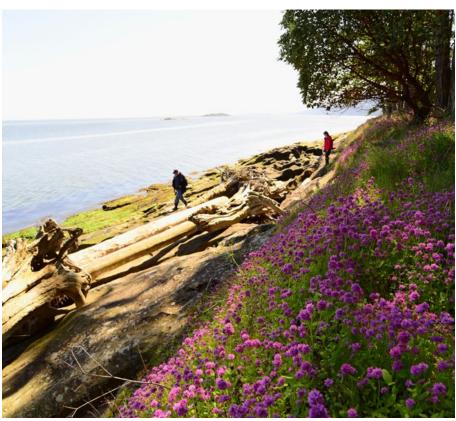
With 200+ islands and islets, some with "dry rainforests", some with white shell beaches, some with colonies of animals, the options for exploring are many.

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.











## GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA











## DESTINATION

## GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA

#### ITINERARIES

## SPRING

## **AUTUMN**

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

Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic

Spring in the Gulf Islands

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**

Sidney, BC

## Spring or Autumn in the Gulf Islands

#### **2023 DATES 2022 DATES** DATES/PRICES & SHIP: DATES/PRICES & SHIP: Maple Leaf Maple Leaf Apr 16-20, Apr 21-25 Apr 16-20, Apr 21-25 \$2600 CAD \$3000 CAD Oct 21-25 Oct 21-25 \$2800 CAD \$3050 CAD (departs from Nanaimo) (departs from Nanaimo) Oct 26-31 Oct 26-31 \$2800 CAD \$3200 CAD Swell Swell Apr 9-13 Apr 9-13 \$3550 CAD (cat. 1) \$3300 CAD (cat. 1) \$4000 CAD (cat. 2) \$3700 CAD (cat. 2) \$4150 CAD (cat. 3) \$4550 CAD (cat. 3) DEPART AND RETURN:

DEPART AND RETURN Sidney, BC

#### DAY1

#### 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

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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.

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.

\* Fall trip is one day longer,

#### DAY 4

Visit the small, inner islands:

but that few people know. See insert for more detail. ITINERARY 2

## Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic

2022 DATES	<u>2023 DATES</u>
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Swell	Swell
Apr 14-18	Apr 14-18
\$3700 CAD (cat. 1)	\$4100 CAD (cat. 1)
\$4150 CAD (cat. 2)	\$4550 CAD (cat. 2)
\$4750 CAD (cat. 3)	\$5250 CAD (cat. 3)
DEPART AND RETURN:	DEPART AND RETURN:
Sidney, BC	Sidney, BC





DESTINATION

#### 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 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,

## DAY1

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. Cruisingto 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.

## GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

### ITINERARY 3

## Craft Beer Culinary Cruise

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP
Swell	Swell
Oct 26-30	Oct 26-30
\$3300 CAD (cat. 1)	\$3750 CAD (cat. 1)
\$3700 CAD (cat. 2)	\$4150 CAD (cat. 2)
\$4250 CAD (cat. 3)	\$4800 CAD (cat. 3)
DEPART/RETURN:	DEPART/RETURN:
Nanaimo, BC	Nanaimo, BC
Sidney, BC	Sidney, BC
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#### DAY1

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.

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

DAY 4

Cruising and watching for wildlife en route to Sidney.

## DESTINATION





ITINERARY 4

## Wines & Islands

#### **2022 DATES 2023 DATES**

DATES/PRICES & SHIP: Cascadia Oct 25-29 \$4600 CAD (cat. 1) \$5400 CAD (cat. 2) \$6150 CAD (cat. 3)

## DATES/PRICES & SHIP: Cascadia Oct 26-30

\$5250 CAD (cat. 1) \$6200 CAD (cat. 2) \$7050 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN: Sidney, BC

DEPART/RETURN: Sidney, BC







#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



## DAY1

Board. 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 winemakers 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.

#### 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., 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 home steaders told around the campfire
- » Natural foods foraging with your own private chef.
- » Other wildlife viewing, including seals, sea lions and possibly a spring bear.













## DESOLATION SOUND







#### DESOLATION SOUND DESTINATION

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

DAY1

dinner.

DAY 2

#### ITINERARY 1

## **Desolation Sound & Discovery Islands**

**2022 DATES** 

DATES/PRICES & SHIP: Maple Leaf May 5-9 \$2600 CAD

## Swell

Apr 27-May 1, May 2-6 \$3250 CAD (cat. 1) \$3650 CAD (cat. 2) \$4150 CAD (cat. 3)

## Swell Apr 27-May 1, May 2-6 \$3550 CAD (cat. 1) \$4000 CAD (cat. 2) \$4550 CAD (cat. 3)

**2023 DATES** 

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

## Cascadia

Apr 30-May 4 \$4450 CAD (cat. 1) \$5250 CAD (cat. 2) \$6000 CAD (cat. 3)

## Cascadia Apr 30-May 4 \$5000 CAD (cat. 1) \$5900 CAD (cat. 2) \$6750 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN: DEPART AND RETURN: Campbell River, BC Campbell River, BC







## DESTINATION

#### ITINERARY 2

## Desolation Sound and Salish Sea Supervoyage

2022 DATES	<b>2023 DATES</b>				
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:				
Swell	Swell				
Apr 19- 25	Apr 19- 25				
\$4300 CAD (cat. 1)	\$4950 CAD (cat. 1)				
\$4750 CAD (cat. 2)	\$5250 CAD (cat. 2)				
\$5300 CAD (cat. 3)	\$6050 CAD (cat. 3)				
DEPART/RETURN:	DEPART/RETURN:				

Sidney, BC Sidney, BC Campbell River, BC Campbell River, BC

## Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Swell	Swell
Oct 19-25 (departs from	Oct 19-26 (departs from
Port McNeill)	Port McNeill)
\$4300 CAD (cat. 1)	\$5950 CAD (cat. 1)
\$4750 CAD (cat. 2)	\$6600 CAD (cat. 2)
\$5300 CAD (cat. 3)	\$7350 CAD (cat. 3)
Cascadia	Cascadia
Oct 17-23	Oct 17-24
\$5000 CAD (cat. 1)	\$6800 CAD (cat. 1)

\$6050 CAD (cat. 2) \$7100 CAD (cat. 3)

\$8150 CAD (cat. 2) \$9350 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN: Port Hardy, BC Nanaimo, BC

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## Maple Leaf May 5-9 \$3000 CAD

erne 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.

Cruise to spectacular Teak-

Welcome aboard and cruise

to Cortez Island. Rainforest

walk with naturalist. Local

community visit. Welcome

## **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 3

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

## DAY1

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.

## DAY1

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 potlatch 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 fiord 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.

#### DESTINATION **BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO**

#### OVERVIEW

"It was life changing. Not only the immersion into the incredible wildlife and beauty of the coast but through the exposure to the crew and the company ethics. Rarely in tourism are we lucky enough to find organisations whose values are so clearly lived by."

- LustyGlazeBeach. on TripAdvisor, 2020

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

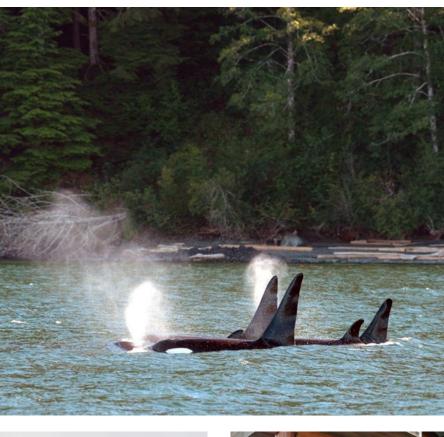
This is the "Serengeti of the sea": rich in wildlife, home to a complex whale community, addictive cruising and ancient human cultures. It is the best place on earth to see killer whales and humpback whales. It is rich in seabirds, porpoises and other ocean life. On forested islands and on the water,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

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.













## **BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO**









## DESTINATION | BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

## SUMMER

Unique features: Peak season for orcas (killer whales), island hopping and long summer days exploring.

Whales & Totems of the Broughton Archipelago by Sail

Whales & Totems (Family Friendly)

#### ITINERARY 1

## Whales & Totems of the Broughton Archipelago, Summer

<b>2022 DATES</b>	2023 DATES			
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:			
Maple Leaf	Maple Leaf			
Summer:	Summer:			
Aug 3-8 (family friendly)	Aug 3-8 (family friendly)			
Aug 9-14	Aug 9-14			
Aug 15-20	Aug 15-20			
\$3900 CAD	\$4400 CAD			
DEPART AND RETURN:	DEPART AND RETURN:			
Port McNeill, BC	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. Humpback whale viewing. Shore walk and intertidal life viewing. Visit remote Echo Bay float house community and Billy Proctor's Museum.

## DAY 6

DAY 5

Whale watching or dolphins, cruising to Port McNeill.

Note:

*Family friendly trips welcome children age 5+* 



"It was spiritual, it was inspirational, it was enlightening."

- Daniele A, 2019

OVERVIEW

"What a company, to provide such a great boat and assemble such an outof-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

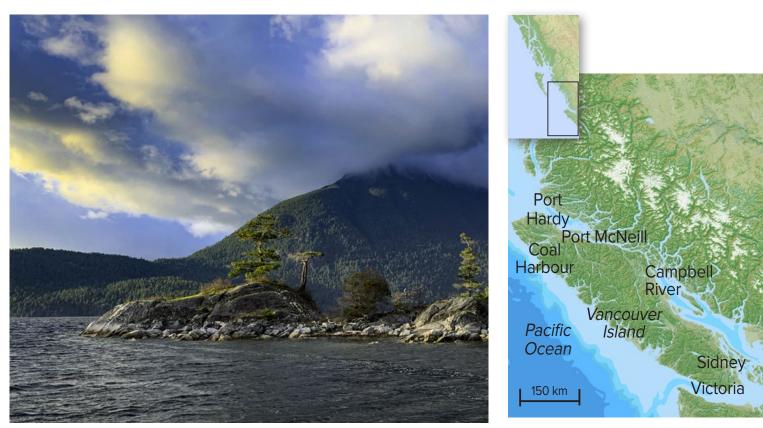
## Nature and culture in one of the world's most diverse ecosystems.

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 home steaders told around the campfire.
- » Natural foods for aging with your own private chef.
- » Wildlife viewing, including seals, sea lions and possibly a spring bear.

## DESTINATION











## VANCOUVER ISLAND









#### DATES & ITINERARY 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)

## DESTINATION



#### ITINERARY 1

## Vancouver Island Inside Passage

2022 DATES	2023 DATES
DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:
Swell	Swell
May 7-14	May 7-14
\$4400 CAD (cat.1)	\$5000 CAD (cat.1)
\$4900 CAD (cat. 2)	\$5600 CAD (cat. 2)
\$5650 CAD (cat. 3)	\$6400 CAD (cat. 3)

#### DEPART/RETURN:

Port McNeill, BC

DEPART/RETURN: Campbell River, BC Campbell River, BC Port McNeill, BC

#### DAY1

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

#### **2023 DATES 2022 DATES**

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:	DATES/PRICES & SHIP:			
Cascadia	Cascadia			
Jul 9-15	Jul 9-15			
\$6700 CAD (cat. 1)	\$7800 CAD (cat. 1)			
\$7900 CAD (cat. 2)	\$9150 CAD (cat. 2)			
\$9000 CAD (cat. 3)	\$10450 CAD (cat. 3)			

DEPART AND RETURN: Port Hardy, BC

DEPART AND RETURN: Port Hardy, BC

## \$6 \$7 \$9

## VANCOUVER ISLAND

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE





### DAY1

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 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 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.

#### DESTINATION VANCOUVER ISLAND

#### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE







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

Exclusive guiding by special resource person, (TBA) 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

**2022 DATES** 

**2023 DATES** 

Cascadia

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Cascadia

Jul 16-22 \$7700 CAD (cat. 1) \$9000 CAD (cat. 2) \$10350 CAD (cat. 3)

Jul 16-22 \$8250 CAD (cat. 1) \$9700 CAD (cat. 2) \$11000 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN: Port Hardy, BC

DEPART AND RETURN: Port Hardy, BC



## DAY1

Pick up in Port Hardy and drive to Quatsino sound. Welcome aboard, orientation, exploring "hanging rainforest 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 Nesparti 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.

Exploration of offshore group salal-rich headlands. Heading north around Brooks Peninsula. Seabird viewing. Cruising and exploring the Cape Scott

## DAY 7

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



## **Culinary Adventures** Steeped in Nature

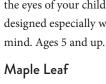
We take pride in our west-coast cuisine and libations. In addition to tasting, these 'deep' trips cover the social history and landscapes that create the people and the food we enjoy.

#### Swell

» Craft Beer Culinary Cruise, Oct 26-30.

#### Cascadia

» Wines and Islands, Oct 25-29.



## Cascadia

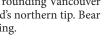
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## DAY 5-6

of islands and Rugged Point with sandy beaches and area, rounding Vancouver Island's northern tip. Bear viewing.





## Family Friendly Trips

Discover the rainforest coast through the eyes of your child. This itinerary is designed especially with your family in

» Whales & Totems, Aug 3-8.

» Great Bear Rainforest Summer, Aug



## 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 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



# Take a fling with the springtime coast. Book one of our qualifying 2023 trips before Sep 20, 2022, and receive free round trip air from the start and end of your trip. Valid for flights from either Vancouver or Victoria airport of a value up to \$800 value per person.

Salish Sea CanGeo April 14-18, 2023, aboard Swell

Gulf Islands April 21-25, 2023, aboard Maple Leaf

Desolation Sound and Salish Sea Supervoyage April 19-25, 2023, aboard Swell

Vancouver Island Inside Passage May 7-14, 2023, aboard Swell

## Summer Getaways



Discover yourself where the weather is fair and the days are long. Book one of our qualifying 2022 trips before Dec 31, 2022, or one of our qualifying 2023 trips before Feb 28, 2023, and receive free round trip air, between the start and end of your trip and Vancouver or Victoria airport. Up to \$800 value per person.

Whales & Wild Isles, July 23-31, 2022, aboard Cascadia Great Bear Rainforest Summer, Aug 1-5, Aug 6-10,

Aug 12-16, 2022, aboard Cascadia Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope Supervoyage, Aug 17-25, 2022, aboard Cascadia Whales & Wild Isles, July 23-31, 2023, aboard Cascadia Great Bear Rainforest Summer, Aug 1-5, Aug 6-10,

Aug 12-16, 2023, aboard Cascadia Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope Supervoyage, Aug 17-25, 2023, aboard Cascadia

## Autumn Escapes



Make the season of change life-changing. Book one of our qualifying fall nature and wildlife trips before Apr 30, 2022, or one of our qualifying 2023 trips before Apr 30, 2023, and receive free two-way flights, between the start and end of your trip and Vancouver airport or Victoria airport. Up to a \$800 value per person.

Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC, Oct 17-23, 2022, aboard Cascadia Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC, Oct 19-25, 2022, aboard Swell

Gulf Islands National Park Reserve, Oct 21-25, Oct 26-31, 2022, aboard Maple Leaf

Wines & Islands, Oct 24-28, 2022, aboard Cascadia Craft Beer Cruise, Oct 26-30, 2022, aboard Swell Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC, Oct 17-23, 2023, aboard Cascadia Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC, Oct 19-25, 2023,

Free Pair of High-Quality Binoculars



Enhance your enjoyment of and engagement with the natural world with a complementary pair of high-quality wildlife binoculars, waiting in your cabin when you arrive. Offer available on select autumn and culinary adventures booked before Jun 30, 2023. Worth an approximate value of \$450.

aboard Swell

Wines & Islands, Oct 24-28, 2023, aboard Cascadia Craft Beer Cruise, Oct 26-30, 2023, aboard Swell

Gulf Islands National Park Oct 26-31, 2023, aboard Maple Leaf

## Free Hotel Night With Back-To-Back Trips



Spend more time on the coast by booking two or more trips consecutively. Book back-to-back trips and we'll host you in a hotel for a night between trips.

For Terms & Conditions and more special offers, please visit our website.









## 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.

## YOUR GUIDES AND CREW







Some of the Maple Leaf Adventures crew and guides, from top left: Captain Lynsey Rebbetoy, Mate Simon Ager, Chef Kyra Wilson, Chef Tom Kral, Penelakut Elder Florence James, Captain Grace Gladstone.

## OUR SHIPS | CASCADIA

#### 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:

## 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









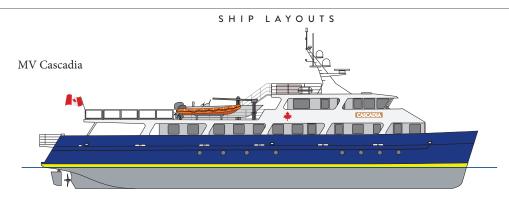
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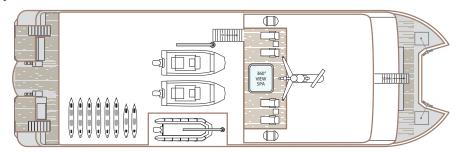






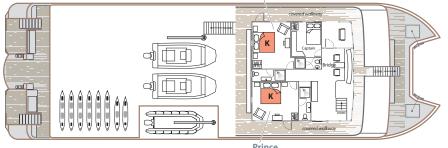


Upper Deck



Bridge Deck

Princess Royal

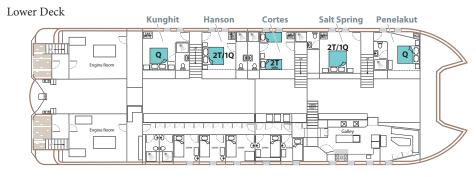


Main Deck

Prince of Wales



Calvert





"A truly superlative vacation, adventure and learning experience."

- Bill P. on TripAdvisor, 2018

#### 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 the crew, since numbers are so small."

- cruisegranny, TripAdvisor, 2020

## 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

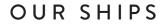
- » Dining lounge and library: excellent collection of books on nature and culture of the coast. A calm place to sip coffee and read, and a warm chef's kitchen party at night.
- » Open wheelhouse lounge, with natural history tools, access to the navigators and comfy seating.
- » Three levels of deck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













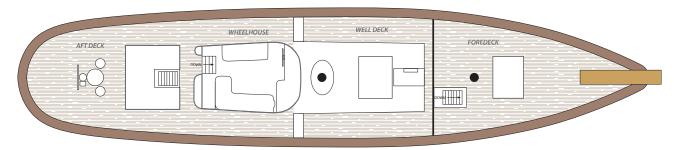
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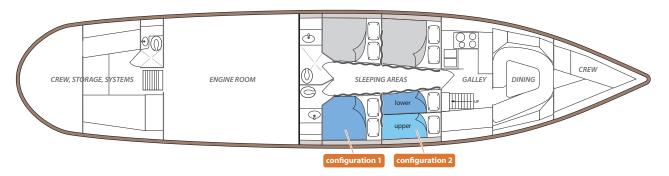




Upper Deck



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

"The Swell has character, atmosphere and comfort. I think our cabin (Arbutus) was the bees knees."

- Travel Fan, TripAdvisor, 2019

## 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:

LENGTH OVERALL: **88 feet** 

BEAM (WIDTH): 22 feet

NUMBER OF DECKS:

## **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.

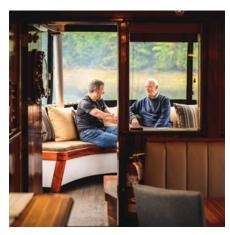
## **Expedition Equipment**

- » 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 an 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

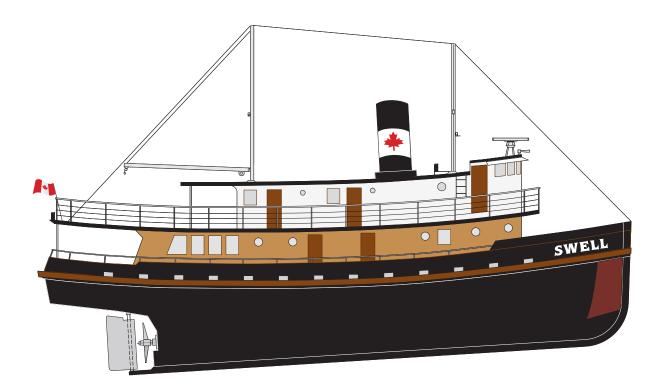
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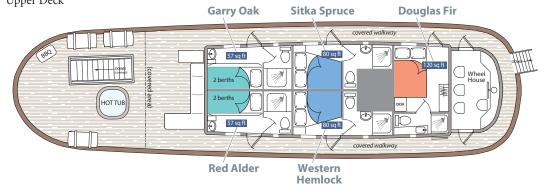


## OUR SHIPS | SWELL

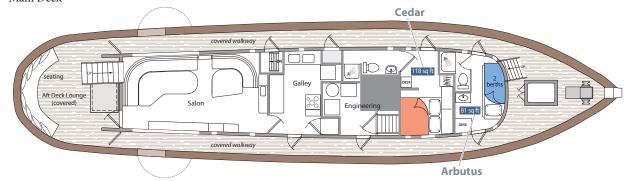
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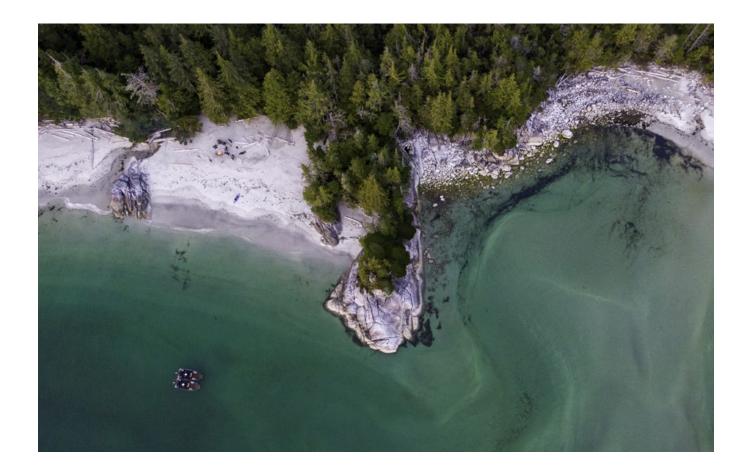


## Upper Deck



Main Deck

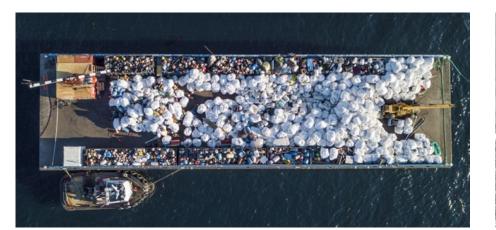




"It was life changing. It created such a deep shift in my thinking in a few short days."

- LustyGlazeBeach, 2020

## SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION









## 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.

Our ecotourism values inform all decisions we make. In addition, here are a few highlights from recent conservation action and support from our trips, crew and leadership.

- » Marine debris removal: In fall 2020 and spring 2021, Maple Leaf Adventures worked with our colleagues, our partners in several Indigenous nations, and the BC government to create and execute the largest-ever clean-up of marine debris on the BC coast, in the Great Bear Rainforest.
- » Bear research: Maple Leaf Adventures made a longterm commitment to fund part of a bear research and community stewardship program, operated by Raincoast and several Indigenous nations, in the Great Bear Rainforest. In coming years, stewards from this program will meet with our guests on trips.
- » Citizen science: Maple Leaf Adventures is expanding our ad-hoc citizen science program to develop a way for all guests in future to participate in providing valuable observations or research to scientists and government planners. Stay tuned for more.
- » 1% For The Planet: 1% of revenues for the trips is donated to conservation on the entire coast, vetted by the 1% For The Planet audit team each year.

## 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.

MONTH	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	ост
MONTH	АРК	MAT	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPI	001
ALASKA			Ø	Ø	Ø		
GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST		Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
HAIDA GWAII		Ø	Ø	Ø			
GULF ISLANDS	Ø						Ø
BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO				Ø	Ø		Ø
VANCOUVER ISLAND & DESOLATION SOUND	Ø	Ø		Ø			Ø

## 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

## 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.

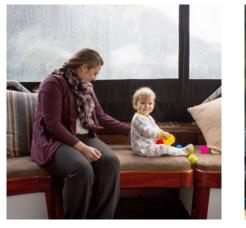
**Deposit:** A deposit of one third of the price of the trip will reserve your space for any trip.

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

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

**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 \$300 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.



## **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, 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.

#### 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, 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). 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).



## 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, Yuri Choufour, Amelia Johnston.

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