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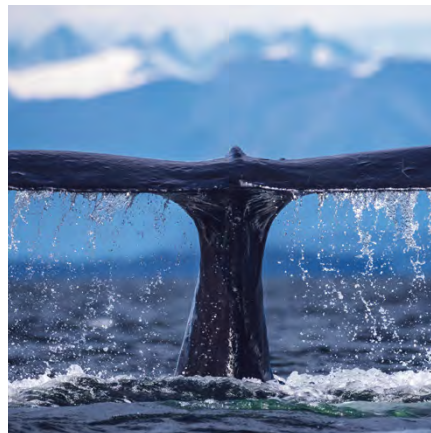
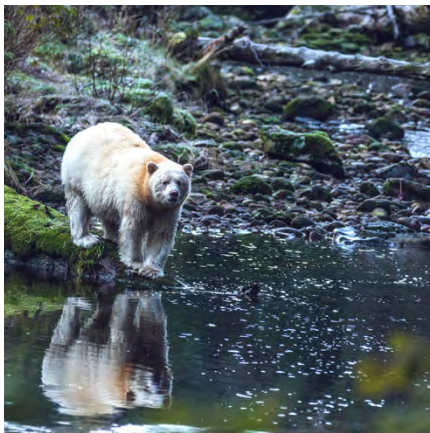
CATALOGUE

Remarkable Journeys.  
Engaging People.  
Wild Spaces.

EXPEDITION CRUISES BY BOUTIQUE SHIP

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, AND ALASKA





## CANADA

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

## ALASKA

Alaska Adventure  
Alaska Supervoyage

## 3 BOUTIQUE SHIPS

Maple Leaf  
Swell  
Cascadia

# INTRODUCTION

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## 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 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.

# Welcome Aboard

## A Letter from Kevin & Maureen: Our Coastal Community

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to introduce you to the wonder and soul of the spectacular coastline we 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.



*Maple Leaf Adventures owners Maureen and Kevin*

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

Thank you.

Kevin Smith and Maureen Gordon  
Co-Owners





## DESTINATIONS



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### About the Itineraries

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



## OVERVIEW

“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



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

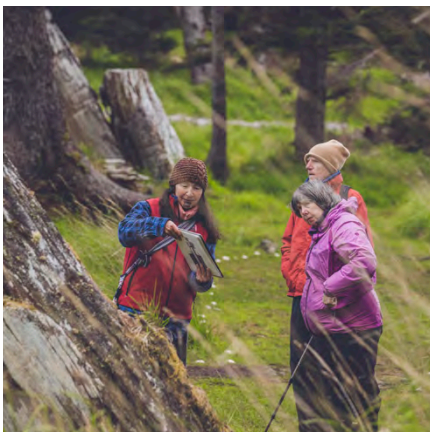
- » Haida-guided interpretation, with additional free time, at ancient Haida village sites, including UNESCO world heritage site SGang Gwaay (Ninstints).
- » A longer trip, with a week in the protected Gwaii Haanas region.
- » Naturalist walks in ancient rainforest, beachcombing, natural hot springs 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.





## DESTINATION

## HAIDA GWAII





### ITINERARY 1

## Haida Gwaii Classic

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Maple Leaf

Jun 5-13, Jun 13-21, Jun 22-Jun 30,  
Jun 30- Jul 8, Jul 8-16

\$8400 CAD

DEPART/RETURN:

Masset, BC  
Sandspit, BC

#### Cascadia

May 9-16, May 16-23,  
May 23-30, May 31-Jun 7,  
Jun 15-22, Jun 22-29, Jun 30-Jul 7

\$12460 CAD (cat. 1)

\$14460 CAD (cat. 2)

\$16470 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART & RETURN:

Vancouver, BC

#### DAY 1

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 viewing, UNESCO World Heritage Site visit, S'ang Gwaay (Ninstints), Rose Harbour visit (remote community, pop. 4). Cruising, rainforest walk, possible bears.

#### DAY 7

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

#### DAY 8

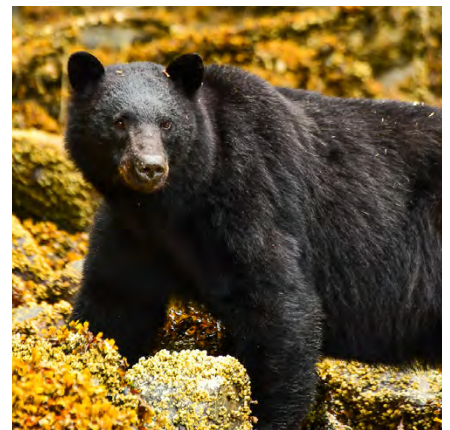
Windy Bay cultural heritage site, whale watching, K'uuna (Skedans) village site.

#### DAY 9

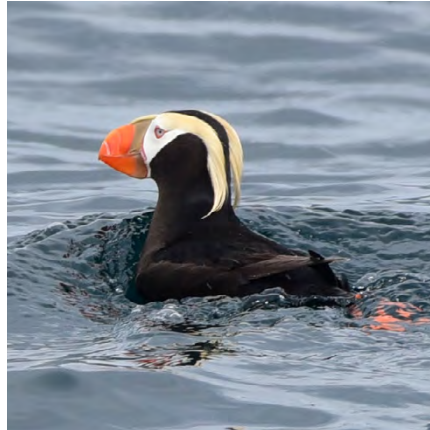
Cruise to port and transportation to Sandspit airport.

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.







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

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Cascadia

Jun 7-15

\$14250 CAD (cat. 1)

\$16540 CAD (cat. 2)

\$18840 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART & RETURN:

Vancouver, BC



### DAY 1

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

### 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.

### 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.

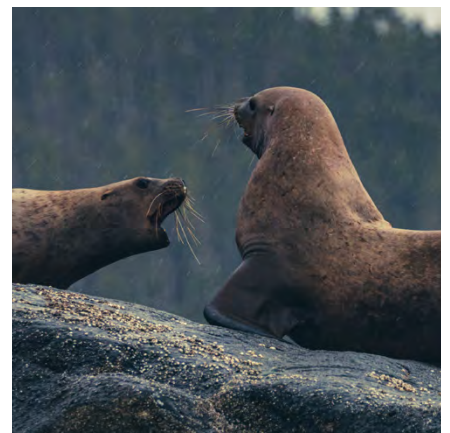
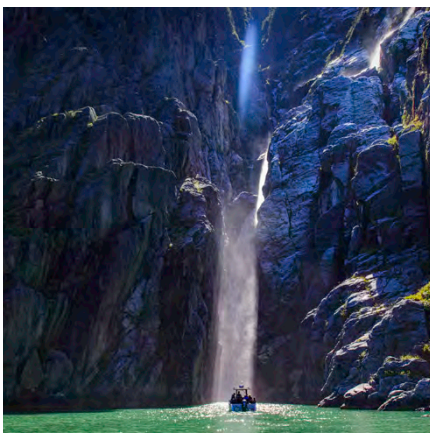
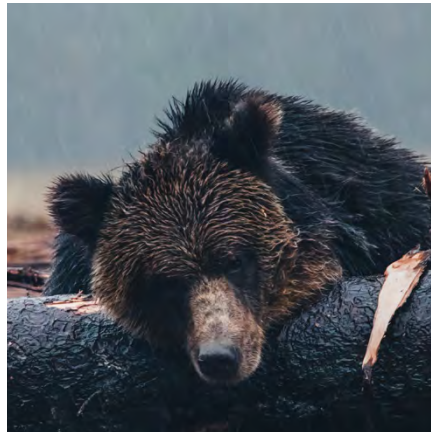
#### Special Features

- » 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.





## DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST





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## ITINERARIES

### SPRING



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

#### **Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest**

#### **Great Bear Rainforest Spring**

#### **Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope**

### SUMMER

Unique features: Incredible whale and seabird activity; west coast beaches; settled weather generally.

#### **Whales & Wild Isles**

(Bella Bella to Kitimat) or  
(Kitimat to Port McNeill) or  
(Port Hardy to Prince Rupert)

#### **Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope Supervoyage**

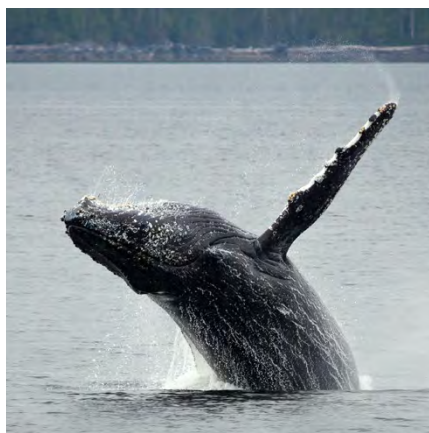
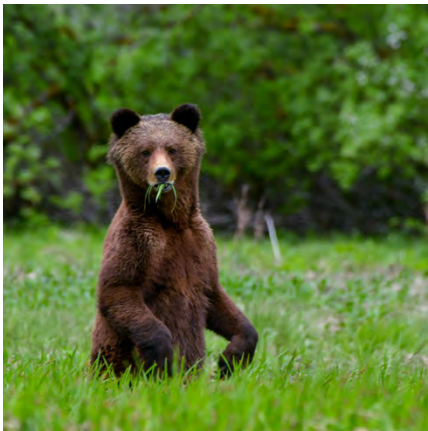
### AUTUMN



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

#### **Great Bear Rainforest Autumn**

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





## DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

#### ITINERARY 1

## Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Maple Leaf

May 9-17

\$5050 CAD

DEPART/RETURN:

Campbell River, BC

Bella Bella, BC

#### DAY 1

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

#### 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.

#### ITINERARY 2

## Great Bear Rainforest Spring

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Maple Leaf

May 19-26

\$6100 CAD

#### Swell

May 22-29, May 30-Jun 6, Jun 7-14,

Jun 23-30, Kitimat to Prince Rupert

\$7520 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8260 CAD (cat. 2)

\$9060 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Bella Bella, BC

Kitimat, BC

or reverse

#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2-3

Visit 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.

Note: June 23-30 aboard Swell is an Art at Sea trip and includes art instructor and opportunity to paint and sketch.

# DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

## DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

### ITINERARY 3

## Great Bear Rainforest & Kitlope and Kitlope Supervoyage

### 2024 DATES

#### DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Maple Leaf

May 27-Jun 2

\$5400 CAD

#### Swell

Jun 15-21

\$6950 CAD (cat. 1)

\$7640 CAD (cat. 2)

\$8380 CAD (cat. 3)

#### Cascadia

Aug 21-28

\$9290 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10930 CAD (cat. 2)

\$12450 CAD (cat.3)

#### DEPART AND RETURN:

Kitimat, BC

### DAY 1

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

### DAY 2-3

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

### DAY 4

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

### DAY 5

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

### DAY 6

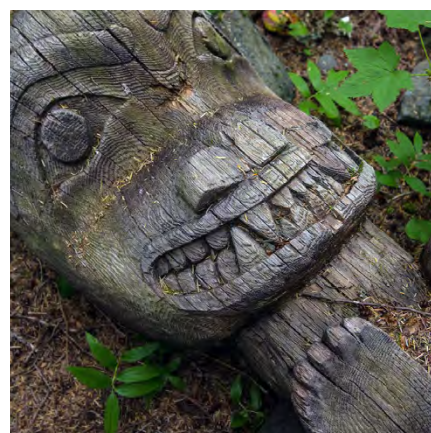
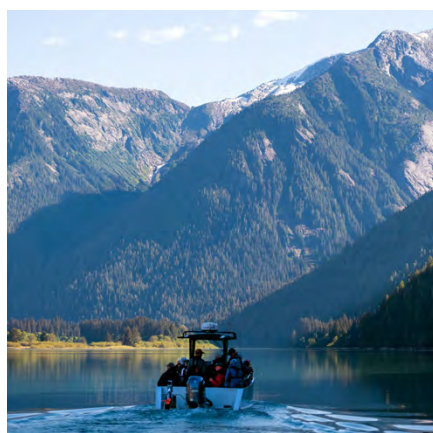
Cruise to Kowesas to explore ashore and then the site of Kemaano. Cruise to hot springs.

### DAY 7

Cruise to Kitimat. Wildlife viewing en route.

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

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





## DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

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### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

#### ITINERARY 4

## Whales & Wild Isles, Great Bear Rainforest

### 2024 DATES

#### DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Maple Leaf

Jul 21-29, Kitimat to Port McNeill

Aug 21-29, Port McNeill to Bella Bella

\$7350 CAD

#### DEPART/RETURN:

Kitimat, BC

Port McNeill, BC

#### DAY 1

Board at Kitimat. 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.

#### ITINERARY 5

## Whales & Wild Isles, Great Bear Rainforest

### 2024 DATES

#### DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Cascadia

Jul 28-Aug 5, Port Hardy to Prince Rupert

Aug 6-14, Prince Rupert to Kitimat

\$10630 CAD (cat. 1)

\$12500 CAD (cat. 2)

\$14250 CAD (cat. 3)

#### DEPART/RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC

Prince Rupert, BC

#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2-4

Sailing northwest, from Broughton Archipelago to the wilder outer coast, around Cape Caution, viewing humpback whales and seabirds. Shore trip at Penrose Islands. Calvert Island, beach and forest walk, research station, sailing up Fitzhugh Sound exploring small outer islands, with a variety of marine mammals. Optional evening kayak. Sailing northeast into mainland fjords. 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.

## DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

#### ITINERARY 6

## Whales & Wild Isles, Great Bear Rainforest

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Cascadia

Aug 16-20

\$5900 CAD (cat. 1)

\$6900 CAD (cat. 2)

\$7900 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Kitimat, BC

#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2

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

#### DAY 3

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

#### DAY 4

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

#### DAY 5

Cruise Douglas Channel to Kitimat. Wildlife viewing en route.





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### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

#### ITINERARY 7

## Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Swell

Aug 31-Sep 8, Prince Rupert to Bella Bella

Sep 9-17, Bella Bella to Kitimat

Sep 18-26, Kitimat to Bella Bella

Sep 27-Oct 5, Bella Bella to Kitimat

Oct 7-15, Kitimat to Bella Bella

\$11920 CAD (cat. 1)

\$13020 CAD (cat. 2)

\$14200 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Kitimat, BC

Bella Bella, BC

#### DAY 1

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. 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.

#### DAY 7-8

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

#### DAY 9

Cruise to Kitimat, watching for whales.

#### ITINERARY 8

## Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Maple Leaf

Aug 31-Sep 8, Sep 9-17, Sep 18-26,

Sep 27-Oct 5, Oct 7-15

\$8800 CAD

DEPART AND RETURN:

Bella Bella, BC

#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2-3

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, hump-back whale watching. Optional kayak.

#### DAY 7-8

Visit with whale researchers and marine mammal viewing, hike and beach bonfire. Outer coast beach exploration.

#### DAY 9

Cruise to Bella Bella, watching for wildlife.

## DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

#### ITINERARY 9

## Great Bear Rainforest Autumn

### 2024 DATES

#### DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Cascadia

Aug 29-Sep 5, Sep 15-22, Sep 23-30,

Oct 1-8, Oct 9-16 ends in Bella Bella

\$11740 CAD (cat. 1)

\$13640 CAD (cat. 2)

\$15530 CAD (cat. 3)

#### DEPART AND RETURN:

Kitimat, BC

Note: Oct 9-16 trip ends in Bella Bella.  
Same key highlights.

#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2

Cruising down a spectacular 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. 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. 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. Kayaking or optional fishing. Cruising to and exploring archipelago of tiny islands, some areas so wild they're not yet fully charted. Seabird viewing.

#### DAY 6

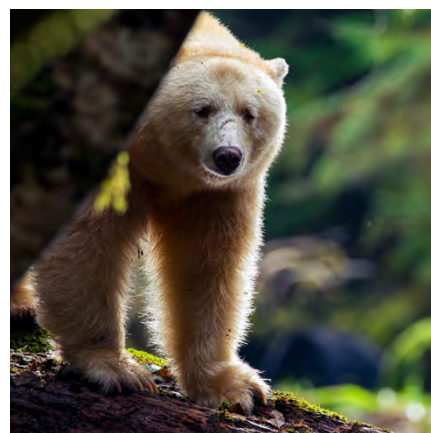
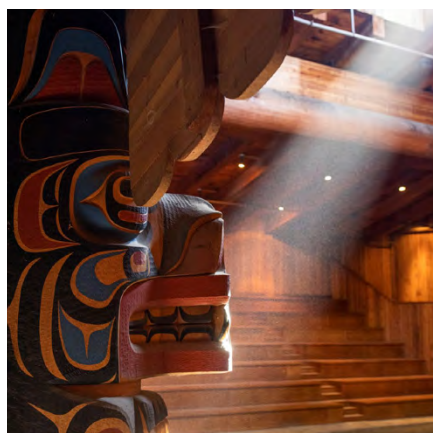
Rainforest walk and salmon spawning stream. Cruising to historic cannery site of Butedale on Princess Royal Island. Optional hike to lake.

#### DAY 7

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

#### DAY 8

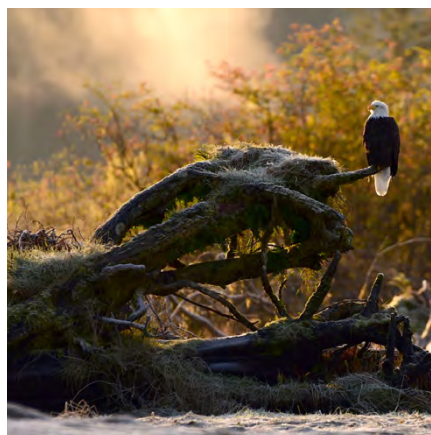
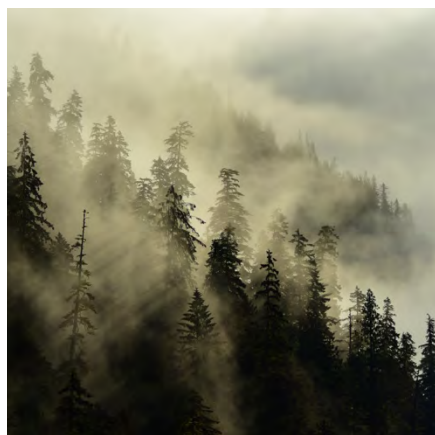
Cruise to port, watching for wildlife.





## DESTINATION | GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



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

Exclusive guiding by special resource person TBA (previous resource people have been Wade Davis and Severn Cullis-Suzuki). Flights to and from Vancouver, special additional cultural opportunities and an accomplished ambassador from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society are included in this trip. (This trip is one day longer than Cascadia's typical Haida Gwaii trips).

#### ITINERARY 10

## Great Bear Rainforest Photography with Canadian Geographic

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Cascadia

Sep 6-13

\$12220 CAD (cat. 1)

\$14190 CAD (cat. 2)

\$16160 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Kitimat, BC



#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2

Cruising down a spectacular 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 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. Visit to village of Hartley Bay for a big house tour and cultural introduction by local guide. Visit to whale researchers at remote station.

#### DAY 5

Visit the Great Bear Rainforest's wild outer islands and beaches. Beach visit and hike to views. Cruising to and exploring archipelago of tiny islands, some areas so wild they're not yet fully charted.

#### DAY 6

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

#### DAY 7-8

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

## OVERVIEW

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

- Maggie T. 2017



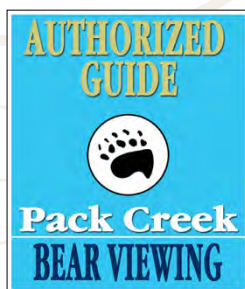
### The ultimate Alaska itinerary.

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

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

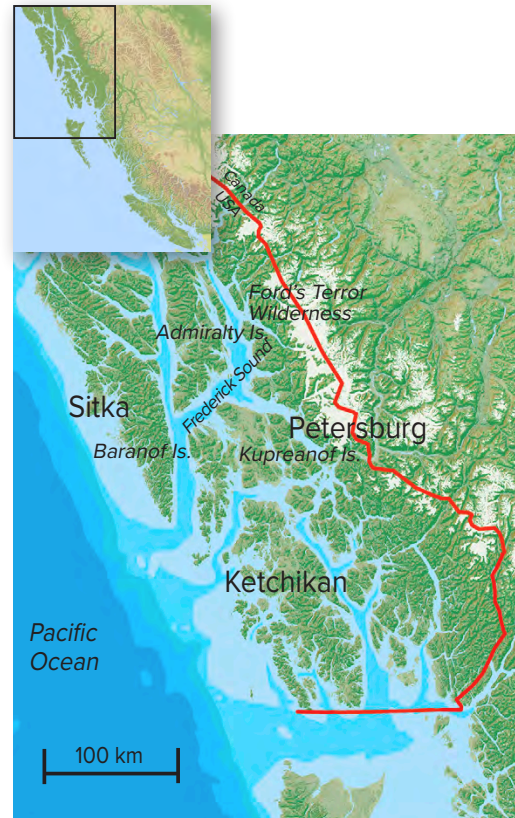
#### Special Features

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





# DESTINATION | ALASKA





# DESTINATION | ALASKA

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

ITINERARY 1

## Alaska Adventure

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Swell

Jul 4-13

\$12460 CAD (cat. 1)

\$13620 CAD (cat. 2)

\$14190 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Petersburg, AK

Sitka, AK

#### 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

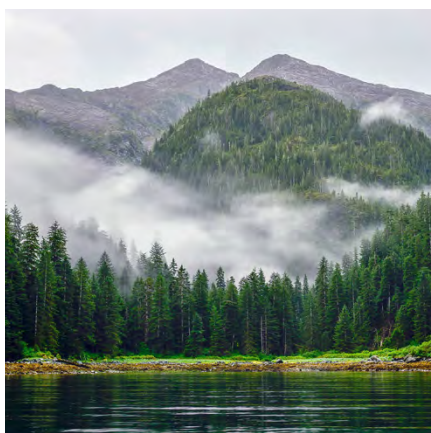
Hike on through many ecotypes and on spectacular west coast beaches. Cruising the west coast, sea otters, seabirds. Weather permitting, explore by zodiac at St. Lazaria, a spectacular island with thousands of nesting seabirds and rich intertidal life. Vistas of volcanic Mt. Edgecumbe as it sweeps down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

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



## ITINERARY 2

# Alaska Supervoyage

## 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

### Swell

Jul 13-24, Sitka to Petersburg

Aug 6-17, Ketchikan to Sitka

Aug 17-28, Sitka to Ketchikan

\$15250 CAD (cat. 1)

\$16670 CAD (cat. 2)

\$17360 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Sitka, AK

Ketchikan, AK

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

### DAY 1

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

### DAY 2-3

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

### DAY 4

Scenic Wrangell Narrows cruise, with a view of Alaskan water-based lifestyle. Visit Petersburg village. Frederick Sound to Cascade Creek. Rainforest and waterfall hike.

### DAY 5-8

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

### DAY 9-10

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

### DAY 11

Cruise to Sitka, watching for wildlife.

*does this itinerary need a re-write? focus on Sitka land tour since one trip does not start/end in Ketchikan?*

## 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

### 2024 DATES

#### DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Swell

Jul 25-Aug 5

\$16540 CAD (cat. 1)

\$18070 CAD (cat. 2)

\$18820 CAD (cat. 3)

#### DEPART/RETURN:

Petersburg, AK

Ketchikan, AK



#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2-4

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

#### DAY 5-8

Cruising Frederick Sound, watching for whales. Visit sea lion haul out, small island beach walk. Visit Five Fingers Lighthouse. Beach walk at a glacier's terminal moraine. Cruising spectacular fjord

to tidewater glacier, icebergs, wildlife viewing. Guided brown bear viewing and walk up salmon creek at Pack Creek on Admiralty Island, with special access for Swell guests.

#### DAY 9-10

Visit remote, off-the-grid community of Meyer's Chuck and rainforest walk ashore. South Etolin wilderness exploration by boat and ashore. Exploring intertidal life, islets, black bears. Cruising Clarence Strait watching for whales. Arrive in Ketchikan. Exclusive guided tour of Ketchikan, Tlingit history experience and special cultural opportunities. Celebration dinner and night in lodge.

#### DAY 11

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

*does this itinerary need a re-write? start at Petersburg instead of Sitka. (I'm not sure of the daily sequence for this trip, but I changed only 'Day 1' so far)*





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

- Sandra H. TripAdvisor, 2021

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## 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 rain-forests”, some with white shell beaches, some with colonies of animals, the options for exploring are many.

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

#### » Special Features

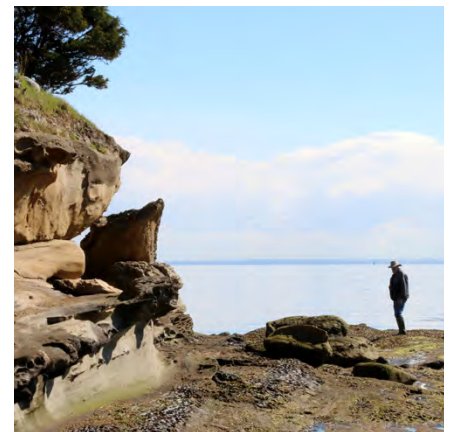
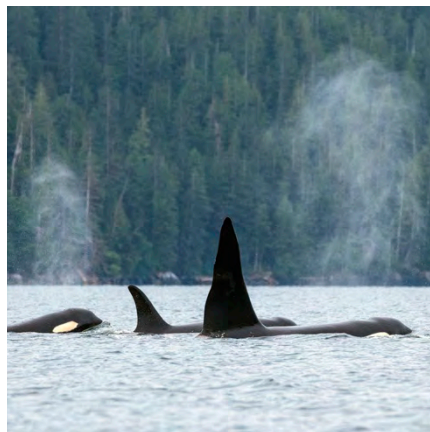
- » Island hopping in the calm Salish Sea, including off-the-beaten-track, natural islands and islets.
- » Beachcombing on a variety of beaches – white shell, sand, rocky.
- » Walks in forests, meadows and historic farmsteads. Flexible daily itinerary to make the most of ad-hoc opportunities.
- » Wildlife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





## DESTINATION

## GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA



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## GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA

### ITINERARIES

#### SPRING

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

**Spring in the Gulf Islands**

**Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic**

#### AUTUMN

Unique features: Autumn's bounty in picturesque islands

**Autumn in the Gulf Islands**

**Craft Beer Culinary Cruise**

**Wines and Islands of British Columbia**

**Wild Gulf Islands Culinary Cruise**

#### ITINERARY 1

## Spring or Autumn in the Gulf Islands

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Maple Leaf

Apr 22-26

\$3100 CAD

Oct 21-24

\$2050 CAD

(departs from Nanaimo)

Oct 25-29

\$2750 CAD

DEPART AND RETURN:

**Sidney, BC**

#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2

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

#### DAY 3

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

#### DAY 4

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

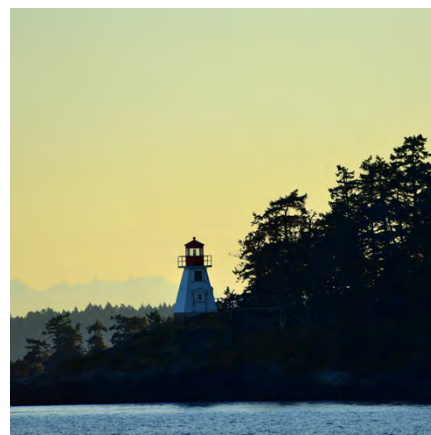
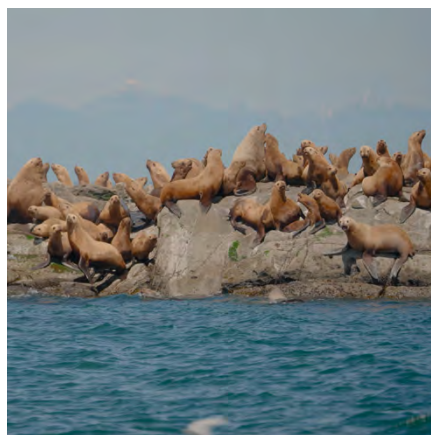
#### DAY 5

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



## DESTINATION | GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA

### DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



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

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

#### ITINERARY 2

## Salish Sea with Canadian Geographic

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Swell

Apr 18-22

\$4280 CAD (cat. 1)

\$4770 CAD (cat. 2)

\$5470 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Sidney, BC



#### DAY 1

Meet in Victoria and board your ship. Welcome reception, cruising to seabird island for viewing and historic discussion, Russell Island and shore walk with Salish and Kanaka history, and natural history. First night dinner and short lecture.

#### DAY 2

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

#### DAY 3

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

Exploring ashore on Cabbage and Tumbo Islands, settler history, historic farmstead, beautiful beach. Optional kayaking.

#### DAY 4

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

#### DAY 5

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

### ITINERARY 3

## Craft Beer Culinary Cruise

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Swell

Oct 27-31

\$3900 CAD (cat. 1)

\$4340 CAD (cat. 2)

\$4990 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Nanaimo, BC

Sidney, BC

### DAY 1

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

### DAY 2-3

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

### DAY 4

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

### DAY 5

Cruising and watching for wildlife en route to Sidney.





## DESTINATION | GULF ISLANDS & SALISH SEA

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



### ITINERARY 4

## Wines & Islands

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Cascadia

Oct 29-Nov 2

\$6940 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8170 CAD (cat. 2)

\$9320 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Sidney, BC

TimeOut

10 BEST WINE VACATIONS

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

### DAY 1

Board. Welcome aboard toast and tasting. Under way, transiting scenic passageways in 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 water ways.

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

While Desolation Sound is one of the world’s most popular cruising destinations, you will enjoy the area in a unique way: without the bustle of other boaters. By touring Desolation Sound and the Discovery Islands in May, you’ll enjoy the fjords, islands, wildlife, and forest trails in peace – as immortalized in the popular book *The Curve of Time*.

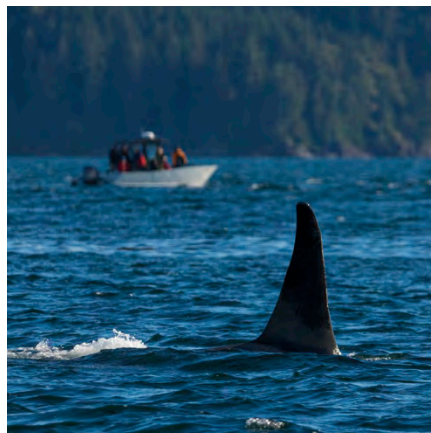
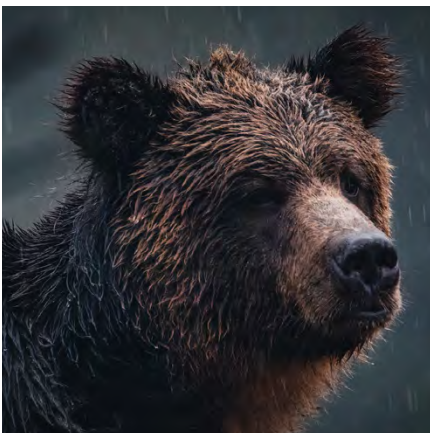
## Special Features

- » Beautiful vistas of one of BC’s most breathtaking fjords.
- » Hikes from the beach, along rivers and waterfalls to BC’s warmest lakes.
- » Visit one of BC’s most prolific bird sanctuaries (Mitlenatch Island).
- » Historical stories about early pioneers and homesteaders told around the campfire
- » Natural foods foraging with your own private chef.
- » Other wildlife viewing, including seals, sea lions and possibly a spring bear.





## DESTINATION | DESOLATION SOUND





# DESTINATION | DESOLATION SOUND

## DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE

### ITINERARY 1

## Desolation Sound & Discovery Islands

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Maple Leaf

Apr 29-May 3, May 4-8

\$3100 CAD

#### Swell

Apr 25-29, Apr 30-May 4, May 5-9

\$3710 CAD (cat. 1)

\$4130 CAD (cat. 2)

\$4740 CAD (cat. 3)

#### Cascadia

May 1-5

\$5270 CAD (cat. 1)

\$6200 CAD (cat. 2)

\$7080 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Campbell River, BC

### DAY 1

Welcome aboard and cruise to Cortez Island, watching for whales and other wildlife. Rainforest walk with naturalist. Welcome dinner.

### DAY 2

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

### DAY 3

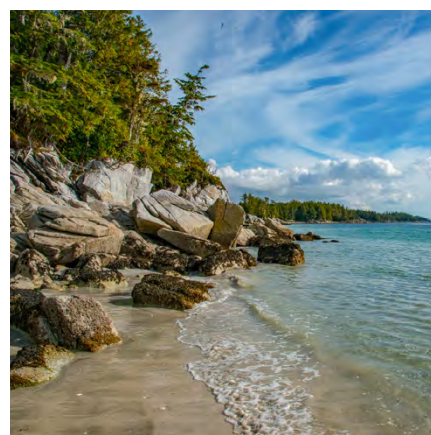
Explore one of the coast's spectacular fjords, cutting deep into the snow-capped coast mountains. Chance of grizzly bear sightings. Anchorage at Prideaux Haven, at the confluence of Malaspina Inlet and Homfray Channel.

### DAY 4

Explore ashore at Prideaux Haven. Cruise to the Copeland Islands and explore by kayak or small boat. Visit Mittlenatch Island a seabird colony, also watching for whales and other marine mammals. Evening anchorage in quiet cove.

### DAY 5

Cruise to Campbell River watching for wildlife.





# DESTINATION | DESOLATION SOUND

DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



## ITINERARY 2

# Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC

## 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

### Swell

Oct 19-26 departs from Port McNeill

\$6190 CAD (cat. 1)

\$6860 CAD (cat. 2)

\$7680 CAD (cat. 3)

### Cascadia

Oct 20-27

\$7080 CAD (cat. 1)

\$8520 CAD (cat. 2)

\$9720 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART/RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC

Nanaimo, BC

## DAY 1

Board vessel and cruising to anchorage in the Broughton Archipelago. Optional evening kayak and welcome dinner.

## DAY 2

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

## DAY 3

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

## DAY 4

Exploring the waterways of the Discovery Islands and back channels. Shore trip for beaches, culture site. Kayaking. Aft deck barbecue and alfresco dining.

## DAY 5

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

## DAY 6

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

## DAY 7

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

## DAY 8

Cruising to port, watching for wildlife.

### 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.

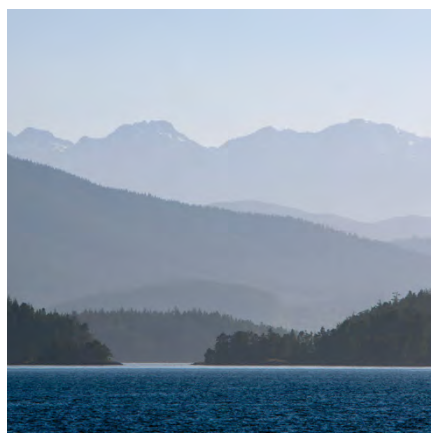
#### Special Features

- » 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 Kwak-waka’wakw site at Village Island, and Alert Bay, a community that is home to the spectacular Kwak-waka’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.

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## DESTINATION | BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO



## DESTINATION | BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO

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### 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

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#### ITINERARY 1

## Whales & Totems of the Broughton Archipelago

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Maple Leaf

Summer:

Aug 3-8

Aug 9-14

Aug 15-20

\$4600 CAD

DEPART AND RETURN:

Port McNeill, BC

#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2

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

#### DAY 3-4

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

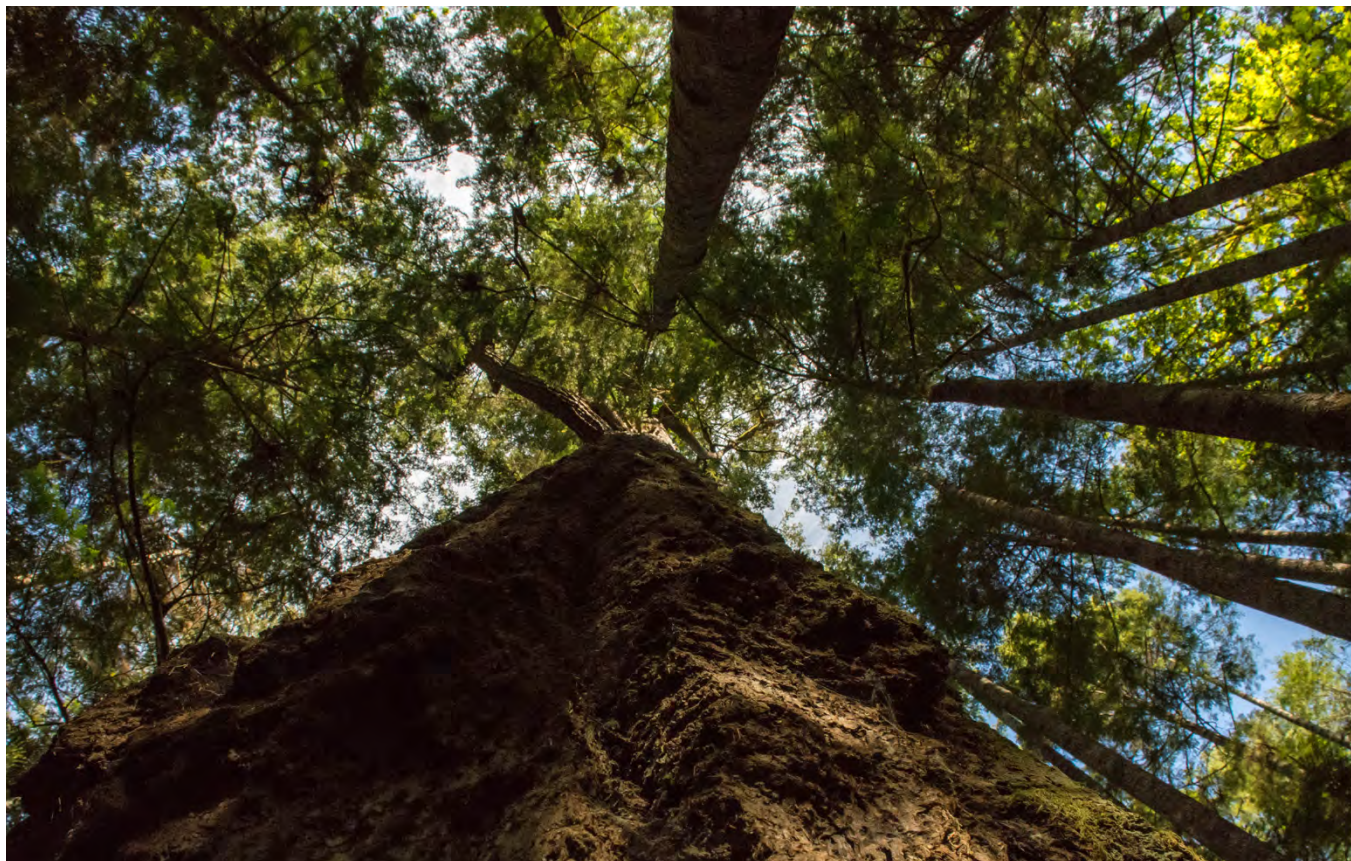
#### DAY 5

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

#### DAY 6

Whale watching or dolphins, cruising to Port McNeill.





“It was spiritual, it was  
inspirational, it was  
enlightening.”

- Daniele A, 2019

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## OVERVIEW

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

- Pete M., 2017

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

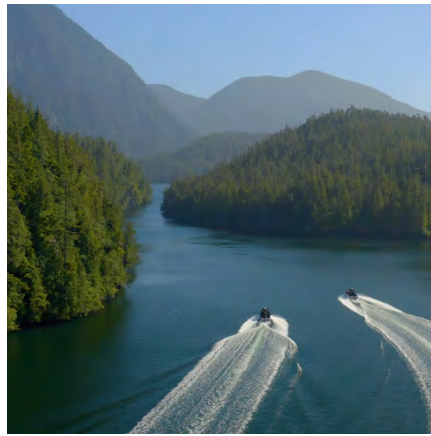
Named the #1 island in continental US and Canada by Condé Nast Traveler readers, Vancouver Island offers everything from a historic small city, Victoria, to a remote peninsula whose ecosystems go back past the last ice age; from wildflower meadows and islands with cactus, to giant rainforest cedars next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

#### Special Features

- » Beautiful vistas of one of BC’s most breathtaking fjords.
- » Hikes from the beach, along rivers and waterfalls to BC’s warmest lakes.
- » Visit one of BC’s most prolific bird sanctuaries (Mitschenatch Island).
- » Historical stories about early pioneers and homesteaders told around the campfire.
- » Natural foods foraging with your own private chef.
- » Wildlife viewing, including seals, sea lions and possibly a spring bear.



## DESTINATION | VANCOUVER ISLAND





# 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, North**

(Campbell River to Port McNeill, 8 days)

### SUMMER

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

#### **Wild Side of Vancouver Island**

(Port Hardy to Port Hardy, 7 days)

#### **Wild Side of Vancouver Island with Canadian Geographic**

(Port Hardy to Port Hardy, 7 days)

#### ITINERARY 1

## Vancouver Island Inside Passage

### 2024 DATES

#### DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### **Swell**

May 10-17

\$5230 CAD (cat.1)

\$5820 CAD (cat. 2)

\$6680 CAD (cat. 3)

#### DEPART/RETURN:

**Campbell River, BC**

**Port McNeill, BC**

#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2-3

Cruising Georgia Strait, Explore ashore in the Discovery Islands beaches and wildlife viewing

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

#### DAY 4-5

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

#### DAY 5-6

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

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

#### DAY 7

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

#### DAY 8

Cruise to port, watching for whales.

See also:

Desolation Sound & Salish Sea Supervoyage (Apr, May)

Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC (Oct)

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



# DESTINATION | VANCOUVER ISLAND

## DATES & ITINERARY SAMPLE



### ITINERARY 2

## Wild Side of Vancouver Island

### 2024 DATES

DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Cascadia

Jul 11-17

\$8190 CAD (cat. 1)

\$9640 CAD (cat. 2)

\$10980 CAD (cat. 3)

DEPART AND RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC

### DAY 1

Board ship in Port Hardy. Welcome aboard, orientation, whale watching on Vancouver Island's northeast side. Cruising and exploring the Cape Scott area, rounding Vancouver Island's northern tip.

### DAY 2-3

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

### DAY 4

Kyuquot Sound exploration, sea otter viewing, traditional salmon bake around campfire with gourmet dinner.

### DAY 5-6

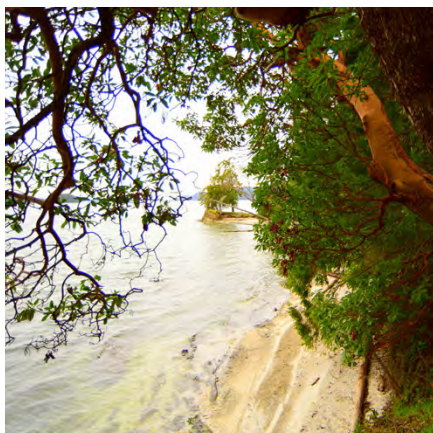
Exploration of offshore group of islands and Rugged Point with sandy beaches and salal-rich headlands. Heading north around Brooks Peninsula. Seabird viewing. Possible black bear viewing and meadow exploration. Optional evening kayak, Quatsino Sound. Cruising to Klaskish and East Creek.

### 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

### 2024 DATES

#### DATES/PRICES & SHIP:

#### Cascadia

Jul 21-27

\$8670 CAD (cat. 1)

\$10200 CAD (cat. 2)

\$11630 CAD (cat. 3)

#### DEPART AND RETURN:

Port Hardy, BC



#### DAY 1

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.

#### DAY 5-6

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

#### DAY 7

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



# Choose a Unique Journey



## Special Whale Science Expedition

Our partners at the Marine Education & Research Society, whose work contributed to parts of BBC's Planet Earth III, join us for an even deeper dive into the whales of BC. Participate in whale identification using photography, algorithms, and laser rangefinders. Look for whales practicing Trap Feeding behaviour, a discovery made by MERS scientists. Listen for humpback whales singing, as they do here in October. A portion of trip revenue goes to support MERS' work.

### Cascadia

- » Desolation Sound and Fjords of BC, Oct 20-27.



## Culinary Adventures Steeped in Nature

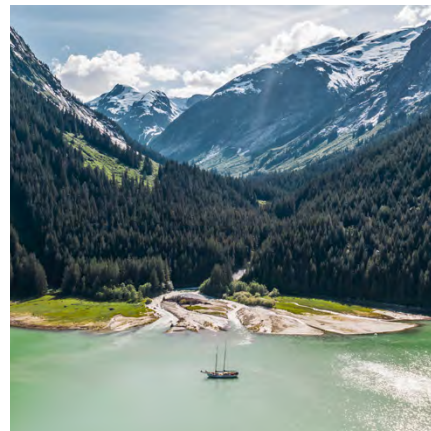
We take pride in our west-coast cuisine and libations. In addition to tasting, these 'deep' trips cover the social history and landscapes that create the people and the food we enjoy.

### Swell

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

### Cascadia

- » Wines and Islands, Oct 29-Nov 2.



## 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 18-22.
- » Alaska Supervoyage with Canadian Geographic, Jul 25-Aug 5.

### Cascadia

- » Haida Gwaii with Canadian Geographic, Jun 7-15.
- » Vancouver Island's Wild Side with Canadian Geographic, Jul 21-27.
- » Great Bear Rainforest Photography with Canadian Geographic, Sep 6-13.

## YOUR GUIDES AND CREW



### The Soul of The Coast

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

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

Maple Leaf Adventures has been involved in important land-use, conservation and sustainable industry development on the coast for over 30 years. Our connections to what is happening on the ground and in government, as well as what is being discovered, run deep, bringing you access to special people and places.

*Some of the Maple Leaf Adventures crew and guides, from top left: Expedition Leader Mike Jackson, Mate Simon Ager, Captain StanDuBiel, Engineer Kavish Raj, Deckhand Polly Cox, Haida Cultural Guide Gaajiaawa (Linda Tollas)*



# Explore Our Special Offers

## 2-WAY FLIGHT SPECIAL

Book a select seasonal sailing and enjoy a 2-way local flight credit to go toward your flights from Vancouver or Victoria at the start and end of the trip. The approximate value of the fare will be credited from your final balance. Worth a value of \$400-600 depending on route.

### Spring Fling

Flight offer available on **Salish Sea Expedition Apr 18-22 (Swell)**, **Gulf Islands Spring Apr 22-26 (Maple Leaf)**, **Des Sound Apr 30-May 4 (Cascadia)**, **Des Sound, Apr 25-29, Apr 30-May 4, May 5-9 (Swell)**, **Desolation Sound Apr 29-May 3, May 4-8 (Maple Leaf)**, **Vancouver Island to Great Bear Rainforest May 9-17 (Maple Leaf)**, **Vancouver Island Inside Passage May 10-17 (Swell)** when booked before Oct 6, 2023.

### Summer Safari

Flight offer available on **Whales & Wild Isles Jul 21-29 and Aug 21-29 (Maple Leaf)**, **Whales & Wild Isles Jul 28-Aug 5, Aug 6-14 and Aug 16-20 (Cascadia)**, **Whales & Totems Aug 3-8, Aug 9-14, Aug 15-20 (Maple Leaf)** when booked before Nov 30, 2023.

### Autumn Escape

Flight offer available on **Desolation Sound & Fjords of BC Oct 20-27 (Cascadia)**, **Des Sound & Fjords of BC Oct 19-26 (Swell)**, **Wines & Islands Oct 29-Nov 2 (Cascadia)**, **Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Oct 21-24 (Maple Leaf)** when booked before Apr 30, 2024.

## PAY IN FULL INCENTIVE

### Save 5% on Final Balance

Pay your full fare on any trip by Oct 31, 2023 and get 5% off the final balance.



## BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS

### Hotel Stay Between Trips

Get a hotel night on us if you book any two consecutive (back-to-back) trips.

### Save 10% on Second Fare

In addition, receive a 10% credit on the second trip for select routes. Subject to availability. Offer available on **Salish Sea + Des Sound (Swell)**, **Gulf Islands + Des Sound (Maple Leaf)**, **Des Sound + Van Island to Great Bear Rainforest (Maple Leaf)**, **Des Sound + Van Island Inside Passage (Swell)**, **Whales & Totems + Whales & Wild Isles (Maple Leaf)**, **Wild Side + Whales & Wild Isles (Cascadia)**, **Des Sound & Fjords of BC + Wines and Islands (Cascadia)**.

## SOLO TRAVELLER SPECIAL

### Single Supplement Waived on Select Sailings

No single supplement for your own cabin with ensuite on select trips. Subject to availability and usually to Category 1 cabins. Offer available on **Salish Sea Expedition Apr 18-22 (Swell)**, **Des Sound Apr 24-28 (Cascadia)**, **Des Sound Apr 30-May 4 (Swell)**, **Whales & Wild Isles Jul 28-Aug 5 and Aug 6-14 (Cascadia)**, **Des Sound & Fjords of BC Oct 20-27 (Cascadia)**, **Des Sound & Fjords of BC Oct 19-26 (Swell)**, **Craft Beer Cruise Oct 27-31 (Swell)**, **Wines & Islands Oct 29-Nov 2 (Cascadia)**.

## MAPLE LEAF EXPLORERS CLUB

### Bring a Friend and Save

For Maple Leaf guests who have done two or more trips with us before, bring a friend who has never travelled with us and both of you will receive a 10% credit toward your final balance (or toward an upgrade to a different cabin). Offer available on **Salish Sea Expedition Apr 18-22 (Swell)**, **Des Sound Apr 30-May 4 (Cascadia)**, **Vancouver Island's Wild Side (Cascadia)**, **Whales & Wild Isles Jul 28-Aug 5 and Aug 6-14 (Cascadia)**, **Des Sound & Fjords of BC Oct 20-27 (Cascadia)**, **Des Sound & Fjords of BC Oct 19-26 (Swell)**, **Wines & Islands Oct 29-Nov 2 (Cascadia)**.

Visit our website for full Terms & Conditions and more special offers.

## SHIP OVERVIEW

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

- LawTalk, New Zealand Law Society

## About Cascadia

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

SHIP TYPE:

**Power Catamaran**

NUMBER OF GUESTS:

**24**

NUMBER OF PRIVATE CABINS:

**12**

LENGTH OVERALL:

**138 feet**

BEAM (WIDTH):

**42 feet**

NUMBER OF DECKS:

**4**

## Special Features

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

## Public Area

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

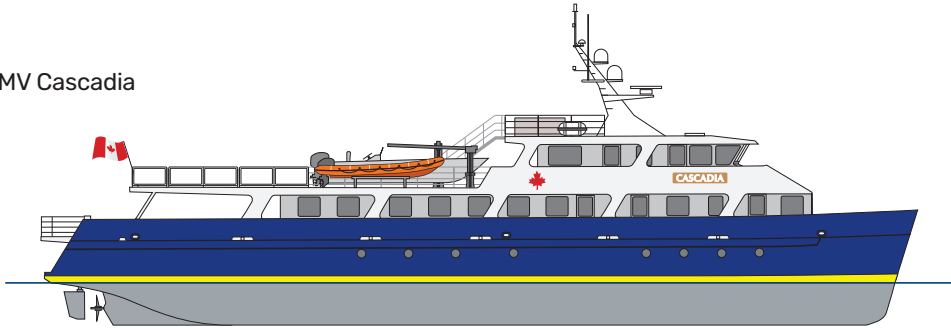


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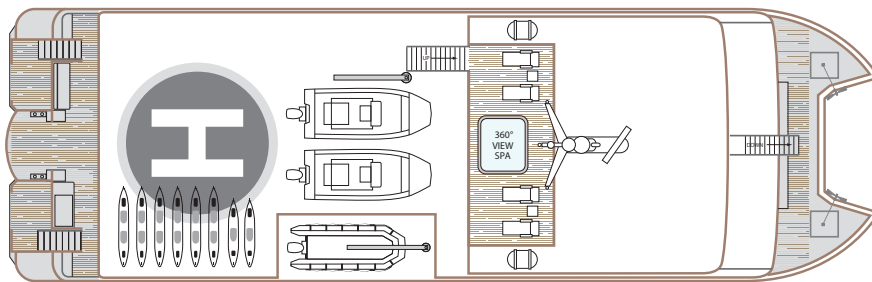


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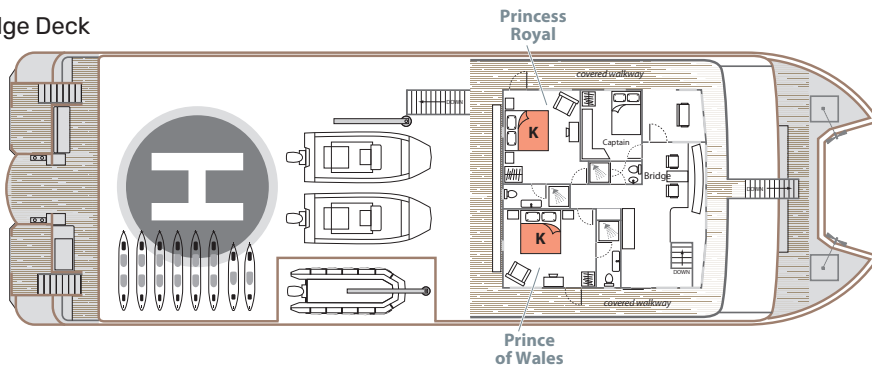
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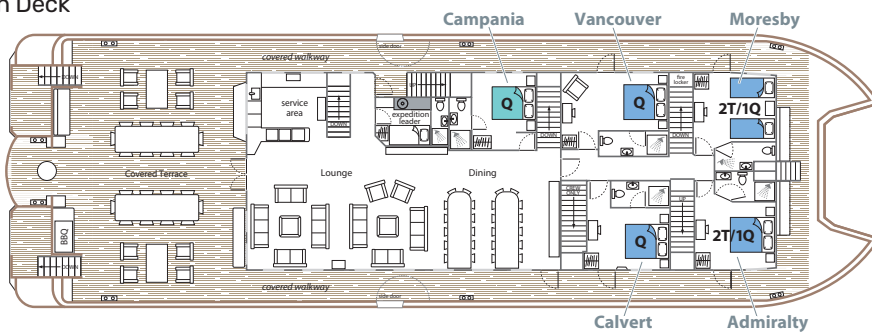
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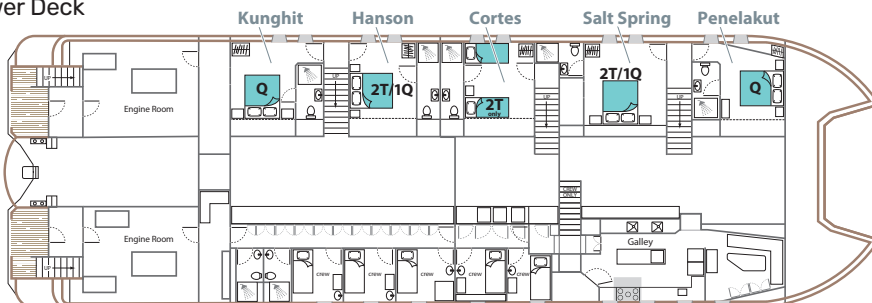
Bridge Deck



Main Deck



Lower Deck







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

- Bill P. on TripAdvisor, 2018

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## SHIP OVERVIEW

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

- cruisegranny, TripAdvisor, 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.

SHIP TYPE:

**Sailing Ship** (schooner)

NUMBER OF GUESTS:

**8**

LENGTH OVERALL:

**92 feet**

BEAM (WIDTH):

**15 feet**

NUMBER OF DECKS:

**2**

## Special Features

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

## Public Area

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

## Expedition Equipment

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

## Cabin Information

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



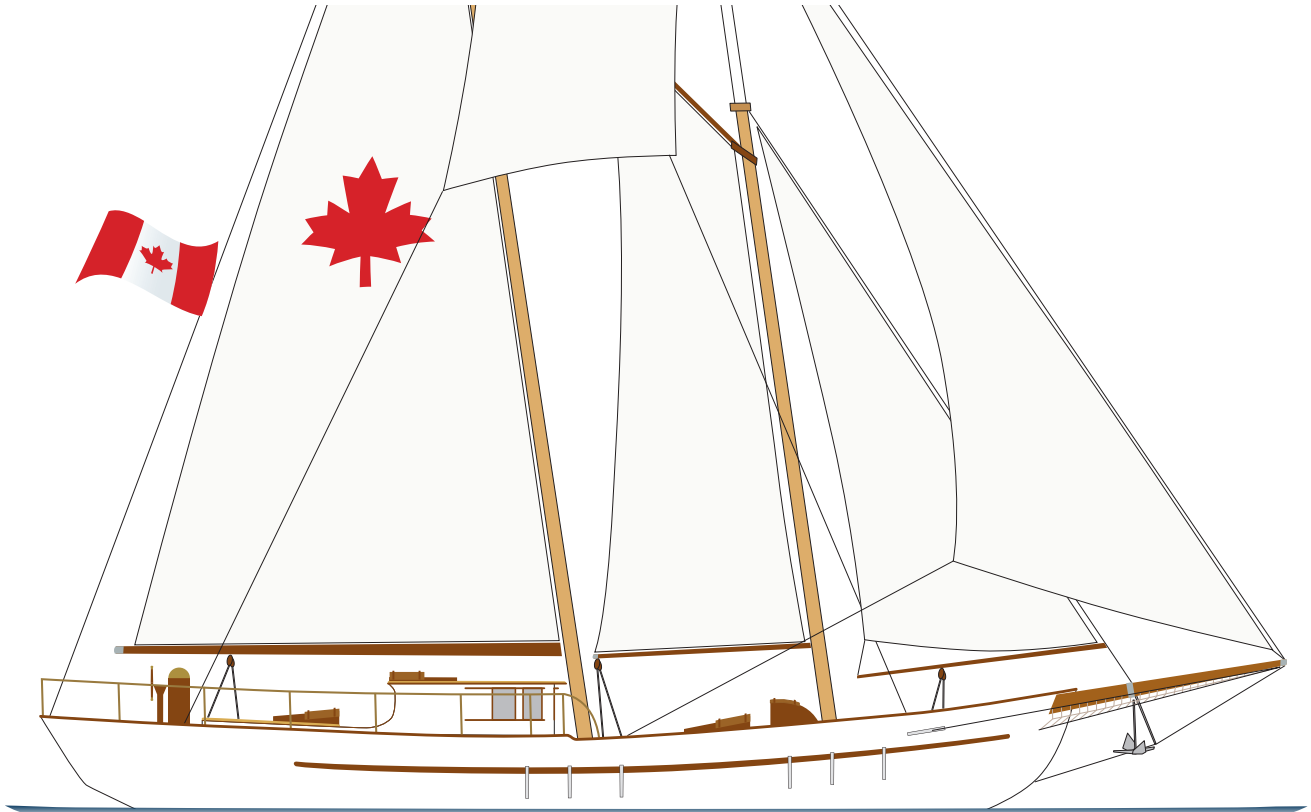
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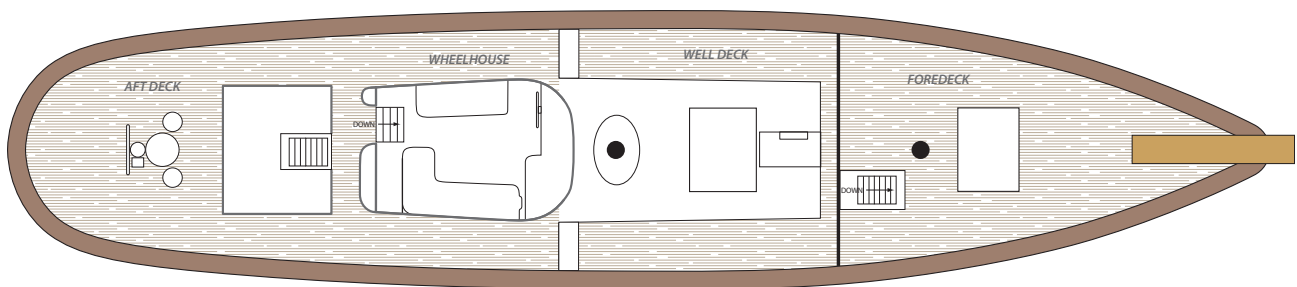
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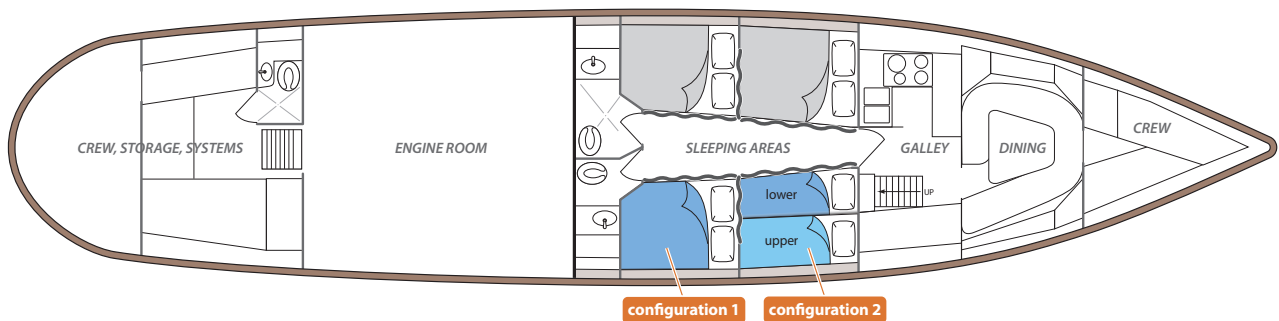
SHIP LAYOUTS



Upper Deck



Lower Deck







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

- Canadiangal51, TripAdvisor, 2019

“The Swell has character, atmosphere and comfort. I think our cabin 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:

**6**

LENGTH OVERALL:

**88 feet**

BEAM (WIDTH):

**22 feet**

NUMBER OF DECKS:

**2**

### Special Features

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

### Public Area

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

### Expedition Equipment

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

### Cabin Information

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

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

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

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

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

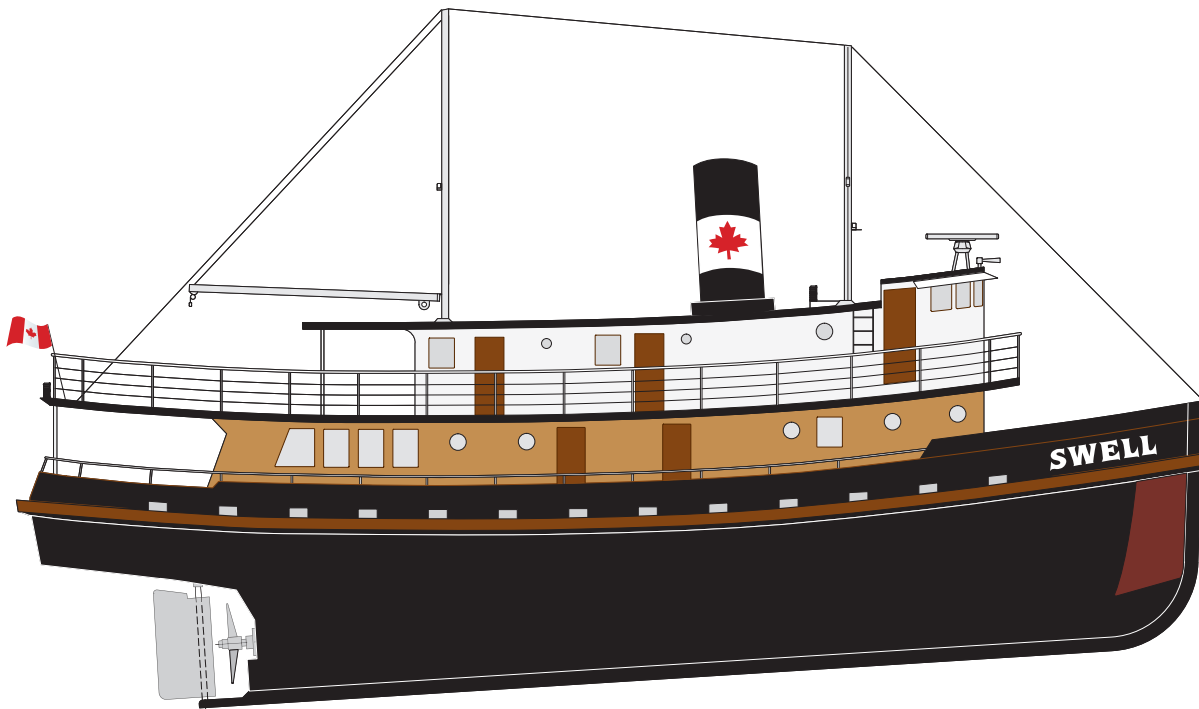


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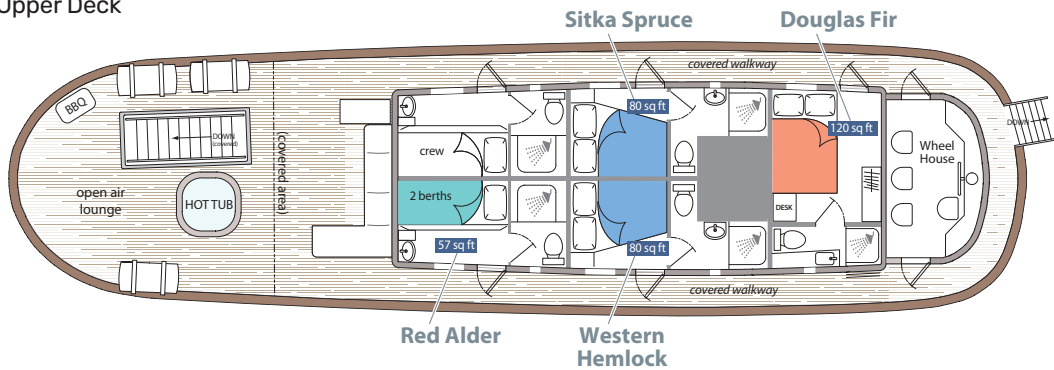


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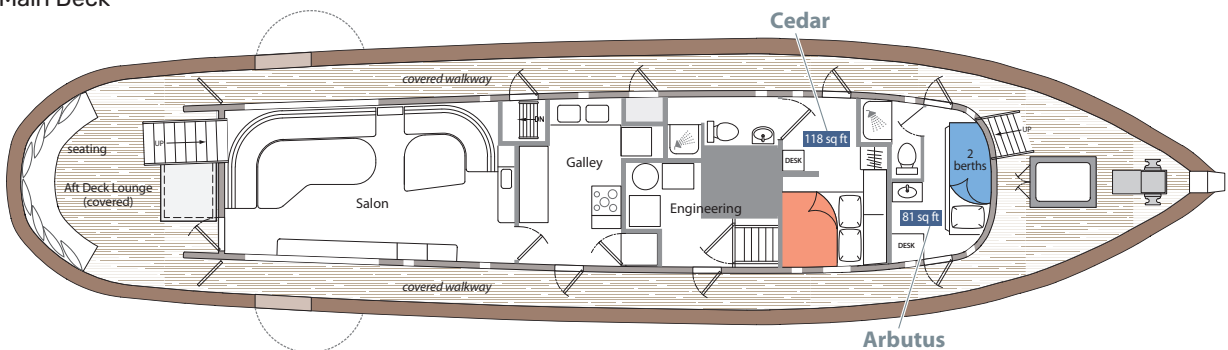
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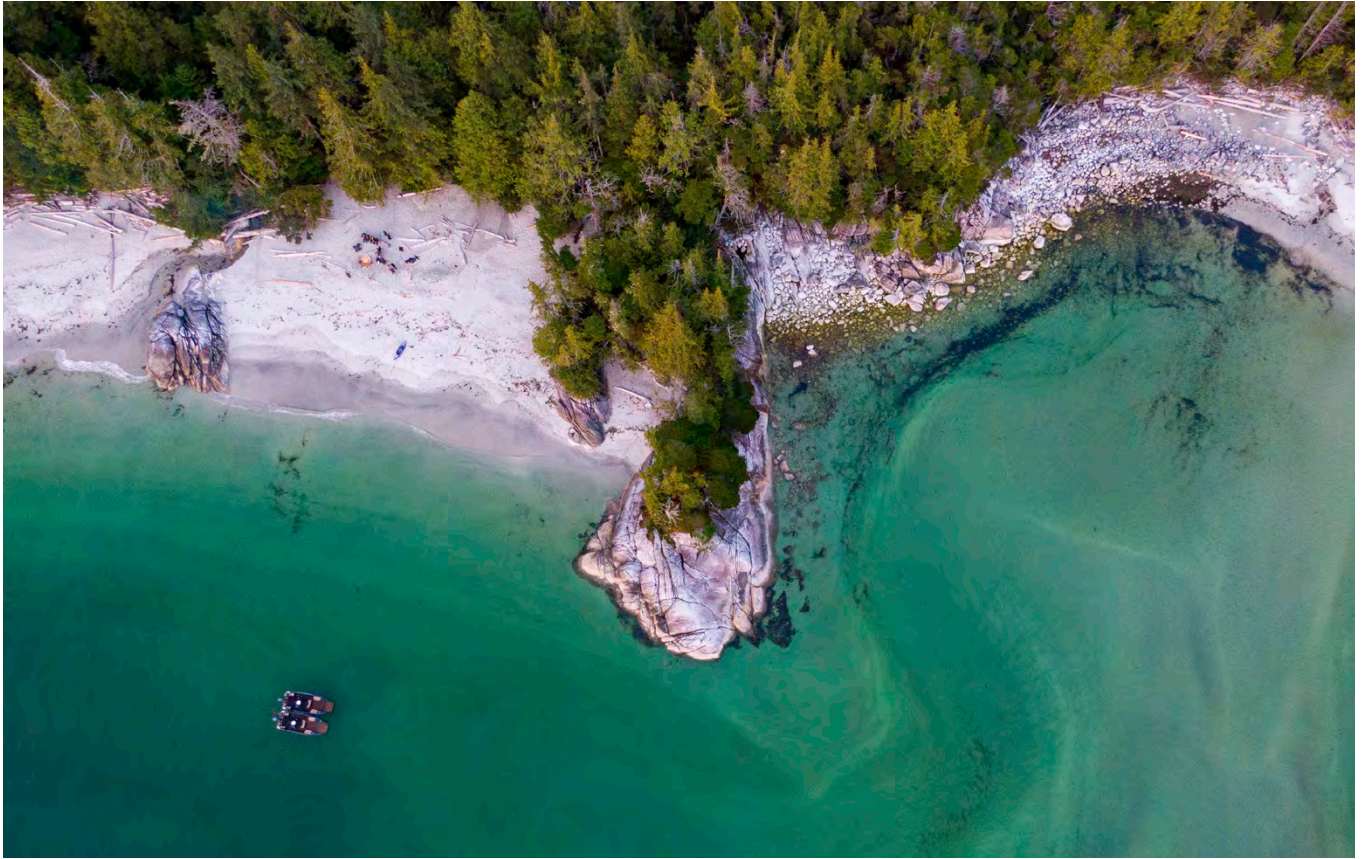
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Main Deck





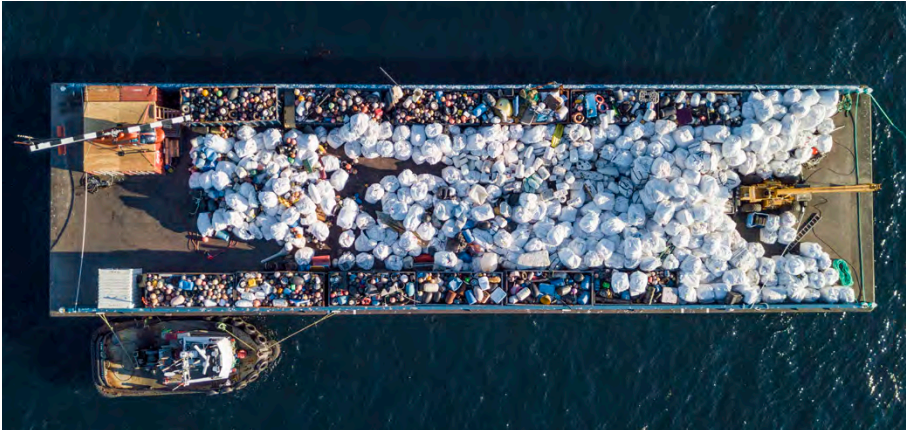


“It was life changing. It created such a deep shift in my thinking in a few short days. ”

- LustyGlazeBeach, 2020

## SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION

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### 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 long-term 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.
- » **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.

### Can I help sail?

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

### Will I be seasick?

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

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

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

### Single supplement

On the Maple Leaf, there is no single supplement. If the trip fills, you will share with another single person of your own sex. On Swell and Cascadia there is a 50% single supplement for a cabin (category 1 or 2 only). Ask us about sharing on Cascadia.

### The other guests

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

## THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

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

# HOW TO GET TO YOUR TRIP

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## 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.

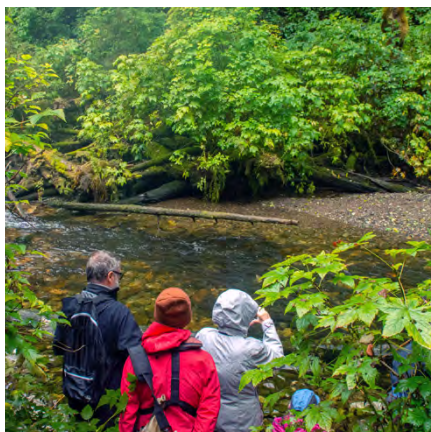
**Cancellations:** If you are unable to participate and cancellation occurs at least 120 days prior to the departure date of your trip, the full amount of your deposit is refundable, minus a \$300 admin fee per person to cover costs we cannot recover. This \$300 admin fee applies starting 72 hours after we receive your deposit payment. At 120 days prior to the trip start date, your fare is non-refundable. We highly recommend cancellation insurance. See next page for details.

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



# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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## Our All-Inclusive Package

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

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

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

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

## Cancellation Insurance

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

## Pre-Trip Information Package

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

## Full Ship Charters

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

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

## How to Book Your Trip

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



## About Maple Leaf Adventures

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

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

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

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