Haida Gwaii, a magical sounding name for a magical place!

Feel the history as you tour the Haida Heritage Centre, sense the tranquility as you stroll in the serene untouched forests, savour a family-style meal prepared for you by a Haida Chef. Highlights include K’Saan Historical Village, Nisga’a Memorial Lava Bed Provincial Park, the Haida Centre, Balance Rock, a picnic lunch at the beach, remains of the Golden Spruce, the historic Prince Rupert Cannery and a Farewell Dinner.

**DEPARTURE**: Edmonton 7:30 a.m., Evansburg 8:45 a.m., Edson 9:45 a.m., Hinton 10:45 a.m.

**DAY**

1 **EDMONTON to PRINCE GEORGE**: Your Haida Getaway begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Beautiful MOUNT ROBSON welcomes you as you travel west through JASPER NATIONAL PARK on your way to Prince George for your first night.

2 **PRINCE GEORGE to TERRACE**: Enjoy the beautiful scenery this morning. A highlight this afternoon is a visit to the K’SAAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE AND CULTURAL MUSEUM at Hazelton prior to your arrival in Terrace for overnight. The K’Saan and Haida Gwaii cultures are very similar. Tonight enjoy a ‘MEET AND GREET’ with your travelling companions.

3 **TERRACE to PRINCE RUPERT**: Your morning travels take you to the interesting NISGA’A MEMORIAL LAVA BED PROVINCIAL PARK. Return to Terrace for lunch prior to travelling a short distance for overnight in Prince Rupert, the gateway to BC’s beautiful north coast.

4 **PRINCE RUPERT to QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY, HAIDA GWAII**: (4 nights) Board a BC FERRY this morning and travel through the COAST ISLANDS. Watch for whales as you cross the HECATE STRAIT to Queen Charlotte City, your home for the next four nights.

5 **HAIDA GWAII**: This morning a LOCAL GUIDE will take you through the HAIDA HERITAGE CENTRE, a world-class cultural centre which took seven years to complete. The original Museum was opened on this site by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in 1976 and the impressive new complex opened in 2008. Here you will learn about the 14 clans of the Haida people. Have your cameras ready for a picture stop at BALANCE ROCK when tides allow.

6 **HAIDA GWAII**: A visit to the PORT CLEMENTS FORESTRY MUSEUM will start your day. Travel a short distance to the GOLDEN SPRUCE TRAIL where some of the trees are over 500 years old! Learn the story of the famous GOLDEN SPRUCE when you visit the remains. This afternoon visit some of the craft shops selling local wares in the HAIDA VILLAGE OF OLD MASSETT on the north coast before returning to your hotel.

7 **HAIDA GWAII**: The morning’s travel takes you to ST. MARY’S SPRING and the arts community of TLELL. Lunch time will find us at MISTY MEADOWS.
BEACH for a PICNIC LUNCH, an AGATE INFORMATIONAL TALK and
time to explore the SHORELINE TRAIL. After lunch make stops in NAIKOON
PROVINCIAL PARK at scenic AGATE BEACH and HEILLEN RIVER. Here
you might choose to enjoy a short walk to the BLOWHOLE or all the way to
the top of the volcanic TOW HILL for a magnificent view! Tonight you will
be treated to a HAIJA FEAST prepared by a Haida Chef with traditional local
foods. Return to your hotel for your last night on this beautiful island.

8 QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY to PRINCE RUPERT: This morning we say
haw’aa (thank you) and goodbye to beautiful Haida Gwaii as we board the
FERRY for our trip to the mainland. Watch for last sightings of whales and enjoy
the scenery as we make our way back across the Hecate Strait.

9 PRINCE RUPERT: The morning allows time to visit downtown shops and the
acclaimed MUSEUM OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA. This afternoon
drive to Port Edward, located on the Skeena River, to visit the NORTH PACIFIC
CANNERY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. Known today as the North Pacific
Historic Fishing Village, this site is the oldest surviving salmon cannery village
along British Columbia’s coast. Established in 1889, this cannery was typical of
those in remote locations in that it provided accommodation through the sum-
mer canning season. Little has changed since the plant closed in the late 1960’s.
Almost 30 buildings linked by wooden boardwalks are open for viewing.

10 PRINCE RUPERT to PRINCE GEORGE: Retrace your steps as you travel
back through north-central British Columbia to Prince George for overnight.

11 PRINCE GEORGE to HINTON: Continue travelling east. Following a
DRIVING TOUR OF JASPER continue to Hinton for overnight. This evening
we invite you to a HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER.

12 HINTON to EDMONTON: With fond memories of your Haida Gwaii visit,
say farewell to your new-found friends as you arrive in Edmonton.

INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY: • First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach • Quality accommodations and taxes • Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver • Baggage handling, one average piece per person • Admission to attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary • Ferries as indicated • Mount Robson • Jasper National Park • K’Saan Historical Village • Meeting and Greet • Nisga’a Memorial Lava Bed Park • Coast Islands • Hecate Strait • Haida Local Guide • Haida Heritage Centre • Terrace Rock • Port Clements Forestry Museum • Golden Spruce Trail • Golden Spruce remains • Village of Old Massett • St. Mary’s Spring • Tlell • Misty Meadows Beach • Picnic Lunch • Agate Informational Talk • Shoreline Trail • Naikoon Provincial Park • Agate Beach • Heillen River • Blowhole • Tow Hill • Haida Feast • Museum of Northern British Columbia • North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site • Driving Tour of Jasper • Farewell Dinner • Meals Include: 3 Continental Breakfasts, 1 Picnic Lunch, Haida Feast and Farewell Dinner.

DEPARTURE DATES 2018
12 Days: ★ July 17 – September 3
★ Preferred date

COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS
+ GST
Quad: N/A N/A
Triple: $2,189.00 $109.45
Twin: $2,359.00 $117.95
Single: $3,279.00 $163.95
+ GST APPLIES TO TOUR COST
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: $47.00 twin sharing per person.

HAIJA GWAI INFORMATION
• The area was officially renamed from Queen Charlotte Islands to Haida Gwaii in 2009. It is a
roughly-shaped triangle consisting of two main islands, Moresby and Graham with hundreds of
smaller islands. The Haida are believed to have lived here for 10,000 years. Presently there are
approximately 5,000 residents.
• The Haida are a seafaring people well-known for their beautiful artwork and famous totem poles
– one of which is now located at the Edmonton Stollery Children’s hospital.
• Haida Gwaii is at the end of the road, a wet, wild
refuge that has captured nature lovers’ hearts. The
climate is mild with summer temperatures similar
to those in the rest of northern and central BC.

SIGHTSEEING: Will require occasional walking on
rugged and uneven terrain and travellers should therefore be in reasonably good health.

This very special program will be limited to
30 passengers per tour due to the nature of interpretive programs on Haida Gwaii.