

# HAIDA GWAII

11 DAYS – MOTORCOACH

*Come along on an adventure of a lifetime!*

*Re-named from Queen Charlotte Islands in 2009, this group of almost 200 islands off the northwest coast of British Columbia will captivate you with its scenery, excite you with its history and calm you with its serenity.*

You will be guests of the Haida people in their traditional homeland where they continue to live, their culture and way of life vibrant since time immemorial. This tour focuses not only on the Haida, but you will also learn about other Coastal nations including the Tsimshian, Gitksan and Nisga'a peoples in our mainland explorations.

Highlights include 'Ksan Historical Village, Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Provincial Park, the Haida Heritage Centre, Balance Rock, a picnic lunch at the beach, remains of the Golden Spruce, the North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site and a fabulous Haida Feast, served family style.

**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. Majestic MOUNT ROBSON greets you as you travel west through JASPER NATIONAL PARK on your way to Prince George for your first night.



Haida Gwaii beach.



Tow Hill walking trail.

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Totem Pole at the Haida Heritage Centre.

**2 PRINCE GEORGE to TERRACE:** Enjoy the beautiful scenery this morning. A highlight this afternoon is a visit to the 'KSAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE AND CULTURAL MUSEUM' at Hazelton prior to your arrival in Terrace for overnight. The Gitksan and Haida cultures are very similar. Tonight enjoy a MEET and GREET with your travel 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, HAIDA GWAII:** (4 nights) The MV NORTHERN ADVENTURE departs Prince Rupert this morning for a 7-hour scenic voyage through the COAST ISLANDS. Watch for whales as you cross the HECATE STRAIT to Queen Charlotte, your home for the next four nights.

**5 HAIDA GWAII:** A full day of sightseeing is planned for today. You will make a stop at ST. MARY'S SPRING and JUNGLE BEACH before continuing to the arts community of TLELL with a visit to Crystal Cabin for an AGATE INFORMATIONAL TALK. Enjoy a scatter lunch in Queen Charlotte. Then this afternoon a LOCAL GUIDE will take you through the HAIDA HERITAGE CENTRE, a world-class cultural complex built to look like the traditional Haida village that was once at this location. Here you will learn about the clans of the Haida people. Have your cameras ready for a picture stop at BALANCE ROCK when tides allow.

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**6 HAIDA GWAII:** Today's adventure takes you to the north end of Graham Island to a stop at MILE 0 of the Yellowhead Highway. In NAIKOON PROVINCIAL PARK visit HIELLEN RIVER. Enjoy a picnic lunch as you consider taking a short walk to the BLOWHOLE or go all the way to the top of the volcanic TOW HILL for a magnificent view. Visit the Haida Village of OLD MASSETT on the north coast to see the new totems, with time to browse the gift shop. Tonight, you will be treated to a delicious and fun evening as a HAIDA FEAST is prepared by a Haida Chef with traditional local foods.

**7 HAIDA GWAII:** Start the day off by exploring the beach for agates at MISTY MEADOWS, followed by a visit to the PORT CLEMENTS MUSEUM. 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. Enjoy your last night on this beautiful island at your leisure.

**8 QUEEN CHARLOTTE to PRINCE RUPERT:** This morning we say Háv'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 you make your way back across the Hecate Strait.

**9 PRINCE RUPERT to TERRACE:** 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. This site is the oldest surviving salmon cannery village along British Columbia's coast. Established in 1889, the cannery was typical of those in remote locations in that it provided accommodation through the summer 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. Travel a short distance to Terrace for overnight.

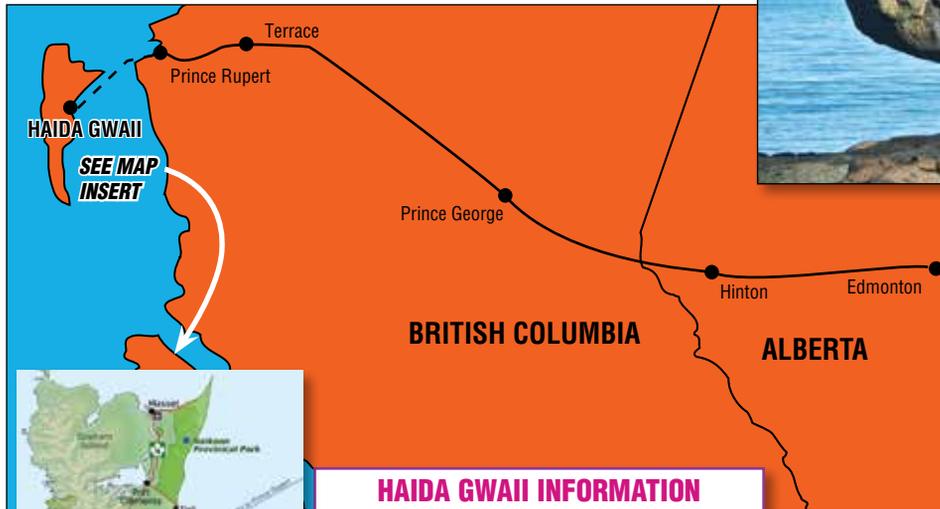
**10 TERRACE to PRINCE GEORGE:** Retrace your route back through north-central British Columbia to Prince George for overnight. This evening we invite you to a HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER.

**11 PRINCE GEORGE to EDMONTON:** With fond memories of your Haida Gwaii visit, say farewell to your new-found friends as you return to Edmonton.

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Balance Rock at Skidegate.



**HAIDA GWAII INFORMATION**

- 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. Often called the Canadian Galapagos due to the flora and fauna only found in this Pacific archipelago, 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.**

<b>DEPARTURE DATES 2021</b>		
11 Days: July 19 August 23		
<b>COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS</b>		
		+GST
Triple:	\$2,279.00	\$113.95
Twin:	\$2,499.00	\$124.95
Single:	\$3,319.00	\$165.95
<b>+GST APPLIES TO TOUR COST</b>		
<b>EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: \$50.00 twin sharing per person.</b>		



Tour Director Marilyn Annis.

**INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY:** •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodation and tax •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Admission to attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Ferries as indicated •Mount Robson •Jasper National Park •Ksan Historical Village •Meet and Greet •Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Provincial Park •Coast Islands •Hecate Strait •St. Mary's Spring •Jungle Beach •Tlell •Agate Informational Talk •Haida Heritage Centre with a Local Guide •Balance Rock •Mile 0 •Naikoon Provincial Park •Hiellen River •Blowhole •Tow Hill •Village of Old Massett •Haida Feast •Misty Meadows •Port Clements Museum •Golden Spruce Trail •Golden Spruce remains •Museum of Northern British Columbia •North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site •Farewell Dinner •Meals Include: 4 Continental Breakfasts, 1 Picnic Lunch, Haida Feast and Farewell Dinner.