

HAIDA GWAI

Come along on an adventure of a lifetime!

11 DAYS – MOTORCOACH

Renamed from Queen Charlotte Islands in 2009, this captivating archipelago of over 200 islands off the northwest coast of British Columbia is sometimes called “Canada’s Galapagos”. Ancient Haida culture and abundant wildlife survive amidst magical rainforests, storm-battered beaches and pristine waters.

You will be a guest of the Haida people in their ancestral territory, where their vibrant way of life has existed since time immemorial. This tour focuses on the Haida and other Coastal First Nations, including the Tsimshian, Gitksan and Nisga’a peoples. Highlights include Ksan Historical Village, Nisga’a Memorial Lava Bed Provincial Park, Balance Rock, a picnic lunch at the beach, the Haida Heritage Centre, remains of the Golden Spruce and a delicious family-style Haida Feast.

DEPARTURE: Edmonton 7:00 a.m., Spruce Grove 7:30 a.m.
 Entwistle 8:15 a.m., Edson 9:45 a.m., Hinton 10:45 a.m.

DAY

- 1 EDMONTON to PRINCE GEORGE:** Your *Haida Adventure* begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Travel west through Jasper National Park and cross the British Columbia border. Stop to breathe the alpine air and view majestic MOUNT ROBSON, then continue to Prince George for overnight at the downtown **Hyatt Place**.
- 2 PRINCE GEORGE to TERRACE:** Follow the Yellowhead Highway through mountains and forests, watching for wildlife along the way. The afternoon includes a visit to the **KSAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE and MUSEUM** at Hazelton. Learn about the Gitksan people, who are known as the “People of the River of Mist.” Upon arrival at the centrally located **Best Western Terrace Inn**, enjoy a **WELCOME MEET and GREET** with your travel companions.
- 3 TERRACE to PRINCE RUPERT:** A diversion from Highway 16 will take you to **NISGA’A MEMORIAL LAVA BED PROVINCIAL PARK**, where



Haida Gwaii beach.



Tow Hill walking trail.

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The Solstice Pole, Hiellen.

geological structures meet indigenous culture. Break for an included **LUNCH** before your motorcoach carries on to Prince Rupert, the gateway to BC’s beautiful north coast. Settle in at the friendly **Inn on the Harbour**.

- 4 PRINCE RUPERT to HAIDA GWAI (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 Skidegate (*Haida: HIGaagilda*) and proceed to the village of Daajing Giids (formerly *Queen Charlotte*). Your modest accommodation for the next four nights will be at the **Sea Raven Motel**.
- 5 HAIDA GWAI:** This morning, a **LOCAL GUIDE** will take you through the **HAIDA HERITAGE CENTRE** at Kay ‘Llnagaay in Skidegate (*HIGaagilda*). This world-class cultural complex resembles a traditional Haida village, preserves the history and celebrates the living culture of the Haida people. Discover the significance of six monumental totem poles and view a large collection of Haida artifacts. Return to Daajing Giids (*Queen Charlotte*) for a free afternoon to explore the town. Speak to helpful locals at the Visitor’s Centre or enjoy live entertainment in Spirit Square (if available).
- 6 HAIDA GWAI:** Spend the day exploring diverse landscapes on the northeast end of Graham Island at **NAIKOON PROVINCIAL PARK**. Look for agates among the multi-coloured pebbles and rocks at **AGATE BEACH**. Then stop at **TOW HILL** where you will hear the legend of the monster Tow. Take a short walk alongside the Hiellen River to the **BLOW HOLE** and possibly witness

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sea water shooting 25 feet in the air. For a splendid view of the coastline, and perhaps even mainland Alaska, take an optional hike up the trail leading to the summit of TOW HILL. After an included PICNIC LUNCH, visit the Haida village of OLD MASSETT with time to browse for local art in the gift shop. Make a stop at MILE ZERO of Highway 16 on your way back to Daajing Giids (Queen Charlotte).

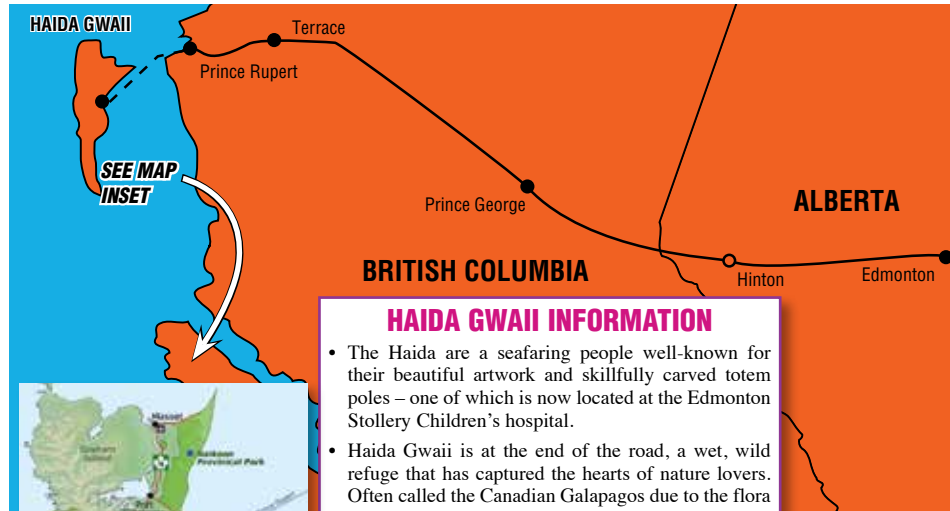
- 7 **HAIDA GWAI:** Today's excursions will take you to the arts community of TLELL. Have your camera ready for stops at BALANCE ROCK when tides allow, JUNGLE BEACH, and ST. MARY'S SPRING. Admire gemstones and the impressive work of indigenous artists at the CRYSTAL CABIN GALLERY, experience the Ley Line and shop in the gift store. Drive on to Port Clements for an included PICNIC LUNCH. Travel a short distance to the GOLDEN SPRUCE TRAIL, where some of the trees are over 500 years old! Learn fascinating facts about the forest and the history of the golden spruce. This evening you will be treated to an authentic HAIDA FEAST prepared with traditional local ingredients.
- 8 **HAIDA GWAI TO PRINCE RUPERT:** This morning we say Hāw'aa (thank you) and goodbye to extraordinary Haida Gwaii as we board a BC FERRY and return to the mainland. Scan the horizon for eagles and whale spouts as you sail back across the Hecate Strait. Spend your last night near the ocean at the **Inn on the Harbour**.
- 9 **PRINCE RUPERT to TERRACE:** After breakfast, discover the acclaimed MUSEUM OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA, which showcases the rich cultural heritage and natural history of the area. 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. Most of the buildings are connected by a wooden boardwalk. Travel a short distance to stay at the **Best Western Terrace Inn** for the night. Share tour memories with fellow travellers at a HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER.



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Balance Rock at Skidegate.



HAIDA GWAI INFORMATION

- The Haida are a seafaring people well-known for their beautiful artwork and skillfully carved 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 the hearts of nature lovers. 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.
- Due to the remote location of this tour, best available accommodations in Daajing Giids (Queen Charlotte) are categorized as *basic/modest*.
- The order of activities may change due to availability of attractions.

SIGHTSEEING: Travellers should be able to walk on slopes and rugged or uneven terrain during the tour.

SMALL GROUP TOUR – seats are limited
This intimate travel experience is limited to 30 passengers due to the nature of interpretive programs on Haida Gwaii.

- 10 **TERRACE to PRINCE GEORGE:** Retrace your route through north-central British Columbia to Prince George for overnight at **Hyatt Place**.
- 11 **PRINCE GEORGE to EDMONTON:** With fond memories of your Haida Gwaii journey, say farewell to your new-found friends on your return to Edmonton.

DEPARTURE DATES 2027

11 Days: June 21 August 9

COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS

		+GST
Triple:	\$3,269.00	\$163.45
Twin:	\$3,589.00	\$179.45
Single:	\$4,739.00	\$236.95

+GST APPLIES TO TOUR COST

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: \$72.00 twin sharing per person.



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 •Mount Robson •Ksan Historical Village and Museum •Welcome Meet and Greet •Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Provincial Park •Lunch •Ferries as indicated •Coast Islands •Hecate Strait •Haida Heritage Centre with a Local Guide •Naikoon Provincial Park •Agate Beach •Tow Hill •Blowhole •Picnic Lunch •Village of Old Massett •Mile 0 •Tlell •Balance Rock •Jungle Beach •St. Mary's Spring •Crystal Cabin Gallery •Picnic Lunch •Golden Spruce Trail •Haida Feast •Museum of Northern British Columbia •North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site •Farewell Dinner •11 Meals Include: 6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners.