

HAIDA GWAI

with Anderson Vacations

7 days

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Day 1 Arrive in Prince Rupert, BC

Welcome to Prince Rupert, the unofficial city of rainbows and the gateway to British Columbia's dramatic North Coast. Tonight meet the rest of your group for a welcome dinner.

Please note: The hotels indicated in this itinerary are our projected properties at all locations. Due to factors beyond our control, we reserve the right to substitute alternatives of a similar standard.

Please also note that, as an exception to the majority of our tours, airport transfers are NOT pre-arranged and factored into the tour price. This is due to a lack of personnel at the destination available to organize and execute transfers. That said, getting to the hotel is easy and organized, and metered taxis await all arriving passengers.

Overnight: Prestige Prince Rupert Hotel

Included Meal(s): Dinner, if required.

Day 2 Prince Rupert - Ferry to Haida Gwaii

This morning we board BC Ferries for our day sailing to the Haida Gwaii. The Haida people have called these islands home for over 10,000 years. The voyage takes us through the Coast Islands, across the Hecate Strait to Skidegate and Haida Gwaii. It is not unheard of for the Captain of the BC Ferry to spot whales when coming into the inlet and announce to the passengers that they can be seen. Be sure to have your binoculars and cameras ready!

Overnight: Sea Raven Motel

Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Day 3 Masset & Naikoon Provincial Park

A local guide will accompany our group during our stay on the Haida Gwaii. We travel to Masset visiting Naikoon Provincial Park at the Northern end of Graham Island. At Tow Hill, a 20-minute walk can be taken to the Blow Hole along with a beach walk on Agate Hole along with a beach walk on Agate Beach and North Beach.

Overnight: Sea Raven Motel

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Lunch

Day 4 K'uuna Llnagaay (Skedans) Day Tour

This morning we board our boats and travel the coastal waters to the edge of Gwaii Haanas National Park to the Skedans, known locally as K'uuna Llnagaay. Our journey today is filled with storytelling and songs of the Haida people while exploring the coastlines filled with sea lion rookeries. At the village site of K'uuna Llnagaay, a National Historic Site of Canada, an interpretive tour allows us to fully immerse ourselves in the incredible history, culture and way of life of the Haida People who once inhabited the village.

After an incredible day, we arrive back in Queen Charlotte City this evening in time for dinner (on your own this evening).

Overnight: Sea Raven Motel.

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Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5 Port Clements and Tlell

Travelling a short distance to Port Clements, an active forestry area where we visit the Port Clements Museum and learn about the past and present conditions of the forestry industry on the islands. A short walk from the museum we join the Golden Spruce Trail for a short, easy hike. The Golden Spruce trail, named for the Golden Sitka Spruce that once grew at the end of the trail. The Golden Sitka Spruce, a spruce tree that grew for nearly 300 years had a mutation causing the spruce to grow needles of a golden yellow colour. A sapling was saved when the original tree grew and had been nurtured and grown at the Port Clements Memorial Park which we will visit after hike along the trail.

This afternoon we visit Tlell, home to a variety of local artisans and take time at leisure to visit their shops and learn of their craft first hand. Our day concludes with visiting St. Mary's Spring where, if desired you can taste the fresh spring water which, according to local lore, will bring you back to Haida Gwaii later in life. Finally, we visit Balance Rock, a remnant of the Ice Age that looks precariously posed on the coast, but is in fact, firmly in place and immovable!

Overnight: Sea Raven Motel

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6 Haida Heritage Centre - Ferry to Prince Rupert

Our final day in Haida Gwaii is spent at the magnificent Haida Heritage Centre. The Haida Heritage Centre is a magnificent showcase of the Haida People, culture and way of life, highlighting the traditions of all fourteen Haida Clans. With an interpreter of the Haida Centre we enjoy an interpretive tour of the facility followed by ample time to experience the exhibits at leisure. This evening we finish our journey with a traditional Haida feast hosted by a local. Following dinner, we once again board a BC Ferry and sail overnight in comfortable sleeper berth accommodation to Prince Rupert.

Overnight ferry.

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 7 Depart Prince Rupert

We arrive in Prince Rupert early this morning and enjoy one last breakfast in town before beginning our journey home.

Please note that flights out can be booked for anytime after 10am

BON VOYAGE!

Included Meal(s): Breakfast