

# BEAR WATCHING CRUISE

## in British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest

**See the Kermode Bear!** This coastal British Columbia nature cruise takes you to remote areas of the spectacular Great Bear Rainforest, searching for Grizzlies, Black Bears and the elusive Kermode or Spirit Bear. The focus is on exploring the remote islands and inlets of this special area. See magnificent waterfalls, ancient petroglyphs, whales frolicking in the waters and watch grizzly bear fish for salmon in the estuaries. This nature cruise through the Great Bear Rainforest is full of spectacular scenery and wildlife and you benefit from the knowledge of local native Gitga'at guides.

### 8 days/7 nights Bear and Whalewatching Cruise

#### SAMPLE ITINERARY

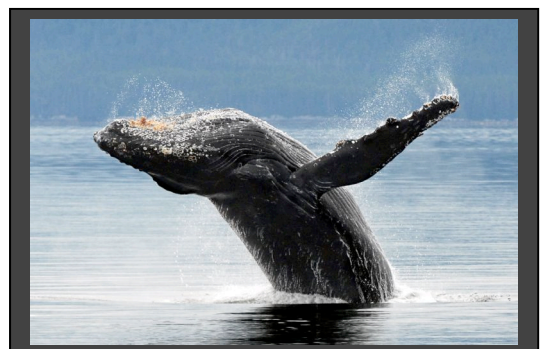
**Day 1** - Participants will meet at the top of the Municipal Dock on the Bella Bella waterfront. Upon boarding the ship, cabins will be assigned, an introductory safety briefing completed and then we set sail for the Great Bear Rainforest. Each night we anchor in a different, secluded anchorage.

**Day 2-3** - We now head deep into the coastal mountains and will focus the next two days on the Fiordland Provincial Protected Area. Kynoch Inlet has some spectacular rock faces and waterfalls. We will explore remote estuaries and hope to see bears attracted by the spawning salmon. We may visit the native village of Klemtu to see the new longhouse, recently built for the local community.

**Days 4-7** - We now travel along the shore of Princess Royal Island - the best known area for seeing the rare Spirit or Kermode bears. These bears are actually black bears with a recessive gene that makes about ten percent of the bears in this area all-white. We will visit creeks and river estuaries and keep an eye out along the shore as

we travel. Khutze Inlet has a beautiful river valley, an abundance of birdlife and we often see bears along the shore. We will spend a day with local Tshimshian guides taking us to their favourite wildlife viewing areas or showing us their ancient sites and intriguing art. In Whale Channel we expect to see humpback whales and will take the time to observe these amazing 15 metre long creatures.

In Principe Channel we hope for a good wind, to set the sails and have one of our best sails of the voyage.



There will be time to explore the protected waters using our stable, sea kayaks that we carry onboard. On our daily shore excursions, our onboard naturalist will help identify different coastal plants and interested participants can help keep a species list for the trip. With a good low tide, we may explore the shoreline for different species of colourful sea stars, anemone, and algae.

**Day 8** – We arrive in Bella Bella late morning. Participants can catch the Pacific Coastal afternoon flightback to Vancouver.

### **Dates 2010**

June 1-8\*; June 9-16  
Aug 27 – Sept 3; Aug 29 – Sept 5  
Sept 4-11; Sept 6-13; Sept 12-19;  
Sept 14-21; Sept 20-27; Sept 22-29  
Sept 28 – Oct 5\*\*

### **Special Trip June 1-8\***

This first trip will be guided by Doug Neasloss, a native guide from the village of Klemtu, BC. Douglas is of Kitasoo ancestry and he has grown up on the waters and forests that surround it. He has spent much of his young lifetime learning its history and the traditional cultures of the Kitasoo/Xaixais people and enjoys sharing it with guests. On this same trip Caitlyn Vernon, a biologist by training, will guide as well. She is based out of Victoria, working with Sierra Club BC towards full implementation of the Great Bear Rainforest agreements (eco-based management, a network of protected areas, and conservation financing).

### **Special Trip Sept 28 – Oct 5\*\***

2 days at the bear stands

### **Price per person**

**CAD 4,470** + 5% GST

**Sept 28-Oct 5 trip with 2 days at bear stands:**  
**CAD 4,630** + 5% GST

### **Not included**

- 5% GST
- Gratuities



## **CREATIVE WESTERN ADVENTURES LTD.**

P.O. Box 74068 Strathcona RPO SW, Calgary AB T3H 3B6, Canada

Tel. 001-403-571-2380; Fax. 001-403-571-2382

Email: [info@creativewestern.com](mailto:info@creativewestern.com); Web: [www.creativewestern.com](http://www.creativewestern.com)