

HAIDA GWAII

A NATURE & CULTURE CRUISE

Sail the Queen Charlotte Islands and tour the Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve aboard the Island Roamer. Our 8 and 9-day eco-tour adventures in British Columbia are emotional journeys through a past full of rich history. The ancient Haida sites are powerful places, and the wildlife showcases how truly unique and diverse the BC Coast is. Come aboard on the Island Roamer for an adventure through the isles of Gwaii Haanas and experience diverse wilderness and wildlife on our nature cruise.

8 or 9-day sailing trips

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Trip Start:

We suggest arriving in the islands at least one day before the trip is scheduled to start as the weather can disrupt flight schedules and delay your arrival. Recommended accommodation is at the Sandspit Inn, equipped with a restaurant and a lounge and conveniently located 100 yards away from the Sandspit airport.

Make sure you have everything you need before your arrival in Sandspit. It may not be possible to make last-minute purchases on Day 1.

Consider extending your trip and exploring areas of Graham Island not included in our trip.

Day 1- You will be met in the Sandspit Airport arrivals area at 10:30 am by your trip guide. After dropping your bags at the Sandspit Inn you will be

taken by charter bus to the ferry landing and across to Skidegate on Graham Island.

Please make sure you have appropriate items for the afternoon activities, including sturdy footwear, a water bottle and a rain jacket if necessary.

Activities for the day include a visit to the Haida Gwaii Museum, renowned for its collection of Haida artifacts, and the new Qay'lnagaay Centre with its six new totem poles. We may walk a local trail to learn about local flora and their native use. The first evening we will be hosted by a Skidegate family to a traditional Haida dinner. After dinner, we return to Sandspit and overnight at a local Bed & Breakfast.

Day 2 – In the morning after breakfast, a taxi will pick you up at 10:00 am to transport you to Moresby Camp, where you board 'Island Roamer'. Upon

boarding there will be introductions, a safety orientation and cabin assignments before venturing into the Gwaii Haanas / South Moresby wilderness.

Day 3 to 8 - We will spend our time exploring the eastern and southern shores of Moresby Island. Daily activities include wildlife watching, shore excursions to explore beautiful forested creek walks, ancient Haida villages and perhaps exploring the shoreline by kayak. We visit SGAang Gwaii (Ninstints) which has been designated as a United Nations World Heritage Site. We stop at Hotspring Island for a warm, soothing, relaxing dip. Each evening we anchor in a different secluded spot in time for slide shows and discussions on the wildlife sightings encountered during the day. The daily itinerary is flexible to meet group interests, weather patterns and to take full advantage of wildlife sightings.



Day 9 - Trip Finish: The trip finishes early this morning. You will disembark at approximately 8:00 am from the "Island Roamer" at Moresby Camp and be transferred by charter bus to Sandspit airport. The trip by bus takes about one hour.

You can expect to be in Sandspit in time to take the morning departing flight to Vancouver. If you are not flying to Vancouver you can make easy connections to ferries or rent a car and continue your holidays in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Dates 2010

8 day trips:

June 27 - July 4

July 4-11* (Ethnobotany); July 11-18; July 18-25

July 26 - Aug 2 (does not include Museum & Haida lunch land tour)

Aug 2-9; Aug 9-16

9 day trips:

May 8-16; May 16-24; May 24-June 1** (Birder);

June 2-10 (does not include Museum & Haida lunch land tour)

June 10-18; June 18-26

Aug 16-24

Special Trips

The trip on July 4-11 will be guided by Nancy Turner, a distinguished professor in the School of Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria. She is an ethnobotanist and ethnoecologist. She has also written many books, papers and articles about indigenous plant knowledge and use.

The trip on May 24 - June 1 will be guided by the naturalist and birder Bruce Whittington. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Victoria Natural History Society. He is also a keen photographer.

Price per person

8 day trip: **CAD 4,765** + 5% GST

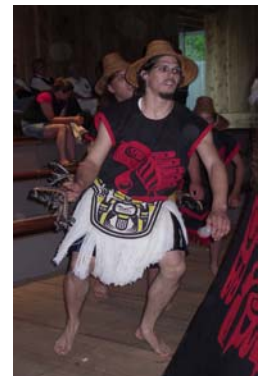
9 day trip: **CAD 4,480** + 5% GST

Included

All inclusive

Not included

- Gratuities
- 5% GST tax



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