

HAIDA GWAII ON THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

NATURE & CULTURE JOURNEY

Off the coast of British Columbia lies the remote archipelago known as Haida Gwaii. For centuries, this land has remained untouched, respected and honoured by the Haida People. From the towering totem poles that line the coast to the calm rivers and dense, sprawling forests, you can feel the long-enduring spirit of the Haida People on this island. Out of the hemlock, spruce, and cedar trees wander proud northern mammals, while the white-capped ocean reveals intimate glimpses of the exotic marine life hidden within its depths.

September 1 – 8, 2019

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Sept 1 – Calgary – Vancouver – Haida Gwaii –

Tlell: 11:30 am flight from Calgary via Vancouver do Sandspit (Haida Gwaii). Arrival at 15:07, take over the rental cars, drive 20 minutes to the ferry which takes us in a 20 minute sailing from Moresby Island to Graham Island and Queen Charlotte / Skidegate. We drive directly north about 30 minutes to Tlell where we stay at the Haida House for the next 3 nights.

Sept 1-4 – Explore with the Haida Ancient Lands That Reveal Infinite Years of Haida History

We choose a stay at the Haida House because of several reasons. This is the only place that is 100% Haida owned. It is an advocate of Indigenous Tourism and a 'leave not footprint' philosophy. This cultural lodge focuses on preserving the past with integrity

and respectfully sharing their knowledge with future generations.

Our stay at Haida House will leave all of us with a unique understanding of the Haida People and their Land.

Together with the Haida, we will put together a cultural program that includes exploring the land, ancient forests and learning about traditional Haida customs and history; Visit the award-winning Kay Llnagaay Heritage Centre, Golden Spruce Trail, Haida Artists and Weaver etc.

www.haidahouse.com

Sept 4-8 – Explore Moresby Island, the West Coast, Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Naikoon Provincial Park

We will stay for four nights at the Copper Beech House B&B in Massett.

www.copperbeechhouse.com

The next four days are spent as follows:

- **Boat Tour to Ts'aahl (West Coast) with Haida Guide.** On this tour, travel West from Queen Charlotte through the Skidegate Narrows, scanning the shorelines for taan (black bear). With options to disembark from the boat at Jiina.nga Gandlaay (Government Creek) to explore old growth, check for Tufted Puffins at Marble Island, and visit our family village of Ts'aahl. Home of K'aa Gwaay (Five Fin Sea Monster), Ts'aahl, Eagle clan village, experience the beauty of ancient totems. The wild west coast, guests may be greeted by all kinds of marine and terrestrial life who call this place home. Along the way, our guides will incorporate storytelling, songs and local history, giving guests a glimpse into our heritage.
- **Naikoon Provincial Park – North Beach, Agate Beach, Tow Hill Ecological Reserve.** This is a day of exploring the most northern part of the island and we may be able to spot the shorelines of Alaska if we are lucky.
- **A day of exploring/hiking with our 'friends' from 8 years ago Kiki and Gerry.** They have worked throughout the forests and shorelines of Haida Gwaii and are so generous to share their experiences and wonders of Haida Gwaii on and off the beaten path. At the same time Kiki is a wonderful chef and can prepare the most amazing meals for us.

Approx. Price per person – double occupancy

Based on 8 persons: **CAD 4,400** + 5% GST

Based on 6 persons: **CAD 4,700** + 5% GST

Without the floatplane excursion:

Based on 8 persons: **CAD 3,950** + 5% GST

Based on 6 persons: **CAD 4,250** + 5% GST

Not included

- Flight cost with AC about CAD 700
- Gratuities
- 5% GST tax

- **Gwaii Haanas – Hotsprings Island, Gandll K'in Gwaayaay Tour by float plane.** Departing from Queen Charlotte City enjoy spectacular aerial views of this unique area as you fly to Hotspring Island to relax in one of the hot pools found on this island. Called Hot-Water-Island by the Haida, Gandll K'in Gwaayaay was well known for the healing and spiritual qualities of its natural thermal pools. This has been a sacred place for the Haida people for centuries.

It includes a 30 minute flight to and from the island with a Beaver (max 5 pax), and approximately 90 minutes to soak in the natural springs. Duration of this trip is about 2.5 hrs.



Sept 8 – Return to Calgary: Our plane leaves from Sandspit at 15:40, so we have a leisurely time to make our way south with stops for lunch in Skidegate / Queen Charlotte. We take the ferry at 12:50 and return the rental cars. Arrival back in Calgary at 21:26.

Included

- 3 nights Haida House – all inclusive meals and activities, entrance fees and guided activities
- 4 nights at Copper Beech House – accommodation and breakfast
- Activities as outlined above
- Car rental for 2 cars – gas included
- Ferry from Morseby Island to Graham Island return
- Your guide who accompanies you on the whole trip (Suzanne Eugster)