



HAIDA GWAII

SAMPLE ITINERARY (*Details are subject to change*)

Aboard S/V Island Roamer or S/V Island Solitude

Start and Finish: Sandspit, BC

8 Days + Evening Land Tour

Haida Gwaii, formerly known as Queen Charlotte Islands, is an amazing area with over 100 islands, beautiful forested creek walks, rugged exposed headlands, and protected passageways between towering mountains. Theories suggest that parts of Haida Gwaii escaped the last ice age, forming a glacial refuge for certain forms of plant and animal life. This helps to explain the presence of plant species found nowhere else in the world, and noticeably different sub-species of bird, fish and mammal. Haida Gwaii provides a remarkable evolutionary showcase - hence the description as the "Canadian Galapagos".

We are grateful for the opportunity to work closely with local suppliers and businesses that assist us in providing a unique and memorable travel experience in a very remote area. Guided by Haida Watchmen, we will journey through history as we visit ancient Haida Villages lining the shoreline of the Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site. Small ship travel through this unforgettable landscape allows us to voyage to places not reachable by land. We wind our way through the archipelago to enjoy 8 days of exploration...All aboard!

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On all our voyages we intentionally keep our itineraries flexible to take advantage of wildlife sightings, weather and tides, and the interests of the group.

Arrival into Sandspit

Most of our guests fly with Air Canada on their daily flight direct from Vancouver arriving in the **afternoon the day before your trip starts.**

You will be greeted at the airport by our shuttle driver/guide. Once everyone has collected their luggage, the Haida Gwaii land tour will get underway. You will be transported to the ferry landing at Alliford Bay to take the ferry across to Skidegate on Graham Island. The ferry crossing takes approximately 25 minutes. Our first stop will be the renowned *Haida Heritage Centre* on Graham Island for a guided tour followed by a traditional Haida dinner at *Keenawii's Kitchen*, hosted by a local Haida family from Skidegate. After dinner, the group will be transported to your accommodation in Queen Charlotte for the evening.

Your evening's accommodation and breakfast the following morning are included in your trip fees.

Day 1 - Trip Start

Following your breakfast your driver/guide will inform you of the departure time from the hotel. Please be sure to check out of your room with luggage in hand, prior to departure time.

The group will drive to Skidegate Landing to board the ferry to Alliford Bay for the one hour drive to Moresby camp where we will meet up with the vessel and her Crew. Upon boarding the ship your introductions will be made, cabins will be assigned, everyone will participate in a brief safety orientation and we will set sail into the waters heading south to Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve

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Days 2 to 7:

We will spend our time exploring the eastern and southern shores of Moresby Island. Daily activities include wildlife watching, shore excursions to explore ancient Haida villages, old growth forests, beautiful creeks, shoreline, and intertidal zones. Be sure to keep an eye out and your cameras ready, as we will encounter a wealth of marine wildlife on our journey. We aim to spot humpback whales, porpoise, sea lions, orca and if we are lucky, fin whales. We hope to capture the sight of the mighty, Haida Gwaii black bear foraging along the shoreline for the myriad of intertidal creatures found in these nutrient-rich waters.

We visit the old Haida village of SGang Gwaay (Ninstints), a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, to take in the fabulous totem poles. If weather permits we will visit Windy Bay, the site of the first pole raised in 130 years honoring the 20th anniversary of the Gwaii Haanas Agreement to protect the natural and marine resources in 2013.

Each evening we will anchor in a different secluded bay with time to discuss the day's wildlife sightings and provide you with the opportunity to explore the shoreline by kayak.

Day 8 - Trip Finish

The trip will finish mid morning and you will disembark the vessel before noon at Moresby Camp. From there the group will be shuttled back to Sandspit airport. The trip by bus takes about an hour. You can expect to arrive in Sandspit by midday. This will give you time to have lunch at Brady's Bistro at the Sandspit Airport or at the dining room of the Sandspit Inn, and do any last minute shopping at the airport souvenir shop, prior to your **afternoon** flight to Vancouver.

Note: This is intended as a Sample Itinerary. Please do not book flights based on information listed in this document as changes are possible. You will be provided with an Arrivals and Departures Itinerary once all details have been confirmed.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Sandspit is located in Haida Gwaii, 900 kilometers (550 miles) northwest of Vancouver, BC. Scheduled air service is the fastest, most convenient way to get there. Book your flight well in advance to obtain the best fare. Be advised that flight capacity is limited. Most services and facilities in Sandspit are within easy walking distance of the airport terminal.

Booking Your Flights:

Our designated Travel Agency is "UNIGLOBE DIRECT TRAVEL LTD". If you need further accommodation or help with your Airfare and Insurance please call Elaine at 604-538-2111 ext. 6614 or email elaine@uniglobedirect.com.

Air Canada Jazz provides daily scheduled service between Vancouver International Airport and Sandspit. Advance purchase return airfare between Vancouver and Sandspit costs approximately \$500-\$700 CAD per person. Phone: 1-888 247-2262 www.aircanada.ca

Pacific Coastal provides scheduled flights between Vancouver South Terminal and Masset, located about 130 km (80 miles) north of Sandspit. 1-800-663-2872 <http://www.pacific-coastal.com/>

Inland Air offers seaplane service from Prince Rupert to Masset.

Toll Free: 1-888-624-2577 or 1-250-624-2577 www.info@inlandair.bc

BC Ferry Services

Scheduled ferry service connects Haida Gwaii with the mainland. The crossing between Prince Rupert and Skidegate Landing takes about 9 hours. Another option is to take the ferry from Port Hardy on

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Vancouver Island. Traveling the “Inside Passage” is scenic but will add 2 days to your trip in each direction. Reservations are required for both vehicles and passengers. It is not necessary for you to take a car on the ferry to Haida Gwaii, as there are options for local island transportation, including car rentals.

BC Ferries operates the smaller M/V Kwuna which carries passengers, vehicles and freight between Moresby Island (Sandspit) and Graham Island (Skidegate/Queen Charlotte). This scheduled service operates all day with regular sailings between 7am and 6pm, with a break between 12:20pm and 3pm. Each scheduled crossing of Skidegate Inlet takes approximately 25 minutes.

Phone: 1-888-223-3779 or (250) 386-3431 www.bcferrries.com

**Be advised that adverse weather and sea conditions can often create delays and disrupt ferry schedules.*

We highly recommend extending your trip to explore Haida Gwaii on your own. Adding a day or two either before or after your voyage with Bluewater Adventures would allow you to explore Graham Island and visit Masset. Thus, we have added other local accommodation and travel information below.

ACCOMMODATION

The Haida Gwaii has a range of accommodation to serve the needs of visitors. Hotels, Motels or Bed & Breakfast (B&B) establishments are found in Sandspit and Queen Charlotte City. The following selected accommodation contacts may be useful in helping to plan your trip around your Bluewater Adventure!

Sandspit

Inn at Sandspit	(250) 637 5377	www.sandspitinn.com thesandspitinn@gmail.com	\$85-\$95
Seaport B&B	(250) 637 2215	www.seaportbb.com info@moresbyexplorers.com	\$95-\$150
Bayview Garden B&B	(250) 637 5749	www.bayviewgardenbandb.com thebayviewgarden@gmail.com	\$75-\$95

Queen Charlotte

Dorothy & Mike's Guest House	(250) 559 8439	www.haidagwaii.net/doromike doromike@qcislands.net	\$89-\$115
Sea Raven Motel	(250) 559 4423 1 800 806 7633	www.searaven.com searaven@qcislands.net	\$92-\$120
Premier Creek Lodge	1 888 322 3388	www.haidagwaii.net/premier premier@qcislands.net	\$40-\$110
Spruce Point Lodge	(250) 559 8234	www.haidagwaii.net/sprpoint sprpoint@qcislands.net	\$90-\$140

Masset

Copper Beech House	(250) 626 5441 1 855 626 5441	www.copperbeechhouse.com cbh@copperbeechhouse.com	\$100-\$130
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Eagles Feast House	(250) 626 6072 1 877 485 7572	www.eaglesfeast.com bothofus@eaglesfeast.com	\$75-\$175
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Haida House	1 855 557 4600	http://haidahouse.com info@haidahouse.com	\$135-\$180
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Accommodations are priced in Canadian dollars and are subject to change.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Public transit service is not available on Haida Gwaii. There are a few local operators that can help you get from A to B. Eagle Transit has scheduled service corresponding with the airport and BC Ferries arrivals and departures. You are advised to call ahead or reserve a spot online.

Eagle Transit Airport - Sandspit - Queen Charlotte City – Skidegate - Masset	250-559-4461 1 877-747-4461	http://eagletransit.net/
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Local Taxi Companies

Gwaii Taxi and Tours , Queen Charlotte and Skidegate	Taxi: 250-637-1162, Tours: 250-559-8622
Mile Zero Taxi , Greater Masset	250-626-8999
Haida Time Taxi , Greater Masset	250-626-7994

RENTAL VEHICLES

Vehicle rentals are available in Haida Gwaii with airport pickup and drop off. For information and reservations call:

Budget-Rent-A-Car , Sandspit Airport	250-637-5688
Budget-Rent-A-Car , Queen Charlotte	250-559-4641
National Car Rental , Masset	250-626 3833

Budget-Rent-A-Car will offer Bluewater Adventures' guests discount when car rental is booked directly with Budget –Rent-A-Car in Sandspit.

TOURIST INFORMATION

For information on what to do in Haida Gwaii call **(250) 559-8316** or visit www.gohaidagwaii.ca

For general information on British Columbia's attractions, travel, restaurants, shopping, transportation and accommodation contact **Destination British Columbia**: 1-800-435-5622 or visit the Tourism BC website at www.hellobc.com

