

Haida Gwaii Queen Charlotte Islands

8 Days / 7 Nights Vancouver to Vancouver

From USD\$5,820 per person

Price is an indication only, and subject to seasonality and specials. Please contact us for current pricing

Highlights: Haida Gwaii Queen Charlotte Island | Hot Springs Island | Native Culture | Wildlife | Up close and personal cruising of the Haida Gwaii Queen Charlotte Island region sailing in a 68ft ketch. Ancient Haida villages, impressive pole carvings, massive trees and then there is the wildlife... Sometimes called the "Galapagos of the North", Haida Gwaii is an incredibly abundant area.

- ✓ Haida Gwaii is home to the Haida - one of the most culturally rich and developed groups of people to inhabit early North America.
- ✓ A sailing voyage to Gwaii Haanas provides the rare opportunity to explore a pristine wilderness region. These islands are an isolated archipelago, difficult to reach and rarely visited.
- ✓ Blue, Sperm, Minke, Sei, Gray, Fin, Humpback and Killer Whales (orca) all historically frequented these waters.
- ✓ Search the coastline for the Queen Charlotte Islands black bear, the largest black bear in the world.



Inclusions

Package Includes:

- Return flights between Vancouver & Sandspit
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Sandpit (breakfast included)
- 6 nights on-board vessel
- Tour of the Haida Gwaii Museum and new Qay'Innagaay Heritage Centre, and traditional Haida lunch or dinner
- Meals on-board vessel from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 9
- Complimentary wine served with dinner
- Use of facilities on the vessel including kayaks
- Naturalist and local guides
- Park/sustainability fees & permits

Not Included:

- Alcohol, except complimentary wine with dinner (guest are welcome to bring their own alcohol or soft drinks)
- Crew gratuities (recommended at \$30.00 - \$40.00 per day/per guest for the duration of the stay)

Note:

- All guests are required to sign a liability waiver
- You have to be able to walk on uneven terrain, climb up and down a ladder on both the Roamer and Odyssey, onto the swim grid and in and out of zodiacs, some- times on slippery shorelines.
- Non-smoking vessels

What to bring:

- Rain jacket with hat or attached hood, rain pants
- Rubber boots (very important)
- Large towel
- Shoes, soft soled and non-marking for wearing on deck
- Warm jacket, sweater, hat and gloves/ mittens
- Long underwear
- Socks - at least 2 pairs wool
- Long sleeved shirts / turtlenecks
- Sandals or water shoes for destinations with hot springs
- T-shirts/base layers
- Long pants and shorts
- Swimsuit for destinations with hot springs
- Personal Items: sunglasses, sun hat, personal medication (clearly labeled), camera, binoculars or spotting scope, small backpack for shore excursions, small flashlight or headlamp, refillable water bottle

Itinerary

Day 1 Vancouver to Sandspit, Queen Charlotte Island This morning depart Vancouver Airport for your flight to Sandspit, upon arrival transfer (included) to your overnight accommodation, rest of the day at leisure. (Please note: On some departures the Haida Gwaii tour will be this afternoon with dinner, instead of the morning tour and lunch on day 2)

Day 2 Haida Gwaii Tour with traditional lunch, afternoon board vessel This morning depart on a Haida Gwaii tour. Travel to the ferry landing at Alliford Bay for a 20 minute ferry ride across to Skidegate Landing on Graham Island. The first stop is the newly renovated Haida Heritage Centre for a guided tour followed by a traditional Haida lunch, hosted by a local Haida family from Skidegate. Following lunch, we may have time for a short walk around Spirit Lake before catching the ferry back to Moresby Island to meet up with the boat and her crew at Moresby Camp. Upon boarding the ship cabins are assigned, and everyone will participate in an introductory & safety orientation with dinner to follow. Spend our first evening anchored nearby.

Days 3 – 7 Cruising Haida Gwaii Queen Charlotte Island Explore 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 and shoreline, and intertidal zones. Search for humpback whales, porpoise, dolphins, sea lions, orca and the shoreline in hopes of spotting a few Gwaii Haanas black bears foraging for food.

Visit the old Haida village of SGang Gwaay (Ninstints), a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site to take in the fabulous totem poles. Each evening anchor in a different secluded bay with time to discuss the day's wildlife sightings and opportunity to explore the shoreline by kayak

Day 8 Arrive Sandspit, return flight to Vancouver Arrive in Sandspit mid-morning in time to catch the Air Canada flight back to Vancouver.

Please note: All voyage itineraries are intentionally keep flexible to take advantage of wildlife sightings, weather and tides, and the interests of the group.

Departure dates

Departs Vancouver
 (Tour Code: BWRAHG8)
 Jun 25
 Jul 02, 09, 16, 24, 31
 Aug 07, 14

Pricing All pricing is in USD\$

	TWIN
25 Jun, 2019	\$5,820
02 Jul, 2019	\$5,820
09 Jul, 2019	\$5,820
16 Jul, 2019	\$5,820
24 Jul, 2019	\$5,820
31 Jul, 2019	\$5,820
07 Aug, 2019	\$5,820
14 Aug, 2019	\$5,820

Prices are share twin per person and include all taxes. Single travelers may be matched with another single person of the same gender. No child discounts. There is no minimum age for children, it depends on the energy level of the child whether the trip is suitable or not. Children are the sole responsibility of their parents/guardian. Please Note: Air Canada return flights from Vancouver are included, however are subject to change due to taxes and fuel surcharges.



Speak to a consultant



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