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British Columbia

Inside Passage - The Remote Coast of British Columbia

Sept 13-17, 2020

Theme

Explore British Columbia's remote coast. Along the BC Ferry Inside Passage route is the Great Bear Rainforest. The area is rich with wildlife often spotted along the shoreline, orca whales and porpoises in the channel, and bald eagles circling overhead. Indigenous villages dot the coastline and grizzly bears walk the land.

Description

Start your trip with a scenic flight along the rugged BC coast line to the remote coastal town of Bella Bella. Embark on an unforgettable adventure at the nearby Shearwater Resort. Learn from local Heiltsuk guides. After exploring the Central coast, board BC ferries for a day cruise along the Great Bear Rainforest. Explore the Port community of [Prince Rupert](#); [breweries](#), [seafood](#), and [coffee](#). Search for grizzly bears, bald eagles, and whales in the [Klutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary](#).

Considerations

- Limited Cell service throughout the trip: Internet access can be expected to be intermittent throughout the entire trip.
- The number of hours per day one can expect to be travelling on BC Ferries is 8 hours.
- While this adventure is not overly strenuous, participants must be of "fair" physical fitness (e.g. must be able to walk on uneven terrain, endure outdoor conditions)
- Portions of the trip will include time on the ocean in a small zodiac vessels, which may cause some to get sea sick.
- Participants should advise if they have any dietary restrictions or food allergies. Participants will be eating at multiple fresh seafood restaurants.
- Single accommodation is included at each hotel.
- A credit card will be taken at hotel check in to cover personal incidentals.
- Tour will include one complimentary alcoholic beverage with each evening meal.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Sunday, September 13

7:00 am Depart Victoria Airport on Pacific Coastal Airlines Flight 8P-100

10:00 am Arrive at Bella Bella airport

1:30 pm Water taxi to Shearwater (15 minutes)

Shearwater is one of British Columbia's ultimate sport fishing and eco-tour destinations. Visit this historically unique property and soak in the culture, breath in the beauty of the Central Coast and inspire and deepen your outdoor bucket list.

Check-in to the [Shearwater Resort & Marina](#)

The property which Shearwater Resort & Marina is located on was a former Second World War RCAF base which housed over 1000 men and aircraft that patrolled the expansive coast of

central British Columbia. Today, Shearwater Resort & Marina is a thriving small resort town, fully integrated marine service center and outstanding tourist destination on the Central Coast.

Overnight Denny Island

Day 2 – Monday, September 14

Morning Breakfast at the resort

Full Day Soft adventure in Shearwater. A boat based afternoon “Eco Tour” option.

Lunch

Dinner Dinner at Shearwater Resort

Overnight Denny Island

Day 3 – Tuesday, September 15

Morning Breakfast

10:00 am Water Taxi to back to Bella Bella (Trip: 10 minutes)

11:30 am Lunch in Bella Bella

12:30 pm Board BC Ferries in Bella Bella. (Trip: 10 hours)

BC Ferries' Northern Expedition travels British Columbia's stunning Inside Passage along the coast of The Great Bear Rainforest. The Inside Passage is a 10-hour, 300km journey through an endlessly changing wild landscape and seascape.

Key points of interest on BC Ferries

Grenville Channel – tall mountains surround this 70km long but narrow channel - less than 500m wide at one point, allowing the Northern Expedition to travel close to the shore.

Butedale – Established as a fishing, mining and logging area in 1918, a cannery and fish plant operated here until the mid-1950s. At its peak, Butedale had a summer population of 400 residents. It's one of the few remaining cannery villages on the coast. Swanson Bay –

Established in 1909 as one of the first sulfite pulp mills on the coast, it was largely abandoned in 1918, although a post office remained open until 1943.

Boat Bluff – Perhaps the most scenic lighthouse on the Inside Passage, Boat Bluff is on the southern end of Sarah Island, and the light marks the entry into Tolmie Channel for north bound vessels. It was established in 1907 and its white light is visible for about 30km.

5:00 pm Dinner on BC Ferries at the Vista Restaurant.

The Vista Restaurant offers dramatic panoramic views of the west coast from every one of the 170 seats. Regular features include prime rib and baron of beef, as well as west coast specialties such as wild salmon, halibut, and Pacific cod. Dining on board - a unique experience with unparalleled view into the world.

After dinner Relax in the Aurora Lounge or a private Staterooms. The Northern Expedition features 55 staterooms, which offer a comfortable and private place for passengers to relax and rest and each one is equipped with a private washroom, shower, and television. In the Aurora Lounge, passengers can treat themselves to the quiet comfort of a premium lounge and enjoy the magnificent views of British Columbia's Inside Passage from their reserved seat.

11:30 pm Welcome to Prince Rupert BC

[Prince Rupert](#) is a port city on British Columbia's northwest coast. It's a gateway to wilderness areas like the Khutzeymateen Grizzly Sanctuary bear habitat. Shops and cafes dot the waterfront

Cow Bay area. The Museum of Northern B.C. showcases the region's natural and cultural heritage. South, the North Pacific Cannery traces the city's salmon-canning history. Humpback whales swim in the fish-filled waters offshore. has a population of 12,220 people

Check in [Crest Hotel](#)
Experience breathtaking views of Prince Rupert's magnificent harbour, pristine mountains and soaring eagles from the comfort of your traditionally designed guest room, many with a water view.

Overnight Prince Rupert

Day 4 – Wednesday, September 16

Morning Breakfast at [Cowpuccino's Coffee House.](#)

10:00 am Explore Cow Bay.

Cameron Cove acquired the name of Cow Bay in the early days of Prince Rupert, when the first herd of dairy cows arrived there and had to swim ashore because no dock had yet been built. A waterfront area of historic buildings, many of them built on pilings over the water, this area is today a funky shopping district where visitors can book area tours, visit a variety of boutiques, including souvenir and gift shops, or relax in one of several restaurants and coffee shops. Downtown Prince Rupert consists of department stores, and a wide variety of shops and galleries, in a scenic setting with fountains, gardens and totem poles sprinkled among the historic architecture.

11:30 am Lunch at Dolly's Fish Market

Delicious home cooked and freshly caught seafood that delights the palate and the senses and is known for daily chowders. .

1:00 pm [Khutzeymateen Provincial Park](#) Grizzly tour (5 hour tour)

Climb into the floatplane and take off from Prince Rupert, BC to the Khutzeymateen. Landing at the lodge, you will head straight out on the boat in search of grizzly bears, dressed warmly in flotation suits. The days in the Khutzeymateen are filled with grizzly bears, bald eagles, seabirds, seals, waterfalls and mountains. We move with the tides, daylight and weather to view and photograph the beauty of the Khutzeymateen.

6:00 pm Return to Prince Rupert

7:00 pm Dinner at [Waterfront Restaurant](#)

It may take a few moments to focus on the menu with the view of the Prince Rupert Harbour and Tuck Inlet capturing your attention! North coast cuisine is given a fresh outlook by Chef Willy Beaudry and our acclaimed kitchen team. A unique blend of international styles and Pacific Northwest flavors highlight the menus. Dine with the Eagles - voted as one of the top 100 things to do in British Columbia before you die by the Vancouver Sun newspaper.

Overnight Prince Rupert

Day 5 – Thursday, September 17

Morning Breakfast

10:00 am Depart for Airport.

11:10 am Air Canada Flight AC#8279 departs for Vancouver.

1:06 pm Arrival at Vancouver International Terminal. Continue on individual flights home.

Recommended items to bring:

- Waterproof jacket
- Casual, layered clothing, including both short and long sleeve shirts, comfortable quick drying pants
- Water bottle
- Comfortable, flat-soled walking shoes (running shoes or hiking shoes)
- Small day pack
- Camera
- Umbrella
- Swimsuit and towel
- Sunglasses and sunscreen