



Great Bear Rainforest

Also called the Inside Passage, the Great Bear Rainforest is a land of fjords, rainforests and great river estuaries. Here, you can view grizzly bears, the mysterious white Spirit Bear, whales and, if you're lucky, wolves. Book early – these sell out quickly!



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

8 days/7 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Embark in Kitimat

Board the Maple Leaf, MV Swell or Cascadia (catamaran) in Bella Bella, BC, and embark on your Great Bear Rainforest tour, orientation, cruising. Island anchorage, river exploration, and learning about the 'salmon forest'.

There are no roads in the Great Bear Rainforest – instead all travel is by water. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. calls the area “the last stand of the great North American rainforest.” Explore British Columbia’s Great Bear Rainforest by luxurious yacht with just a few guests, guided by the expert local crew, naturalists and guides of Maple Leaf Adventures.

This trip includes moderate walking, bear viewing (from zodiacs, on land and in some cases at a bear viewing stand), zodiac rides, other wildlife viewing (whales, marine mammals), natural history, culture, sailing, village visits, hot-springs (often), kayaking and even fishing!

Day 2: Fjordland-Great Bear Rainforest

Beach walk. Cruising into Fjordland for an in depth tour of the Great Bear Rainforest. Massive waterfalls, spectacular inlets, pictographs, estuary exploration and search for bears.

Day 3: Grizzly bear haven

Cruising to one of the leading grizzly bear havens, bear tour into the estuary. Extended watching for grizzly bears. Optional evening kayak, fishing, quiet time.

Day 4: First Nations village visit

Morning shore walk, tour First Nations village, Klemtu. Big House tour by village guide. Intertidal life. Fjord anchorage.

Day 5: Coastal river and forests

Exploring coastal river by zodiac. Forest walk. Sea lion and black or grizzly bear viewing. Nature hike. Hot springs.

Day 6: Spirit bear island

Spirit bear island anchorage. Shore excursion to spirit bear viewing site with bear stands. Whale Channel, humpback whale watching. Optional kayak.

Day 7: Coastal channel sailing

Sailing down coastal channel, Island anchorage, cultural site visit. Optional evening kayak.

Day 8: Outer coast Great Bear Rainforest

Outer coast Great Bear Rainforest tour and beach exploration, sailing and cruising the western waters, whale viewing, shore trips.

Day 9: Disembark in Bella Bella



Great Bear Rainforest tour traditional morning brunch, cruising to port in Bella Bella.

These trips can have good opportunities to see grizzly bears, spirit bear viewing days are only in September and October. Note that as with all expedition cruises, the itinerary may change based on weather, wildlife activity, and interests of the guests. This itinerary is to give you a general idea of the trip.

The trip begins and ends in Bella Bella, BC. We can arrange your flights for you once your cruise has been booked or provide you with the flight dates and times required in order for you to book your own airfare.

Details

Group Size: 8, 12 and 24

2020 Departures:

August: 28

September: 13, 22, 30

October: 08

As availability changes frequently please check with us for current available cruises.

2020 Pricing:

From CA\$9,048 – twin to CA\$11,976 – twin

Plus CA\$100 Sustainability Fee, per person on all sailings and all cabin types.

Taxes: 5% GST

Prices are “starting from” rates. shown in CA\$, per per person based on two people sharing a twin cabin. Single rates are 1.5X the above per person, twin prices. Please inquire for an exact quote. Ship: Cascadia

Trip Code:

009375-W20

INCLUDED

- Comfortable, classic ship-board accommodation
- All meals and snacks prepared freshly for you by a chef, highlighting local, fresh specialties
- All beverages – coffee, tea, juice, soda, filtered water, craft beer and wine
- Shore trips, wildlife viewing and zodiac excursions guided by expert, knowledgeable crew/guides
- Cultural site visits with local guides
- Services of a naturalist and crew aboard the ship and ashore
- Open wheelhouse for visits
- Use of gear on board including kayaks, fishing gear and rubber boots
- Pre-departure material
- Low passenger to staff ratio

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Pre/post nights in Bella Bella or elsewhere in BC
- Transfers to/from the ship
- \$100 sustainability fee
- 5% GST



TOUR NOTES

Cascadia (Catamaran): Cascadia is a go-anywhere, expedition style catamaran. She accommodates up to 24 guests in 12 luxurious cabins, with a crew of 10. She is unlike any other vessel offering expeditions on the BC coast, having been built specifically for high-quality, boutique cruises. Light, spacious and comfortable, she is also capable of reaching the wildest, most naturally rich places on the coast. Her small size and guest numbers provide an authentic, human-scale experience that respects the carrying capacity of coastal inlets and communities. The Cascadia offers three cabin categories.

Cat. 1: Smallest cabins with one queen or two twin beds, 3 piece en-suite bathroom, located on Main Deck (with one cabin on Promenade Deck), door access to corridor only. 160 sq ft

Cat. 2: Medium cabins with one queen or two twin beds, 3 piece en-suite bathroom, located on Promenade Deck, door access to deck as well as corridor 195 sq ft

Cat. 3: Largest cabins with one king bed, 3 piece en-suite bathroom, located on Bridge Deck, door access to deck as well as corridor. 235 sq ft

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