



Haida Gwaii and the Canadian West Coast

Itinerary July 10 - July 24, 2026



An Active, In-Depth Journey
by Way Out West Tours and
Ocean Edge Expeditions



Overview

Embark on a fully guided, 15-day journey through **Haida Gwaii and the Canadian West Coast**, combining scenic landscapes, rich culture, and engaging activities at a comfortable pace. From the vibrant streets of **Vancouver** and **Victoria**, to the coastal forests of **Tofino**, the charming towns of **Campbell River** and **Whistler**, and finally the remote islands of **Haida Gwaii**, this tour immerses you in Canada's Pacific coast like never before.

Enjoy **daily explorations**, short hikes, wildlife encounters, and **cultural experiences** led by professional local guides, with all ground transportation, select meals, and accommodations thoughtfully arranged. This journey is designed for curious travelers who want to experience Western Canada beyond the highlights, without compromising comfort or ease.

Booking

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Inclusions

Included in Tour offer:

- 14 nights accommodation
- 14 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 9 dinners
- All ground transportation as per itinerary
- Return flight Vancouver - Haida Gwaii (economy class)
- Professional local guides throughout
- All listed daily activities and excursions
- All applicable local taxes and national parks fees
- Gratuities

Note: Itinerary and inclusions can be subject to changes due to external factors such as weather or supplier constraints.

Excluded

- Flights to/from Vancouver before/after tour
- Travel insurance
- Optional activities
- Meals not listed
- Personal expenses

Payment, Cancellation

Prices including 5% GST (Goods & Services Tax):

- Double Occupation \$12,390 CAD
- Triple Occupation \$11,890 CAD
- Quad Occupation \$11,390 CAD
- Single Occupation \$14,890 CAD

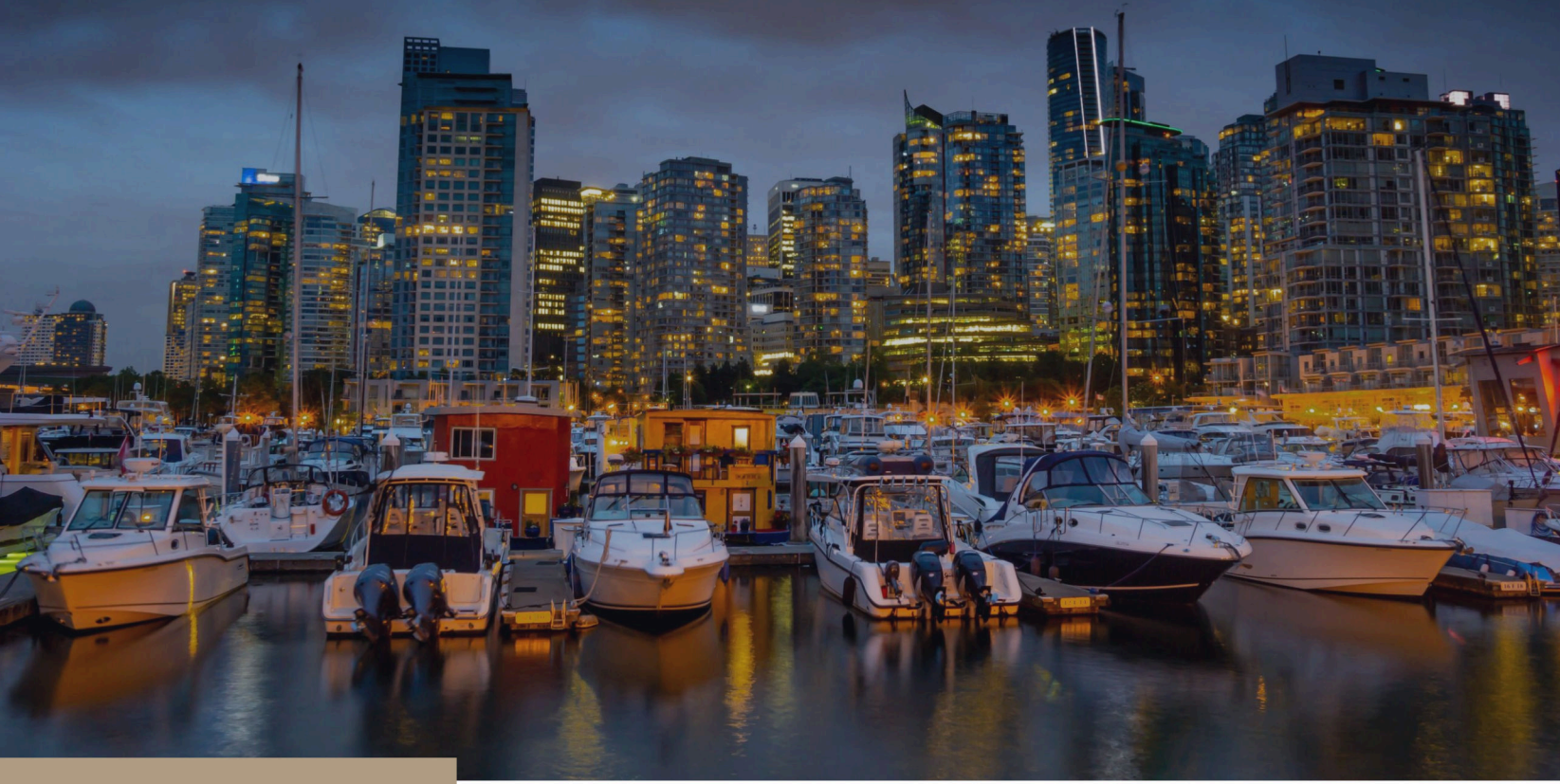
A 25% deposit is required to secure the booking. Full payment is required 60 days before departure.

No fees for Canadian Interac, European IBAN or US ACH payments. A 2.9% fee applies for credit card payments.

Cancellations with more than...

- 60 days notice: 75% of tour price will be refunded,
- 30 days notice: 25% of tour price will be refunded,
- no refund for shorter notice or no-show.

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DAY 1, July 10 VANCOUVER

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Your journey begins in this vibrant west-coast city. Starting at noon, your tour director from Way Out West Tours will take you on a guided tour of Vancouver's highlights. See the totem poles in **Stanley Park**, the Lions Gate Bridge, Downtown, Chinatown, and Gastown, and learn about the rich and diverse history of this remarkable place.

During the **welcome dinner**, you will meet your fellow travelers, and your tour director will share everything you need to know about the exciting two weeks ahead.

Details:

- Meals: Welcome Dinner
- Accommodation: Sheraton Wall Center

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DAY 2-3, July 11 - 12 VICTORIA

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Day 2: Cross the Georgia Strait by ferry and arrive on Vancouver Island—your home for the next week. The first highlight is a visit to the famous **Butchart Gardens**, a stunning collection of themed flower gardens, including the Japanese Garden and the Sunken Garden. In the afternoon, arrive in British Columbia's capital, Victoria, where your guide leads a tour from historic **Chinatown** to Mile Zero. Afterwards, explore the city on your own: visit the **Parliament Buildings**, the Royal BC Museum, or enjoy a stroll along the waterfront to Fisherman's Wharf.

Day 3: Today brings you to Sooke for a round of guided **kayaking** — traditionally one of the most important modes of transport along Canada's rugged coastline. Alternatively explore Sooke town. Afterwards, take time to explore the lush **Sooke Potholes Provincial Park**, set within a mystical, forested river landscape. The day concludes with a relaxed group dinner.

Details:

- Meals: Breakfasts, Dinner on day 3
- Accommodation: Huntingdon Hotel



DAY 4-6, July 13-15 TOFINO

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Day 4: Your journey continues through the interior of Vancouver Island, where you will meet some special residents: wild animals at a **rescue centre**, offering insight into the beauty and fragility of Western Canada's wildlife. Afterwards, the group goes on a short hike to the "Hole in the Wall" rock formation. The destination for the day is Tofino and **Pacific Rim National Park**, known for its surfing beaches, marine wildlife sightings, and west-coast lifestyle.

Day 5: Tofino awaits with an abundance of activities. Take a boat to Maquinna Provincial Park and enjoy a swim at the natural **Hot Springs Cove**. Along the way, spot sea lions, bald eagles, and—if you are lucky—whales or black bears.

Day 6: More opportunities to get active in Tofino. A moderate hike through the rainforest leads to a historic **plane crash site**. Visit beautiful beaches, and try a **surfing lesson** or join a **whale-watching tour**. Beyond its marine activities, Tofino is also known for its vibrant restaurant scene.

Details:

- Meals: Breakfasts, Dinner on day 5
- Accommodation: The Inn At Tough City



DAY 7-8, July 16-17 CAMPBELL RIVER

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Day 7: Vancouver Island has much more to offer. The morning begins with a visit to Ucluelet, or “Ukee.” Go for an easy hike on the **Wild Pacific Trail** along the rugged west coast, where powerful waves crash over boulders and cliffs. It is an ideal place to spot wildlife, listen to the ocean, and enjoy a picnic. Next, stop at an **old-growth forest** and the bizarre rock formations of the **Oyster Creek Potholes**. You will arrive in Campbell River, the world’s salmon fishing capital.

Day 8: Campbell River is a “real” Canadian town, and today you will experience local life and celebrate with the community. Visit a **salmon hatchery** and learn about this keystone species. Feel the power of water while crossing the suspension bridge at **Elk Falls**. Visit the traditional **Tyee Fishing Club** at the mouth of the Campbell River. A fisherman will show you around the Club house and tell you about his biggest catch of “Tyee”. Explore the **Campbell River Museum** to learn about coastal First Nations' culture, logging, and fishing, and see evidence of history’s largest conventional explosion, which occurred nearby. Afterwards, relax by the ocean or explore this original North Island town with its many antique stores, gift shops and local crafts markets.

Details:

- Meals: Breakfasts (one of them picnic style), Dinner on day 7
- Accommodation: Above Tide Motel (with ocean-front rooms)



DAY 9-10, July 18-19 WHISTLER

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Day 9: The tour leaves Vancouver Island and continues to Whistler, host of the 2010 Winter Olympics. After returning to the mainland by ferry, enjoy one of British Columbia's most scenic drives along the **Sea-to-Sky Highway**. The road winds beside the Howe Sound fjord, offering spectacular views of islands and the **Coast Mountains**, with scenic stops along the way.

Whistler Village is a lively pedestrian-only area. Your tour director will lead a walking tour highlighting key sights, museums, dining options, and local shops.

The region is home to the **Squamish and Lil'wat Nations**, who together established a cultural centre well worth visiting. A welcoming song introduces a guided tour where you will learn about local traditions, arts, and First Nations history.

Day 10: Time to get active in the mountains. Choose one of the following included activities: Visit Whistler Olympic Park and try yourself at the biathlon shooting range, ride the Peak 2 Peak Gondola, go zip-lining or relax in the Scandinavian Spa. This evening marks the end of the first part of your vacation and the group meets for a group dinner again.

Details:

- Meals: Breakfasts, Dinner on day 10
- Accommodation: Whistler Village Inn & Suites



DAY 11-12, July 20-21 HAIDA GWAI

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Day 11: One more time you pass along the Sea 2 Sky Highway and reach the airport of Vancouver. The group boards a flight to Sandspit in Haida Gwaii. This is where you meet your Ocean Edge Expeditions tour director who leads the last days of the tour.

Your Haida adventure begins with a scenic journey by highway and ferry to **Graham Island**. After checking into your comfortable accommodation, you'll enjoy a traditional Haida dinner in the home of a **local Elder**, savoring authentic cuisine while learning about Haida Gwaii's rich culture and history. This intimate gathering offers a deep connection to the land and its people, concluding with an orientation to prepare you for the incredible experiences ahead.

Day 12: Begin with a **guided pole tour** at the Haida Heritage Centre, where you'll learn about the significance of Haida crest poles and their stories. Explore the **Saahlinda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum**, immersing yourself in the island's history through ancient artifacts and Haida craftsmanship. In the afternoon, embark on a cultural interpretive hike along the **GuulGa Siiwaay K'iiwaay/Spirit Lake Trail**, guided by a local expert who will share the rich history and significance of the land..

Details:

- Meals: All Breakfasts, Lunch on day 12, and both Dinners
- Accommodation: Jags Guest Rooms



DAY 13-14, July 22-23 HAIDA GWAI

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Day 13: Immerse yourself in Haida artistry by visiting a local carving shed to learn about the intricate process of Haida crest pole creation. Then, explore Haida art galleries featuring both traditional and contemporary works. Next, visit the **Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum** to discover the region's maritime history before heading to North Beach to see the tallest standing Haida crest pole in Hiellen Longhouse Village. In the afternoon, enjoy an easy hike to the **blowholes**, followed by an optional and more moderate trek up **Tow Hill**, a historic landmark once used by Haida navigators. Both trails offer breathtaking views and a deeper connection to the island's cultural and natural landscapes.

Day 14: Embark on another Haida experience. Journey to **K'uuna Lhagaay**, an ancient indigenous village site, where an enclosed vessel takes you to a powerful historical landscape filled with original Haida crest poles and rich cultural stories. This tour provides excellent opportunities to witness marine life along the way, making for an unforgettable day on the water.

Details:

- Meals: All Breakfasts, Lunches and Dinners
- Accommodation: Jags Guest Rooms



DAY 15, July 24 HAIDA GWAII

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On this last day, visit the iconic Balance Rock, a striking natural landmark perfect for reflection. We will then board the ferry to travel to Moresby Island to participate in a short, easy hike on the Louise Dover Memorial trail located in the Damaxyaa Conservancy. We will then enjoy a farewell lunch together prior to travelling to the Sandspit Airport to check-in for departure.

Details:

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
- Transport: Flight back to Vancouver (Economy Class, 1 piece of checked luggage)