

Ocean Edge Expeditions

– Haida Gwaii –



The Treasures of Haida Gwaii – A Six-Day Experience

Ocean Edge Expeditions offers opportunities for guests to experience the unique wilderness of Haida Gwaii and its profound heritage with local guides. Haida Gwaii is the traditional and ancestral territory of the Haida Nation who have been stewards of these lands since time immemorial. Haida Gwaii was not glaciated during the most recent Ice Age resulting in coastal rainforests, wetlands, sand dunes, beaches, rugged mountains, streams, and lakes that nurture an extensive population of plants

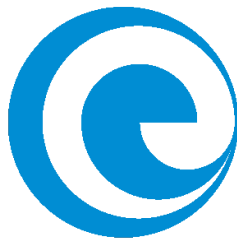
and animals that exist nowhere else on earth. For this reason, Haida Gwaii is often referred to as the *Galapagos of the North*. This six-day tour includes novel ways to explore this unique, breathtaking land and be immersed in Haida Gwaii culture.

We're dedicated to connecting guests with the natural wonders of Haida Gwaii by offering unique land-based and water experiences. Explore local spots with a guide who is passionate about showing you their backyard!

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Welcome to Haida Gwaii

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Day 1

Meet at the Sandspit airport for the tour kickoff. Travel by highway and ferry to Graham Island to check into accommodation, followed by a welcoming traditional Haida dinner in an Elder's home and orientation.

Day 2

Immerse yourself in Haida culture at the Haida Heritage Centre with a pole tour and exploration of the Saahlinda Naay *Haida Gwaii Museum*. In the afternoon you will continue your Haida immersion with a unique cultural opportunity to weave Western red cedar bark. You will then have the option to participate in a guided interpretive cultural hike of the GuuhlGa Siiwaay *K'yuu Spirit Lake trail*.

Day 3

Explore northern Graham Island to meet Haida artists in their carving shed and learn about the process of carving a pole, from first selecting the tree, and all that is involved until it is raised. Visit Haida art galleries and the Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum. Travel to North Beach to view a pole located in the Hiellen Longhouse Village with the option to participate in an easy hike to the blowholes and/or a moderate hike up Tow Hill, which long served as a landmark to canoes crossing Dixon Entrance.

Day 4

Option 1: K'uuna Lnagaay (Skedans): Visit the ancient Haida village site of K'uuna Lnagaay on the east coast of Haida Gwaii by travelling one hour by zodiac. This site has been uninhabited since the 1880s, but you can still see an array of poles standing in their original locations.

Option 2: Salmon Fishing: Enjoy an hour long scenic boat ride to the west coast to enjoy a day fishing for delicious salmon. Cartwright Sound, situated on the west-facing side of Graham Island, is famous for its nutrient rich water, which is a magnet to salmon. Almost all major runs of salmon on the west coast must pass by Haida Gwaii during migration and consequently into the fishing grounds known to locals as Skidegate Point (Cartwright Sound). Salmon will be professionally packaged for guests to take home (third party fee based on weight).

Both experiences provide opportunities to view marine life.



Jaalen's carving shed in Masset

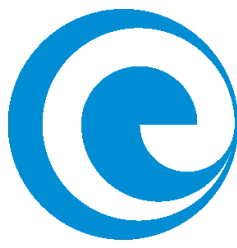


Fishing the West Coast.

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Day 5

Participate in a short, easy hike on the Golden Spruce trail surrounded by giant old growth trees to view the place where the famous Kiid K'iiyas (Ancient Tree) once towered. Then travel to Port Clements to explore its Museum for a walk through Haida Gwaii's pioneer history. In the afternoon, enjoy the art galleries located in Tlell, ending the day with a tranquil walk along a sandy beach.

Day 6

Farewell: The day will begin with a visit to Balance Rock, one of the most mysterious and photographed sights on Graham Island. We will travel to Daajing Giids this morning to pick up packaged fish prior to boarding the ferry to travel to Sandspit for lunch in advance of departure.

Balance Rock

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservation

The demand for accommodation and services on Haida Gwaii are greater than what is available. Visitors are encouraged to contact [Ocean Edge Expeditions](#) as early as possible to secure reservations.

Deposit & Payment

\$500 + GST per person due upon registration to secure reservation. The balance is due 90 days prior to departure.

Included

- All meals
- Private guide each day
- All admission fees
- Ferry fees
- Daily transportation
- 5-nights accommodation

Not Included

- Airfare to/from Sandspit, BC
- Items of personal nature
- Alcoholic beverages
- Travel insurance (recommended due to inclement weather)
- Professional fish packaging
- Gratuities

Policy: Cancellations, Refundable and Non-refundable

If guests are unable to participate and cancellation occurs at least 90 days prior to the departure date, the full amount of the deposit is refunded. Cancellation made in writing with 60 to 90 days notice: 50% refund of total payment. Cancellation within 0-59 days notice: 100% non-refundable. No refund will be made for lost nights or services due to flight delays, including weather delays.

Ocean Edge Expeditions will work with clients to re-schedule tours on alternate dates within twelve months of original booking date, bookings are non-transferable. *Travel insurance is highly recommended due to inclement weather.*

Ocean Edge Expeditions reserves the right to modify any trip due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

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