



ITINERARY

HAIDA GWAII'S FIRST NATIONS HERITAGE

Haida Gwaii, once known as the Queen Charlotte Islands, is an archipelago of over 150 islands located about 40 miles off British Columbia's Pacific Coast. Inhabited by the Haida people for over 13,000 years, Haida Gwaii is a remote land of exceptional natural beauty that boasts a rich and vibrant First Nations culture. On this itinerary, you will explore the heritage of the Haida people with guided visits to monuments and museums in the gateway city of Vancouver, then firsthand through an all-inclusive stay at the Haida-owned-and-operated Ocean House at Stads K'uns Gawga wilderness lodge.

If you are interested in this itinerary, please contact Sara Thomas at 2L TRAVEL at sara.thomas@2ltravel.com for more information.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dive into First Nations culture in Vancouver's Stanley Park and the Museum of Anthropology at UBC.
- Stay at the unique Ocean House at Stads K'uns GawGa floating luxury wilderness lodge.
- Experience the untouched beaches, ancient village sites and mysterious forests of the Haida Gwaii Archipelago.
- Visit the largest collection of Haida Gwaii totem poles still remaining in their original locations on an exhilarating seaplane adventure.

ROUTE AND STOPS

6 Days & 5 Nights

- Vancouver
- Haida Gwaii

TRAVEL STYLES

- Educational Travel
- Romance

PASSIONS

- Nature
- People + Culture
- Sports + Adventure
- The Arts
- Wellness

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Rosewood Hotel Georgia
- The Ocean House at Stads K'uns GawGa



SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: VANCOUVER ARRIVAL

Welcome to Canada! After clearing customs and collecting your baggage, meet your chauffeur and be privately transferred to your luxurious accommodations at the Rosewood Georgia Hotel. An elegant and refined luxury property, the Rosewood Hotel Georgia combines historic, roaring '20s-era charm with the modern amenities and impeccable service that define the Rosewood brand. After checking in, spend the day getting acclimated to your new surroundings and exploring Vancouver's waterfront downtown area at leisure.

Overnight at Rosewood Hotel Georgia

DAY 2: VANCOUVER'S FIRST NATIONS ART AND CULTURE

This morning, kick off your First Nations adventure with a guided excursion into Vancouver's Stanley Park. The largest of its kind in North America, Stanley Park is a densely-forested, sprawling urban park that is home to nine authentic First-Nations totem poles. Learn about the history and symbolism depicted in these impressive works and enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch before proceeding to Vancouver's North Shore for a visit to the tranquil Capilano River Canyon and salmon hatchery. Make your way through the coastal rainforest and enjoy captivating views of Burrard Inlet as your guide provides insight into the life cycle of the Pacific Salmon.

In the afternoon, visit the Museum of Anthropology to get an introduction into the indigenous people of Kwakwaka'wakw and Haida First Nations of the Northwest Coast. Your tour will be led by a museum curator who will highlight various specimens that help tell the stories of the First Nations peoples. Learn about traditional ceremonies while viewing beautifully-adorned regalia, including masks, headdresses, canoes and totem poles. Return to your hotel in the early evening and enjoy the night at leisure.

Overnight at Rosewood Hotel Georgia

DAY 3: VANCOUVER TO HAIDA GWAI

This morning, be privately transferred to the Vancouver International Airport for your flight to Gwaii Haanas, or Moresby Island. From Sandspit, complete the last leg of the day's journey via a breathtaking helicopter transfer, arriving at the Ocean House at Stads K'uns GawGa in the late morning.

The Ocean House at is an utterly remote, fly-in wilderness lodge set among the tranquil waters of the Stads K'uns GawGa, or Peel Inlet. Perfectly conceived to provide an eclectic combination of outdoor adventure activities, rich cultural experiences, and the ultimate relaxation, this luxurious, floating resort grants exceptional access to untouched beaches, ancient village sites and the mysterious forests of Haida Gwaii.

After checking into your well-appointed accommodations, delight in a gourmet lunch, and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Feel free to explore the surrounding area on your own, learn about Haida Gwaii from the on-property cultural interpreters, or take advantage of the lodge's rejuvenating spa area.

Overnight at The Ocean House at Stads K'uns GawGa

DAY 4: MORNING HIKING EXCURSION

After breakfast this morning, join your expert cultural interpreter and guide on a hiking excursion through the wilderness surrounding The Ocean House. Take in the sights, smells, and sounds of the rainforest, and watch for passing bald eagles overhead. Your guide will stop to point out local species of flora and fauna that play vital roles in traditional Haida ways of life. Arrive at an ancient Haida winter village site that once served as home to over 300 inhabitants living in about 20 longhouses. Marvel at the distinct beauty of the site, as the mossy remains of the village are gradually reclaimed by the forest. Break for a picnic lunch in a tranquil, shady spot and listen to your guide recount Haida folklore that has been passed down for countless generations. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon, and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure, again taking advantage of the hotel's luxurious amenities.

Overnight at The Ocean House at Stads K'uns GawGa

DAY 5: SGANG GWAAY TOTEM POLES

This morning, board a float plane at the lodge, and head into the nearby Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve. Enjoy the incredible scenery of the Haida Gwaii landscape from above, and with a little luck, catch glimpses of the archipelago's resident whales, dolphin and sunfish. Land at Rose

Harbour, and proceed by zodiac watercraft to SGang Gwaay, where your Haida Watchmen guide will meet you at the beach and escort you through the rainforest on a hike to the Llanagaay village site. Laying claim to the largest collection of Haida totem poles still remaining in their original locations, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was once home to a dynamic First Nations community before an outbreak of smallpox decimated its population in 1862. Spend some time exploring the village site with your guide, taking in the haunting beauty of its monumental totem poles, and learning about the people that once made their lives here. Enjoy a picnic lunch, then proceed at a leisurely pace back to the beach- keeping your eyes out for wildlife sightings along the way- where you will be transferred by zodiac and seaplane back to the lodge. Arrive in the late afternoon, and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Overnight at The Ocean House at Stads K'uns GawGa

DAY 6- DEPARTURE

This morning, after breakfast, say farewell to the Ocean House, and board your helicopter for the flight back to Sandspit. Catch your connecting flight to Vancouver International Airport and board your flight home.

ACCOMMODATIONS



ROSEWOOD HOTEL GEORGIA

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Imbued with legacy and luxury, a magnificent history lends a distinct ambience of grace to this charming Vancouver luxury hotel.



THE OCEAN HOUSE AT STADS K'UNS GAWGA

HAIDA GWAI, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

*Temporarily closed due to archeological findings. Scheduled to reopen Fall 2020 * Ocean House is a luxurious eco-adventure and cultural lodge designed to revitalize, enchant, and inspire you, and leave you with a lasting connection to the land and to yourself.

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