



The Haida Gwaii Tour includes local transportation, most meals except supper on Thursday evening, welcome and farewell events, accommodation, entry to attractions, a Haida feast, trip swag, taxes and gratuities. Participants must be physically fit and able to walk without assistance for short distances on uneven ground. Flights from Vancouver to Haida Gwaii and return are NOT included in the tour price. Economy flights, when available and booked ahead, are approximately \$700 return.

Pricing for the four 2018 tours (**June 4-8, June 11-15, September 17-21, and September 24-28**) will be **\$1700** per person double accommodation with a \$200 additional charge for single accommodation when available. Please indicate your preferred tour start date and arrange your deposit of **\$700** per person (cheques/debit) to confirm your seat to **Marlin Travel, 921 Canada Avenue, Duncan, BC V9L 1V2.**

Confirmations will be on a first come-first served basis. DO NOT BOOK your flights until you are confirmed on the tour. Marlin Travel in Duncan can help arrange your flights and travel insurance. Questions about the tour should be directed to Bill Dumont at (250) 743-9882 or bill@dumontevents.com.

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Haida Gwaii – Land of the People – is Canada’s most westerly point and includes more than 150 islands in the North Pacific Ocean west of Prince Rupert and 700 km north of Vancouver. Over 13,000 years the Haida people have inhabited more than 100 village sites. Named the Queen Charlotte Islands after colonial arrivals in the 1700’s this beautiful archipelago was rightly labelled Haida Gwaii again in the past decade. Known as the Misty Islands they are on many people’s travel desires.

The two main islands – Moresby and Graham – are home to about 4,500 residents of which half are of Haida descent. The major communities include Sandspit, Queen Charlotte City, Skidegate, Tlell, Port Clements, Masset and Old Massett and we visit all of them on our tour. There are airports at both Sandspit and Masset.

The Haida are legendary for their well-developed and famous culture, love of their home, fierce defenders of their destiny, superb artisans and close relationship to the natural world. About half of the Haida live off the Islands in many places including Prince Rupert, Alaska, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.



Our weeklong Haida Gwaii tour starts with arrival in Sandspit on Moresby Island on Monday morning on the Air Canada flight from Vancouver. Following lunch, our group of 10 travels by van through commercial forests, the Copper River and Skidegate Lake enjoying the diverse landscapes. We make new friends at our Welcome reception before supper and spend the first night at the community-owned Sandspit Inn.

Day two includes a short BC Ferry journey to Graham Island and Queen Charlotte

City for two nights. We visit the spectacular Haida Gwaii Museum and Haida Heritage centre with its excellent gift shop. We tour one of the oldest non-Haida communities of Queen Charlotte and spend some time at the Visitors Centre. We will meet some locals and there is an optional 1 hour Beaver float plane fight to the awesome West Coast. Supper that night is at Skidegate’s Keenawaii’s kitchen where Roberta Olsen hosts us to a fabulous Haida meal.

Next morning, we stop at the Taan Forest office to learn about their certified operations and then head north to the Juskatla area for a day in the forest. We start at the Golden Spruce trail with its magnificent old growth forest adjacent to the Yakoun River, Haida Gwaii’s largest waterway. We stop at Port Clements museum before an early 4 course supper at Haida House in Tlell.

Thursday morning we leave Queen Charlotte heading north along the east coast to Masset to take in the spectacular viewscapes in Naikoon Provincial Park, visit the new Hiellen longhouse village and walk the boardwalk to the top of Tow Hill where we can see Alaska in the distance and the beautiful North Beaches.



Thursday evening we have our farewell reception at the Engelhard’s Oceanview Lodge in Massett. Friday we tour the Delkatla Wildlife Reserve and a famous Haida carver’s shed in Old Massett before we fly home to Vancouver on the afternoon Pacific Coastal flight.

The tour is led by Bill Dumont who is an experienced guide and lived on Haida Gwaii for several years and maintains friendships there. Bill has done many local and international tours including South Africa, California, Oregon, New Zealand, England and various parts of BC. His clients consistently rate his tours at better than 9 out of 10 for content, arrangements and value for money.

