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Great Bear Rainforest Sample Itinerary

Day 1 – Participants will meet at the top of the Municipal Dock on the Bella Bella waterfront. Upon boarding the ship, cabins will be assigned, an introductory safety briefing completed and then we set sail for the Great Bear Rainforest. Each night we anchor in a different, secluded anchorage.

Day 2-3 – We now head deep into the coastal mountains and will focus the next two days on the Fiordland Provincial Protected Area. Kynoch Inlet has some spectacular rock faces and waterfalls. We will explore remote estuaries and hope to see bears attracted by the spawning salmon. We may visit the native village of Klemtu to see the new longhouse, recently built for the local community.

Days 4-7 – We now travel along the shore of Princess Royal Island – the best known area for seeing the rare Spirit or Kermode bears. These bears are actually black bears with a recessive gene that makes about ten percent of the bears in this area all-white. We will visit creeks and river estuaries and keep an eye out along the shore as we travel. Khutze Inlet has a beautiful river valley, an abundance of birdlife and we often see bears along the shore. We will spend a day with local Tshimshian guides taking us to their favourite wildlife viewing areas or showing us their ancient sites and intriguing art. In Whale Channel we expect to see humpback whales and will take the time to observe these amazing 15 metre long creatures. In Principe Channel we hope for a good wind, to set the sails and have one of our best sails of the voyage.

There will be time to explore the protected waters using our stable, sea kayaks that we carry onboard. On our daily shore excursions, our onboard naturalist will help identify different coastal plants and interested participants can help keep a species list for the trip. With a good low tide, we may explore the shoreline for different species of colourful sea stars, anemone, and algae.

Day 8 – We arrive in Bella Bella late morning. Participants can catch the Pacific Coastal afternoon flight back to Vancouver.