



NORTH COAST / KHUTZEYMATEEN INLET

Sample Itinerary

Aboard S/V

Start and finish in Prince Rupert, BC

This is an amazing expedition combines bear viewing in one of the most well-known bear viewing areas in Canada, keeping watch for orcas and humpback whales, and exploring beautiful outer islands and mountain fiords. We never know what wonderful wildlife sightings and experiences we will encounter each day.

The Khutzeymateen Valley holds Canada's only grizzly bear sanctuary and is home to one of British Columbia's most important coastal bear populations. Khutzeymateen is a native Tsimshian word meaning "a confined space for salmon and bears", a suitable description - as you will soon see. We explore along the Inlet's winding shores and expect some breathtaking bear viewing in the new Khutzeymateen Conservancy.

Located on the northwest coast of BC, this is a beautiful land of dense Sitka spruce rainforest, winding fiords, and high rugged mountains. Glaciers tower above beautiful old growth rain forests and fabulous beaches entice us to explore. River estuaries provide important spawning grounds for many species of salmon, upon which the area's many grizzlies depend. ...ALL ABOARD!

SAMPLE ITINERARY

On all our voyages we intentionally keep our itineraries flexible to take advantage of wildlife sightings, weather and tides, and the interests of the group.

We recommend arriving into Prince Rupert and staying the night a day prior to your trip start date. This is to ensure that the group can set sail on time. There can sometime be unforeseen weather delays when travelling in coastal regions.

Date: Trip Start - Day 1

Meet at the top of the dock on the east side of the **Atlin Terminal** building - 5 minute taxi from the airport shuttle drop off location downtown. A Bluewater crew member will meet you at the top of the dock. After cabin assignments, and a safety orientation we will depart Prince Rupert harbour for the beauty of Chatham Sound and its myriad of islands.

Day 2-3 – We explore the islands of Chatham Sound. Porcher, Stephens and Dundas Islands are the largest in the area. We will walk remote beaches, hike up to a view point and search for sea lions, orcas and humpback whales. There are some lovely areas to explore by kayak or zodiac.

Day 4-5: Khutzeymateen Inlet - We tie up Island Odyssey at a remote floating camp, and proceed by zodiac to see the famed grizzly bears of Khutzeymateen Inlet. The headwaters of the Inlet are Canada's only Grizzly Bear Sanctuary. Covering an area of 45,000 hectares, scientists estimate there are about 50 grizzlies protected by the no-hunting restrictions of the sanctuary. The protected area has recently been expanded to include the entire Inlet as the Khutzeymateen Conservancy. Our trip focuses on bear viewing in the Conservancy, along the shores of the Inlet. In order to minimize our impact, we leave the Sanctuary at the head of the Inlet, to the bears. The Khutzeymateen is jointly managed by BC Parks and the Tshimshian First Nation. Our local guide, Greg Palmer, has been leading grizzly bear viewing trips in the Khutzeymateen for over 10 years and knows the bears intimately.

Day 6 - From fiord-like Portland Canal, we now return to the outer islands and lower topography of Chatham Sound. Tsimshian First Nations have lived in this area for thousands of years. There are two villages along our route; Lax Kw'alaams was once a Hudson Bay Company trading post called Fort Simpson and Metlakatla, which became a model Christian community under Reverend Duncan during late 1800's. They were fortunate to have avoided the smallpox that ravaged many native communities along the Coast. Remote Green Island still has lightkeepers manning the lighthouse and living on the tiny island. If the weather allows, we may go ashore for a visit.

Date: Trip Finish - Day 7 - We return through narrow Venn Passage to Prince Rupert. Venn Passage has an incredible collection of petroglyphs – native rock carvings – including the famous 'Man who fell from heaven'. Accompanied by a local Tsimshian Guide, we plan to see these ancient carvings and learn of their history. We will tie up at the Prince Rupert Port Authority by late morning.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Booking Your Flights

Any reputable travel agent can assist with your travel arrangements. Bluewater Adventures uses **Uniglobe Travelex** services. As a travel agency, they can provide competitive fares and can also assist with any insurance you may need for your trip.

Contact **Anne-Marie** at **(604) 538-2111** or toll free **1(888) 805-3093**, or annmarie@uniglobetravelex.com. From overseas, call collect on the weekdays during office hours.

Please mention that you are a Bluewater Adventures passenger in order to receive our preferred rates.

Air Canada and **Hawk Air** provide daily flights between Vancouver, BC and Prince Rupert, BC. Air Canada also provides service to Seattle and has connections to other cities.

Air Canada	1 (800) 247-2262	www.aircanada.ca
Hawk Air	1 (800) 487-1216	www.hawkair.ca

Please note: The Prince Rupert Airport is located on Digby Island. Access is only by ferry and shuttle bus between the airport and downtown locations. The shuttle service and airport ferry take about one hour. Please allow plenty of time for airport transfer. Check with your airline for specific instructions on check-in procedures and shuttle bus schedule for flights out of Prince Rupert. Also, the airport does not have any food services available.

Call (250) 622-2222 to confirm the shuttle bus schedule. The Prince Rupert Airport Website has useful information <http://www.ypr.ca/index.html> to help plan your trip.

BC Ferry Services

BC Ferries offer service from Port Hardy on Vancouver Island and travels north up the coast to Prince Rupert, BC along "Inside Passage" route. The "Inside Passage" is very scenic but will add 2 days to your trip in each direction. Reservations are required for both vehicles and passengers. For more information contact BC Ferries at 1-888-223-3779 or (250) 386-3431 or www.bcferrries.com

****Be advised that adverse weather and sea conditions can often create delays and disrupt ferry schedules.***

ACCOMMODATION

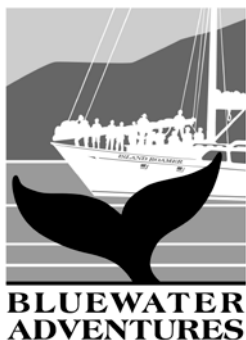
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Eagle Bluff B & B	(250)627-4955 (800) 833-1550	http://www.eaglebluff.ca eaglebed@citytel.net	\$60-\$125CAD
Pacific Inn	(250) 627-1711 (888) 663-1999	www.pacificinn.bc.ca info@pacificinn.bc.ca	\$100-\$175CAD
Crest Motor Hotel	(250) 624-6771 (800) 663-8150	www.cresthotel.bc.ca info@cresthotel.bc.ca	\$179+CAD
The Highliner	(250) 624-9060 (800) 668-3115	http://www.highlinerplaza.com/index.php	\$85-\$115CAD

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please note that this is a remote wilderness area. Radio communications is not dependable and it can take considerable time to make contact with the outside world. Expect not have cellular telephone coverage during the trip. If someone back home needs to get in touch with you for an important message, instruct them to call the Bluewater Adventures office **(604) 980-3800 / Toll Free: 1(888) 877-1770**. Office hours are Monday to Friday (9:00 am to 5:00 pm PST). If they are unable to speak with our office staff they should leave a detailed message which will be relayed at the first opportunity.

In the event of an **emergency** they should first call the Bluewater Adventures office and speak with our staff, or call the emergency telephone number provided through the recorded message. If time is of the essence and the situation is critical, they may call **Prince Rupert Coast Guard Radio** at **(250) 627-3081**. Explain the situation and request assistance in contacting a passenger aboard Island Odyssey sailing the Chatham Sound / Khutzeymateen Inlet area. If Coast Guard deems the situation to be sufficiently urgent they will then issue a radio alert for Island Odyssey to contact Coast Guard on Channel 16 for an urgent message. However, it still may take some time to establish contact.



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