



SALISH SEA EXPLORATION - SUNSHINE COAST

Sample Itinerary

Start/ Finish: Egmont, BC

Vessel: Island Odyssey

Minimum 3-days

This is intended as a Sample Itinerary. Please do not book flights based on information listed in this document as changes are possible. You will be provided with an Arrivals and Departures Itinerary once all details have been confirmed. Please contact us with any questions.

The Sunshine Coast encompasses the northeastern portion of the Strait of Georgia. Travelling through the fjords and islands of this picturesque region is a balm to the soul, especially during these trying times. Experience exquisite Princess Louisa Inlet / swiwelát with your loved ones during this once in a lifetime year with no international yachts visiting. Other highlights of a trip through this region include the Harmony Islands, Skookumchuck Narrows, and the beautiful and quiet Sechelt Inlet.

People with an interest in natural history will thoroughly enjoy this trip. Each voyage is accompanied by an experienced naturalist who will give talks, slide shows, and lead shore excursions. With the help of interested participants we plan to keep a list of the animals and plants we sight each day. We do daily shore excursions in our inflatable zodiacs, as well as short hikes on the various islands. As on all of our trips, you will enjoy absolutely fabulous meals and snacks prepared from scratch by our on-board chef. Expect the food to be delicious and nutritious – a definite highlight! In addition, you will have the opportunity to assist in the handling of our beautiful yacht, learning about sailing and navigation from our experienced crew.

The Sunshine Coast is a treasure of the South Coast and offers many delights that are less travelled than other areas in the Salish Sea. During the Covid-19 pandemic, international boaters are not able to explore BC waters, so these beautiful waterways will be at their most peaceful in our lifetimes.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

On all voyages we intentionally keep our itineraries flexible to take advantage of wildlife sightings, weather and tides, and the interests of the group. This Sample Itinerary represents a 5-day trip, but we can easily craft your custom adventure to be longer or shorter in duration.

Arrival Day into Egmont

Our trip starts in the small town of Egmont. You can decide to either take a short floatplane flight from Vancouver or drive and take a ferry from Horseshoe Bay to reach the Sunshine Coast. As unforeseen weather and ferry delays are common when travelling in coastal regions – to ensure that the group can set sail on time – we advise you to arrive in Egmont the day prior to the trip and spend the night prior to our departure at the West Coast Wilderness Lodge.

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Day 1 – Trip Start

Guests will meet the vessel's crew mid morning at the dock at the West Coast Wilderness Lodge in Egmont. Upon boarding the vessel, cabins will be assigned and following a brief introduction and safety orientation we will set sail for one of the area's many beautiful attractions.

The Harmony Islands are a short sail from Egmont and provide a protected anchorage from which to enjoy the cascading waterfalls coming from Freil Lake. Guests will have the opportunity to kayak or paddleboard among the islands, or even snorkel if you are hardy enough to enter the chilly water (wetsuits are needed)!

We will spend each evening in different and beautiful anchorages with wonderful views. During our daily shore or small boat excursions, our onboard naturalist will help identify different coastal plants, animals, birds and marine life. Interested participants can help keep a species list for the trip. There will be time to explore the protected waters using our stable sea-kayaks.

Days 2 – 4

Travelling up Jervis Inlet on the diurnal inflow winds will give us a chance to shake out the sails and enjoy the finest mode of travel known to mankind (our bias is showing!) as we head north into the mountain-flanked fjord. On all sides, mountains tower overhead and waterfalls rush into the ocean. We will travel 25 miles into the coast mountains before reaching Malibu Rapids where currents can reach over 9 knots. This is the entrance to the beautiful Princess Louisa Inlet (swiwelát), one of the most picturesque areas on the Pacific coast. Ancient First Nations' pictographs (rock paintings) mark the cliffs at the water's edge highlighting the area's historic importance to coastal indigenous people. At the head of the Inlet is the magnificent Chatterbox Falls, surrounded by a network of trails to explore.

After departing Jervis Inlet we plan to explore either Sechelt Inlet passing through Skookumchuck Narrows or the outer islands in the Strait of Georgia depending on the weather and interests of the group. The Skookumchuck Rapids reach speeds of 18 knots – the fastest tidal rapids on the BC coast – and are a wonder to behold if the tidal cycle fits our schedule. The Sechelt Inlet's Marine Provincial Parks offer many fine opportunities for kayaking and swimming in protected waters.

Travelling to the head of Narrows Inlet through Tzoonie Narrows leads to the mouth of the Tzoonie River, where we may spot bears foraging on sedge grass or fishing for salmon (depending on the time of year!). In the provincial parks there are hiking opportunities, and throughout the inlet we hope to see an abundance of marine life, from porpoises and seals to otters, eagles and seabirds, and perhaps even Bigg's orca.

Should we elect to sail out into the Strait of Georgia, we can visit Nelson and Hardy Islands, or even further out there are provincial parks to explore at the south end of Texada and Jedediah Islands. The entirety of Jedediah is a marine park, purchased in 1995 by the province with help from the estate of Dan Culver - the founder of Bluewater Adventures. Unlike many of the Gulf Islands, it has never been developed beyond homesteads and a mixture of old and second growth forests cover 80% of this peaceful island.

Day 5 - Trip Finish

We will arrive back in Egmont around noon and disembark at West Coast Wilderness Lodge's dock.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Do you require assistance with flights or Travel Insurance?

Our designated travel agent is [Ellison Travel & Tours](#), a member of CWT Vacations. CWT is a full-service travel agency with offices across Canada and they can assist you with flight arrangements, travel/medical insurance, pre-post hotel stays, and more. Bluewater guests will receive the benefit of their local knowledge, contacts and pricing.

You can reach Ellison Travel and Tours directly by completing the [Bluewater Guest Inquiry Form](#).

By telephone: 1-800-265-7022 / 604-983-2470

Or by email: bluewater@ellisontravel.com

If you do not wish to drive and take a ferry to Egmont, you can fly with Harbour Air directly from Downtown Vancouver. Charters are available so you do not have to fly with people outside of your Covid bubble.

Harbour Air	1 800-665-0212	www.harbourair.com
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ACCOMMODATION

The following selected accommodation contacts may be useful in helping to plan your trip around your Bluewater Adventure.

Egmont, BC

West Coast Wilderness Lodge	778.280.8610	lodge@wcvl.com https://www.wcvl.com
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VISITOR INFORMATION

To learn more about the Sunshine Coast and general information on British Columbia's attractions, travel, restaurants, shopping, transportation and accommodation visit Sunshine Coast Tourism at <https://sunshinecoastcanada.com/> or contact info@sunshinecoastcanada.com or Destination British Columbia: 1 800-435-5622 or visit the Destination BC website at www.hellobc.com.



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