



## Átl'ka7tsem/ Txwnéwu7ts / Howe Sound

### Sample Itinerary

Start: Vancouver, BC

Finish: Vancouver, BC

Vessel: Island Odyssey

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.*

For groups looking for a quick getaway from the lower mainland, **Howe Sound** offers an easy escape from the bustle of the city. Sailing on emerald green seas in the daily inflow winds, you will enjoy breathtaking views of towering mountains rising straight from the sea as we explore the islands and shoreline of this local getaway. Hikers will delight in the many trails to be traversed on Gambier and Anvil Islands, while the truly adventurous can snorkel above the shipwrecks at BC's first underwater marine park at Porteau Cove. Other highlights may include kayaking amidst the Pasley Islands and venturing out into the Strait of Georgia in search of humpback whales. This beautiful region lies within the traditional territories of the Squamish and Sheshalh nations.

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 hikes on the various islands that suit the abilities and interests of your group. 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.

Do you have specific ideas for what you want to experience in Howe Sound? Let us know and we will design a trip to meet your desires.

### **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.*

#### **Day 1 – Trip Start**

Your travel pod will meet the vessel's crew late morning at the St. Roch dock at the Quay in North Vancouver. Upon boarding the vessel, cabins will be assigned and following a brief introduction and safety orientation we will set sail out of Vancouver Harbour and through English Bay. Rounding Point Atkinson, we enter a different world away from the bustle of the city and her crowded waterways. A delicious lunch will be served as we cruise the emerald waters towards our first anchorage on Gambier Island. We will cruise close by the Grebe Islets hoping to see seals hauled out on the rocks and rock-climbers on the cliffs by the shore. Orcas are increasingly being spotted in Howe Sound, and we will have the best chance of spotting them if guests and crew alike are keeping a good lookout while we travel.

Gambier is an island with a small community of year-round and seasonal residents and is a much-loved cruising destination by local sailors. If the weather has been warm, the bays can be delightful to swim in.

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The peace of a quiet anchorage under the dark, starry sky will provide much needed and deserved solace while you connect safely with your loved ones.

### Day 2

One of the great benefits of cruising close to the population centre of the lower mainland is the availability of high-quality hiking trails. Depending on the fitness and abilities of your group, we could scale Leading Peak on Anvil Island (5 hours, 765 meters) for an amazing 360-degree lookout over Howe Sound. There are also a number of excellent hikes on Gambier Island, ranging in effort from mild to intense with destinations to mountain peaks or secluded lakes.

If your group prefers sailing or kayaking, we could instead head further into Howe Sound towards Pam Rock and the Christie Islets Migratory Bird Sanctuary. This is a fabulous place for kayaking where you can get view a variety of sea birds, depending on the time of year, including cormorants, black oyster catchers, a variety of gulls, and bald eagles. This is also a seal colony where pups are born and weaned.

Depending on how settled the weather is we may anchor in another of the protected bays on Gambier Island, or further into Howe Sound to Zorro Bay where a pair of beautiful remote beaches await us.

### Day 3 - Trip Finish

On our final day, we will have a final opportunity for a kayak or a swim in the Pasley Islands on our way back towards Vancouver. We will loop around the outside of Bowen Island in hopes of spotting humpback whales in the Strait of Georgia and setting our sails to the summer northwesterly winds. We will arrive back at the dock in North Vancouver around 5 pm after a full day on the water.

## 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.

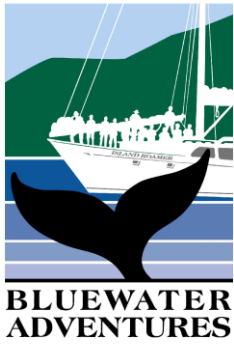
You can reach Ellison Travel and Tours directly by completing the [Bluewater Guest Inquiry Form](#).  
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## TOURIST INFORMATION

For information on activities, you can do in Vancouver before your trip starts, visit <https://www.tourismvancouver.com/> or call (604) 682-2222.

To learn more about Howe Sound and general information on British Columbia's attractions, travel, restaurants, shopping, transportation and accommodation contact Destination British Columbia: 1 800-435-5622 or visit the Destination BC website at [www.hellobc.com](http://www.hellobc.com)

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