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Sacred Trails of Haida Gwaii

Walk Where Stories Are Carved



Moresby Island Courtesy: Destination B.C.

2027 DATES	Double	Single
May 1 - Sold Out!	$8,695	$9,795
May 22	$8,695	$9,795

*Within 60 days of departure, pricing and availability are subject to change. Per-person CAD pricing **includes flights and HST.** Land-only pricing available; alternative home airports may be arranged, subject to availability and additional cost (See Terms & Conditions - Prices)*

TOUR DETAILS	
Duration	7 Days
Fitness Scale	Level A2
Group Size	Max 11
Flights	Included

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Experience one of Canada's most remote and ecologically unique landscapes on this

Haida Gwaii hiking adventure. Often called the “Galapagos of the North,” Haida Gwaii is home to rare wildlife, old-growth forests, rugged coastlines, and pristine lakes.

Your journey begins in Vancouver before flying north to this isolated archipelago, where each day offers new discoveries, from easy coastal boardwalks and hidden coves to challenging ridges and panoramic lookouts. Along the way, local guides share Haida culture, traditional carving, and the history of sacred sites, including the ancient village of K’uuna Llnagaay (Skedans).

With all logistics, flights, accommodations, and meals included, you can fully immerse yourself in the islands’ dramatic landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and untouched wilderness for a truly unforgettable experience.

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What's Included

- Round-trip air from Toronto, ON (YYZ) to Vancouver, B.C., plus round-trip flights from Vancouver, BC (YYT) to Massett, BC (ZMT)
- Connections Program
- Airport transfers
- Private local transportation
- 6 nights of accommodation
- 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners
- Local professional guides & all entry fees and passes
- Boat ride to/from Louise Island
- Boat ride to/from Moresby Island
- Services of an active DeNure Tours Tour Director

Prices are in Canadian dollars, are per person, and include HST.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 walks/hikes including: Two days in Naikoon Provincial Park - Tow Hill and Blowhole Trail, and Pesuta Shipwreck Trail; Golden Spruce Trail, and Hiking on Moresby Island - Louise Dover and Secret Cove Trail
- Private Carving Studio Visit
- Hiellen Village Longhouse & Totem Pole
- Haida Heritage Centre – Guided
- Saahlinda Naay - the Haida Gwaii Museum – Self-Guided

- K̲'uuna Llnagaay (Skedans) – Haida Heritage Site - Guided
- Port Clements Historical Museum
- Authentic Indigenous Meal Experience

Why This Tour is Great

A Rare Place Few People Ever Reach
Even among seasoned travellers, Haida Gwaii remains a destination many only dream about. Its limited access and small-group nature make this journey feel exclusive and intimate; you won't be sharing trails with crowds or lining up at viewpoints. It's the kind of place that feels genuinely undiscovered.

Deep Cultural Connections
Visit Haida Heritage sites, including ancient villages and private carving studios, where local interpreters share the rich history, art, and traditions of the Haida Nation. Many sites are on lands of significant cultural and spiritual importance, providing a meaningful and respectful connection to this Indigenous heritage.

Varied and Scenic Hiking
From easy coastal boardwalks to challenging summit scrambles, enjoy diverse hikes featuring dramatic ocean views, historic shipwrecks, tranquil lakes, and panoramic ridgelines.



Pesuta Shipwreck Trail
Courtesy: Northern BC Tourism/Shayd Johnson



Hiellen Longhouse Village Totem Pole
Courtesy: Destination



Looking up at Tow Hill
Courtesy: Destination B.C.

Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Fly to Vancouver, B.C.
Arrive in Vancouver, a vibrant coastal city nestled between the mountains and the Pacific Ocean, and the gateway to the exciting adventures ahead! Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and take time to settle in and unwind after your journey. This evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure. Enjoy a relaxing overnight stay as you prepare for the adventures ahead.
Stay: Abercorn Hotel, Vancouver, B.C. (1 night)

Day 2: Welcome to Haida Gwaii
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Masset on Haida Gwaii. Upon arrival, meet your local guide and enjoy an included lunch before setting out to explore the island. This afternoon, experience a guided cultural hike along the GuulGa Siiwaay K'yuu (Spirit Lake) Trail (A1/Easy – 5.5km/341m). Accompanied by a Haida knowledge keeper, discover the area's natural beauty while learning about the traditional uses of native plants and their importance to Haida culture. Along the way, gain insight into the deep connection between the Haida people and the land they have called home for generations. In the evening, enjoy an included group dinner.
Stay: JAGS, Skidegate, B.C. (4 nights)
Meals: B, L, D

Day 3: Haida Heritage & Coastal Adventures
This morning, journey north to Balance Rock, a dramatic coastal formation seemingly perched on the edge of the Pacific Ocean. Then, deepen your understanding of the region's culture with a visit to the Haida Heritage Centre featuring a private Haida crest pole tour. Just a two-minute walk away, explore the Saahlinda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum for further insight into Haida history, art, and traditions. Upon arrival in Sandspit, enjoy a short, leisurely walk along the Louise Dover Memorial Trail (A1/Easy – 3.4km/104m), a scenic coastal path rich in natural beauty. Continue to Gray Bay for a peaceful stroll along its expansive sandy shoreline, breathing in the fresh Pacific air. Later, hike to the secluded, picturesque Secret Beach, a hidden gem with stunning coastal views. Enjoy dinnre on the island before cathcing the evening ferry to Skidegate Landing.
Meals: B, L, D

Day 4: Ancient Village Site - K̲'uuna Llnagaay (Skedans)
Today is a true highlight. Travel by boat to K'uuna Llnagaay (Skedans), one of the

most culturally significant locations on Haida Gwaii. Guided by a knowledgeable cultural interpreter, explore the remains of longhouses and standing mortuary and memorial poles that tell stories of lineage, status, and tradition. The coastal setting adds to the profound sense of place and history. Enjoy lunch at the village site, surrounded by the spirit of this sacred landscape. After a memorable day on the water, return to Skidegate and enjoy a special dinner in a Haida Elder's home, an opportunity to experience Haida hospitality and locally inspired cuisine.
Meals: B, L, D

Day 5: Rainforest Trails & Coastal Discoveries
After breakfast, set out to explore the central region of Graham Island, beginning with a hike along the Pesuta Trail (A1/Easy – 12.4km/341m). This rewarding coastal trail leads to the remains of a historic wooden freighter resting along the shoreline. Following the hike, continue north through the charming community of Tlell, where you will have time to browse local gift shops, galleries and artisan offerings. After an included lunch, visit the Port Clements Historical Museum to learn about the community's logging, fishing and early settlement history. Later in the afternoon, proceed to the Golden Spruce Trail (A1/Easy – 5.5km/30km), where your guide will share the story of the legendary Golden Spruce and its cultural significance. Return to the hotel to refresh before gathering for an included dinner.
Meals: B, L, D

Day 6: Haida Art, Culture & Coastal Wilderness
Today, discover the artistic traditions and natural beauty of northern Graham Island. Begin in the Haida community of Old Massett with a visit to the Tluu Xaada Naay Society Longhouse and Carving Shed. Learn about traditional Haida carving, the significance of cedar canoes and monumental poles, and the ongoing efforts to preserve Haida culture and artistic traditions. Afterwards, browse local art shops and galleries, with opportunities to purchase authentic artwork, jewellery and carvings directly from community artists. Following an included lunch in Masset, head to Naikoon Provincial Park to explore the island's spectacular northern coastline. Walk the Tow Hill (A2/Moderate – 2.4km/102m) and Blow Hole trails (A1/Easy – 1.9 km/49m), where lush coastal rainforest meets expansive sandy beaches and dramatic Pacific Ocean views. Take in the sweeping scenery from Tow Hill before witnessing the powerful waves surging through the rocky shoreline at the Blow Hole. Finish the day at Hiellen Village, a traditional Haida village site, before enjoying a delicious dinner.
Stay: Ocean House, Masset, B.C. (1 night)
Meals: B, L, D

Day 7: Delkatla Wildlife Sanctuary & Departure

Enjoy a final morning exploring the natural beauty of Haida Gwaii with a visit to the Delkatla Wildlife Sanctuary. Take a leisurely interpretive walk through this coastal wetland, a haven for migratory birds and local wildlife. Watch for waterfowl, shorebirds, sandhill cranes and other species while taking in the peaceful surroundings of this remarkable habitat. Following the walk, transfer to Massset Airport for your flight to Vancouver, then continue onward to Toronto, bringing your unforgettable Haida Gwaii adventure to a close.
Meals: B

Hiking Details

DAY 2

1. Spirit Lake Trail
(A1/Easy – 5.5km/204km)
This trail meanders through lush, old-growth forest and gentle, rolling terrain, with moss-covered trees and shaded creek crossings along the way. The path opens onto serene lakeside views, where Spirit Lake reflects the surrounding forest and distant peaks. This trail offers a peaceful, immersive experience, letting hikers enjoy the textures of the forest floor, the calm of the water, and the natural beauty of Haida Gwaii's diverse landscapes.
https://www.alltrails.com/trail/canada/british-columbia/spirit-lake-trail

DAY 3

2. Louise Dover Trail
(A1/Easy – 3.4km/104km),
This trail winds through coastal forest, riverbanks, and sandy shoreline to scenic lookout points with sweeping ocean views. Named for Louise Dover, a local conservationist who championed the protection of Haida Gwaii's natural landscapes, the trail offers an easy-to-moderate hike that combines forest immersion with dramatic coastal scenery.
https://www.alltrails.com/trail/canada/british-columbia/louise-dover-trail--2

3. Secret Cove Trail
(H1/Easy – 2km)
The Secret Cove Trail winds through mossy forest and along coastal paths to a secluded shoreline framed by rocky headlands. Calm waters, tidal pools, and quiet beach stretches make this easy-to-moderate hike a peaceful escape.

DAY 5

4. Pesuta Shipwreck Trail
(A1/Easy – 12.4km/341m)
This iconic trail consists of mostly flat coastal paths through old-growth forest, riverbanks, and sandy shorelines to the remains of the historic Pesuta shipwreck, a 264-foot lumber barge driven ashore in a 1928 winter storm, now standing as a haunting testament to Haida Gwaii's rugged maritime past.
https://www.alltrails.com/trail/canada/british-columbia/pesuta-shipwreck-trail

4. Golden Spruce Trail
(A1/Easy – 2.4km/60m)
This easy, well-maintained riverside trail follows a wide gravel path through lush coastal rainforest along the Yakoun River. The route is mostly flat with minimal elevation gain, making for a relaxed and accessible walk. Towering spruce and cedar line the trail, with ferns, moss-covered logs, and occasional wooden boardwalk sections adding to the classic Haida Gwaii forest experience. Gentle river views appear throughout, and interpretive signage marks the site of the Golden Spruce near the turnaround point.
https://www.alltrails.com/trail/canada/british-columbia/golden-spruce-trail

DAY 6

5. Blowhole Trail
(A1/Easy – 1.9km/49m)
This is an easy, mostly flat boardwalk hike through lush coastal forest draped in moss and old-growth trees. The trail leads to dramatic shoreline rock formations and a natural surge channel where seawater can spout at high tide or during stormy weather. This 30–60 minute round-trip walk is suitable for most ability levels. Interpretive signage and viewpoints enhance the experience.
https://www.alltrails.com/trail/canada/british-columbia/blowhole-trail

6. Tow Hill
(A2/Moderate – 2.4km/102m)
Take the Tow Hill Trail to the summit of Tow Hill (Taaw Tldáaw), a striking basalt volcanic plug rising above Naikoon Provincial Park. This moderately easy hike climbs a well-maintained boardwalk and stairs through coastal rainforest to a lookout with expansive views of North Beach, rugged shoreline, and open ocean. Interpretive signs along the trail explain local geology and Haida legends.
https://www.alltrails.com/trail/canada/british-columbia/tow-hill

Important Info for this Tour

This tour includes round-trip air from Toronto, ON to Vancouver, B.C., but guests can join this tour from anywhere in the world! Please contact us to discuss your airfare and pre-and post-tour accommodation options.

The weather in Haida Gwaii varies from day to day. Be sure to pack clothing for layering and be prepared for rapid weather changes on the trails.

Haida Gwaii is remote, with many trails far from towns or services, and cell phone coverage is limited or nonexistent.

The terrain is quite rugged; hiking shoes/boots and poles are recommended.

This itinerary features ferry rides. While most guests won't need any medication, those prone to motion sickness may want to bring along remedies just in case.

Hikes are subject to trail conditions.

Hiking Difficulty & Alternatives *- Hikes may involve uneven terrain, inclines, and extended walking. While we walk at a leisurely pace (3 to 3.5 km an hour based on terrain), the group must stay together. Participation is at your discretion, and travellers are encouraged to assess their own abilities. Guests may choose not to join a hike or amend a hike, in consultation with the Tour Director. In some cases, alternative self-guided options may be taken, though this option is not always available.*

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