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# Sacred Trails of Haida Gwaii

*Walk Where Stories Are Carved*



*Moresby Island Courtesy: Destination B.C.*

| 2027 DATES | Double  | Single  |
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| May 1      | \$8,695 | \$9,795 |

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*Within 60 days of departure, prices are subject to availability. (See Terms & Conditions - Prices)*

| TOUR DETAILS  |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Duration      | 7 Days                 |
| Fitness Scale | <b><u>Level A2</u></b> |
| 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 Lnagaay (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.

## 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, 5 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

- 7 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
- K'uuna Lnagaay (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  
Canada



**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:** Airport Hotel (TBA), Vancouver, B.C. (1 night)

### Day 2: Welcome to Haida Gwaii, Tow Hill and Blowhole Trails

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 beginning your island exploration. Visit a private carving studio for an intimate introduction to

traditional Haida craftsmanship. Then stretch your legs with a relaxed walk along North Beach to the blowholes (A1/Easy – 1.9 km/49m). Continue with a climb up Tow Hill (A2/Moderate – 2.4km/102m), where sweeping coastal views reward your effort.

**Stay:** JAGS, Haida Gwaii, B.C. (5 nights)

**Meals:** B, L, D

### **Day 3: Haida Heritage Centre, Saahlinda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum, Pesuta Shipwreck Trail**

This morning, 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. After lunch, enjoy a round-trip hike to the Pesuta Shipwreck (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, return to the hotel to freshen up before gathering for an included dinner.

**Meals:** B, L, D

### **Day 4: Ancient Village Site - K'uuna Lnagaay (Skedans)**

Today is a true highlight. Travel by boat to [K'uuna Lnagaay \(Skedans\)](#), 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 returning by boat, head back to the hotel to refresh before sharing reflections over an included group dinner.

**Meals:** B, L, D

### **Day 5: Spirit Lake Trail & Golden Spruce Trail, Optional: Sleeping Beauty Trail**

After breakfast, set out on the Spirit Trail (A1/Easy – 5.5km/204m) for a scenic morning hike through peaceful forest landscapes. Following the hike, travel to Port Clements for a picnic lunch and a relaxed walk through the village. Then, visit the [Port Clements Historical Museum](#) to learn about the community's logging heritage and early settler 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 this evening.

#### ***Optional: Full day hike on Sleeping Beauty Trail (A3/Difficult – 5.5km/644m)***

Instead of the trails above, challenge yourself with a full-day hike up Tarundl Mountain, famously known as Sleeping Beauty (Mount Raymond). From the summit, take in panoramic views of Yakoun Lake, Stanley Lake, Daajing Giids, and the surrounding mountain range.

**Meals:** B, L, D

## Day 6: Moresby Island

This morning, take a short ferry ride to Moresby Island. Begin with a hike 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. Return for a special farewell dinner this evening.

**Meals:** B, L, D

## Day 7: Balance Rock, Depart Haida Gwaii

After breakfast, journey north to Balance Rock, a dramatic coastal formation seemingly perched on the edge of the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy time to take in the scenery and explore the surrounding shoreline. From here, transfer to the 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. 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>

#### 2. 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>

### DAY 3

#### 3. 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>

## **DAY 5**

### **4. 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>

### **5. 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>

### **Option: Sleeping Beauty/Tarundl Trail**

(A3/Difficult – 5.5km/644m)

Locally known as Sleeping Beauty, this trail climbs steeply through dense, mossy forest along footpaths featuring rope ladders, natural ladders, and occasional muddy patches. For adventurous hikers, a final hands-on scramble leads to the ridge summit, where panoramic views reveal Haida Gwaii's dramatic coastline, deep valleys, and rugged natural beauty. This trail offers a challenging and immersive experience, blending forest exploration with technical climbing elements and a breathtaking ridge finale.

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/canada/british-columbia/sleeping-beauty-trails-tarundl-mountain>

## **DAY 6**

### **5. 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>

## 6. 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.

### 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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