

4-DAY GWAI HAANAS TOUR 2022 INFORMATION PACKAGE



*Thank you for choosing Moresby Explorers!
Please read through this important information before joining us on tour and don't
hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.*

THE TOUR:

Our four day tour visits the main sites of Gwaii Haanas and still has time to explore. The itinerary of every trip varies somewhat due to weather, tides, the unpredictability of wildlife and any special interests that the group might have. However, we make sure to stop at several ancient Haida village sites, including the well-known UNESCO site of SGang Gwaay. We also take time to visit bays and inlets that few people get to see, and of course, we stop to view any wildlife we might encounter along the way!



MAKE A BOOKING

Head to our website and select the date from our tour schedules that work best for you. Follow the prompts to initiate the booking online. If you have any questions that aren't answered in our FAQs or along the way, give us a shout! You'll need to provide a 25% deposit to confirm your spots and fill out a medical form to ensure the tour is suitable for you. You will need to read and understand our waiver before you sign it.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- If you cancel more than 120 days prior to the beginning of the tour we will refund the full amount.
- Between 120 days and 30 days, we will refund 75% of the total.
- Less than 30 days prior we will keep the full amount. No exceptions will be made.
- If we cancel your tour, for any reason, at any time, we will refund the full amount.
- Moresby Explorers withholds the right to cancel any transport or tour at any time due to adverse weather before or during a tour.

We suggest cancellation insurance. Some credit cards cover this for you, but if not it usually costs about 7% of the cost of the tour. Cancellation insurance covers you in case of illness or accident to you, a family member, or travelling companion, and in case of jury duty, but must be purchased prior to the purchase of the tour. If you would like us to hold off on taking the deposit until you get this insurance, please let us know.





HOW SHOULD YOU DRESS?

All our tours take place on open boats and therefore, it can be very cold and often wet. You should wear warm, layered clothing, preferably synthetic (like fleece) or wool, and, if possible, avoid cotton as it gets cold when wet. We suggest you bring all the warm clothing you have as you can always leave some in the van if your guide thinks you have too much.

You should also bring a warm hat, sunglasses and gloves. You may bring your own rain gear, but we also provide heavy rain gear and gumboots for everyone. It is a good idea to wear your own raingear (jacket at least) underneath the heavy rain gear we provide. Then you can take off the heavy raingear while onshore but still have some protection from the rain.



GEAR LIST:

We have very limited dry space in the boat, so all your gear should fit in a small (less than 35L) soft pack or duffel with no frame. This is approximately the same size as a large school backpack.

- Warm clothing!!
- Warm hat
- Sunglasses and ski goggles
- Gloves
- Scarf or face buff
- Water bottle
- Towel (and face cloth if you use one)
- Toiletries
- Sturdy walking shoes or light hikers
- Bathing suit (optional, in case we go to hot springs or you want to swim)
- Camera (optional)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Sunscreen (optional)
- Snacks (optional)
- Alcoholic beverage (to have with dinner, optional)
- Gratuities (if our staff exceed your expectations, optional)



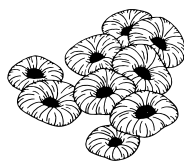


BAGGAGE NOTE

There seems to be an ongoing issue with "bumped" bags for people flying into K'il Kun *Sandspit*, which has caused some difficulty for our guests. If you are planning to arrive in K'il Kun *Sandspit* by plane the day before your tour starts, we highly recommend bringing the bag you plan to bring along on tour as your main carry-on bag, with any items in it that would be absolutely necessary for your overnight trip with us. That way, if your checked luggage does not show up when you get off your flight, you will still be able to join us for the tour without too much stress.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE TRIP

We start the trip by picking you up at your accommodation in K'il Kun *Sandspit* at 7:30 am or at the Alliford Bay Ferry, landing around 7:45 am. We will be gone for four days and three nights. We return in the evening of the 4th day in time to catch the 5:30 pm ferry back to Hlgaaigilda *Skidegate*. Note: Ensure you have any luggage you require for the ferry ride back to Hlgaaigilda *Skidegate* and that you've parked your vehicle at the ferry ahead of time. We cannot drive you to Sandspit and then back to the ferry.





WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BOAT TRAVEL

Our boats are Zodiacs (rigid hull inflatables), which have a deep-V hull that allows them to cut through the water with minimal bouncing, and tubes around the sides provide stability. They are the most comfortable small fast boats around. However, the waters of the Hecate Strait can be unpredictable and choppy, which means the ride can be pretty bouncy, cold and wet.

We usually spend one to two hours in the boat and then get off to walk around, stretch and explore. We rarely spend more than two hours in the boat at once, but occasionally we might be in the boat for as long as three hours if rough weather forces us to slow down.

We have some dry storage under our seats, but it is quite narrow (about 11 inches), and gear stored under there is not available while the boat is in motion. If you are an avid photographer, we recommend having a dry bag to keep your camera equipment dry and accessible. If you have a smaller camera, you can put it in a plastic bag in the inside pocket of your jacket.



PICK UP LOCATION

- We can pick you up from one of three locations;
 - Your accommodation in K'il Kun *Sandspit* at 7:30 am.
 - The Alliford Bay ferry landing around 7:45 am (As you come off the 7:30 am ferry).
 - Moresby Camp at 9:00 am.
- At the end of the day, we will either drop you off at your accommodation in K'il Kun *Sandspit* or we will drop you off to catch a ferry back to Hlgaagilda *Skidegate*.





ACCOMMODATION INCLUDED ON TOUR

For the first and third night, we stay at our small floating lodge. The "float" has cozy double occupancy rooms, a sitting and dining area, and a large covered deck. There are two bathrooms with flush toilets, hot and cold running water - everything except a shower.

For the second night, we stay at the Rose Harbour Guesthouse. This very basic, rustic hostel style (single bed) accommodation is situated on the abandoned Rose Harbour Whaling Station property, where a few people make their homes pioneer style. The toilets are very basic and are non-flushing outhouses. This guesthouse may not be to everyone's taste; however, it is in the very south of Gwaii Haanas, only half an hour from SGang Gwaay. Staying here allows us to visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site without too long a day in the boat. The food is excellent, and there is a wood-fired shower here for you to use in the evening. For more information, visit www.roseharbour.com/descript.html#accommodation

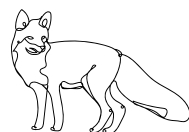
FOOD INCLUDED ON TOUR

We provide all of the meals from lunch day one to lunch day four on the trip, including snacks! Please let us know on the medical form if you have any dietary requirements.

We have a float camp cook who stays at the lodge for a few weeks at a time, hosting and cooking for the trips.



Note: Not exact meals pictured





MORESBY ISLAND/ K'IL KUN SANDSPIT INFORMATION

Sandspit is a small community of about 200 people and is the only community on Moresby Island. There is currently only one restaurant, a small but well-stocked grocery store, a post office, credit/debit card-operated gas station, and a thrift store that is open a couple of days a week. If you are looking for more information on what to do in K'il Kun *Sandspit* or on the islands, there is a Visitor Information Centre at the Airport - (250) 637-5362. If you find yourself with extra time in K'il Kun *Sandspit*, you can go for a walk around the spit or rent a bike and go down to the Dover Trail.

TRAVELLING AROUND MORESBY ISLAND

BIKE RENTALS

Available from the K'il Kun *Sandspit* Visitor Centre.

An excellent way to explore the area!

(250) 637-5362

CAR RENTALS

There is one car rental company in K'il Kun *Sandspit*, and like the other car rental places on the island, car availability can be limited, so make sure you book ahead. Be sure to ask about their policies for unpaved roads if you plan to go to any sites off of the main highway.

Budget Rent-A-Car

Located at the Sandspit Airport

(250) 637-5688

RESTAURANTS

Beaches at Northern Shores Lodge

Open Tuesday to Sunday 5 pm to 9 pm (opening times vary)

(250) 637-2233

Please call the restaurant directly for availability, particularly if coming with a large group

Raincoast Breads

Chefs tasting menu available on Wednesday and Saturday throughout the summer

Bookings available through their website raincoastbreads.com





ACCOMMODATION BEFORE / AFTER TOUR

SEAPORT B&B

Our B&B in K'il Kun *Sandspit* overlooking the beach is three doors down from the Moresby Explorer's office and within walking distance of all the restaurants in town. Built-in 2011, we have room options with shared bathrooms, private bathrooms, a main bedroom with the best oceanview, and a private bathroom. All the rooms have a queen and a single bed and include breakfast in the morning. We also have a shared luggage storage area and internet.

Contact our office to book. 1-800-806-7633 | (250) 637-2215 | www.seaportbb.com

MAADA'S NEST

House rental, or room rental. Great for families or groups, close to our office, and has a full kitchen and laundry.

[379 Blaine Shaw Rd](http://379BlaineShawRd.com) | (250) 637-2373 | www.airbnb.ca

BAYVIEW GARDENS B&B & HOSTEL

Beach front, beautiful garden, breakfast ingredients provided, guest use kitchen.

401 Beach Rd | (250) 637-5749 | Toll Free 1-800-306-6644 |
thebayviewgarden@gmail.com www.bayviewgardenbandb.com

MORESBY ISLAND GUEST HOUSE

Beach front, basic accommodation with private rooms and dorm style shared rooms for a reasonable price.

385 Beach Rd | (250) 637-5300

NORTHERN SHORES LODGE

Beach front, hotel style rooms with a communal space for reading and wave watching.

Pizza sold a few nights a week.

455 Beach Rd | (250) 637-2233

501 RV AND TENT PARK (POSSIBLY CLOSED FOR 2022)

Located on the main road in Sandspit, facilities include both tenting area and RV full service sites. Public laundromat and public showers open 9:00am to 9:00pm (longer for overnight guests).

501 Beach Rd | (250) 637-5473 1rvpark@telus.net





GRAHAM ISLAND INFORMATION

Graham Island hosts the communities of Daajing Giids *Queen Charlotte*, Hlgaagilda *Skidegate*, Tlell, Gaauu Kaahlil Llnagaay *Port Clements*, Masset and Gaw in Xaad kíl *Old Masset*. Each of the communities has its own unique draw, and it is worth it to explore them all if you have time. In Daajing Giids *Queen Charlotte*, you can enjoy the waterfront and unique shops. Hlgaagilda *Skidegate* is home to the Heritage Centre, which has some great Haida history.

Hlgaagilda *Skidegate* also has some Haida Art galleries, gift shops, and food services. In Tlell, there is an artisan community and the start of the hike out to the Pesuta shipwreck. Gaauu Kaahlil Llnagaay *Port Clements* is home to a comprehensive, although small, logging museum and the trail out to where the Golden Spruce stood. Masset has an airport that Pacific Coastal flies into and some great grocery stores and services. Gaw in Xaad kíl *Old Masset*. has some art galleries and gift shops as well.

There is a great Visitor Information Centre in Daajing Giids *Queen Charlotte*. They can answer your questions and help refer you to accommodations and operators that suit your needs. (250) 559-8316 www.qcinfo.ca info@qcinfo.ca



TRAVELLING GRAHAM ISLAND

Travelling from one end of Graham Island to the other is not far, provided you have a vehicle. If not, there are several shuttle, taxi or car rental options, to help you explore!

TAXI SERVICES

Gwaii Taxi and Tours

Licensed taxi service for the communities of Hlgaagilda *Skidegate* and Daajing Giids *Queen Charlotte*. Larger groups can be accommodated with advance notice.

(250) 559-8622

stratton@haidagwaii.net

www.gwaiitaxiandtours.ca





CAR RENTALS

Budget Rent a Car

Weekly and Daily Rates available. Pick up at BC Ferries available.

605 Highway 33, Queen Charlotte (located in Charlotte Island Tire)

(250) 559-4641 Toll Free: 1-877-559-4641 After hours call: (250) 559-4504

citires@qcislands.net

RESTAURANTS

There are many small cafes on the island that are open during the summer and many of them have great ocean views. This is not a complete list, but it gives some options of places that we enjoy frequenting.

DAAJING GIIDS QUEEN CHARLOTTE:

OCEANVIEW RESTAURANT

301-3rd Ave, Queen Charlotte

(250) 559-8503

Open 7 days a week - 7am-8:30pm

Open 7 Days a Week

BLACKTAIL

Great food and drinks, with a small cocktail bar and outdoor covered deck.

Hours vary, check their website or facebook page

www.blacktailhaidagwaii.com

GATHER

Excellent Canadian food with an Italian twist. Mostly locally sourced food. Good vibes. outdoor covered deck.

Hours vary, check their website or facebook page

www.gatherfood.ca

HLGAAGILDA SKIDEGATE:

JAGS BEANSTALK

100 Hwy 16 (Just past the Haida Heritage Centre)

specialty coffees, ice cream, breakfast lunches. Ocean view and outdoor seating.

(250) 559-8826

www.stayatjags.com/coffee-shop





TLELL:

CROW'S NEST COUNTRY STORE

Hwy 16
General Store/Cafe with snacks, treats
and baked goods.
(250) 557-4593

HAIDA HOUSE AT TLALL

2087 Beitush Rd
Excellent table d'hôte dinner menu.
Accommodation available (250) 557-4600

GAAUU KAAHLII LLNAGAAY PORT CLEMENTS

GOLDEN SPRUCE MOTEL

2 Grouse St
Great place for breakfast
(250) 557-4325

YAKOUN RIVER INN AND PUB

117 Bayview Drive
Port Clements, BC
(250) 557-4440

MASSET:

**THE GROUND GALLERY AND
COFFEEHOUSE**

1599 Main St (250) 626-5251

MOON OVER NAIKOON BAKERY

Tow Hill Rd
(250) 626-7737

GAW IN XAAD KÍL OLD MASSET:

HAIDA ROSE CAFE & ROASTER

Fresh roasted coffee beans, high speed internet, lunch specials and souvenirs.
415 Frog Street
(250) 626-3310





ACCOMMODATION ON GRAHAM ISLAND

There are lots of choices for accommodation on Graham Island. It is always good to book ahead of time because most places have 10 rooms or less. This is not a complete list, but we have received good feedback from guests who have stayed at these ones. For more ideas, look at the Daajing Giids *Queen Charlotte* Visitor Information Page at qcinfo.ca.

DAAJING GIIDS QUEEN CHARLOTTE & HLGAAAGILDA, SKIDEGATE:

HECATE INN

321- 3rd Avenue, QC
(250) 559-8788
www.hecateinn.ca

JAGS BEANSTALK ACCOMMODATION

100 Hwy 16, Skidegate
(250) 559-8826
jagsbeanstalk@hotmail.com

SPRUCE POINT LODGE

Box 735, 609- 6th Avenue, QC
(250) 559-8234

PREMIER CREEK LODGE

310 1- 3rd Avenue, QC
(250) 559-8198

DOROTHY AND MIKE'S GUEST HOUSE (SWORD FERN INN)

This accommodation has self- contained suites with full kitchens, ensuite rooms and cottages.

3127- 2nd Avenue, QC
(250) 559-8439
doromike@qcislands.net





TLELL:

CRYSTAL CABIN

778 A Richardson Road
(250) 557-4383
Toll Free 1-866-557-4383

CHATEAU LAWN HILL

Self-contained cottage 19818 Highway 16
(250) 559-7786
ron.rowan96@gmail.com
www.chateaulawnhillcottage.ca

TOAD FARM GUEST HOUSE

Separate Guesthouse Available 35770
Hwy 16
(250) 557-4491
keith@toadfarm.ca
www.toadfarm.ca

GAAUU KA AHLII LLNAGAAY PORT CLEMENTS:

GOLDEN SPRUCE MOTEL

(250) 557-4325
www.goldenspruce.ca
info@goldenspruce.ca

MASSET

ALASKA VIEW LODGE

Tow Hill Rd (250) 626-3333
1-800-661-0019

HAIDA HOUSE AT TLLAAL

2087 Beitush Road
1-855-557-4600
www.haidahouse.com
info@haidahouse.com

CACILIA'S BED & BREAKFAST

(250)557-4664
www.qcislands.net/ceebysea
ceebysea@qcislands.net

SERENITY NOW! B&B

#40623 HIGHWAY 16
(250) 557-4646

SMILLIE'S BED & BREAKFAST

Self-contained cottage 19818 Highway
16 (250) 559-7786
ron.rowan96@gmail.com
www.chateaulawnhillcottage.ca

RAPID RICHIE'S BEACH CABINS

#15901 Tow Hill Rd.
(250) 626-5472
www.beachcabins.com
lotsafun@beachcabins.com





TAAW TLDÁAW TOW HILL

NORTH BEACH CABINS

15965 Road (250) 557-2415
www.northbeachcabins.com

ALL THE BEACH YOU CAN EAT CABINS

15831 Tow Hill Rd
(250) 626-9091
info@allthebeachyoucaneat.com
www.allthebeachyoucaneat.com

COPPER BEECH HOUSE

1590 Delkatla St. (Down by the docks in
Masset)
(250) 626-5441
cbh@copperbeech.com
www.copperbeechhouse.com

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Go Haida Gwaii - <http://gohaidagwaii.ca>
Love Haida Gwaii - <http://lovehaidagwaii.com>

Would you like to learn more about Haida culture and values before you visit? Check out the Haida Gwaii pledge: <https://haidagwaiipledge.ca/>

For any further questions please reach out to us:
email: info@moresbyexplorers.com
phone: (250) 637-2215 or 1-800-806-7633
website: www.moresbyexplorers.com

- THANK YOU AND HAVE A GREAT TRIP! -

