LOUISE ISLAND DAY 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 Louise Island Day Tour is a complete circumnavigation around Louise Island, the third biggest island in Haida Gwaii. Louise Island is outside the boundaries of Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, however, the village site of K'uuna (formerly Skedans), our main stop on tour, is a Haida Heritage Site. We fill out our day with a mix of Haida cultural history, pioneer history, natural history, beautiful scenery, and as much wildlife as we can find.



MAKE SURE YOU TELL US ABOUT:

Health/Mobility: It can often get quite bouncy in the boat, so please let us know if you have any back or neck problems, are pregnant, or can't be bounced around for other reasons. Good mobility is required as getting on and off the boat requires some agility and arm strength to lower yourself over the bow to get off the boat and clamber back up onto the bow when getting back in. We go for walks on the beach and in the woods, so please let us know about any mobility concerns you may have, as sitting out of these walks is not an option.

Accommodation: Please let us know where you are staying the night before the trip, so we know where to find you in the morning. If you are staying in Sandspit, we can pick you up at your accommodation shortly after 7:15 am. If you are staying on Graham Island the night before, you need to catch the first ferry at 7:30 am from Skidegate to Alliford Bay, and we will pick you up at the Alliford Bay ferry terminal. If you are driving, you can leave your car on the side of the highway near the Skidegate terminal and walk onto the ferry to save cost. Be sure to watch for the ferry.





HOW TO DRESS:

All our tours take place on open boats; therefore, you may be exposed to cold and wet weather conditions. We suggest you wear warm, layered clothing, preferably synthetic (like fleece) or wool, and if possible, avoid cotton as it gets very cold when wet. **There is no such thing as too much warm clothing!** Please also consider bringing a warm hat, sunglasses and gloves. You are encouraged to bring your own rain gear, but we can provide heavy rain gear and gumboots.

GEAR LIST:

WE HAVE LIMITED SPACE IN THE BOAT SO ALL YOUR GEAR SHOULD FIT IN A SMALL SOFT PACK OR DUFFEL (~ 35L).

- FACE MASK THAT COVERS NOSE AND MOUTH
- RAIN GEAR WE PROVIDE RAIN GEAR FOR THE BOAT, BUT YOU WILL NEED A JACKET FOR WHEN WE GO ON LAND.
- WATER BOTTLE
- WARM LAYERED CLOTHING
- WARM HAT

- SUNGLASSES AND/OR SKI GOGGLES (FOR THE WIND AND SUN)
- GLOVES
- CAMERA (OPTIONAL)
- BINOCULARS (OPTIONAL)
- SUNSCREEN (OPTIONAL)
- SNACKS (OPTIONAL)
- GRATUITIES (OPTIONAL IF OUR STAFF EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS!)

PICK UP & DROP OFF:

We can pick you up from one of three locations;

- Your accommodation in Sandspit at 7:15 am.
- The Alliford Bay ferry landing around 7:45 am (As you come off the 7:30 ferry)
- Moresby Camp at 9:00

At the end of the day, we will either drop you off at your accommodation in Sandspit or we will drop you off to catch a ferry back to Skidegate.





TRAVELLING ON THE BOAT:

Our boats are zodiacs (rigid hull inflatables) with a deep v-hull that allows them to cut through the water and provide superior stability. They are the most comfortable small and fast boat around! However, the waters of the Hecate Strait can be unpredictable, which means that the ride can become bouncy. We generally spend a couple of hours in the boat and then get off to walk around, stretch and explore. We rarely spend more than 2 hours in the boat at once. If you are an avid photographer, we recommend having a dry bag to keep your camera equipment safe.





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 anytime due to adverse weather before or during a tour.

Would you like to learn more about Haida culture and values before your trip? Visit the <u>Haida Gwaii Pledge</u> website for more information.

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! -

