



WORLD DISCOVERY
— HISTORY CULTURE WILDLIFE —

Grizzly Bear Adventure

ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE (From Port Hardy) – 4 days/3 nights



Meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

Great Bear Rainforest Great Bear Lodge 3 nights

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DAY 1 - Fly by seaplane from Port Hardy to the Great Bear Lodge.

Departing by seaplane from Port Hardy you leave behind the noise of modern life for a pristine wilderness. Journeying to the site is a spectacular adventure in itself, as you travel past the breathtaking scenery of the central coast and over the rich waters of Queen Charlotte Strait, home to orca, gray and humpback whales. Settle into your room at the **Great Bear Lodge**. In the afternoon your grizzly bear experience begins. There are a range of different viewing sites chosen according to where the bears have most been active. The viewing 'blinds' on the river have been constructed with the photographer in mind. Returning to the lodge in the evening you will be treated to a 'wilderness-gourmet' meal. A biologist will present slides and videos, explaining the interaction of the grizzly bear with this unique ecology.

Meals included: Dinner.

DAY 2 - Bear viewing.

After breakfast you will be back on the trail of the grizzly bear. A typical viewing session lasts three hours, after which you will return to the lodge for lunch. Spend the early afternoon exploring the surrounding area with the guide. A popular activity is the interpretive rainforest walk, examining bear signs and the general ecology of the area. In mid afternoon you will venture out to see the bears before returning to the lodge for dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 3 - Bear viewing.

The bears are generally most active in the early morning and late afternoon hours, which is why the focus of viewing sessions is at these times. Over the course of your stay you will be taken to a variety of sites depending on the bear activity. For the afternoon recreation today you may take a guided sea-kayaking tour of the estuary, or a boat cruise to explore the glacier-carved inlet. The Great Bear Rainforest is home to many animals, including grey wolves, otters, black bears, mink and bald eagles.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 4 - Bear viewing. Depart.

After your final session with the bears you will enjoy lunch at the lodge. Return to Port Hardy by seaplane in the afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch.

STAYS OF 6 NIGHTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE - please ask for details.

SEASONS

Spring (7 May to 30 June) : Grizzly bears come down from their mountain dens to graze on protein-rich sedges and grasses. These guests will observe and photograph the bears from boats, floating quietly in the estuary sloughs. Spring coincides with the breeding season, when large males may be seen interacting with females.

Summer (1 July to 19 August) : In the summer season, the grizzlies move between the various habitats as the food resources become more abundant but scattered. They can be found gorging on berry patches, grazing on estuarine grasslands or scouting for the early salmon. Summer can be a great time to see the new life of the Great Bear Rainforest.

Autumn (20 August to 19 October) : The return of tens of thousands of salmon marks the beginning of the 'fall' season in mid-August. The lodge has constructed a series of viewing stands along the river, providing a variety of settings to view and photograph grizzly bears as they gorge on fish in anticipation of their coming hibernation. The salmon run continues through September and October.

The price includes:

- Flights by seaplane from Port Hardy to the Great Bear Lodge (and v.v.), including taxes.
- Lodge accommodation as listed above in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities, with all meals including complimentary wine and beer.
- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners.
- A full programme of bear viewing and other activities in the Great Bear Rainforest. NB. A liability waiver must be signed by participants in adventure activities.
- Slide shows and video presentations of the local natural history.
- Equipment - rubber boots and rainwear (if required) and binoculars.
- Applicable taxes and General Sales Tax (GST) refunds.

Not included in the price:

- International flights. We are happy to discuss the flights with you and give you further guidance.
- International airport taxes.
- Optional sightseeing.
- Meals not specified.
- Canadian Visa. UK citizens need to obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) in order to visit Canada. The eTA is valid for 5 years and costs 7 Canadian Dollars. Visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>.

A deposit of 50% of the cost is required at the time of booking. The balance of the price for your travel arrangements must be paid at least 8 weeks before your departure date.