



## NORTH COAST / KHUTZEYMATEEN INLET

### Sample Itinerary

Aboard S/V Island Roamer

Start and finish in Prince Rupert, BC

This is an amazing expedition combines bear viewing in one of the most well-known bear viewing areas in Canada, keeping watch for orcas and humpback whales, and exploring beautiful outer islands and mountain fiords. We never know what wonderful wildlife sightings and experiences we will encounter each day.

The Khutzeymateen Valley holds Canada's only grizzly bear sanctuary and is home to one of British Columbia's most important coastal bear populations. Khutzeymateen is a native Tsimshian word meaning "a confined space for salmon and bears", a suitable description - as you will soon see. We explore along the Inlet's winding shores and expect some breathtaking bear viewing in the new Khutzeymateen Conservancy.

Located on the northwest coast of BC, this is a beautiful land of dense Sitka spruce rainforest, winding fiords, and high rugged mountains. Glaciers tower above beautiful old growth rain forests and fabulous beaches entice us to explore. River estuaries provide important spawning grounds for many species of salmon, upon which the area's many grizzlies depend. ...ALL ABOARD!

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

*On all our voyages we intentionally keep our itineraries flexible to take advantage of wildlife sightings, weather and tides, and the interests of the group.*

We highly recommend arriving into Prince Rupert and staying the night a day prior to your trip start date. This is to ensure that the group can set sail on time. There can sometime be unforeseen weather delays when travelling in coastal regions.

#### **Date: Trip Start - Day 1**

Meet at the top of the dock at the newly built Cow Bay Marina (209 Cow Bay Rd) in the late morning. A Bluewater Adventures crew member will meet you and escort you to the *Island Roamer*. After meeting the crew, cabin assignments, and a brief safety orientation, we will depart Prince Rupert harbour for the beauty of Chatham Sound and its myriad of islands.

**Day 2-3** – We explore the islands of Chatham Sound. Porcher, Stephens and Dundas Islands are the largest in the area. We will walk remote beaches, hike up to a view point and search for sea lions, orcas and humpback whales. There are some lovely areas to explore by kayak or zodiac.

**Day 4-5: Khutzeymateen Inlet** - The headwaters of the Inlet are Canada's only Grizzly Bear Sanctuary. Covering an area of 45,000 hectares, scientists estimate there are about 50 grizzlies protected by the no-hunting restrictions of the sanctuary. The protected area has recently been expanded to include the entire Inlet as the Khutzeymateen Conservancy. Our trip focuses on bear viewing in the Conservancy, along the shores of the Inlet and into the Sanctuary where only a few operators are permitted. In order to minimize our impact, we leave the Sanctuary at the head of the Inlet, to the bears and view only from our zodiacs. The Khutzeymateen is jointly managed by BC Parks and the Tsimshian First Nation.

**Day 6** - From fiord-like Portland Canal, we now return to the outer islands and lower topography of Chatham Sound. Tsimshian First Nations have lived in this area for thousands of years. There are two villages along our route; Lax Kw'alaams was once a Hudson Bay Company trading post called

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Fort Simpson and Metlakatla, which became a model Christian community under Reverend Duncan during late 1800's. They were fortunate to have avoided the smallpox that ravaged many native communities along the Coast.

**Date: Trip Finish - Day 7** - We return through narrow Venn Passage to Prince Rupert. Venn Passage has an incredible collection of petroglyphs – native rock carvings – including the famous 'Man who fell from heaven'. Accompanied by a local Tsimshian Guide, we plan to see these ancient carvings and learn of their history. We will tie up at the Prince Rupert Port Authority by late morning.

## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

### Booking Your Flights

Our designated Travel Agency is UNIGLOBE DIRECT TRAVEL LTD. If you need further accommodation or help with your Airfare and Insurance, please call Elaine at 604-538-2111 ext. 6614 or email [elaine@uniglobedirect.com](mailto:elaine@uniglobedirect.com).

**Air Canada** provides daily flights between Vancouver, BC and Prince Rupert, BC.

<b>Air Canada</b>	1 (800) 247 2262	<a href="http://www.aircanada.ca">www.aircanada.ca</a>
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**Please note:** The Prince Rupert Airport is located on Digby Island accessible only by ferry and shuttle bus between the airport and downtown (Prince Rupert Hotel). The shuttle service and airport ferry take about one hour and is included in your airline ticket price. Please allow plenty of time for airport transfer. Please note that the airport does not have any food services.

*Call the Prince Rupert Airport or visit their website to confirm the shuttle bus schedule.*

<b>Prince Rupert Airport</b>	(250) 622 2222	<a href="http://www.ypr.ca">www.ypr.ca</a>
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### BC Ferry Services

BC Ferries offer service from Port Hardy on Vancouver Island and travels north up the coast to Prince Rupert, BC along "Inside Passage" route. The "Inside Passage" is very scenic but will add 2 days to your trip in each direction. Reservations are required for both vehicles and passengers.

*\*Be advised that adverse weather and sea conditions can often create delays and disrupt ferry schedules.*

<b>BC Ferries</b>	1-888-223-3779	<a href="http://www.bcferrries.com">www.bcferrries.com</a>
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**ACCOMMODATION**

Prince Rupert has a range of accommodations to serve the needs of visitors. The following selected accommodation contacts may be useful in helping to plan your trip around your Bluewater Adventure.

**Prince Rupert**

<b>Eagle Bluff B&amp;B</b>	(250) 627 4955 (800) 833 1550	<a href="http://www.eaglebluff.ca">www.eaglebluff.ca</a> eaglebed@citytel.net	\$115.single \$155 double
<b>Pacific Inn</b>	(250) 627 1711 (888) 663 1999	<a href="http://www.pacificinn.bc.ca">www.pacificinn.bc.ca</a> info@pacificinn.bc.ca	\$109 single \$129 double
<b>Prince Rupert Hotel</b>	250.624.6711 (855) 737 8774	<a href="http://princerupert hotel.com">http://princerupert hotel.com</a> rooms@princerupert hotel.com	\$114-\$139
<b>Tall Trees B&amp;B</b>	(250) 624 3664 (877) 624 3664	<a href="http://www.talltreesbedbreakfast.com">www.talltreesbedbreakfast.com</a> talltreesbedbreakfast@gmail.com	\$135-\$145
<b>Crest Hotel</b>	(250) 624 6771 (800) 663 8150	<a href="http://www.cresthotel.bc.ca">www.cresthotel.bc.ca</a> info@cresthotel.bc.ca	\$175-\$349

**TOURIST INFORMATION**

For information on Prince Rupert visit Tourism Prince Rupert's website [www.visitprincerupert.com](http://www.visitprincerupert.com) or call (250) 624 5637, or Toll Free: 1 800 667 1994.

For general information on British Columbia's attractions, travel, restaurants, shopping, transportation and accommodation contact **Destination British Columbia**: 1-800 435 5622 or visit the Destination BC website at [www.hellobc.com](http://www.hellobc.com)