

Sacred Shores

EXPLORING THE SPIRIT OF HAIDA GWAI

Preliminary Itinerary for June 16 - 21, 2026

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Haida Gwaii is where the Pacific meets the spirit. This mystical archipelago on British Columbia's wild west coast is known as "Islands of the People" — home to the Haida Nation for over 10,000 years. With ancient forests, coastal air perfumed by the sea, and stories etched in cedar and totem, this is a place that feels timeless. Join us for a journey that blends learning, adventure, and the comfort of warm camaraderie — ideal for women looking to connect deeply with culture, nature, and themselves.



Day 1: Arrival TUES, JUN 16

Welcome to Haida Gwaii! Our adventure begins with a warm greeting from our local guide at the airport, who will accompany us as we journey across the islands.

We recommend booking the following flights (Hanne can help book these). Direct flights are limited and if you book an itinerary other than this, you will have to make your own way to the accommodations which can be challenging.

Air Canada #8293
Departing Vancouver at 13:00, arriving into Sandspit at 14:46.

Air Canada #8294
Departing Sandspit at 3:25 pm, arriving into Vancouver at 5:05 pm

Enjoy the first views of the lush forests and dramatic coastlines on the drive to Haida House. Take time to unwind, breathe in the fresh sea air, and enjoy a relaxing welcome dinner with our

travel companions.

Accommodation: Haida House
Meals: Dinner

Day 2: Dajing Giids WED, JUN 17

Today, step into the stories of the Haida people with a visit to the Haida Heritage Centre — a stunning blend of modern design and ancient tradition. Be guided by a knowledgeable interpreter through dramatic exhibits and powerful artifacts. Listen to the echoes of ancient chants, see the artistry in centuries-old tools, and feel the resilience of a people rooted in the land.

Enjoy free time in Dajing Giids for exploring and lunch.

In the evening, prepare for a traditional Haida feast. Delight in local flavours, storytelling, and maybe even a song or two.

We finish the evening with a visit to the famous Balance Rock, a marvel of nature that defies gravity and sparks the imagination.

Accommodation: Haida House
Meals: Breakfast, traditional Haida feast dinner

Day 3: Kayaking in Bearskin Bay THUR, JUN 18

After a hearty breakfast, embrace your adventurous side with a peaceful paddle through the tranquil waters of Bearskin Bay. Even if you're a beginner, this guided kayaking journey is perfect for all levels.

Glide past moss-draped trees, rocky outcroppings, and curious seals. Pause for a picnic lunch surrounded by nature's symphony.

The rest of the afternoon is free — perhaps journal by the fire, walk along the beach, or simply unwind with a cup of tea and watch the tide roll in.

Accommodation: Haida House
Meals: Breakfast, packed lunch, dinner

Day 4: Tlell to Port Clements FRI, JUN 19

We start the day with a scenic drive to the artisan-rich village of Tlell. Browse local galleries and meet the makers behind beautiful Haida jewelry, carvings, and crafts — each piece with a story to tell.

Continue on to Port Clements, where we'll visit a charming museum sharing the legacy of the

island's forestry past.

Afterwards enjoy a gentle walk along the Golden Spruce Trail, where nature and folklore meet. Learn about the mythical golden Sitka Spruce, whose story is as moving as the lush surroundings.

Accommodation: Ocean House
Meals : Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 5: Masset & Naikoon Provincial Park
SAT, JUN 20

Our day begins in Masset, a quiet fishing town rich with maritime heritage. Explore the Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum, then enjoy a meaningful visit to Old Masset, a living community rooted in traditional Haida culture.

This afternoon, we'll stretch our legs on a lovely boardwalk trail in Naikoon Provincial Park. Feel the coastal breeze as we approach the mystical blowhole and the iconic Tow Hill, long considered a sacred place by the Haida.

Tonight, we cap off our journey with a Haida cultural evening and feast, hosted by a local Haida family. Savor the warmth of hospitality, flavours of the sea, and stories that will stay with us forever.

Accommodation: Ocean House
Meals : Breakfast, cultural dinner

Day 6: Departure
SUN, JUN 21

With hearts and cameras full, we say goodbye to Haida Gwaii.

A group transfer will take us to the Masset airport for our return flight. We leave this land of ancient stories and rugged beauty with lasting memories and perhaps a few new soul-sisters.

Meals : Breakfast

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Accommodation options in Haida Gwaii are limited, particularly for group travel. We encourage you to carefully review the accommodation information sheet outlining the two selected properties to ensure this tour aligns with your comfort and expectations.

While Haida Gwaii is not known for luxury lodging, guests can expect a warm, welcoming, and authentic experience that reflects the spirit of the region.

Due to these accommodation constraints, **single occupancy is limited to a maximum of three participants** on this tour.

There is a minimum and maximum of 11 guests required for this tour to operate.

Haida Gwaii is a remote and unique destination, which contributes to higher

travel costs. Due to its location, most goods — including food — must be flown in, resulting in elevated prices.

Additionally, accommodations are limited, allowing motels and resorts to command premium rates.

We understand that this tour represents a significant investment; however, we believe the extraordinary cultural experiences, natural beauty, and the rare opportunity to explore this remarkable archipelago make it truly worthwhile.

Participants should possess a reasonable level of fitness, as the itinerary includes several guided walks and a half-day kayaking excursion.

Should you choose not to participate in any of the scheduled activities (e.g., kayaking), you are welcome to enjoy some leisure time at the accommodations.

Please see the Frequently Asked Questions sheet for more details and important information.

We respectfully acknowledge that we are traveling through the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Haida Nation.

Tour Inclusions

- Women With Wings tour escort throughout
- 3 nights at Haida House
- 2 nights at Ocean House
 - Half-day kayak
 - Short guided hikes
- Entrance fees for museums and galleries as mentioned in the itinerary
 - National Park pass
- Private coach transportation throughout
 - Meals as outlined in itinerary (breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 5 dinners)
- Arrival and departure group airport transfers
 - Local guides' & drivers gratuities
- Women With Wings soft touches and happy surprises

Tour Exclusions

- Airfare
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone, shopping, wine...)
- Meals not described in the itinerary
 - Trip cancellation insurance (Women With Wings can assist with this).
 - If residing outside of BC, proof of medical insurance is required.

Tour Price:

\$5,699 CDN per person based on twin share

Single supplement \$1,100 CDN (3 singles max. permitted)

\$500 CDN refundable deposit due at time of booking, 2nd non-refundable \$500 CDN deposit due January 16, 2026. Non-refundable final balance due March 5, 2026.

The tour cost may be subject to change due to currency fluctuations and other conditions beyond the control of The Travel Group and Women With Wings