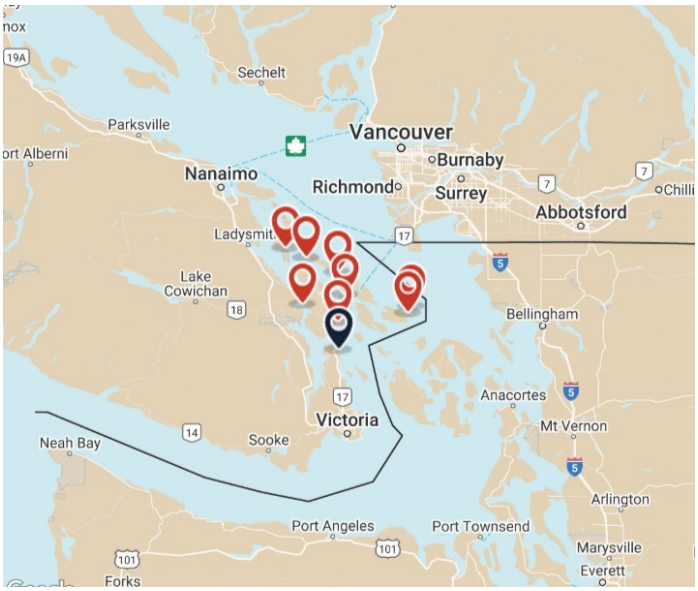


GULF ISLANDS IN FALL - DISCOVER HUNDREDS OF SEMI-MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS

Sail Intricate Waterways Across Hundreds of Mild Islands This small ship cruise explores the Gulf Islands, Canada, an archipelago of islands in the protected Salish Sea between Vancouver Island and the mainland of British Columbia. It is one of the world's best small-boat cruising destinations. You'll island hop in the National Park, visit wildlife colonies, walk the rainforest and rocky bluffs, and explore remote beaches and tiny islands. _Some departures may have slightly modified itineraries. Please confirm the itinerary with an Expedition Specialist._



ITINERARY

Days 1-3 Welcome Aboard!

Day 1: Orientation, cruising into the Gulf Islands, Canada. Seabird island visit, wildlife watching, porpioses. Anchorage at Saturna Island, southern point of the Gulf Islands Canada.

Day 2: Morning hike on Saturna Island, forest ecology learning. Cruising, beachcombing a remote island, sea lion and seabird haul out. Wild life viewing through the gulf islands

Day 3: Village visit, sailing in Georgia Strait and one of many channels in the area. Anchorage Prevost Island, within the Gulf Islands BC. Exploring the interidal life at low tide. Hike to view



and mariner's light.

Days 4-6 Island Exploration

Day 4: Cruising to either Wallace Island, Penelakut Island or other central Island. Historic and First Nations history. Wildflower meadows or mushroom, fall foliage highlighs, island anchorage. Optional kayak.

Day 5: Sailing, Russell Island anchorage, woodland shore walk and Kanaka history.

Day 6: Morning shore walk, cruising to port watching for wildlife.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: MAPLE LEAF

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

About the Maple Leaf Maple Leaf is a classic, 92-foot schooner. She accommodates up to 8 guests in 4 semi-private sleeping areas, with 3 shared washrooms, and a crew of 4 or 5. Maple Leaf is a sea-kindly vessel with a long range. She can take you to the coast's wildest, remotest corners more comfortably and safely than most other vessels. Her sails and 40,000-pound keel keep her steady, and her crew's warmth and culinary delights keep your soul soaring. A Classic Wooden Sail Boat Her curved deck planks, mahogany and glass butterfly hatches, fir beams, mahogany cabinetry and the sweep of her long cap rail are a pleasure to look at. Modern Comforts with Edwardian Elegance Maple Leaf's interior is in harmony with her heritage: modern conveniences and good space design, melded with a decor that nods to her Edwardian past. Dining Lounge Unwind with books, journaling, and conversations in our cozy onboard library and dining lounge. We dine on deck or in this lounge, depending on the weather. Galley From the tiny galley, Maple Leaf's chefs produce incredible meals and snacks fresh each day. Enjoy fine meals and discussions about the day's adventures with the crew and naturalist. Wheelhouse Lounge The captain and first mate skillfully navigate and plan routes here. They're happy to share insights and explain the systems. This space features natural history guidebooks and showcases mahogany and Douglas fir craftsmanship that shines throughout the vessel. Sleeping Areas & Heads (Bathrooms) The main cabin accommodates eight guests with divided sleeping areas, each featuring large comfortable beds, storage space, reading lamps, and cozy bedding. There are three washrooms with hot water showers. Decks Maple Leaf has lots of deck space, on which people may choose to sit and watch the coast's scenery, chat with others, steer the ship, or have quiet time alone. Shore Boats Our two zodiacs provide ample space and great access to explore along shorelines, up rivers, near wildlife colonies, and onto beaches. Kayaks While at anchor, enjoy one of our two single kayaks. The kayaks are stable and easy to use, with assistance from crew getting in and out. Fishing Tackle We have fishing rods and lures ready for jigging. Obtain your fishing licence prior to your trip and take a turn at jigging for halibut or lingcod. Other Equipment The ship provides guidebooks, visual aids, and a hydrophone to listen to whale sounds, enhancing appreciation of local flora, fauna, and marine



phenomena.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Cabin





PRICING

25-Oct-2027 to 29-Oct-2027

Cabin	**£2139 GBP pp**