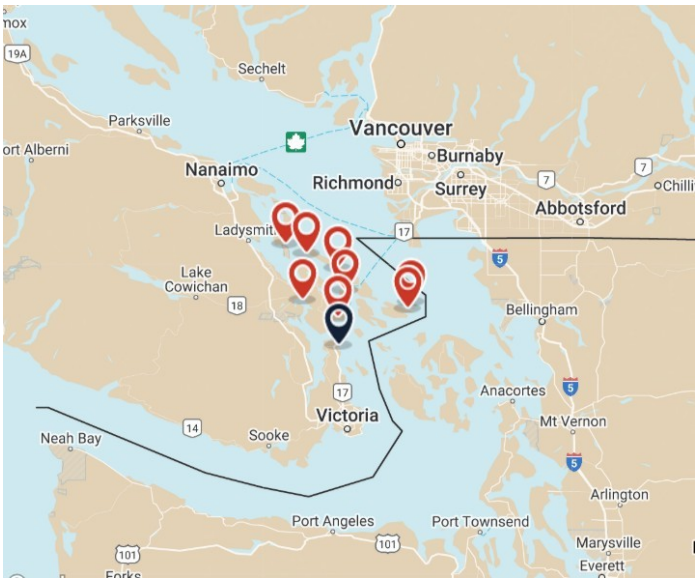


GULF ISLANDS IN SPRING - WILD BLOOMS AND MAJESTIC LANDSCAPES

Delve Into an Odyssey Through Geologic and Human Timescales Walk through wildflower meadows, historic homesteads, and beautiful beaches this spring in the Gulf Islands, BC. Home to southern resident killer whales and many marine birds, seals, and sea lions- enjoy ample wildlife viewing and possible whale watching. Sail among eclectic island communities, under spring skies, and over sparkling waters. Some people think they've "done" the Salish Sea or Gulf Islands if they've visited Victoria and Salt Spring Island. They've seen only the tiniest, most human-impacted snippet. Our trips leave off where the road ends, alongside sculpted sandstone shorelines, moist rainforests and eagles soaring along rocky bluffs. You'll learn of Canada's history in the region, and a history that's existed far longer, the Coast Salish, as well as the diverse natural history.



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Days 1-3 Welcome Aboard!

Day 1: Orientation, cruising in the Gulf Islands, BC. Seabird island visit, wildlife watching, porpioses. Anchorage Saturna Island.

Day 2: Morning hike on Saturna Island, forest ecology. Spectacular views and picnic. Cruising some of the most productive in the waters of the southern Gulf Islands. Anchorage and beachcombing, early farm history exploration. Sea lion and seabird haul out.

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 4-5 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 highlights. Cruising to Russell Island. Optional kayak.

Day 5: Morning woodland shore walk. Kanaka history. Cruising to Sidney.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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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





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16-Apr-2027 to 20-Apr-2027

Cabin	**£2085 GBP pp**