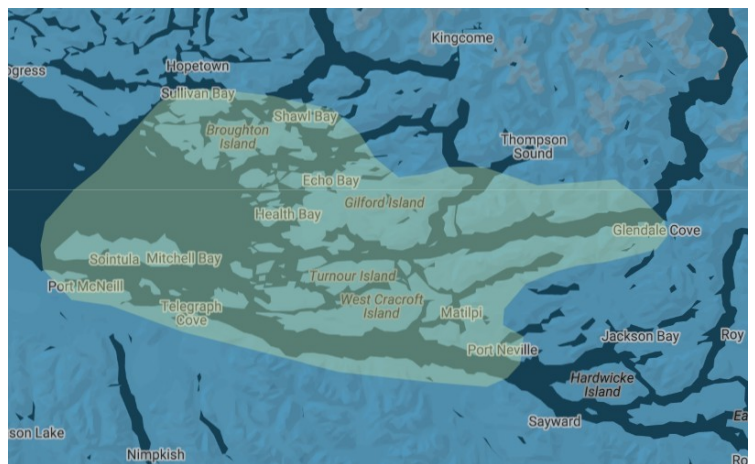




NORTH VANCOUVER ISLAND CRUISE

A Coastal Hidden Gem Offering the Best of the BC Coast The waters we travel through in Johnstone Strait and Blackfish Sound are home to some of the best orca viewing British Columbia has to offer. Cruising our way up into glacial fjords also gives us a good chance at spotting bears along the coastline. Combine these wildlife viewing moments with learnings about First Nations culture and massive old-growth forests, this itinerary brings in to focus all that makes British Columbia so special. _A 5-day voyage option is available. Please contact us for more information._



ITINERARY

Trip Start – Day 1 Setting Off Into Secluded Waters

Meet your Bluewater Adventures crew & vessel late morning in Port McNeill, and escape civilization into a maze of islands and waterways featuring old growth forests, rugged archipelagos, cozy anchorages, and amazing wildlife.

Kayaking the protected waters of our nightly anchorages, daily shore excursions, and chances to raise the sails add to the expedition as a taste of everything British Columbia has to offer.

Days 2 – 4 Johnstone Strait & Alert Bay

Our focus these days will be on the waters of Johnstone Strait, Blackfish Sound, and Queen Charlotte Strait where we hope to encounter whales. Two species of Orca can be spotted in these waters: Northern Resident Orca and Bigg's (transient) Orca. In addition, keep watch for the blows of humpback whales whose



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population has made a significant comeback to these waters. We will visit the modern Kwakwaka'wakw community of Alert Bay to visit the U'Mista Cultural Centre. A highlight of their display is the impressive Potlatch Collection featuring masks and regalia which were confiscated by the Canadian government in 1921. The Kwakwaka'wakw people fought for decades for the return of these sacred items. Thanks to their efforts, these important items now help us learn about the art, culture, and history of the Kwakwaka'wakw people.

Days 5 – 6 The Broughton Archipelago and Bears

We will spend time navigating the labyrinth of undeveloped islands of Broughton Archipelago Marine Provincial Park. Exploring within these multitude of islands, we can search for different species of marine mammals, observe a variety of sea bird species, and visit remote beaches.

As we travel deeper into the coastal fjords surrounded by the snow-capped peaks of the Coast Mountains we enter an important habitat for grizzly bears and black bears. Starting in August, salmon return to spawn and this essential source of food concentrates bears in estuaries and along the rivers in the best places to fish.

Trip Finish – Day 7 Heading Home

We return to Port McNeill late morning to complete our voyage. Guests can plan to catch afternoon flights from nearby Port Hardy or explore the area further on their own.

Please note:

We keep our itineraries purposefully flexible allowing our captains to cater to the needs and interests of their group as well as take into account weather, wildlife sightings, and more.



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PASSENGER CAPACITY:	16
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	1983

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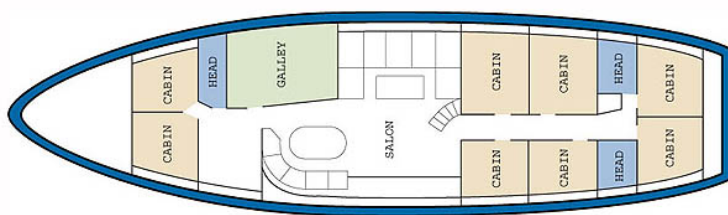
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