

Canada, British Columbia Autumn cruise aboard the Maple Leaf

**From € 6 695
9 days / 8 nights
Summer 2025**

Set off on an exceptional cruise through the Great Bear Rainforest, where autumn reveals a wealth of wildlife and wild landscapes. Aboard the *Maple Leaf*, explore fjords, estuaries and secluded beaches while spotting grizzly bears, whales and the majestic Spirit Bear. An intimate, immersive experience in the heart of British Columbia's unspoilt wilderness



Explore the wild and remote regions of the central coast of British Columbia on a Great Bear Rainforest tour in the Autumn. The fall months bring the return of the salmon and with it a feeding frenzy to be witnessed. Whales, marine mammals, marine birds, bears and more all gather in this region to feast on the bountiful salmon that have returned to spawn in the rivers. This is the best chance to witness the rare spirit bear at a salmon stream or see a mother grizzly teach her cub how to catch a salmon in a major river estuary.

Great Bear Rainforest tours set out to explore fjordlands, remote islands, river estuaries, and west coast beaches. Get to know the intricate and complex temperate rainforest and the species that thrive here, with expert guides and an informative naturalist whose knowledge of the natural history will be shared with you.

Embark on an extraordinary experience in the heart of the wild landscapes of the British Columbia coast. These lands are home to unspoilt nature and exceptional wildlife. The Maple Leaf cruise ship, with only 8 passengers, opens up horizons inaccessible to large ships, for an authentic and personalised journey.

Thanks to special permits and collaboration with the First Nations, you'll discover unspoilt areas and share unique moments with the locals. Each member of the crew is passionate about this region and will be delighted to help you discover the many facets of the coastline.

If you're looking for an immersive experience, far removed from traditional cruises and urban distractions, this is the trip for you. Let the friendly and experienced team, guide you on an unforgettable adventure that combines exploration, conviviality and respect for nature.

DAY 1

- Board Maple Leaf in Bella Bella (British Columbia), embark on your Great Bear Rainforest tour, orientation, cruising.
- Island anchorage, river exploration, and learning about the 'salmon forest'.

DAY 2-3

- Cruising into Fjordland.
- Giant waterfalls, spectacular inlet, and pictographs.
- Cruising to one of the leading grizzly bear havens, watching for bears.
- Optional evening kayak.



DAY 4

- Morning shore walk.
- Visit Kitasoo/Xai'xais village of Klemtu.
- Cultural visit at beautiful big house by village guide.
- Whale watching on northward cruise.
- Anchor in spectacular inlet, shore trip bear watching.



DAY 5-6

- Morning exploring bears' world in estuary.
- Cruising to new inlet for rainforest hike.
- Natural hot springs.
- Spirit bear island anchorage.
- Day-long excursion to spirit bear viewing site with our Gitga'at guides.



DAY 7-8

- Exploring whales and marine mammals.
- Visit to remote whale research station.
- Outer coast exploration, beaches and possible wolf sighting.
- Returning inland.



DAY 9

- Cruise to Bella Bella (British Columbia), watching for wildlife.

THE BOAT

The *Maple Leaf*, a luxury racing schooner built in 1904 in Vancouver, is a historic Canadian vessel that combines elegance and robustness. She offers unique and immersive expeditions, allowing you to explore the wildest corners of the coast in comfort and safety.

On board, enjoy panoramic views, take part in the navigation and discover warm communal spaces, such as a convivial lounge and a library focusing on nature and local culture. The boat has exploration equipment such as kayaks, inflatable boats and a hydrophone. The semi-private cabins are comfortable and welcoming, guaranteeing an authentic and intimate experience.



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Departures from 31st August to 07th October 2025

Price per person in Euros	
Adult	€ 6 695

OUR RATES INCLUDE :

- All meals during the journey
- 8 nights on the boat and local accommodation for excursions with a day ashore
- Services of the naturalist and professional crew on board
- Shore excursions
- Use of gear on board, including rubber boots, kayaks and fishing gear (for guests with a recreational fishing license)
- O-Nord Premium 24-hour emergency assistance

OUR RATES DO NOT INCLUDE :

- transportation to or from the starting and ending points of the trips
- Sustainability fee of \$200 added to each fare on booking
- Personal expenses and tips
- Fishing licenses are not included and must be acquired by guests wanting to fish prior to their trip
- Applicable Government Tax (5%)
- Services not mentioned in the program
- PREMIUM' comprehensive cancellation insurance (please contact us)

Good to know :

Maximum 8 people per cruise.

As with all expedition cruises, the itinerary may change based on weather, wildlife activity, and guests' interests. This itinerary is to give you a general idea of the trip.