

## **Canada, British Columbia Autumn cruise aboard the Swell**

**From € 8 560  
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 Swell, 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 Swell cruise ship, with only 12 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**

- Boarding aboard the Swell.
- Anchorage in beautiful estuary.
- Shore trip introduction to coastal rainforest.

#### **DAY 2-3**

- Cruising into Fjordland.
- Giant waterfalls, spectacular inlet, pictographs.
- Explore ashore in estuary, watching grizzly bears.
- Optional evening kayak.



#### DAY 4

- Cruising inside passage.
- 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.
- Entering the inner channels of the Great Bear, Camaano Sound, Whale Channel.
- Marine mammal viewing.
- Visit to whale research station.
- Exploring the coast of Princess Royal Island.



#### DAY 5-6

- Shore trip exploring bears' world in the estuary.
- Cruising to new inlet for rainforest hike.
- Cruising, watching wildlife, to 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 Kitimat (British Columbia), watching for whales.

## THE BOAT

Built in Vancouver in 1912, the Swell faithfully served the community as a tugboat for 92 years before undergoing a spectacular metamorphosis. Today, this exceptional vessel can accommodate up to 12 passengers in absolute comfort, with 6 private cabins equipped with modern bathrooms and showers.

Thanks to a refit, the Swell has been transformed from a powerhouse working tugboat into an elegant passenger vessel, combining classic charm with top-of-the-range facilities. The spacious interior, clad in natural wood, retains the warm authenticity of its original construction, while offering a level of service unrivalled on the coast.

The Swell is much more than a ship: it's an invitation to escape, combining history, comfort and elegance.



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Departures from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 07<sup>th</sup> October 2025

| Price per person in Euros |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Adult                     | € 8 560 |

### 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 12 people per cruise.

Please contact us for prices of the different categories of rooms available on the boat.

NB: The itinerary changes according to the date of the 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.