

Canada, British Columbia Cruising between nature and culture in Western Canada

**From € 4755
8 days / 7 nights
Summer 2025**

Set off on an immersive adventure in British Columbia, exploring spectacular fjords, isolated islands and local wildlife, while discovering the cultural richness of coastal communities



From backwaters to wildlife hotspots to cultural sites, this journey among the islands and fjords of the storied British Columbia coast includes Desolation Sound and the Broughton Archipelago as well as neighbouring inlets. This is the place off the edge of Vancouver Island that most people never see.

Snow-capped mountains, glacier-fed fjords, calm and scenic cruises provide the backdrop for this journey through the nature and wildlife of the West Coast, from rainforests to bears and dolphins. On the cultural side, meet the Klahoose Nation for bear watching in a fjord, discover the Namgis U'mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay and visit local legend Billy Proctor and other out-of-the-way places.

You have two options for this unique adventure:

- The Swell, a historic ship built in 1912, combines classic charm with modern comfort and elegance, offering a unique experience for 12 passengers.
- The Cascadia, a top-of-the-range catamaran for 24 passengers, offers comfort and exclusive access to the wild coastline of British Columbia.

Whichever boat you choose, you'll be accompanied by a passionate crew, ready to take you on an immersive and unforgettable adventure, combining exploration, conviviality and respect for nature.

DAY 1

- Board vessel and cruise to anchorage in the Broughton Archipelago.
- Optional evening kayak.

DAY 2

- Small boat trip to explore the marine life of the archipelago - kelp forest, seabirds and marine mammals such as sea lions and whales.
- Heading deeper into the islands to visit Billy Proctor's Museum and homestead.
- Visit Alert Bay and U'mista Cultural Centre with private guided tour of Kwakwaka'wakw potlatch collection.



DAY 3

- Whale watching and marine science.
- Rainforest hike.
- Cruising south in Johnstone Strait.

DAY 4

- Exploring the waterways of the Discovery Islands and back channels.
- Shore trip for beaches, culture site.
- Aft deck barbecue and alfresco dining.



DAY 5

- Exploring spectacular Toba Inlet, a fjord that cuts 35 kilometres into the Coast Mountains.
- Shore trips to explore the nature of estuary meadows and the coastal rainforest.
- Visit with our friends from the Klahoose Nation's viewing stands where grizzly bears fish salmon at several sites along the river.
- Island anchorage.



DAY 6

- Exploring Desolation Sound - kayaking, small boats, walks, on sites such as Prideaux Haven, the Redonda Islands.

DAY 7

- Exploring the islets and more Mediterranean climate northern Gulf Islands, watching for marine mammals and birds.
- Island and beach hike.
- Intertidal exploration.



DAY 8

- Cruising to port, watching for wildlife.

THE BOATS

The Swell

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.



The Cascadia

The Cascadia, elegant, robust and perfectly suited to exploring the wildest coastlines of British Columbia, is specially designed for top-of-the-range cruising. This expedition catamaran offers an ideal balance between comfort, performance and respect for the environment.

With 12 luxurious cabins for up to 24 passengers and a dedicated crew of 10, Cascadia promises an exclusive and intimate experience. Lightweight and spacious, it stands out for its ability to navigate the most secluded coves and offer privileged access to the region's natural treasures.

Its unique design encourages an experience on a human scale, respectful of fragile ecosystems and coastal communities. On board, every moment is designed to immerse you fully in the richness and wild beauty of the coast.



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Departures the 19th and 20th October 2025

| Price per person in Euros | Adult |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Swell | 4 755 € |
| Cascadia | 5 685 € |

Swell : departs Port McNeill, BC on 19th October

Cascadia : departs Port Hardy, BC on 20th October

OUR RATES INCLUDE :

- All meals during the journey
- 7 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 to 24 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.