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## BRITISH COLUMBIA WILDERNESS FAMILY ADVENTURE

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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries



North America, Canada



8 days from AU\$23,995 pp



Private

## Journey Overview

Enjoy treasured time with your tribe on a wilderness adventure to British Columbia. Unlock the sights, sounds and stories of vibrant Vancouver, before a scenic flight to the untamed shorelines of Vancouver Island. Spend three days glamping beneath soaring panoramic peaks at Clayoquot where the whole family can enjoy action-packed activities such as fishing, biking, rock-climbing, surfing, kayaking and more. Follow expert naturalists on the hunt for black bear, whale, orca, sea lion and otter, and uncover an ecosystem untouched by time. This is the perfect excuse to park your devices and build memories that will last forever.

### **Journey highlights:**

- Discover the rich beauty and storied history of Vancouver on a bicycle tour
- Take a scenic sea plane to Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge for a three-day glamping adventure on Vancouver Island
- Enjoy your pick of trekking, deep-sea fishing, canoeing, mountain-biking, surfing, kayaking and more from the resort
- Take a wildlife safari in a Zodiac boat as you search for whale, orca, sea lion, bald eagle and sea otter
- At night, relax in the cedar hot tub and sauna, and pick out constellations in the inky-black sky, with a chance to seek out the Aurora Borealis



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Vancouver**

Welcome to Vancouver, Canada's most eclectic city. Meet you're A&K representative at the airport and transfer to the Fairmont Waterfront, located just a short walk to trendy Gastown. Depending on your arrival time, stretch your legs at the waterfront, or take a dip in the heated pool as you soak up breathtaking views of the North Shore Mountains.

#### ***Fairmont Waterfront Vancouver***

### **Day 2: Vancouver**

Uncover the secrets of Vancouver via short walks and scenic drives with your expert local guide. Admire expansive views where the city meets the sea, and peel back the storied history of Yaletown and False Creek, cultural Chinatown, and historic Gastown — full of cobblestoned streets, art galleries and dramatic ocean views. Discover the beaches, trails and ever-blooming gardens of Stanley Park, and lose yourself in the cloud-piercing trees of the Capilano Canyon. Experience thrills on the 50-metre-high Lynn Canyon Suspension Bridge, with interactive activities along the way, before pausing for a gourmet picnic lunch.

Depending on your month of travel, learn about sustainability and conservation as you observe the salmon run — a mass mating event where salmon migrate from the ocean to the rivers.

#### ***Fairmont Waterfront Vancouver | Meals: BL***

### **Day 3: Vancouver**

A bicycle tour is the perfect way to explore sprawling Stanley Park — a magnificent oasis amid the urban landscape. Weave along endless forest trails on your bike and soak up sweeping ocean views as you learn about totem poles, hidden treasure, biodiversity and more. The park offers a wide range of unforgettable experiences for all ages, including Canada's largest aquarium, a water park and beaches for sunbathing, swimming and picnics.

This afternoon is yours to do as you wish. Perhaps head to the terrace to check out the beehives, watch as cruise ships come into port, or ascend The Vancouver Lookout to watch the sunset. Kids will receive their own compasses and clues, from which to explore the 360-degree views from the tower.

***Fairmont Waterfront Vancouver | Meals: B***

### **Day 4: Vancouver - Vancouver Island**

Enjoy a leisurely morning to relax or explore independently. This afternoon board a shared seaplane for your scenic flight to Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge in Clayoquot Sound on Vancouver Island. Upon arrival at the Sound, step off the dock and take a horse-drawn wagon to your luxurious lodge, where you'll settle into your expansive glamping tent. Sip on a glass of champagne on arrival, tour the luxury facilities and let the rugged west coast inspire the days ahead.

***Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 5 & 6: Vancouver Island**

Spend two and a half days enjoying direct access to Clayoquot Sound, a mosaic of emerald valleys, clustered islands, deep canyons, glacial rivers and ancient forest.

Spend your days trekking and horse-riding through the forest, deep-sea fishing, canoeing on the sound, mountain-biking, kayaking, surfing on the coast, swimming in glacial rivers and more. Watch abundant wildlife from the decking of your tent or head out in search of humpback whale, orca, sea lion, bald eagle and sea otter on a guided water safari. At night, relax in the cedar hot tub and sauna, indulge in tasty food, or simply pull up a chair and watch the landscape shift with the light. The clear night skies are perfect for ghost stories, and if luck is on your side, you might even see the Aurora Borealis lighting up the inky-black sky. While sightings are never guaranteed, with the right conditions this is a great location to witness them.

***Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 7: Vancouver Island - Vancouver**

Enjoy your final morning relaxing with the facilities or being active outdoors. After a farewell lunch, the horse-drawn wagon will take you to the dock for your shared seaplane back to Vancouver. Enjoy private transfer to your hotel, a soundproofed haven where you can view planes taking off against a panoramic backdrop of towering mountains. Your evening is at leisure.

***Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel | Meals: BL***

### **Day 8: Depart Vancouver**

With the convenience of an airport hotel, it's an easy walk to check into the Vancouver airport for your onward flight.

***Meals: B***

## Map



## Accommodation

### Fairmont Waterfront



Located across the street from the harbour and mountains, and linked to a fabulous concourse of shops and an enclosed walkway to the Vancouver Convention Centre and Cruise Ship Terminal, the Fairmont Waterfront has the perfect location. Gastown, Robson Street, Pacific Centre shopping mall, the Vancouver Art Gallery and the central business district are all within walking distance.

Explore the seawall to Stanley Park, a 1000 acre park in the centre of the city and larger than New York City's Central Park. The Fairmont Waterfront is a great option for families with one and two bedroom Family Suites, a host of children's amenities and special child friendly menus are sure to keep your little ones happy. The hotel is contemporary in style and we love the large windows in the bedrooms that bring the harbour views into your room.

### Why we like it

- Location, location, location – the Fairmont has this in spades with stunning views of the harbour
- A team of professional and gracious staff ready to welcome you
- Dine in Arc which offers great fresh cuisine with views over the West Coast
- A 24 hour Health Club with an outdoor heated pool and a range of jogging trails are

available

- Stay in stylish rooms with floor to ceiling windows with views over the harbour



## Clayoquot Wilderness Resort



Clayoquot Wilderness Resort is a wildlife lover's haven and the place to spot black bears, wolves, cougars, grey whales, orcas and bald eagles. There are 15 luxury ensuite tents and five deluxe outpost tents. The luxury tents are furnished with a king or queen-size bed, ensuite bathroom with under-floor heating, flushing toilet and a beautiful large indoor/outdoor shower.

There is an array of marine and land adventures on offer, all are non-intrusive and conservancy-driven. Every evening the Activities Directors will sit with you and design your adventures depending on weather, tidal charts, animal sightings and your interests and abilities. Activities range from riding, kayaking, whale-watching, bear-tracking, hiking, fishing, climbing, zip-lining and mountain biking.

### Why we like it

- An intimate retreat in the picture-postcard backwaters of Clayoquot Sound
- Stay in beautiful tents in one of the world's only temperate rainforests
- Remote and secluded – accessible only by seaplane
- The camp accommodates a maximum of 40 people at any one time
- Enjoy gourmet meals one of chef's current signature dishes is oyster chowder and prosciutto-wrapped halibut

## Dates & Pricing

8 days from \$\$23,995 per person total based on a family of 4 people travelling.

As this Private Journey can be personalised to your specific requirements, it is not available for online booking.

Depending on your preferred dates and arrangements, final pricing will vary from low season to peak season travel.

Please call A&K on 1300 851 800 or send us a **booking enquiry** to book this journey

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