



Take 5 days and explore the length of B.C.'s spectacular Inside Passage, with stops for viewing wildlife, wild coves and beaches.

This reposition is a perfect trip for those wishing to "taste" part of the Maple Leaf experience, or for those who just like to spend time on the water.

B.C.'s Inside Passage

Board the classic, 92-foot schooner *Maple Leaf* in Prince Rupert, B.C. This coastal town is one of the commercial centres on the wild Inside Passage.

A strong First Nations and non-First Nations history exists here, and Prince Rupert is still a centre of B.C.'s fishing industry today.

After we depart from Prince Rupert's historic Cow Bay area, our expert crew will show you up close the key sights of the coast:

- **Islands and inlets of the Great Bear Rainforest.**
- **Wildlife of the area**, which could include humpback whales, dolphins or porpoises, sea lions and sea birds.

- **Cape Caution**, which divides the south coast from the north, the rounding of which is a milestone for mariners.
- **Northern Vancouver Island and Johnstone Strait.**
- **Seymour Narrows** and the site of **Ripple Rock** (world's largest non-nuclear explosion).
- **The Discovery Islands** and northern Georgia Strait.

Along the way, *Maple Leaf* will anchor and crew will take you to **explore ashore**.

You'll see the **change in landscape** as the ship transits Seymour Narrows. As a guest, you're welcome to relax in the

wheelhouse and learn how navigation decisions are made from Maple Leaf's crew.

Natural Spectacles

You'll see a diversity of ecosystems: from the **warm Strait of Georgia** area to the **steep-sloped rainforest islands** of the Broughton Archipelago and the **mainland channels** of the northern Inside Passage.

Wildlife you may observe includes: **seabirds** (gulls, cormorants, sea ducks, eagles, herons and more), **harbour seals**, **harbour porpoises**, **Dall's porpoises**, **pacific white-sided dolphins**, **whales** and **bears**.

A Classic Coastal Ship

The *Maple Leaf* is a classic schooner, built in Vancouver in 1904 as the coast's most expensive yacht. She's been a race-winning society schooner, a tough halibut longliner. Since 1986, she's been a world-renowned adventure cruise ship.





B.C.'s Inside Passage Reposition Cruise

"Thank you for the privilege of being aboard this beautiful ship, experiencing the magical beauty of the islands."

-Elspeth McVeigh, Vancouver, B.C. & United Kingdom

2010

Inside Passage Reposition Cruise

July 6-10, 4 nights, 5 days
C \$1450 includes all accommodation, superb meals, beverages, and limited shore excursions, nightly anchorages.

Depart: Prince Rupert, B.C.

Return: Comox, B.C.

How to Get There & Back:

See accompanying document.
Contact us for further details.



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As well as being a piece of coastal history, *Maple Leaf* is a well-engineered, one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted ship -- a work of art. She is made of coastal Douglas fir and cedar, with mahogany brightwork.

The Maple Leaf Crew

Maple Leaf's coast guard-certified crew are experts in the field of navigation, engineering, safety, natural history, cooking and hospitality.

All are happy to share their knowledge with guests. Their skill recently earned Maple Leaf Adventures a 100% customer satisfaction ranking in *National Geographic Adventure* magazine.

Important:

Reposition vs. Regular Trip

This is a **reposition cruise**, as opposed to a **full-service Maple Leaf Adventures trip**.

On this special voyage along the diverse Inside Passage, you will have opportunities to go ashore, sometimes with our expert guides.

The Maple Leaf chef will prepare superb meals, and you'll have the benefit of our expert crew, camaraderie, and the run of the ship.

Differences from regular trips include:

- limited wildlife viewing,
- limited area covered;
- fewer shore excursions;
- less natural history interpretation/naturalist services;
- less cultural history/cultural guides;
- crew may do light ship maintenance during day;
- unlikely to raise sails.

Sample Itinerary

This sample itinerary is meant to give you an idea of the typical trip.

- Day 1 Board at Prince Rupert, orientation, cruising Grenville Channel. Anchorage and explore in Great Bear Rainforest.
- Day 2 Princess Royal Channel, Fitzhugh Sound, anchorage and explore at Calvert Island.
- Day 3 Cape Caution, Queen Charlotte Strait, Northern Vancouver Island, anchorage and explore in Broughton Archipelago.
- Day 4 Johnstone Strait, Seymour Narrows, anchorage and explore at Cortez Island.
- Day 5 Cruising to Comox. Disembark, noon.





General and Booking Information



Family & Friends Trips

Planning a family reunion? Thinking of spending some special time with friends?

Over the years, a number of extended families or groups of friends have booked a whole charter. They say it provides them quality time in an unhurried, magical atmosphere, allowing them to connect on a deeper level than in our normal “hurly-burly” world. Not to mention that the crew, chef and naturalist take care of the logistics!

If you think this is something you’d like to do, call us to discuss. Advance notice to book an entire trip is required, so let us know as soon as possible so that we can accommodate your plans.



About our company:

Maple Leaf Adventures has been operating trips focused on the natural history of B.C.’s northwest coast and Alaska, and the culture of the First Nations peoples of the areas, since 1986. We have a reputation for quality, professionalism and sensitivity to both the natural and cultural landscapes.

Our institutional clients have included the Royal BC Museum, The Canadian Museum of Civilization and the John G Shedd Aquarium. Our company has been recognized by the Canadian government as a leader in eco-tourism and our trips have been featured internationally in such travel guides as *Frommer’s* and on the Oprah Winfrey television show.

About Our Trips and the Ship

Our trips take place in the best areas and at peak times for natural phenomena; therefore they originate from different places on the coast. Our guests fly, drive, or take a ferry to meet us at trips’ point of origin, which maximizes the amount of time we are able to spend exploring our chosen areas.

A small group of **8 guests** allows us the flexibility to respond to special natural events, weather, and the interests of our group.

Our pace is unhurried, giving us time to linger with whales, paint or sketch in a Haida village, beach comb, or walk ancient forests. We experience the entire environment, not just the view from on board. We go ashore often to experience the magic

of various habitats and the special life that inhabits each area.

Expert naturalists with a variety of backgrounds accompany us on every voyage. Veterans of field research projects in the areas we visit, they share their expertise and abundant knowledge on a very understandable and enjoyable level. They have guided us to some of nature’s most impressive events.

Maple Leaf is a beautiful 92-foot schooner. She and her crew are Coast Guard approved. She has a long and enviable reputation on the coast. Her accommodations are very comfortable. The spacious main cabin is airy and divided by curtains and walls into four “cabins,” providing sleeping accommodations for eight guests. Mahogany and fir line the galley and dining salon and wheelhouse. She has an extensive library.



Contact Us

To book a trip or for help with any questions you may have, we welcome your call or email.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is this trip suitable for me?

A. Anyone is eligible so long as they are enthusiastic about participating, amenable to the vagaries of weather, agile enough to clamber in and out of shore vessels in an area where there are no docks, and friendly enough to get along in the relatively close quarters of a sailing yacht. We have had people on board as much as 80 years of age. However, our trips are not suitable for people of failing health or physical disabilities.

Q. What is included in the price?

A. Our price includes all meals, activities and guides throughout your voyage in the region you are visiting. Specifically included:

- All meals, snacks and beverages prepared from the freshest ingredients by our superb chef.
- Fine wines featured with the evening meal, and a limited amount of beer included and available throughout the trip. (Liquor is not a large part of our trips, so plan on light consumption).
- The services of our naturalist and professional crew.
- Shore excursions (there are several each day).

- Use of all gear available on board, including raingear, sea boots, kayaks and fishing gear.

Not included in our price:

- Transportation to the trip's point of origin.
- Goods and Service Tax (Canadian trips only)
- Crew gratuities
- Sustainability Fee. As a professional ecotourism company, it is at the core of our operating principles to work with local communities, respecting regulations and contributing to local opportunities. Responsible operations cost a little more. We extract from the fare a percentage of the increased costs that go towards sustainable communities add it to the list price as a 'sustainability fee' of \$100 per trip. Through it we hope our guests share in the pride that a trip with Maple Leaf is a contribution to the sustainability of the whole coast – as well as being the experience of a lifetime!

Q. Can you accommodate my special diet?

A. Yes. If you advise us in the pre-trip questionnaire we can accommodate most special dietary requirements.

Q. Will I be seasick?

A. Sea sickness is rarely a problem as Maple Leaf is a sturdy and sea-kindly ship. We travel short distances in protected waters and go ashore often.

Q. Can I be involved in sailing the ship and performing other duties?

A. Absolutely yes. We encourage our guests to participate in any aspect of the trip that interests them and to whatever level they are comfortable with. We are patient instructors (no yelling) and delight in helping people learn. On the other hand, you are not required to sail or perform duties while on your vacation. The choice is yours.

Q: What makes you an eco-tourism company?

- A:
- Our trips have low impact (virtually no impact) on the planet and on the places we visit.
 - We partner with local people. We have protocol agreements either signed or in process with First Nations in territories we visit.
 - Our naturalists – experts in their fields – and other knowledgeable crew members provide a wealth of knowledge on the areas we visit, as do our First Nations guides.
 - We work within the regulations of parks and conservation areas, pay the applicable fees and obtain permits for all limited-use areas we visit.
 - We dedicate time and resources to preserving the wilderness we travel in.



Wild BC and Alaska Tours by Sail



"Thanks for the best vacation ever."

– Carrie Novick, Oregon.

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Booking and Cancellation Policy

To avoid disappointment, your reservation should be made early. The number of participants in each program is limited, and the demand is high. Our trips sell out early.

North America Trips

Deposit: A deposit of one third of the price of the trip will reserve your space for any trip.

Balance: The balance is due 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations: If you are unable to participate and cancellation occurs at least 120 days prior to the departure date of your trip, the full amount of your deposit is refundable, minus a \$200 admin fee. If cancellation occurs less than 120 days prior to the departure date of your trip, we will do our best to try to fill your space on the trip, however no money will be refunded unless all the spaces on your trip are filled.

Galapagos Islands Trips

Deposit: A nonrefundable deposit of US \$1000 reserves a place on the trip. On payment of the deposit you will receive: receipt/invoice, medical information form, agreement and release from liability form, itinerary and additional information covering packing lists, visa requirements, health issues, etc.

Balance: The balance is due 3 months prior to departure date. On payment of the balance you will receive: receipt, final trip bulletin including participant list and rendezvous instructions.

Single Supplement: Accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodation, we will try to assign you a roommate. If there

is no one with whom you can share, or if you prefer single accommodation, you will be requested to pay a Single Supplement, as listed for each trip.

Cancellation Policy: At the time we receive written notice of your wish to cancel your trip, the following fees will apply: * 90 days+ from departure date: 100% of deposit; * 89 to 60 days from departure date: 50% of Land Cost; * 59 days or less from departure date: 100% of Land Cost

Group Bookings

For large group bookings, such as a family charter of the entire ship, the booking and cancellation policy may be different - please do contact us for information.

Cancellation Insurance

We highly recommend cancellation insurance, which protects you if you have to make a late cancellation in certain cases (such as a medical emergency). Travel insurance can be purchased through your travel agency or through our travel agent (contact us for info). This must be done at the time your booking is confirmed.

Pre-Trip Information Package

A comprehensive pre-trip information package will welcome you "aboard" at the time of booking. It includes information on clothing and other items to bring, how to get to your trip, insurance, visa requirements, etc.

Getting to & from the Ship

Our office staff can help you with these questions and arrangements - call or email any time.

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