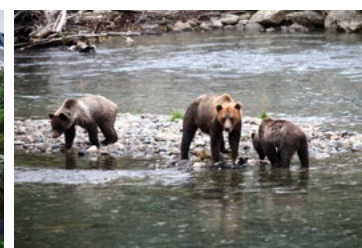




BRITISH COLUMBIA MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

ITINERARY



Set in the deep wilderness of The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Region, this BC Adventure Tour allows you to experience exclusive alpine hiking around the remote and stunning wilderness areas of the West Chilcotin, accessed only by Float Plane. Spend a few days immersed in complete expansive wilderness of the Coast Mountains, on this incredible hiking tour in British Columbia. Enjoy rustic yet cozy back country log cabins along with a mix of comfortable lodges and unique B&B's. Canoe in pristine high alpine lakes, and explore one of Canada's best kept secrets on this adventure trip of a lifetime.

Journey into the dramatic and remote coastal community of Bella Coola set within British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest. Home to one of the highest concentrations of Grizzly Bears, experience a unique river drift tour with bear Biologists as you float past Grizzly Bears as they feast on spawning salmon and fatten up for winter hibernation. Explore the lush fiords of Bella Coola's Pacific Coastal waters by private charter and explore the abundant marine life & natural hot springs nestled within the lush native forests of BC. This 7 Day Adventure Holiday In Western Canada takes in a truly remote and pristine wilderness area, offering some of the best hiking , wildlife viewing and scenery there is in BC. It's an exclusive adventure tour that will surely impress your heart and soul.

LENGTH	7 days
GRADE	Grade D (Average of 4-5 hours a day, but up to 8 hours on longer days)
START	Anahim Lake, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guests should fly into Anahim Lake on the first departure of the day, arriving into Anahim Lake by either 10:30 am or 12:45 pm (depending on the flight schedule of the day)
FINISH	Bella Coola, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guests should schedule their returning flight out of Bella Coola to Vancouver (YVR) on the afternoon departure, which is usually at 12:20 pm
DEPARTURES	August 2018: 15, 22 September 2018: 6
PRICE	US\$3,499

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DAY 1 ANAHIM LAKE

Alpine hiking 1-2 hours

You'll start this unique adventure off in the remote Chilcotin town of Anahim Lake, set in the interior Chilcotin Plateau. The guides will pick you up at the airport and bring you down the road to nearby Nimpo Lake, "The Float Plane Capital of British Columbia," where you gear up to fly into the wilderness. Your guides will be going over what to bring into the backcountry, and make sure you're all set for this wilderness paradise! After boarding our trustee 1949 De Havilland Beaver Float Plane, you'll fly into the deep heart of BC's Coastal Mountains.



After your 20 minute flight, you'll be dropped in a remote alpine valley, set deep in the remote Coast Mountains, which is your base camp for the next few nights. The Back Country Cabin is set on an exclusive access Wilderness Lake, which is one of the most scenic alpine settings, bordered by beautiful snow-capped mountains, white sandy beach and turquoise colored glacial fed water of the lake itself. A truly unique cabin and alpine setting that will leave you breathless. You'll be overwhelmed by the beauty of this place, and be happy to just stay here the rest of the trip! *Includes lunch and dinner.*

Backcountry Cabin Accommodation | Coast Mountains

Note: Guests, gear and supplies are flown directly into the backcountry cabin base



DAY 2 CHILCOTIN WILDERNESS

Wilderness Alpine Hiking 5-8 hours

An early rise to the sounds of the wilderness, after a delicious breakfast you'll gear up for a day of exploring the beautiful wilderness valley. You'll hike up to a nearby Glacier & Glacier Lake, and depending on how the group is feeling, you can explore part of Wilderness Mountain, offering an accessible fun Ridgeline, which has incredible expansive views over The Coast Mountains and Waddington Range. The evening will be spent canoeing around the lakeside & taking in the inspiring surroundings. *Includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

Backcountry Cabin Accommodation | Coast Mountains



DAY 3 CHILCOTIN WILDERNESS

Wilderness Alpine Hiking 5-7 hours

Today you'll be getting your legs working yet again, as you set out for another full day of hiking in this pristine alpine paradise. Depending on the weather and how the group's feeling you'll make your way up a nearby Peak called Flat Top Mountain, offering spectacular views over Mt Monarch and her nearby jagged peaks. This route is a fabulous full day hike, which has us taking a super scenic cirque down the West Side of Flat Top Mountain, walking through alpine flowers, pristine alpine lakes, and an area where wild Caribou like to hang out. *Includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

Backcountry Cabin Accommodation | Coast Mountains



DAY 4 MONARCH ICE FIELDS & COAST MOUNTAINS

Scenic flight and canoeing

Today's your last day in the back country, and you'll have to pack up your belongings and prepare for the return to Nimpo Lake, where the vehicle is based. Today you'll be taking turns flying out from the backcountry lake, as The Beaver and our trustee pilot take you out of the wilderness on an incredible scenic flight! This scenic flight was voted one of the Top 5 in the world!

You'll start off by flying over the Monarch Ice Fields. These Ice Fields are some of the most heavily glaciated sub polar mountain ranges on earth. You will have a chance of seeing BC's highest peak, Mount Waddington, pierce through the sky at an impressive 4016 m. Add in an astonishing amount of glaciers and brilliant turquoise filled lakes, vastness, and majestic Coastal Mountains, this flight makes for a memorable experience. View Canada's

3rd highest waterfall, Hunlen Falls (250m), along with views of the remote lake chains of Turner Lakes. Talk about flying high! It's a truly remarkable and soul inspiring experience. Arriving back to Nimpo Lake, you'll have some free time to enjoy a good hot shower, and some down time to yourself, before a nice gourmet dinner. Tonight's accommodation is set right on Nimpo Lake, in some comfortable classic Canadian log cabins. *Includes breakfast, lunch & dinner.*

Lakeside Lodge Cabins | Nimpo Lake

DAY 5 BELLA COOLA

Coastal Fjord Explorer & Hot Springs Tour

Enjoying the call of the Loons, waking to diving Ospreys, Muskrats and Beavers making their way across the shoreline, you'll enjoy a delicious breakfast and great coffee, before you set out for another day of beauty and adventure! Today's more of a relaxed style of day, as you'll be making your way to the gateway of the Great Bear Rainforest and coastal town of Bella Coola. You'll drive the famous "Heckman Pass", altitude 1524 m and grades up to 18%, which takes you into the stunning & remote Bella Coola Valley. This deep glacial carved valley is an undiscovered natural paradise. Abundant wildlife, Giant Cedar Trees, mountains, glaciers, and waterfalls; this is a landscape that will stay with you forever. Truly a secret place that inspires adventure seekers! A place that is not touristy, but is off the beaten path and jaw dropping gorgeous, be the first to tell your friends about it!

This afternoon you'll board a private chartered vessel and head out into the South Bentick Arm of the Bella Coola Fjord, and explore the waterways of this magical place. The Captain is a true local, who loves sharing his knowledge and adventures of living in such a wild place! He'll take you to some secret hot springs set deep in some Giant Coastal Cedar trees, where you can soak your tired muscles!

Returning back to land, you'll take a short hike to see the Ancient Petroglyphs (rock carvings). Set amongst the giant cedar trees, these carvings are said to be some of the oldest, dating from over 10, 000 years ago! *Includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

Lodge | Bella Coola

DAY 6 BELLA COOLA

Grizzly Bear & Wildlife Drift Tour

Rising early, you set out to go see Grizzly Bears!

You'll leave in the early morning with a professional local Bear Guide. This guided Bear watching trip takes place in river drift boats and rafts, which provide for unique opportunities to see these animals from the river wilderness while they feed and fish for salmon on the river's edge. Grizzly bear watching extraordinaire!

If there is one way to see the beautiful Kings of the forests, this Drift Tour is the one! It's a must do for everyone visiting the dramatic Bella Coola Valley.

After lunch, it's time to explore more of this beautiful valley. You'll head out to experience one of the numerous hikes, which meander through ancient & tall giant Cedars, lush green mossy forest and fern covered undergrowth. It's a completely different environment compared to your recent hikes in the Chilcotin. You would never guess this dramatic variety of landscapes existed so close! *Includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

Lodge | Bella Coola

DAY 7 AIRPORT

The last day of your unique adventure through The Great Canadian Wilderness...You'll go for a walk amongst the giant cedar trees, and visit some local art galleries before making airport drop offs at the local Bella Coola Airport. Guests will have to fly out of Bella Coola back to Vancouver, a stunning 1hr flight along the spine of the Coast Mountains. *Includes breakfast.*



LIFE ON THE TRAIL

GRADE

Grade: D

- Average 4-5 hours physical activity per day, up to 8-9 hours on longer days
- Pack weights of 10-12kgs (22-26 lbs) on some days
- Altitude gains of up to 800m (2600ft)
- Some uneven track surfaces and river crossings
- No multi-day hiking experience necessary
- Agility and fitness required

To get the most out of the stunning landscapes and scenery on this trip, you should be an avid hiker, and enjoy good cardio workouts. The alpine hiking requires good balance and a sure footed hiker. There are very limited trails in the backcountry, it's mostly wilderness hiking during the day hikes. The guides will of course guide you through the best sections, and there is a lot of valley walking, but to get up high requires a confident hiker to manoeuvre over rocky sections, some boulders and uneven ground. There are also opportunities for the less strong hikers to stay back and enjoy the peaceful surroundings and light hiking around the cabin base.



FLIGHT NOTES

Most flights with Pacific Coastal Airlines flying from Bella Coola to Vancouver, leave mid-morning or early afternoon. It's recommend that guests arrange onward flights from Vancouver after 4 PM, if flying domestically within Canada. If flying internationally guests should allow 24 hours in between their return flight from Bella Coola, as bad weather in Bella Coola can delay domestic flights back to Vancouver). Airlines flying domestically and remotely: Pacific Coastal Airlines, Central Mountain Air.

Flights from Vancouver – Anahim Lake range between CAD\$100- 150 One Way

Flights from Bella Coola – Vancouver range between CAD\$150-250 One Way

ADDITIONAL COSTS

- Domestic flights to the start location and from the end location of the trip
- Optional backpack hire: USD \$30
- Gifts, souvenirs
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tips, gratuities

ACCOMMODATION

The first 3 nights are in a backcountry log cabin. It's a rustic cabin with lots of Canadian charm and a big log fire. This is communal style living with a shared living space. The cabin has a loft upstairs with mattresses, and there are 2 sofa beds. Toilets are pit style, and there is an indoor solar shower. The final 3 nights are a mix of lodges, chalets and private cabins.

All accommodation on this trip is Twin Share.



GUIDES AND SAFETY

This trip is lead by 2 professional wilderness guides, who created the trip and who know the wilderness area in and out. They've been leading these exclusive trips for over 7 years into this wilderness area, along with many years hiking in wilderness areas of New Zealand and Western Canada.

TRANSPORT

All transport described in the itinerary is included:

- 2 float plane flights, including a 40 minute scenic flight over the Monarch Ice Fields
- Private boat charter Bella Coola Fjord Explorer Tour

FOOD

All delicious gourmet meals are included: 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners plus snacks.

All meals are included on the trip, and are home made with love by your guides.

Alcoholic beverages are not included.

Meals include delicious local delicacies such as: Stews, fresh Salmon, Curries, fresh Salads, Muesli, Frittatas and succulent Canadian Steaks! And lots of veges!

A general rule for the meals, is that they are healthy! Guests love the cooking.

PACKING LIST

TRIP NOTES

This adventure trip takes place in a remote wilderness area of British Columbia, which makes travel to and from the start and end points of this trip a little more work than your average touristy adventure trip. We ask that guests meet the tour in its starting town of Anahim Lake.

Anahim Lake is situated in the Interior of British Columbia on the Chilcotin Plateau, and can be accessed by a short haul 50 minute flight from Vancouver. On Day 1 of the trip, guests will be going over what to pack and what to expect for the backcountry portion of the trip. You will only be in the backcountry for the first 4 days. The final 3 days you will be back with the vehicle, moving onwards to new locations, participating in hikes and other unique activities.

This trip ends in Bella Coola at 11 am on the last day of the given dates of the specific itinerary. Guests must fly directly out of Bella Coola to Vancouver on the early afternoon flight from Bella Coola Airport.



ESSENTIALS

Back country hiking portion:

- ☐ Sturdy hiking boots - It is very important to bring the right footwear for this adventure experience. The backcountry hiking portion of the trip requires a sturdy and stiff sole for the off terrain hiking we will be doing. Running shoes, or hiking shoes with soft soles or no ankle support, are not sufficient.
- ☐ 1x sleeping bag liner
- ☐ 1x pair long light-weight hiking pants
- ☐ 1x pair thermal underwear
- ☐ 1x thermal long sleeve base layer
- ☐ 1x lightweight fleece
- ☐ 3x hiking t shirts
- ☐ 1x light weight down jacket
- ☐ 1x warm hat
- ☐ 1x pair gloves
- ☐ Rain jacket
- ☐ 1x soft shell jacket
- ☐ Rain pants
- ☐ 1x pair light-weight shoes or sandals for around the Cabins
- ☐ Sunhat
- ☐ Sunglasses

- ☐ Any medications
- ☐ 1x lightweight travel towel small (for freshening up with at the lake)
- ☐ 1x pair gaiters (long or short, long ones are better)
- ☐ 2x pairs wool socks – hiking socks
- ☐ Hiking poles
- ☐ 1x Camel-bak or drink bottle
- ☐ Bathing suit
- ☐ Headlamp
- ☐ Lightweight book or magazine
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Back packs may be hired. Sleeping bags are provided but please bring a sleeping bag liner. You may also bring your own sleeping bag if you prefer.

No cotton for hiking; bring merino or poly base layers.

FOR THE REMAINING TRIP DAYS

- ☐ Day Hiking Attire - pants, shorts, sweater, non-cotton hiking tops (short sleeve & long)
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Running shoes or soft hiking shoes
- ☐ Any extra comfortable clothing - jeans etc.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

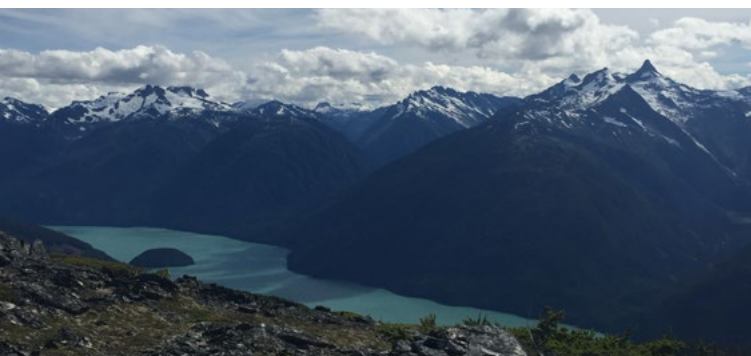
BOOKING

To book your trip please contact us and we will email you a personalised booking link.

A Medical Form and a Waiver Of Liability Form (which you will need to agree to and sign) will be forwarded to you once you have completed the booking form. It is essential that any health concerns be reported on the Medical Form. Failure to do so can result in severe consequences in the event of an emergency.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

For bookings 4 months or more in advance of the departure, a deposit of 50% of the full price per person can be paid with the remainder due 65 days prior to the trip start. For bookings within 4 months of the departure, full payment is required.



METHODS OF PAYMENT

You may request to pay for this tour in US or NZ dollars. We accept bank deposits & credit card payments. Please note - credit card payments incur an additional 2% transaction fee.

If you wish to pay in US dollars, you may do so either by credit card (please phone us with credit card details) or directly into our US dollar account.

You can pay in NZ dollars by credit card or by direct transfer into our NZ dollar account.



CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICIES

Should a trip be cancelled by the Operator, a full refund will be made. We will make the final decision to operate or cancel a trip anytime up to, but not later than, 2 weeks before the trip begins.

Should you cancel your booking for any reason the following fees apply:

If cancelling up to 8 weeks before the trip start, 75% of your deposit will be withheld.

For cancellations any time within 8 weeks before the trip begins the entire deposit is forfeited, as well as a sum depending on hotels costs that cannot be recouped with such short notice.

All Cancellations incur a US\$250 administration fee.

Cancellations must be received by email. Cancellations are only effective once your notification is received.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

There is a degree of hazard in all mountain activities. All participants must sign the Waiver of Liability prior to commencing any trip. Please read this document carefully and take the time to understand its contents, and then sign the waiver. This is required prior to any trip participation. You must follow the instructions of your guide at all times.

CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY

Many of the activities presented are weather dependent and cannot be guaranteed. Wildlife viewing, scenic flights, certain hikes, activities etc, may be cancelled on short notice and the itinerary altered to suit the situation as it arises. There are no refunds offered or credits for cancelled activities or changes to a planned itinerary. The tour operator reserves the right to change or cancel any itinerary or service at any time due to insufficient enrolment, bad weather conditions or other reasons without penalty. The participation of any person on any trip is subject to the discretion of the trip leader and the operator.

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