

# EXPLORING BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

8 Days | National Geographic Venture | 100 Guests | Expeditions in: Sep/Oct | From AU\$6,620 to AU\$11,570 \*



Discover the powerful wilderness and warm charm of the Pacific Northwest over a wide-ranging week in the San Juan Islands and British Columbia. You'll venture to spectacular, remote islands and sail through channels that teem with sea life, plus you'll visit charming towns and First Nations heritage sites. This *National Geographic Sea Bird* voyage sails one-way between Seattle and Vancouver allowing ample time to venture far north into Alert Bay, including Victoria and the Robert Bateman Centre, with remote stops in the San Juan and Gulf Islands, and deep in the fjords of British Columbia.



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### DAY 1: Vancouver/Embark

Arrive in Vancouver, Canada, British Columbia's largest city and the major port for all of western Canada. Embark *National Geographic Venture* in the early evening and set out on your expedition. (D)

### DAY 2: Desolation Sound

Desolation Sound, on the north end of British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, is a mecca for kayakers and small yachts. It's easy to understand why, with its calm, sheltered waters and outstanding natural beauty. By kayak there are many isolated bays to poke into and islets that beckon for exploration. On land there are meadows and forest trails for hiking. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: Alert Bay/Johnstone Strait

Sail through Johnstone Strait, a waterway cut through a magnificently wild and scenic area of mountains and islands. These ocean waters are also home to extraordinary marine mammals and bird watching. Today we visit one of the oldest First Nations village sites in British Columbia. Alert Bay on Cormorant Island has been and continues to be the home of the Kwakwaka'wakw people and a center for the living culture found throughout the Northwest Coast.

We will visit the U'Mista Cultural Centre, which houses one of the northwest coast's finest collections of elaborately carved potlatch masks, regalia and coppers. We'll then make a stop to visit the Big House a short distance away where the T'sasala Cultural Group continues the sharing of culture, "educating the world about their songs, dances, teachings and values." (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: Exploring The Gulf Islands

After a morning underway, we'll anchor among the Gulf Islands, a rich archipelago in the Strait of Georgia, and a yachter's paradise. We'll take our pick of perfect spots to kayak, hike, and search for wildlife. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: Victoria, British Columbia

Choose from several tailor-made options to explore the charming city of Victoria. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront, eat like a local on a culinary walk through Old Town or peruse the collections at local art galleries. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at The Bateman Gallery while taking in the incredible collection of paintings by wildlife artist Robert Bateman, recognized by the Audubon Society as one of the 20th century's "heroes of conservation". (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: Friday Harbor, Washington

After clearing customs, we'll explore Friday Harbor, a picturesque town on San Juan Island. Visit the Whale Museum, with its fascinating collection of artifacts, artwork, and whale skeletons. Pop into small shops and galleries for a bit of local flavor. Later, we'll search for killer whales and cruise the San Juan Islands. (B,L,D)



### 2021 Departure Dates:

2 Oct 🔄, 9 Oct, 16 Oct 🔄

### 2022 Departure Dates:

1 Oct 🔄, 8 Oct, 15 Oct 🔄

### Important Flight Information

We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements. Please call for airfares from your departure city. Some departures may travel in reverse.

### Advance Payment:

AU\$750

### Cost Includes:

Accommodations aboard ship; meals as indicated; excursions; services of expedition leader, naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks; entrance fees; all port charges and service taxes; airport transfers to and from the ship.

### Cost Not Included:

Air transportation; voyage DVD; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, emails, etc.; discretionary tips for ship's crew.

### **DAY 7: Exploring The San Juan Islands**

Today we'll visit the more remote of the San Juan Islands, an archipelago in northern Washington State perfect for kayaking, exploring by expedition landing craft, and hiking. Search for seals, sea lions, river otters, bald eagles, and other marine mammals. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 8: Seattle/Disembark**

Disembark *National Geographic Venture* after breakfast and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

## **Special Offers**

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### **BRINGING THE KIDS**

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