

HAIDA GWAII

5 Days | Indigenous West Coast Tour

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TOUR SNAPSHOT

Experience the ultimate adventure with your students on a 5-day tour of Indigenous discovery in Haida Gwaii. Imagine hiking gorgeous trails, exploring the remains of Haida totems or trying your hand at traditional Haida artmaking. As you learn about the culture of the Haida people, you'll visit the Heritage Centre, witness traditional dance performances, and listen to captivating storytelling. By the end of the trip, you and your class will have a newfound appreciation for nature and the Indigenous people of Canada's west coast.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Sites & Activities:

Old Masset Village Totem Tour, Old Masset Village Council Elders Centre visit, Traditional Haida Artist Workshop, guided tour of Naikoon Provincial Park, Tow Hill Hike and Blow Hole visit, Pesuta Shipwreck Trail Hike, Haida Heritage Centre guided tour, Delkatla Wildlife Sanctuary visit, Port Clements Museum visit, Golden Spruce Trail Hike, Traditional Dinner and Dancing



Brightspark Exclusives:

The Adventure



Your Brightspark
Tour Leader



Accommodations
4 nights hotel



Transportation
Flights, private motor
coach



Meals
4 breakfasts, 4 dinners





WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Our Tour Leaders Make All The Difference:** They are experts in fun and are equipped with educational content and interactive games that keep your students engaged. Extensively trained and masters in logistics, they deal with all the details to ensure a stress-free class trip!
- **Always Something Fresh:** Brightspark Exclusive activities encourage participation through experiential education. Whether it's a Mystery Heist in Ottawa or Escaping the Port in Montréal, these activities add a WOW factor to your tour.
- **The Best Support:** Our team is with you every step of the way from itinerary planning to board paperwork, online payment collection and 24/7 on-tour assistance. We are dedicated to making the planning process simple and easy.
- **Go. Discover. Inspire:** You are not a tourist but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.

EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

We have 40+ years of travel experience, exceptional supplier relationships, and an impeccable safety record, you can rest assured your tour will be sparktacular!

95%
OF TEACHERS
LOVE OUR
TOURS

40+
YEARS OF
TRAVEL
EXPERIENCE

33K+
PASSENGERS
TRAVELLED
LAST YEAR



WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

THE BEST INSURANCE

Feel safe with the knowledge that your students are fully protected with cancellation insurance provided by Travel Guard, which includes school board cancellation for **ANY REASON.**



"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime/our tour leaders, Phillipe & Adriele went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"

Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB

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DAY 1

- 8:00 a.m. **Board your flight** and depart to Haida Gwaii.
- 11:00 a.m. **Arrive at Haida Gwaii Airport.** Board your washroom equipped, climate-controlled highway motor coach and depart for Old Masset Village. En route, your Tour Director will get to know the students on a first name basis.
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch at your own cost**
- 12:30 p.m. **Old Masset Village Totem Tour.** Explore all the Indigenous wonder of Old Masset Village and view the hauntingly beautiful totem poles left by earlier generations of Haida.
- 2:30 p.m. **Visit the Old Masset Village Council Elders Centre.** Learn about the Garden Box project, weaving and many more activities.
- 4:30 p.m. **Traditional Haida Artist Workshop.** Watch internationally acclaimed Haida artist Reg Davidson create traditional art in his studio. Learn about the tradition of creating Haida totems and the cultural significance behind this art form. Tour the studio and see firsthand the creation of cedar sculptures, silk-screen prints, jewelry, weavings, masks, and painted drums.
- 6:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**
- 7:00 p.m. **Dinner**

DAY 2

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:30 a.m. **Full day guided tour of Naikoon Provincial Park.** Don't miss this opportunity to venture into the heart of Naikoon Provincial Park with your expert guide. Immerse yourself in the rich culture and traditions of the Haida Nation as you explore the breathtaking Hiellen Longhouse Village, Agate Beach, Tow Hill Ecological Reserve, and the challenging Tow Hill trail.
- 12:30 p.m. **Pick up a picnic lunch** at the Co-op in Masset to enjoy during your hike.
- 1:30 p.m. **Tow Hill Hike and Blow Hole visit.** Enjoy a scenic hike along the shores of the Hiellen River, surrounded by the stunning coastal forest. The trail winds through the forest on boardwalk pathways above the ground, offering breathtaking views of the Pacific and the Hecate Straits.
- 5:00 p.m. **Dinner**

DAY 3

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **Pesuta Shipwreck Trail Hike.** Explore the forest and beach along the Tlell River, discovering the remains of the Pesuta Shipwreck.
- 1:30 p.m. **Pick up a picnic lunch** at the Co-op in Masset to enjoy during your hike.
- 3:00 p.m. **Haida Heritage Centre visit and guided tour.** Experience the vibrant culture of the Haida people at the award-winning Haida Heritage Centre. Join a guided tour and discover the rich history of the Haida through their language, art, and stories.
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**

DAY 4

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **Visit the Delkatla Wildlife Sanctuary.** Discover a world of natural beauty at this wildlife sanctuary, where you might spot a variety of amazing birds the sanctuary has been protecting for over 50 years, including Red-tailed Hawks, Peregrine Falcons, Bald Eagles, and Pacific Golden Plovers.
- 12:00 p.m. **Port Clements Museum visit.** Learn about Haida Gwaii's pioneering and logging history at the Port Clements Museum.
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch at your own cost**
- 2:00 p.m. **Golden Spruce Trail Hike.** Gear up and hike the 0.6 km Golden Spruce trail through old-growth forest to the Yankoun River, learning about the iconic tree's history.
- 6:00 p.m. **Traditional Haida Dinner and Dancing**

DAY 5

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:30 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**
- 11:00 a.m. **Depart for the airport for your flight home.**
- 1:30 p.m. **Welcome Home!**

START PLANNING NOW!



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