

*Ocean Light Adventures*

North Coast  
**EXPLORER**

**2024**





## North Coast Explorer

Detailed Information Package 2024

The North Coast of British Columbia is the northernmost portion of the Great Bear Rainforest. This trip aboard the *Afterglow* takes you to one of the world's most spectacular coastlines. Within the Great Bear Rainforest lie some of the world's last pristine coastal rainforest: Old-growth hemlock and cedar forests; tidewater estuaries rich with grasses, roots and berries; cascading waterfalls and sparkling streams of spawning salmon. We will explore the Khutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary, outer islands, inshore inlets, bays and old-growth forests of the spectacular coast of British Columbia. The surrounding mountains and rainforest offer spectacular scenery and diverse and abundant wildlife.

Your week aboard the *Afterglow* is designed to give you access to the best that the northern BC Coast has to offer; coastal fiords, rocky islets, sandy beaches, busy sealion haul-outs, marine mammals of various kinds, terrestrial mammals, fishing opportunities, and stunning vistas. The exact itinerary of your trip will be dictated by weather and sea conditions; however, we will use the long summer days to maximize your unique experiences in the northern Great Bear Rainforest. We will use the *Afterglow* as a mode of travel between the spots of special interest exploring these areas on foot and by kayak and inflatable.

Fitness should be of a general level for this expedition; however, a good level of fitness will always make your trip more enjoyable, so please exercise regularly prior to your trip. Children are welcome to join trips aboard the *Afterglow* but we ask that parents contact us prior to booking to ensure that the voyage they choose is "family focused".

### Itinerary

**Please Note: This trip will start around 4pm on Day 1. This will allow you fly from Vancouver and board the *Afterglow* right away. No pre-trip overnight accommodation is needed.**

#### Day 1 – D

The trip begins in Prince Rupert between 4pm and 5pm when guests arrive off the Air Canada flight from Vancouver. We will board *Afterglow* at the Cow Bay Marina and after the crew has completed the safety orientation, we will head out to begin our adventure.

#### Days 2 -7 – B/L/D

The itinerary for these days must remain flexible so that we can maximize each day's wildlife viewing opportunities and explorations. The daily tide schedule varies and will largely dictate our itinerary. We could see a whole array of wildlife at any time including: black and grizzly bears, seals, sea lions, river otters, coastal wolves, humpback whales, orca, geese, ducks, and eagles. We will anchor each night in a calm location and continue to enjoy the pleasures of a home cooked meal and the comforts of the *Afterglow*. The Khutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary and the Kwinamass Estuary will be included.

#### Day 8 – B

Mid-morning we will drop you off at the dock in Prince Rupert in time to make the afternoon flight.





## Logistics & Details

### Traveling to/from Prince Rupert

**If You're Flying.** Air Canada (1-800-247-2262) offers daily service to Prince Rupert. Please note: The airport in Prince Rupert is situated on an island. To get to the mainland, there is a bus that will board a ferry and take you to the main airport office in downtown Prince Rupert. The same service is available to get to the airport for departure. Check in 2 hours prior to your flight time. The bus/ferry service is complimentary.

**If You're Driving.** From Vancouver, take Hwy 1 to Cache Creek, turn off to Hwy 9 to Prince George, then Hwy 16 from Prince George to Prince Rupert. The driving time is approximately 20 hours.

**If You're Arriving By Ferry.** BC Ferries offers service from Port Hardy on Vancouver Island 1-888-223-3779.

## 2024 Dates & Prices

### Dates:

- August 3 – 10
- August 10-17
- August 17-24

**Availability:** Please email [adventure@oceanlight.ca](mailto:adventure@oceanlight.ca) to check availability.

**Price:** \$5750 CAD per person plus 5% GST from Prince Rupert, BC  
Price includes: \$25 Bear Sustainability fee for research and conservation, \$25 BC Bear Viewing License fee, Khutzymateen park fee.

**NOTE:** Payment schedule and cancellation policies are on page 5 of this package.

## Accommodation During the Trip

**On Board Afterglow I.** Each person has a berth assigned upon arrival. There are three double cabins with single beds and one double cabin with a double bed. Single participants may be required to share a cabin with someone of the same gender.

### For anyone wanting to stay extra nights:

#### In Prince Rupert.

- Inn on the Harbour: 1-800-663-8155, [info@innontheharbour.com](mailto:info@innontheharbour.com)
- Highliner Inn : 1-250-624-9060, 1-866-238-4218.

#### In Vancouver.

- Coast Vancouver Airport Hotel 604-263-1555, 1-800-663-1144

**Number of Participants:** Maximum 8

**Number of Crew:** 2

### What's Included?

- The services of a fully qualified skipper/ guide and cook/crew
- All meals as listed on the itinerary (B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner)

### What's Not?

- Gratuities for crew (optional and/or discretionary, but always appreciated!)
- Transportation between your home and Prince Rupert, BC
- Personal belongings and equipment as per "Clothing & Equipment List"
- Any meals and accommodation in Prince Rupert prior to Day 1
- Excess baggage charges
- Any extra personal expenses incurred because of weather, logistical delays, or delayed departures of chartered or scheduled aircraft.

## Baggage Weight Limits & Extra Gear

**The maximum weight for personal baggage is 65 lb. per person, including camera gear.** Please remember that you will be on the boat for 7 days and 7 nights – please pack accordingly and bring only what is essential. If you are travelling before or after the trip, please arrange to leave extra baggage at your hotel/B&B in Vancouver or Prince Rupert.

**Please pack all your gear in a soft duffle bag. Bags without wheels are preferable. Hard suitcases are not recommended because of the space they take up in your cabin.**



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## More About the Trip

**The Boat.** *Afterglow I* is a 60-foot Gulf Commander built in 1972 at Yamanaka Boat Works in Steveston, BC. where they specialized in building fishing boats for the BC Coast that were known for their sturdy construction and nice lines. *Afterglow* is a heavily built fiberglass vessel, and her superstructure is constructed from solid yellow cedar beams. *Afterglow I* was built for the passenger industry and as such was designed to give lots of space to move about both inside and out. The main deck has a very spacious salon, galley, and wheelhouse with windows all around for fantastic viewing. Below deck forward there are 2 heads and 3.5 cabins with room to sleep 7 guests. Below deck aft, there is a 3<sup>rd</sup> head and 2 double cabins: 1 for crew and 1 for guests. *Afterglow* has been updated to meet the highest Transport Canada passenger vessel standards. *Afterglow* is equipped with a 19 ft inflatable which is used for shoreline exploration. *Afterglow* has 4 kayaks on board which can be launched when in a calm waters.

**The Guides & Crew.** Chris Tulloch will be your skipper/guide. Chris has been running wilderness tours since 1992 and his keen eye for wildlife ensures an exceptional experience. He is considered the best wildlife photo guide on the BC Coast and is expert at lining up shots and finding the best light for his guests. Chris is also an amazing naturalist and is always willing to teach others about the wonders of our coast.

Assisting as crew, guide and cook is Jenn Broom. Jenn has worked on the coast since 1991 and will make you feel at home aboard her beautiful boat. Delicious, nutritious food flows out of Jenn's galley and she keeps the *Afterglow* clean and tidy. Jenn also heads up Ocean Light Adventures' office in winter and during the boating season.

*Ocean Light* Adventures and her crew continually contribute a tremendous amount to the conservation of our endangered wilderness areas.

**Meals.** We take special care in preparing nutritious and delicious meals. All meals will be prepared aboard the boat and will include fresh seafood, homemade soups, breads and salads. Wine is served with dinner, and you may bring your own drinks to be consumed in moderation only when the anchor is down for the night. We will not tolerate excessive drinking on our vessel. Clients have the option to assist in food gathering and meal preparation. If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know well in advance, we will try to accommodate you.

**What About the Weather?** Weather along the coast in the August can be variable. The heavy rains and fog, which are responsible for the large stands of spruce and cedar, fall primarily during winter months but one should expect the variety of weather that creates the many moods for which this area is noted. Come prepared for cold, wet weather and fog. When the sun comes out – as it often does – you will be pleasantly surprised. Hot, sunny, windy days are common as well.

**Safety.** Your safety while participating in this expedition is of our prime concern. The crew is well trained in wilderness first-aid techniques and very experienced in the environment. Ultimately your guide makes decisions with your comfort and safety in mind yet tries to maximize the experience of the adventure for everyone. We stress that listening carefully to instructions and directions given by the guides is your ultimate responsibility and in the best interest of yourself and the group.

