

CULTURAL CURRENTS

A Journey in the Skeena and Nass Valleys



July 11–18, 2020

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Join us for a spectacular 7-night trip in the Northern BC Skeena and Nass River valleys, from July 11 to 18, 2020, with MOA Curator of Education Dr. Jill Baird. This unique and intimate journey will explore living cultural traditions and treasures, unforgettable coastal and inland landscapes, and offer the opportunity to meet with and learn from outstanding Indigenous artists and community leaders. Experience this exclusive opportunity to be welcomed to Nisga'a, Gitksan, Gitanyow, Haisla and Tsimshian (Ts'msyen) territories by those knowledge-holders and community representatives who actively work to support and adapt their traditions in contemporary and significant ways.

Day 1: Saturday, July 11 – Terrace and Kitsumkalem

Today you will begin your journey with a morning flight from Vancouver to Terrace and the first chance to meet with your fellow travellers. Upon arriving, the group will be met by private coach to drive to Kitsumkalem as the first arrival to Tsimshian (Ts'msyen) Territory, before gathering in the evening for a welcome dinner.

Sleep in Terrace

Meals included: L and D

Day 2: Sunday, July 12 – Nisga'a Museum

Today, you will embark on your journey by coach up the spectacular Nisga'a Highway to Laxgalts'ap, the home of the Nisga'a Museum (established in 2011), where you will enjoy an exclusive guided museum tour and a special welcome lunch. On the return coach trip, you will learn about the beautiful Vetter Falls and the significance of the Anhluut'ukwsim Laxmihl Angwinga'asanskwhl Memorial Lava Bed Park.

Sleep in Terrace

Meals included: B and L

Day 3: Monday, July 13 – Freda Diesing School and Kitselas

Today, you will begin with a tour of the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art, the only school of its kind in Canada that offers certificate and diploma programmes to emerging Indigenous artists. Next, you'll travel by coach to Kitselas. Designated a National Historic Site in 1972, Kitselas still contains the only remaining historic village on the Skeena. You will be guided to the longhouse and on the Canyon trail leading to the Clan Totem Pole Garden.

Sleep in Terrace

Meals included: B and L

Day 4: Tuesday, July 14 – 'Ksan, Hazelton, Kispiox, and Gitanyow

Today's journey takes you to the northeast, into Gitxsan Territory and the historic site and living museum of 'Ksan, at the confluence of the Skeena and the Bulkley Rivers. On today's route, you will visit Hazelton and Kispiox, and tour the stunning Gitanyow poles, one of which is modeled after a pole in MOA's Great Hall—a pole that speaks to the Gitanyow chiefs' intention, when they sold it in 1958, to have their histories, territories and laws taught at the University of British Columbia.

Sleep in Terrace

Meals included: B and L

Day 5: Wednesday, July 15 – Kitimat and Haisla Territory

Today, you will travel to the south, into Haisla Territory and the small city of Kitimat. You will tour the Kitimat Museum and Archives in the morning, and after lunch will meet with Haisla and Heiltsuk writer, Eden Robinson, and learn about how she masterfully weaves traditional stories and characters into her highly acclaimed contemporary fiction, including *Monkey Beach* (1996) and *Son of a Trickster* (2017).

Sleep in Terrace

Meals included: B and L

Day 6: Thursday, July 16 – Skeena River boat tour

This morning, you will pack your bags and depart your Terrace hotel. Today, you will return to the stunning Kitselas Canyon, and experience it this time from the waters of the Skeena River with Kermodei Adventures. You will learn from Kitselas land and resource representatives as well as cultural educators about the natural beauty and the cultural connections of the area. After your boating adventure, you will travel by coach to Prince Rupert on BC's Pacific Coast.

Sleep in Prince Rupert

Meals included: B and L

Day 7: Friday, July 17 – Prince Rupert

You will begin today by immersing yourself in the important history of the seafood canning industry on BC's northern coast, with a guided tour of the North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site. After lunch, enjoy a guided tour at the beautiful Museum of Northern BC, including a special performance by your Tsimshian (Ts'msyen) hosts. Join your fellow adventurers this evening with a special dinner to celebrate all we have experienced and learned on this journey in the Skeena and Nass River valleys.

Sleep in Prince Rupert

Meals included: B and D

Day 8: Saturday, July 18 – Departure for Vancouver

You will enjoy a leisurely morning in Prince Rupert before traveling by coach to the airport for the return flight to Vancouver.

Meal included: B

Tour includes:

Transportation as listed: Flights (including one checked bag), coach, Skeena Rover boats
Accommodation as listed
Attractions as listed
Meals as listed
Gratuities to drivers

Tour does not include:

Items of a personal nature
Meals not listed
Attractions not listed
Travel insurance

Price Per Person CAD + 5% GST

Double: \$4180

Single Supplement: \$710

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