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Dear Traveler:

Welcome to Carson Tours. We bring you carefree tours in Alberta's most luxurious 2008 Setra motor coach, "The Alberta Clipper", combining professional service with a personal touch.



On most tours, Mike, your guide and driver is able to show you nifty little places that will make your travel memories even more special! With your tour family, you'll see new places, meet new faces and share new experiences. You'll return home with photos, memories, and lots of stories to share with those who will wish they'd come along.

Please note that we have updated and improved our schedules to make your vacations even more enjoyable.

## **QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS, BC**

**Departure: July 28, 2010**

**Return: 05 August, 2010**

Fares\*:

**\$1,789 Cad Double     \$2,639 Cad Single**

\*Subject to 5% GST

Pay 90 days or more in advance and receive a 5% discount

Final payment due 45 days prior to departure

*9 Days of Fun, Excitement and Memories!*

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**ITINERARY:**

The Queen Charlotte Islands lie on the extreme western edge of British Columbia like a dream scarce remembered. These islands are mythical and elusive, full of meaning and great beauty, yet incomprehensible to the waking mind. Impossible not to marvel at, and revel in, these are the Queen Charlotte Islands of British Columbia, arguably one of the most beautiful and diverse landscapes in the world. The islands are the ancestral home of the Haida - the West Coast First Nations who have lived here for thousands of years.



**Day 1:** We begin our discovery of the culture of the Haida Gwii by traveling westward on Highway 16 through Jasper and along the Fraser River to the central B.C. city of Prince George.



**Day 2:** Following the route of the old Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad, we pass through Vanderhoof, Burns Lake, Smithers, Hazelton and Terrace before descending the spectacular Skeena River valley to Prince Rupert.

**Day 3:** We will have an informative and entertaining tour of Prince Rupert prior to boarding a B.C. Ferry for a 6-½ hour sailing across Hecate Strait to Skidegate. We will spend the next three nights in the Village of Queen Charlotte. As we depart Prince Rupert, watch for the new Prince Rupert Port Authority's

Container Terminal. Located off the west coast of British Columbia, the archipelago of the Queen Charlotte Islands of more than 150 islands is sometimes referred to as Canada's Galapagos. Watch for bald eagles that are as common as a pigeon in a park! Overnight: Village of Queen Charlotte.

**Day 4:** We'll spend most of the day on Morseby Island and, weather permitting, we'll experience an exciting helicopter ride departing from Sandspit. What an introduction to both the amazing west coast culture and nature. Overnight: Village of Queen Charlotte.



**Day 5:** Today we will travel to the northernmost point of Graham Island and visit old Masset. On the way to

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Masset, we'll make some unique stops along the way. Past Masset, we'll enter Naikoon Provincial Park, along scenic Tow Hill Road that cuts through a rain forest with the trees draped in moss. Supper will be included in the tour. Overnight: Village of Queen Charlotte.

**Day 6:** The daytime Ferry ride will take us from Skidegate to the mainland of Prince Rupert. Overnight, Prince Rupert.

**Day 7:** We begin our day with drive through tour of Ridley Island, where both grain and coal are loaded into ocean going vessels for international exportation. We'll

visit the oldest fish cannery on the Canadian West Coast, the North Pacific Cannery Museum. We will then depart for Hazelton where we visit the Ksan Indian Village and spend the night.

**Day 8:** Continuing eastbound on the Yellowhead, we will view Prince George from the top of Connaught Hill in Prince George before arriving in the very popular snowmobile town of McBride B.C. for the night.

**Day 9:** After a leisurely visit of a couple of hours in Jasper, we will head for home, filled with many pleasant memories of an unforgettable experience of one of our great Canadian ecological treasures.



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Included in your holiday is first class transportation in Alberta's most luxurious motor coach; standard accommodation and taxes at all hotels and baggage handling (one piece per person). We hope you will decide to join us for this exciting and memorable tour.

*We look forward to offering you luxury!*

**Questions? Please feel free to call us!**

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**Welcome Aboard, Luxury Awaits You!**

## **TRAVEL NOTES**

To help you enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday, we remind you of the following:

- The medical information and liability waiver must be completed to assist you in the event of an emergency. Bring this form when first boarding the coach.
- We clearly tag your baggage for easy handling and identification. In order to accommodate all passengers, we ask that you restrict luggage to one large suitcase (for hotel staff to handle) and one carry on bag (that is your responsibility) per person.
- In order to keep the coach clean and neat, and for your comfort, we ask that you refrain from eating and drinking (except water!) on the coach. Our frequent stops (every 2-3 hours) allow plenty of opportunity for filling our tummies.
- If you are diabetic, or have a medical condition that requires food more often, let us know. We'll be pleased to meet your needs.
- While your rooms, tours and special events are included, in order to accommodate the variety of individual tastes, meals are your responsibility. We endeavour to arrange suitable eating establishments en route – enjoy!
- If you have questions or concerns, please let us know at once. We look forward to making your holiday a memorable experience.
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance are available, call for details.
- Don't forget your camera!

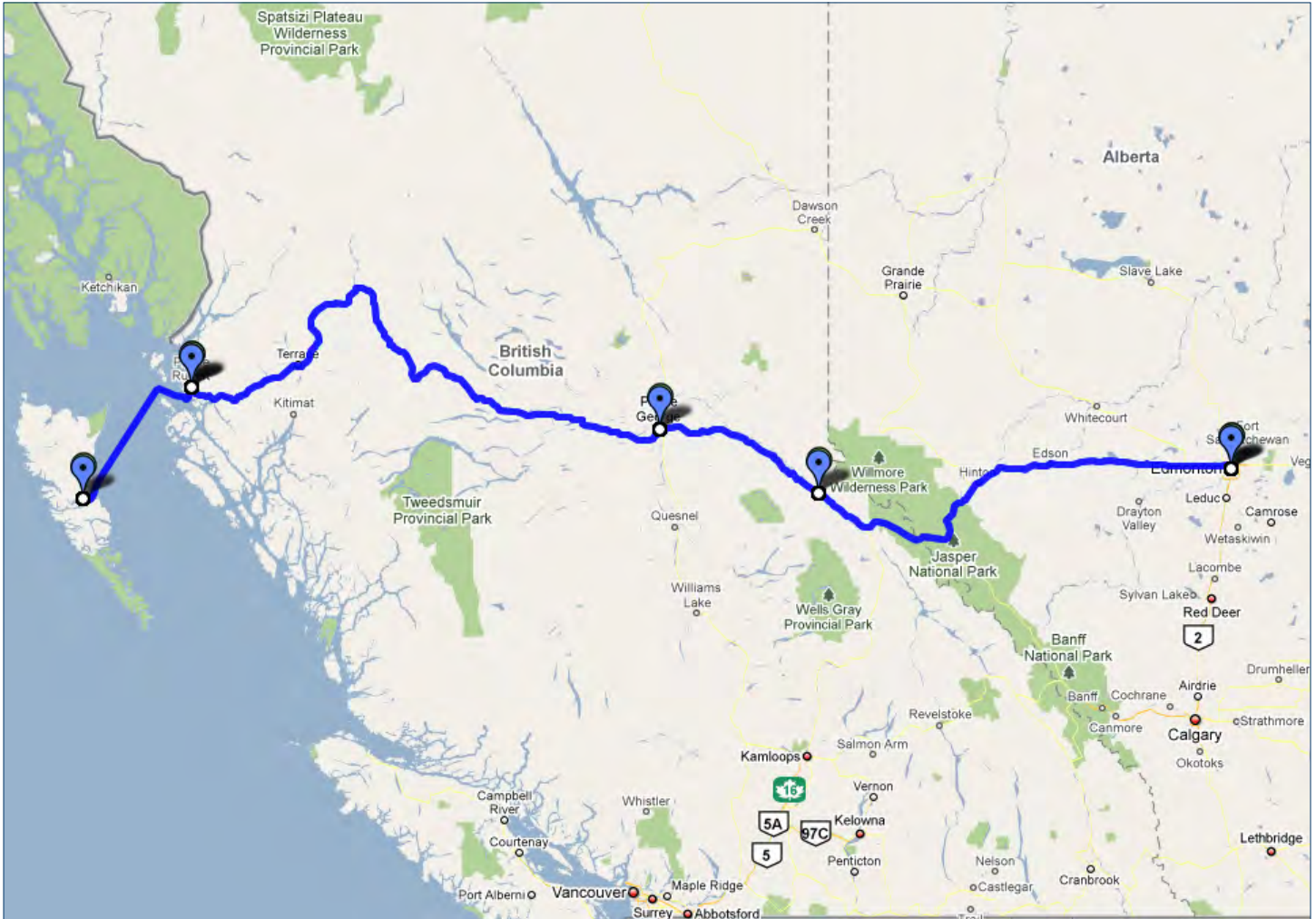


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## ROUTE MAP



This map is intended to provide a general route overview only and may not show all stops.

Routes subject to change without notice.

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