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VANCOUVER ISLAND – ADVENTURE UNLIMITED

7 day family west coast multi- adventure with a kayak trip to Nootka Sound

Journey to Canada's west coast for an unforgettable adventure unlimited vacation. Internationally acclaimed for its pristine natural beauty and superb choice of exhilarating outdoor activities - Canada's Vancouver Island is a paradise for those seeking adventure. Few Canadian adventures compare to witnessing an Orca arcing out of the water or standing beneath a towering ancient Douglas fir tree - a majestic pillar perhaps 800 years old!

This 8 day unlimited adventure vacation combines a few lodge nights in the Alpine Mountain environment of Strathcona Provincial Park with a 3 day kayak trip to the spectacular Nootka Sound. Nootka Sound is one of the most remote and rugged areas to kayak on the west coast of Canada. The Nootka area is wild coastline with remote beaches, dense rainforests populated with wolves and bears, and the lingering presence of aboriginal culture.

DAY 1

Ferry to Vancouver Island and enjoy a short drive into the Beaufort Mountain range and Strathcona Provincial Park - home to six of the highest seven peaks on Vancouver Island. The park offers a perfect setting for a multitude of adventures including hiking, boating, climbing and swimming. Check into your lakeside Chalet and head for a swim, canoe or kayak before dinner. Enjoy a wonderful meal in anticipation of the week's adventure ahead.

Lakeside Chalet accommodation.

DAY 2

With an Adventure Unlimited package there is something for everyone in your family to choose from!

Explore the many waterfalls, large evergreens and small mountain lakes in Strathcona Provincial Park. The spectacular mountains on Vancouver Island are fantastic for climbers but also offer day trippers offering a wide choice of well marked, safe trails. Hike on uncrowded trails and photograph the flowers and snowfields for which Strathcona Provincial Park is famous.

Kids love the zip line and kayak soccer! Day trip by canoe, kayak or sailboat along Upper Campbell - Buttle Lake. Other activities may include rock climbing, mountaineering, orienteering, snowshoeing and winter camping.

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Should some family members be interested add-ons include: massage, yoga, whale watching, boat tours, and airplane tours. Enjoy the comforts, wholesome food, fresh air, phenomenal setting and friendly atmosphere with your family in the heart of Vancouver Island.

Dinner
Lakeside Chalet accommodation

DAY 3

Early morning hike into the sub alpine of Bedwell Valley to view snow capped peaks and glaciers of the highest peaks on Vancouver Island. Return later in the afternoon to rest and relax at your Lakeside Chalet. Enjoy a fabulous meal while preparations mount for your kayak trip. After dinner jump into the kayaks to practice your skills (strokes, rescue techniques and safety procedures) in the sheltered waters of Upper Campbell Lake. Complete out-trip preparations.

Lakeside Chalet accommodation

DAY 4

Depart by Lodge transport to Tuta Marina on Muchalat Inlet.

Board the Kayak Mothership named MV Uchuck III. This is a 136-foot passenger and freight vessel that will act as your base camp and support your group as you cruise from Gold River to Nootka Sound through the spectacular inlets along Vancouver's rugged and incredibly scenic West Coast.

Your Journey to Nootka Sound features intact old-growth forest stands, rolling mountains and lush ecosystems. Coastal features include rocky headlands, winding fjords, long stretches of uninhabited beach, and an abundance of sheltered beaches. The first residents of Nootka Sound were the Mowachaht and Muchalaht peoples, who had a rich existence and culture based on whaling and river fishing. There are hieroglyphics on some rock faces and some caves contain Mowachaht and Spanish burial sites.

Our kayak journey begins with a unique "drop" from the mothership. Paddle a short distance to the beautiful pebbled beach at Burdwood Bay. Camp in a private spot amongst the driftwood with an uninterrupted view of the Pacific Ocean.

Camping accommodation in Nootka Sound

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DAY 5

The Nuchatlitz Marine Park offers both exposed coast and protected waters for paddling, quiet coves and a myriad of beaches. The Park protects a great diversity of flora and fauna within an extensive range of terrestrial, inter-tidal and marine environments vital habitat for BC's recovering sea otter population. One of the largest otter populations in the world lives in this area and rafts of a hundred are not uncommon.

Orca and gray whales can be spotted further offshore at varying times of the year. Along the shorelines, kayaking Nootka Sound provides opportunity to spot wolves, sea otter, sea lions, black bears, cougars, and bald eagles.

Moving down the coast to the perfect beaches at Escalante, swim in river pools, play in the surf and explore this very isolated area with its incredible beaches.

After a day of exploring, relax and enjoy a hearty meal around the fire.

Camping accommodation in Nootka Sound

DAY 6

In the early morning, explore Yuquot (Friendly Cove), the First Nations site where Chief Maquinna of the Nu-chah-nulth people welcomed Captain Cook. There is lot's of time remaining in the day to hike the beaches, swim, and visit the lighthouse and historical Spanish church and graveyard. Paddle to Tuta Marina and return to the Mountain lodge.

Mountain Lodge accommodation

Day 7

Breakfast

Depart.

Please note - Intended routes and schedules may be altered in order to improve the tour and your experience due to weather conditions.

2010 Departures:

- June 27 - July 3, 2010
- July 11 - July 17, 2010
- July 26 - Aug 1, 2010
- July 29 - Aug 4, 2010
- Aug 9 - Aug 15, 2010

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The cost is: \$1,485 per person based on a family of four

The Cost includes: 6 night's accommodation (four lodge and two nights camping),7 days meals and out-trip food (from dinner on arrival day through breakfast on departure day), all group equipment including single or double kayaks, PFDs, tents (two-person), transportation within the package, instruction and guiding services of an experienced outdoor leader(s).

The cost does not include: GST (5 % federal tax) or PST (provincial tax)

Please note that this trip is subject to a minimum of 2 persons and a maximum of 10. Clients will be sent an equipment list and a medical/liability form prior to arrival

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