

Farewell Harbour Lodge | Stay in the Grizzly Bears' Habitat

Holiday Duration: 7 Nights



Overview

See Grizzly Bears on this superb holiday at the Farewell Harbour Lodge

Berry Island, in the heart of the Broughton Archipelago, is host to one of the most biologically active regions of the British Columbia coast, and to Farewell Harbour Lodge. See grizzly bears forage on sedge, roots and berries during the spring and summer, and also emerge onto the broad, braided estuaries to feast upon the returning salmon in late summer and autumn. Farewell Harbour Lodge will provide experienced guides to take you out into the natural environment of the bears using zodiac boats or on foot, rather than using any viewing platforms or artificial habitats, to give you the most genuine experience. This is a great place for your bear watching holiday in Canada.

Farewell Harbour Lodge

The primary lodge building and common area features a lounge and dining room, bar and a large brick fireplace surrounded by large windows and a wrap around deck boasting spectacular views of the harbour with

great sunsets! The expansive decks continue as a boardwalk along the shore, leading to eight, private oceanside suites with ensuite bathrooms, a cozy stove and 2 double size beds. A ramp leads off the main lodge to the floating lodge below featuring four additional suites each with a private bathroom for twelve rooms in total.

All lodge suites and common areas have unique design features incorporating natural cedar and local materials and art from the area that offer a distinctive, relaxing 'west coast' feel.

This itinerary is flexible and can be tailor-made to suit you; if you want to add extra days in one area, extend the holiday or maybe change the direction of travel. Talk to one of our experts about how to make this holiday the perfect one for you.

Here's a day-by-day guide to your itinerary. Feel free to ask us to add other days or ideas and excursions by contacting us directly, so we can give you the best price.

Day 1-2



Vancouver

Arrive into Vancouver and spend a few days relaxing and exploring this amazing city

2 nights in Vancouver

Day 3-7



Vancouver to Farewell Harbour Lodge

Fly from Vancouver to Port Hardy to meet a transfer over to Alder Bay where a high speed water taxi will take you across the Johnstone Strait to Farewell Harbour Lodge. After a warm welcome and short orientation provided by the staff, and time to settle into your rooms, there is time for an afternoon marine mammal viewing excursion or a sea kayak paddle in the protected waters around the lodge. The lodge will provide daily excursions alternating between bear watching and marine mammal viewing, which also provide opportunities to learn about the cultural traditions of the Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations who have lived in this area long before the European settlers arrived, with ancient village sites and rock art pictographs along with other evidence of their history and presence around the area you will be led through by your experienced guides.

Sample Itinerary at the Lodge

Day 1: Depart Alder Bay aboard their high speed water taxi for the scenic 25 minute service to Farewell Harbour. Greet Farewell Harbour Lodge staff at the dock. Check in, receive welcome orientation and welcome appetizers. Relax, you're there! After settling into accommodations, join an afternoon tour in search of marine wildlife in the waters of the famous Johnstone Strait and Robson Bight Ecological Reserve. Return to the lodge by 6pm. Buffet dinner at 7pm, followed by next day activity briefing. Evening presentation at 8pm on some aspect of coastal ecology.

Day 2: After breakfast, meet on the dock at 8am for first full day bear viewing adventure to one of the main grizzly viewing estuaries! The bear viewing takes you to one of several estuaries where you will view either from a zodiac or on foot depending on the tide. They do not use viewing platforms, preferring to view wildlife at eye level in their natural habitat.

Return by 6pm; buffet dinner at 7pm followed by evening presentation on some aspect of Great Bear Rainforest, Bears or First Nations culture.

Day 3&4: 7am breakfast, then on the water at 8am for your choice of another bear viewing safari or a more extensive exploration of the the incredibly rich waters of Johnstone Strait and the Robson Bight Ecological Reserve. Orcas typically return to these waters mid July although Humpbacks and other marine life can often be seen in May and June. Return by 6pm for dinner and evening program.

Day 5: Choose from one of the following options:

- *A short morning sea kayak excursion in the protected and crystalline waters near Farewell Harbour Lodge*
- *A marine excursion*
- *Guided interpretive rainforest hike*
- *Then return to the lodge for the return water taxi back to Alder Bay arriving for ongoing connections*

4 nights at Farewell Harbour Lodge (this can be extended to 5 or 6 nights if preferred)

Day 8



Farewell Harbour Lodge to Vancouver

There is time on your final day for a short powerboat excursion, a chance to try your hand at some fishing or sea kayaking, or just relaxing around the lodge before taking the water taxi back to Alder Bay, where you will be transferred to Port Hardy to fly back to Vancouver. From here you could extend your holiday by heading towards the Rockies or even back



over to explore more of Vancouver Island if you are not ready to fly home. Ask us to extend this suggested holiday itinerary.

If you are interested in a holiday to Canada please contact us on 020 8776 8709 to discuss your plans with a Canada expert, or send an email to canada@frontier-travel.co.uk with your requirements and we will put together your ideal itinerary and quotation. Let us take you there.