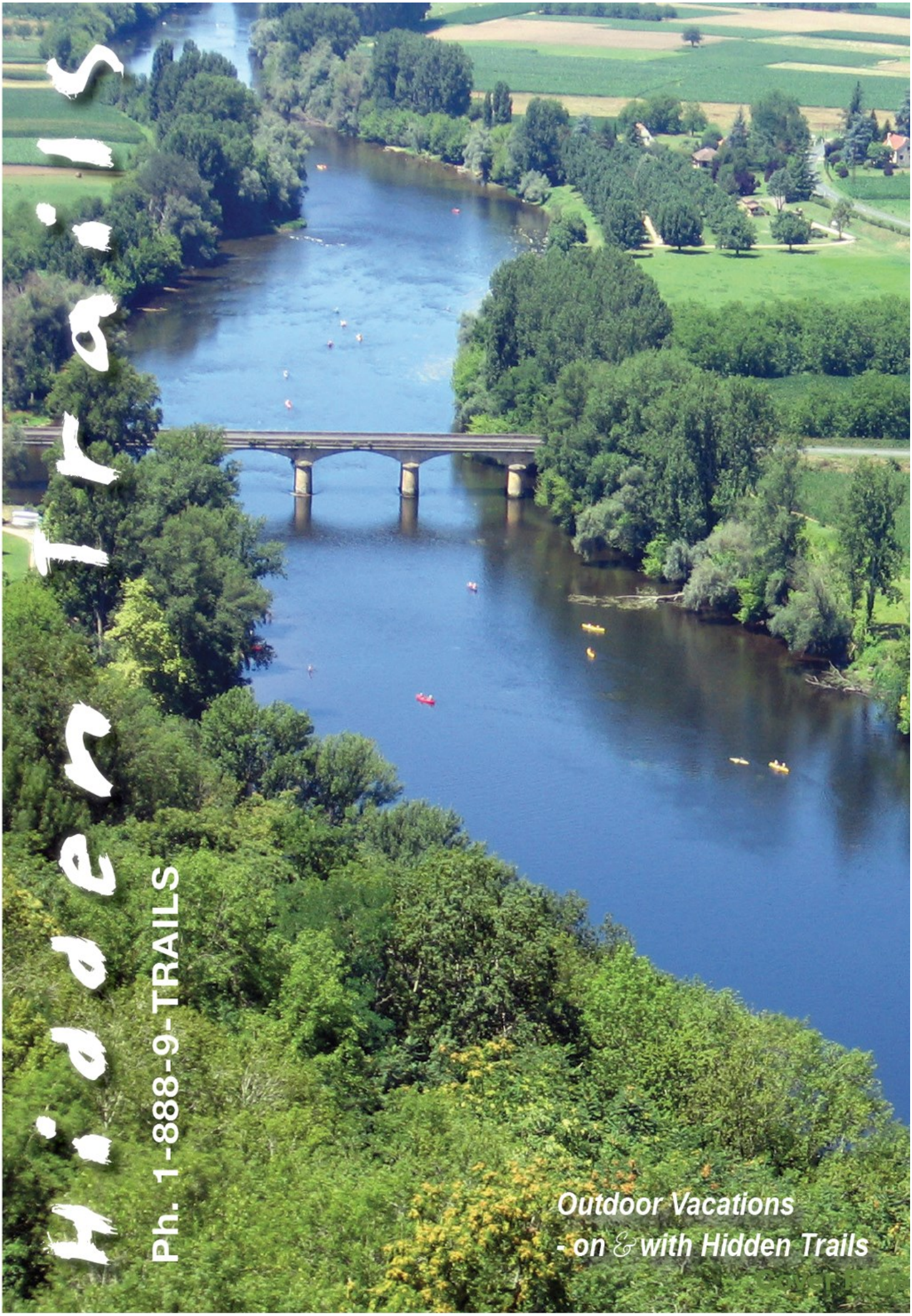
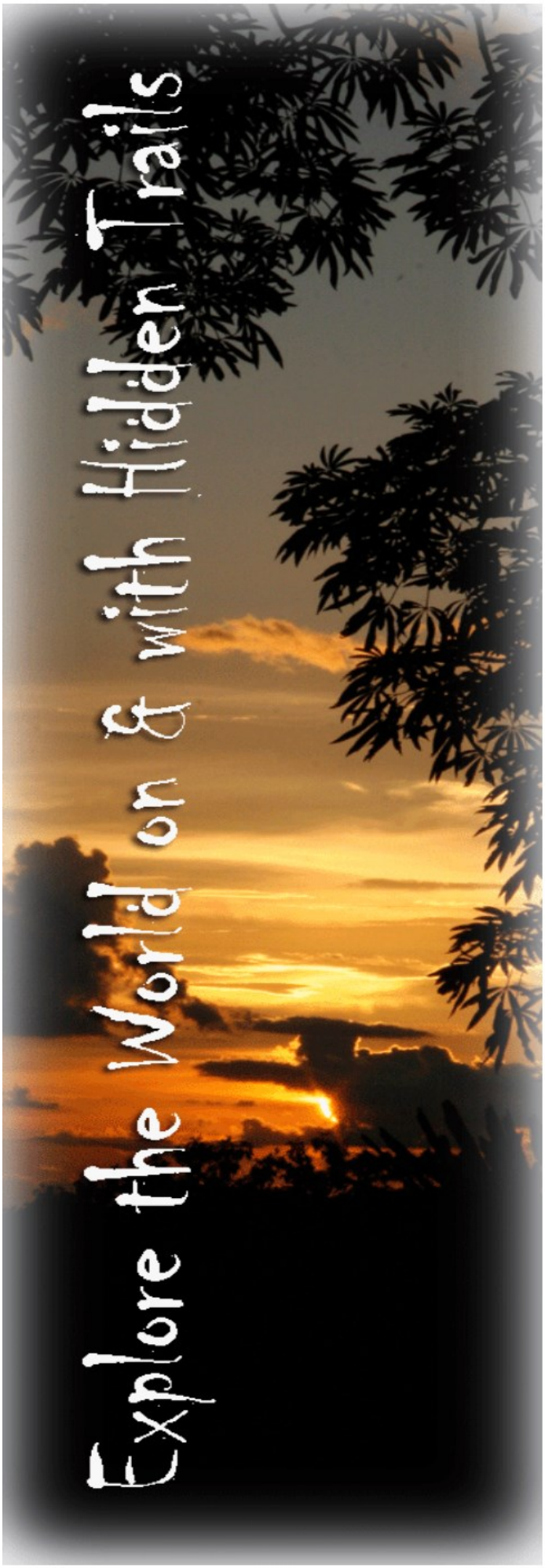

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About Hidden Trails



Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love the outdoors and adventure activities. We have been involved with outdoor vacations for over 20 years. We have collected the best outdoor vacation destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These vacations are about forging rivers, biking along canals and through forests, hiking along age-old trails, gazing at beautiful vistas and encountering foreign cultures. But most of all, these trips are about getting away from the cycle of too much work and never enough free time.

Escape from the rituals, which long ago froze our nights and days into little more than routine and away from the worries of our new tense times. It is so satisfying when we take the plunge of adventure - it's unfortunate that we invent so many reasons to put aside living our dreams of adventure. It is sometimes a tangled web that we weave through life. Some of the threads reveal a work-a-day world of commitments, duties and obligations. Other threads are of a quiet fabric of hope, responsibility and refreshment.

On our adventures you see the real country, its back country and meet the locals. The love for the outdoors has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand.
You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends.

These trips have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special outdoor vacation anywhere in the world, call us first and let our experienced consultants match the perfect trip with your dream.
We will listen to you and give you objective advice to help you choose the best destination and adventure.

Your vacation is the most precious time of the year and we are committed to making it the most memorable time of your life. Wherever you go, have a great time and bring back some peace of mind.

Thank you for your continued support.
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God's Pocket Sea Kayaking - Canada, North America

Tour Code: ZZ-SKBC-22
6 days / 5 nights ~$4,195.00
Dates: July

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: --
Horses: --
Pace: 4-5 hours per day paddling

Airport: Port Hardy, Vancouver










Introduction

British Columbia, Canada
Your kayaking and whale watching adventure starts with a stunning boat cruise from Port Hardy BC Canada on northern Vancouver Island past rugged mountains, forested islands, and the wildlife rich waters of Queen Charlotte Strait, before arriving at God's Pocket Resort.

After an instruction in the basics of sea kayaking, you will spend your days paddling the sheltered waterways surrounding the many islands that make up the park while watching for humpback whales, orca, porpoises, seals, sea lions, sea otters and bald eagles. Paddle by the world-famous Browning Wall at low tide and marvel at the explosion of invertebrate sea life. You'll even enjoy a short cruise to the Millar group of islands, where you'll spend the day exploring a network of tiny islands that host haul-out for sea lions and a hangout for humpback whales.

At the end of the day, you'll return to the resort to enjoy a hot shower in your room and freshly-prepared meals. Watch the sunset and relax by a campfire on a waterside deck, then sleep blissfully in a comfortable bed. If you have a particularly dark night, join your guides to paddle through the ocean's glowing bioluminescence! You can take a day off from this active adventure anytime to relax on the dock with a book, or follow one of the many hiking trails into the island's lush rain forest. Don't forget to greet the resort's resident octopus and river otters in the cove out front!

Accomodation



Accommodation
Nestled in an enchanting cove off Christie Passage, 12 miles north of Port Hardy, God's Pocket offers a tranquil setting in which to relax after a day of the best sea kayaking offered. A visit to God's Pocket provides not only spectacular cold water diving, but also an opportunity for kayaking, hiking, shore walks, wildlife viewing, including whale watching.
The resort offers 2 cabins – 4 side-by-side rooms per cabin with breathtaking views of the ocean. Rooms are based on double occupancy and have a bathroom with toilet, sink, and shower. Daily housekeeping is provided.



The Resort also has a larger common room (the Clubhouse) for reading, hanging out, or watching movies. Please, note that there is no Wi-Fi available at the resort.

Single occupancy:
Due to limited availability at God's Pocket, we prefer to match up solo travelers of the same gender to share



rooms. However, we often can accommodate guests in single rooms a single supplement fee needs to be paid. Please inquire at the time of booking.



Meals
Three meals a day are provided, all made from scratch, served family style in the dining hall. Baked goods and hot drinks are available any time of day if you need a little something.

We provide 2 glasses of wine per night, so if you need/desire more or different alcoholic beverages, you can plan accordingly and either bring your own, or shop on the Saturday before your trip.

NOTE that liquor stores in BC are closed on Sundays and prior to our meeting time on Mondays, so you will not be able to buy before your tour with us if you arrive on a Sunday.

The lodge provides unlimited teas, coffee, hot cocoa and lemonade. Feel free to bring your own sodas or diet sodas in addition if you prefer.

Special diets and dietary restrictions:
We make every effort to accommodate food preferences and allergies. If you are vegetarian alternate items will be prepared on nights that we serve meat. We do ask that folks with strict vegan or gluten-free diets to bring their own supplements and substitutions (such as rice noodles, etc) or special drinks since the shopping is limited in very rural northern Vancouver Island.
We cannot accommodate Celiac Diets.



Riding

Tandem kayaks are used unless guest requests a single kayak (limited availability).

Physical requirements
In general, all trip participants must be able to do the following:
- Wear all protective and safety equipment that are required by the operator and recommended/required by industry wide standards.
- Load and unload, on their own or with the aid of a qualified companion, the bus and/or van providing transportation for the activities.
- Reach the water access points (put-in and take-out) on their own, or with the aid of a qualified companion.
- Enter and exit the raft, kayak and/or inflatable kayak on their own or with the aid of a qualified companion.
- Remain seated and balanced in a floating raft, canoe, kayak or inflatable kayak w/ the aid of adaptive equipment, if necessary.
- Float on their back when entering moving and still water. The participant must be capable of turning from face-down to face-up in the water with the aid of a Personal Floatation Device and must be able to hold their breath while under water.
- Remain calm and keep breathing under control in the event of a swim.
- Climb into the kayak, with the help of another person, should an involuntary swim happen at any point on the water.
- Make progress toward the shoreline or a boat by swimming in moving water and must be able to exit the water and ascend the shoreline once reached.
- Participate as an active paddler when instructed by the guide for the duration of trip.
- Move about the campsite on their own or with the aid of a qualified companion on all trips that include overnight camping and/or lunch.

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - ***subject to changes***

Note: The voyage to the Millar group of islands is included on all tours, weather permitting. We will do our best to adhere to the schedule listed below. However, the itinerary may change due to reasons beyond our control such as wind, waves, inclement weather or other variables.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

Day 0: Arrive in Port Hardy
Travel to Port Hardy, a working waterfront fishing village a quick taxi ride away from the Port Hardy airport. Check in to a local Inn of your choice and head out to explore this sweet Northern Vancouver Island town on your own for the night. Enjoy some local cuisine and settle in to your hotel for your overnight in anticipation of your adventure to Hurst Island.
Meals Included: none
Overnight not included

Day 1: Boat Ride from Port Hardy to God's Pocket Resort, Orientation Meeting, Adventure Begins!
Wake up to the sounds of the quintessential Island port town. Enjoy breakfast and coffee before checking out of your hotel to meet you guides and fellow travel mates at the Government Docs at 9:00 AM for a brief introduction before boarding your water taxi for Hurst Island. You'll have a chance to make quick introductions and receive your wetsuit booties before the boat heads out to God's Pocket Resort. The 45 minute ride is a thrilling introduction to the Queen Charlotte Strait; keep your eye on the horizon for whales or other marine mammals as you begin your wilderness adventure. Upon your arrival at the lodge, you'll have a chance to settle into your unique lodging for the week. Once you get settled, you will meet back up with your group for an orientation meeting, followed by your first delicious God's Pocket meal made by your very own chef! After lunch, your guides will present an introduction to kayaking and safety tips before helping you launch. You'll have a chance to practice your technique with your guides' expert assistance before beginning your first paddling excursion. After your first exploration of the Queen Charlotte Strait by kayak you will return to your home for the week at God's Pocket to a happy hour hors d'oeuvres and wine celebration before a welcome dinner in the dining hall. Join your guides for a natural history lesson, games, and good conversation around a toasty campfire before retiring into your comfortable bed.
Accommodations: God's Pocket Resort
Meals Included: L, D

Day 2-5: Sea Kayaking, Hiking, Whale Watching, and Tide pooling
Relax into the rhythm of wilderness adventure! Once the scents of a freshly cooked breakfast entice you to the dining hall, you can enjoy heaping portions of your favorite steaming breakfasts. Depending on the weather, you'll either go for a hike or head down to the dock for your foray on the water. Mornings begin with a filling breakfast as the sun warms the waters of the cove. You'll spend about 4-5 hours per day paddling these intriguing seas, with the occasional floating rest stop as whales or other marine mammals break the surface with their thrilling antics. You might visit the world-famous Browning Wall, marveling at the explosion of invertebrate life visible at low tide, or break for lunch on bleached-white madden beaches, exploring the relics of ancient civilizations. During your lengthy lunch break, relax on the beach with a gourmet picnic prepared by the chef's lodge and complete with delectable baked goods. Some beaches also offer hikes into the thick rainforest blanketing the islands, for a chance to stretch your legs and learn about the natural history of the area
Most days focus on kayak exploration of the area, but some days might include a shorter paddle partnered with a longer hike at the lodge, whale watching, or a midnight paddle to view the ocean's glowing bioluminescence. As a special treat, you'll also load the kayaks onto the God's Pocket water taxi and journey across the Strait to the Millar group of islands for a closer look at the large marine mammals that inhabit these waters. While paddling this network of tiny islands, you might see over a hundred Stellar sea lions hauled out on the rocky outcrops. However, playful humpback whales often steal the show with lunge feeding or their acrobatic displays.
If you need a break from kayaking, you have the option to spend the day at the lodge instead of paddling. Just relax with a good book, hike one of the many island trails, or investigate the library of board games, nature films, and local ecology books. Don't forget to watch for the resident octopus in the bay!
Paddle Distance: 7-9 miles per day
Accommodations: God's Pocket Resort
Meals Included: B, L, D

Day 6: Return to Port Hardy
After a final breakfast at God's Pocket, you'll have time to gather up your belongings and say your goodbyes to beautiful Hurst Island and your loving hosts before boarding the boat back to Port Hardy. You'll depart the lodge and arrive into Port Hardy around 10:30 am. If you are catching a flight, we recommend booking your return flight for 12:000 pm or later from Port Hardy to Vancouver International airport.
Meals Included: B

Other Info

Meeting: Port Hardy the night before the trip starts
Airport: Port Hardy, Vancouver
Arrive in Port Hardy and meet for an orientation meeting with your kayak guides at 9:00 AM.

Tack: --
Horses: --
Pace: 4-5 hours per day paddling
Level: (1 to 3 out of 5) Easy
Age: Min 12
Riders: Min 6 riders Max 14 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - ZZ-SKBC-22

Rates include: Accommodation while on tour, All meals while on tour, Transportation to and from the launch site, Kayaking instruction, All kayaking and camping equipment & Service of our professional Guides.
Dry bags for your gear and neoprene booties are provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2024	6 day trip	$4195

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Group discount (8-13 pax), pp	
2024	Single supplement (if not willing to share)	$500
2024	Single kayak supplement	$100

Tour Dates

Season		Tour Dates		
A	2024	07/08/2024 - 07/13/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip
A	2024	07/15/2024 - 07/20/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip
A	2024	07/22/2024 - 07/27/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip

Min/Max: 6/14

Rates do not include:Transportation to and from Port Hardy, Hotel before and after the tour, Meals before or after the tour, Taxes & Gratuities

Hidden Trails Outdoor Reservation Form

Tour : _____ ***Code #:*** _____ ***from:*** _____ ***to :*** _____

The Travelers (Last Name, First Name)	Male Female	Single room/ or tent	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Height	Weight*	Special diets**	Allergies	Medical Con.	Fitness Level: Excellent	Good	Moderate	Poor	need to rent equipm.
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* If more than 200 lbs we need to reconfirm with our partners first ** Details on dietary needs on separate sheet, please.

Special Diets: _____

How often do you exercise? _____ Describe your experience: _____

Have you been on other riding tours? No ☐ Yes ☐ last trip when? _____ Trip: _____

If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from the local airport/station: I would like the transfer to be included: YES ☐ NO ☐

In an emergency, name and phone number of contact: _____

Attention: Please, if there is more than one participant, all have to sign the reservation form - make copies if needed

With my signature I confirm my reservation of the listed program(s) under the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions. I'm aware, and I made all participants aware of the risk involved with these outdoor adventure activities. All participants have read and agree with the Hidden Trails *Booking Conditions* and the Hidden Trails *Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement* in this brochure or as listed on the Internet.
I (we) will sign and forward the *Recreational Activity Release and* Indemnity Agreement at least 8 weeks before trip starting date.

Last Name and First Name (The Traveler) _____

Street _____ ***e-mail*** _____

City _____ ***State*** _____ ***Postal/Zip Code*** _____

Phone (wk) _____ ***(hm)*** _____ ***Fax*** _____

Date _____ ***Signature (mandatory)*** 1. _____

Please, charge a 25% deposit (minimum $ 350 per person) now and full payment 10 weeks before starting date to my credit card.

For payments by VISA ☐ ***or Mastercard*** ☐ (no debit cards)

Cardholder:

Card #

---3 digit Security # ---

Exp.Date: ---------- Signature: _____

Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than maling address):

I have enclosed a check for the deposit ☐

Additional Signatures:

2. _____

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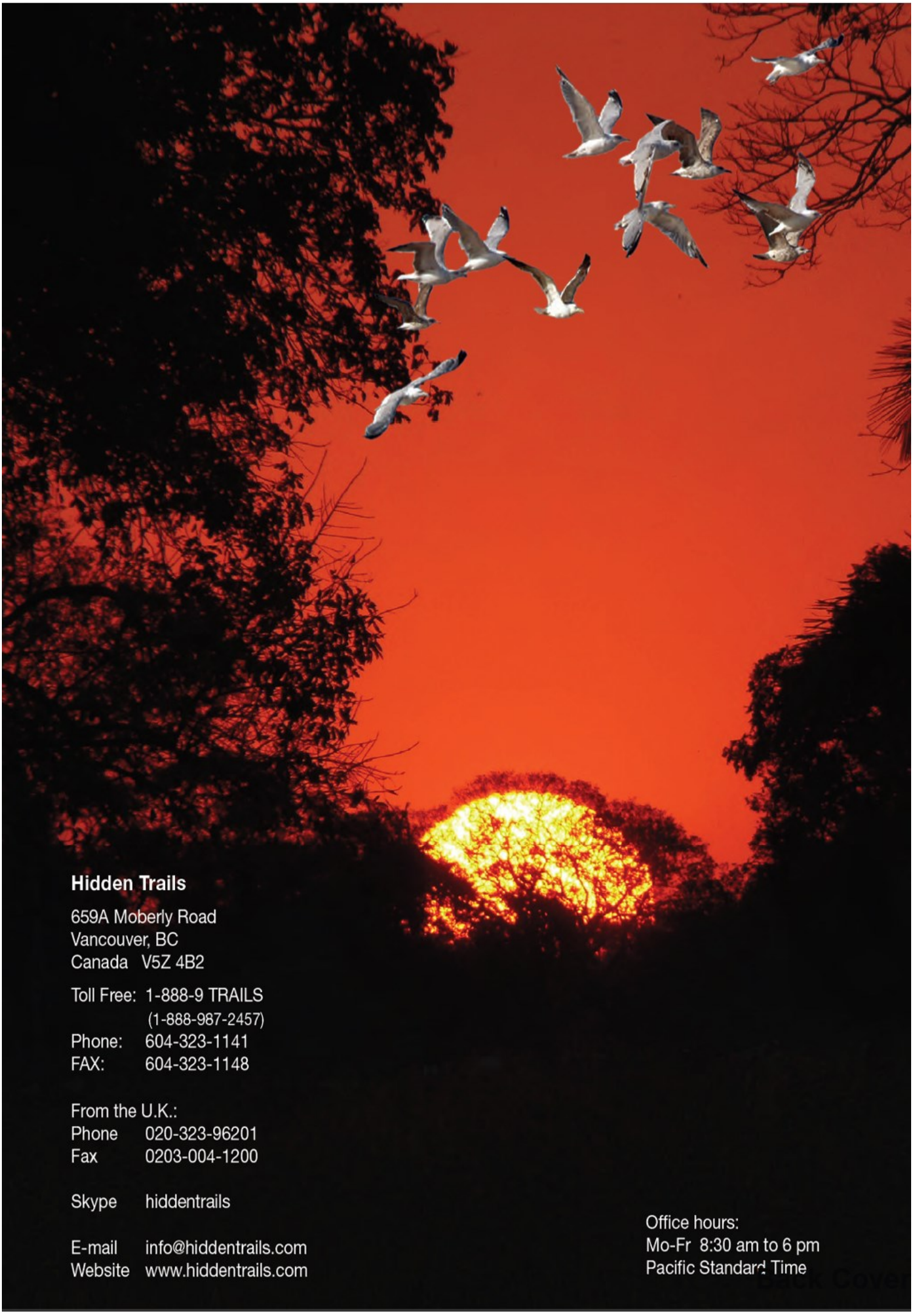
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ☐ initial ____

No, we will provide our own ☐ initial ____

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