



DESOLATION SOUND Sample Itinerary

Day 1 **Welcome to Desolation Sound**

Arrive by a scenic one-hour private charter seaplane flight from Vancouver to Heriot Bay on Quadra Island. Land by PACIFIC YELLOWFIN and meet your crew with a champagne welcome reception. After lunch, cruise to the sheltered waters of Squirrel Cove for a guided kayaking tour where you'll see the traditional winter settlement area of the Klahoose First Nation, a northern Coast Salish tribe. After an afternoon of water activities, watch Executive Chef Milan Kocourek prepare your meals with fresh local ingredients paired with a choice of our wide selection of BC's finest wines.

Day 2 **From Squirrel to Mink**

After a Canadian-inspired breakfast or any of your choice, cruise to Teakerne Arm, an area north of the BC's Sunshine Coast and the beginning of the Desolation Sound area. Visit an oyster farm and chat with the resident oyster lady before harvesting your dinner on her private beach. Later, watch the water of Cassel Falls cascade into the ocean or take a leisurely hike followed by a swim in nearby Cassel Lake. Next, we move on to Mink Island, a privately owned island of about 20 acres.

Day 3 **Warm water play day**

Enjoy stunning views of the 60 kms of coastline in Desolation Sound Provincial Marine Park on a morning cruise to Pendrell Sound. Swimming or snorkelling are expected here as this area is also known as the Mexico of the North with waters reaching 82° F/28° C in summer. After an afternoon of waterskiing, kayaking, fun on our 40ft/12m inflatable slide, we'll cruise to Black Lake for a hike to see the beaver working her dam.

Day 4 **Relaxing day and local visits**

After yet another gourmet breakfast, we'll cruise to Refuge Cove and stop for a visit at the general store for an island-style espresso or tea. This small community is one of the few year-round communities in the Desolation Sound area. Cruise to an adjacent anchorage for the night.

Day 5 **Water activities around Cortes Island**

Enjoy a full day exploring Von Donop Inlet, a narrow, sheltered deep-water inlet of Cortes Island located at the south end of the famed Inside Passage, the Pacific Coastal route that weaves through the islands from Washington State through British Columbia and all the way to Alaska. Accessible only by boat, the Von Donop Inlet is well known for its saltwater lagoons and the old-growth forest that the Coast-Salish First Nations call Ha'thayim. Enjoy a walk to the lagoon to uncover sand dollars or hike on the old school house trail with a visit to the Cortes museum where you'll discover that the island was named after the Spanish conqueror of Mexico, Hernando Cortes. For those interested in discovering the island from the water, take part in a guided kayaking tour around the inlet. Then we'll cruise to nearby Carrington Bay for a barbecue on the beach.

Day 6 **Riding the reversing tide rapids**

After breakfast, we'll cruise north to Whiterock Passage where we'll experience a unique marine event. Using the fast sport tender boats, we'll experience a trip through the reversing tides and tidal rips of Okisollo Passage and the famous "Hole in the Wall". Enjoy one of our famous picnic lunches nearby and soak up the ambience of the area. After a satisfying day of adventure, we'll return to PACIFIC YELLOWFIN for a last night dinner onboard and overnight.

Day 7 **Home to your nest**

From Whiterock Passage, we'll head south to Taku. The Tlingit people honour the nesting sites of birds by calling them "taku" for the feeling of peacefulness and spirit of family that they represent. Depart with your private charter seaplane for another scenic one hour flight back to Vancouver, and as we say goodbye, you'll take that sense of calm and tranquility with you.