

**CANADA****FAREWELL HARBOUR LODGE** (TOUR CODE: 12937)**STARTS AND ENDS**

in Vancouver

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Jun 25 - 03 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Wildlife

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

A place of tranquil beauty nestled amidst the breathtaking wilderness of British Columbia, Farewell Harbour Lodge will captivate the hearts of nature enthusiasts and seekers of serenity.

Highlights

- Both on land and floating accommodation complex, which has a unique appeal and charm with its interconnected series of walkways that seamlessly blend the sea and the forest
- Variety of different types of bear viewing excursions in search of both Grizzly bears and Black bears
- Superior wildlife programme recognised by Destination Canada as a Canadian Signature Experience
- Daily excursions to view the majestic Grizzly Bear, wild Orca, Humpback Whales and a host of other wildlife

The lodge is located in Farewell Harbour on Berry Island on 10 acres of beautifully forested land. With the exception of the lodge property and 3 adjoining acreages, Berry Island is within the border of world-renowned Broughton Archipelago Marine Park, which is located between Vancouver Island and the mainland of British Columbia with Queen Charlotte Strait to the west and Knight Inlet to the east. Farewell Harbour is a beautiful protected anchorage along the famed inside passage route to Alaska.

With its unparalleled hospitality, awe-inspiring surroundings, and a commitment to conservation, Farewell Harbour Lodge has been an oasis of tranquility, inviting visitors to embrace the wonders of nature and forge a deep connection with the untamed world.

The primary lodge building and common area features a comfortable lounge and dining room, bar and a large brick fireplace surrounded by large windows and a wraparound deck boasting spectacular views of the harbour with its south and west exposure (great sunsets!). The expansive decks continue as a boardwalk along the shore, leading to eight private oceanside suites with ensuite bathrooms, gas-fired stove and extra-long double beds. A ramp leads off the main lodge to our 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.

Farewell Harbour Lodge has been renowned for its diverse range of activities that allow guests to immerse themselves in the untamed beauty of its surroundings. From exhilarating wildlife encounters to serene explorations of the pristine wilderness, the lodge offers an array of experiences that cater to every adventurer's desire. Embark on guided kayaking expeditions through the glassy waters, where you can paddle alongside playful seals and marvel at the majesty of breaching whales. Set out on thrilling whale-watching excursions, where expert guides unveil the secrets of the ocean and provide glimpses of orcas, humpbacks, and porpoises as they gracefully navigate the waves. For those seeking a more intimate encounter with nature, embark on guided hiking trails through ancient forests, where every step unveils the wonders of towering trees, cascading waterfalls, and an abundance of wildlife.

Farewell Harbour Lodge offers a variety of different types of bear viewing excursions in search of both Grizzly bears and Black bears. Bear viewing season runs from early June to mid-October. Farewell Harbour Lodge does not use viewing platforms or utilise artificially created bear habitat to enhance the viewing opportunities. They prefer to seek out bears in their natural environment and view them from the same eye level as the wildlife around. All small group sizes and operated by trained and knowledgeable staff.

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night accommodation in Port Hardy
- 3 nights at Farewell Harbour Lodge with private ensuite and shower
- Round-trip airfare from Vancouver to Port Hardy
- Return transfers between Port Hardy Airport and Alder Bay
- Return water taxi transfers between Alder Bay and Farewell Harbour Lodge
- Bear ecology tour
- Transfers on all wildlife excursions
- All meals included at Farewell Harbour Lodge
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- Welcome briefing and orientation to the tours, viewing opportunities and facilities
- Full-day grizzly bear viewing excursion
- Half-day marine tour excursion on arrival day
- Full-day Coastal Safari or another Bear tour
- Provincial Taxes, Federal GST, and Carbon offset fee
- Evening guide presentation and slide shows
- Opportunities for more wildlife tours, activities, or Berry Balm nature wellness experience

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Day **1**

Vancouver Port Hardy

Today, depart from Vancouver International Airport (South Terminal) for a scenic flight to Port Hardy. Upon arrival, please make your way to your Port Hardy accommodation. The rest of the day is yours to explore Port Hardy.

Overnight in **Port Hardy**



PORT HARDY | CREDIT: TOURISM VANCOUVER ISLAND / JORDAN DYCK

Day **2**

Port Hardy Farewell Harbour Lodge

This morning, transfer to Alder Bay for your midday departure aboard high-speed water taxi for the scenic 30-minute service to Farewell Harbour. Greet Farewell Harbour Lodge staff at the dock and receive a welcome orientation and lunch. After settling into accommodation, join an afternoon tour in search of marine wildlife in the waters of the famous Johnstone Strait and Blackfish Sound.

Return to the lodge by 4.30pm. Buffet dinner is at 6.00pm, followed by the next day activity briefing. Optional evening presentation after dinner on some aspect of coastal ecology, or sit around the fire table and enjoy the sunset from the cedar deck.

Overnight at **Farewell Harbour Lodge**

Lunch, Dinner



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Day **3**

Farewell Harbour Lodge

After breakfast, meet on the dock at 8.00am for your 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'll view either from a zodiac or on foot depending on the tide. We do not use viewing platforms, preferring to view wildlife at eye level in their natural habitat. Return by 4.30pm; buffet dinner is at 6.00pm followed by an evening presentation.

Overnight at **Farewell Harbour Lodge**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4**

Farewell Harbour Lodge

After breakfast, head out on the water for your choice of another bear viewing safari or a more extensive exploration of the incredibly rich waters of Johnstone Strait and the Broughton Archipelago Marine Park.

Orcas typically return to these waters mid-July although Humpbacks and other marine life can often be seen from May through October. Return by 4.30pm for dinner and an evening program. Other activities include sea kayaking or rainforest adventures. Marine excursions can also afford an opportunity to learn about the cultural traditions of the Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations as we pass ancient villages sites, rock art called pictographs and other evidence of a rich history and vibrant present in the region.

Overnight at **Farewell Harbour Lodge**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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Day 5

Farewell Harbour Lodge Port Hardy Vancouver

Today, enjoy a short morning guided sea kayak tour in the protected and crystalline waters near Farewell Harbour Lodge, a marine tour, Rainforest Ecology or Forest Bathing Walk, or a cultural tour. Return to the lodge for the water taxi back to Alder Bay arriving about noon for ongoing connections or your transfer back to Port Hardy Airport for your flight back to Vancouver.

Breakfast, Lunch



RAINFORREST WALK | CREDIT: FAREWELL HARBOUR LODGE

ACCOMMODATION

Farewell Harbour Lodge

Berry Island

Experience the profound beauty of the Broughton Archipelago and the Great Bear Rainforest at the Farewell Harbour Lodge. Offering inspiring west coast style ocean-side accommodations, sumptuous meals, and engaging, passionate guides who will lead you on daily adventures deep into the heart of this wild and beautiful part of the planet.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

Luggage restriction for water taxi:

Baggage weight limit is 50lbs or 23kgs per person plus a carry-on

Pacific Coastal Flight Information

Pacific Coastal Flights to Port Hardy may not operate daily, an additional night in Port Hardy may be required (additional cost), 2025 schedule will be released February / March, 2025

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- Extra alcoholic beverages (can be purchased at the lodge)
- Items of a personal nature while at the lodge (laundry)
- Gratuity for staff (recommended \$40.00 per day per guest for the duration of stay)
- Early/late arrival/departure times (on request and additional charges apply)