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A desire to seek out new and different places off heard of, but not yet experienced is a perfect match for this week's superb getaway right here in B.C. A trip further complemented by the forthcoming launch (May 18th) of BC Ferries' beautiful new ship, the "Northern Expedition", vacationers looking to discover the glory of Northern British Columbia will soon be sailing in ultimate comfort. The 600 passenger ship is fully appointed with 55 staterooms, state-of-art guest lounges and dining options to suit the most seasoned travellers. Also new this year is BC Ferries' enticing vacation package guide promoting the Inside Passage route and Northern BC communities.

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Exploring Northern British Columbia

Haida Gwaii Photo: JF Bergeron

At the Edge of the World

The Queen Charlotte Islands – historically known as Haida Gwaii, offer some of the world's richest heritage treasures throughout more than 500 archeological sites. Tour the new \$26 million Haida Heritage Centre at Kaay Linagaay in Skidgate. The Centre houses the spectacular Haida Gwaii Museum, a canoe house, performance house, carving shed, gift shop and café. The Heritage Centre is also home to the Bill Reid Teaching Centre.



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Coastal Beauty

Prince Rupert is a gorgeous little city positively bursting with vibrant energy. Explore funky shops and cafes, the immensely beautiful Northwest Coast Nations art at the Museum of Northern BC, as well as the Carving Shed – a working studio for First Nation artists. Take a short drive to nearby Port Edward where the Parks Canada designated National Historic Site of the North Pacific Cannery Village sits. Providing a fascinating glimpse into the lifestyle of the workers who churned out hundreds and hundreds of cans of fish from 1889 right up until operations ended in



Whales Playing near Prince Rupert
Photo: Prince Rupert Adventure Tours

1980, the Site includes viewing restored homes, operations buildings and significant artifacts, as well as experiencing vibrant summer shows with local entertainers.

Out in the Valley

One of the best things about Northern British Columbia is the highway system which connects the northwestern region with the eastern area of the province. The town of Smithers, has notable attractions including the local museum, art gallery and Toboggan Creek Hatchery. Easy hikes among lakes and spectacular meadows are literally out the front door of this attractive region. Popular with the outdoor adventure enthusiast is rafting the Bulkley River and the world class river fishing.

Roads, Rails and Rivers Meet

Prince George is located at the junction of Highways 16 and 97, making it a major hub in the heart of British Columbia. A city rich in culture and brimming with opportunities for family vacationers, it is also home to the University of Northern British Columbia. Take a tour, admire the contemporary architecture and gaze across the spectacular panoramic view of the city. And, who knew lush magnificence of a red cedar rainforest could exist so close to the Rocky Mountains? It does, and only 130 km east of the city. Canoeing, hiking, biking outstanding fishing are each nearby too.



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When You Go

For route and general travel information on Northern British Columbia, please go on line to www.nbctourism.com or call the toll free line at 1.800.663.8843. BC Ferries Tour Packages – www.bcferrries.com or telephone 1.877.982.1453. Haida Gwaii – www.haidaheritagecentre.com Prince Rupert – www.tourismprincerupert.com, www.adventuretours.net, www.cannery.ca Smithers – www.tourismsmithers.com Prince George – www.tourismpg.com and Ancient Forest – www.unbc.ca/media/200710_radies.html

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