



Program & Pricing

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☰ THE BUCKET LIST COLLECTION



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New Ownership & Stewardship

Berry Island Wilderness Lodge is now proudly owned and operated by the Gee family, also known as The Bucket List Family. The Gee family (Jessica, Garrett, Dorothy, Manilla and Cali) have spent the past decade exploring some of the world's most extraordinary wild places. They have developed a deep respect for conservation, meaningful travel, and experiences that bring families closer together.

The decision to steward Berry Island was rooted in a shared belief that places like the Great Bear Rainforest must be both protected and thoughtfully experienced. The Gees are committed to preserving the lodge's long-standing reputation for exceptional wildlife viewing, warm hospitality, and responsible operations, while investing in its future with care and intention.

The Bucket List Collection is a family-owned portfolio of unique, experience-driven properties. We focus on intimate stays in extraordinary natural settings, with an emphasis on adventure, culture, conservation, and meaningful connection. The Bucket List Collection is committed to protecting and conserving these special places so that families from around the world can forever experience their magic. Ultimately, the goal is to create the world's most unique set of family destinations full of adventure, culture, and service!

We sincerely hope that once you've experienced one life-changing property within The Bucket List Collection, you'll feel inspired to explore them all!



The Broughton Archipelago & Great Bear Rainforest

Nestled in the Great Bear Rainforest at the mouth of Knight Inlet lies an island chain called the Broughton Archipelago, known for its stunning beauty and first-class wildlife viewing. A jewel in this archipelago is Berry Island, most of which is protected as part of a BC marine conservation area due to its unique natural and cultural history.

Berry Island lies at the epicentre of one of the BC coast's most biologically diverse regions. Featuring rooms perched on a bluff overlooking picturesque Farewell Harbour with additional waterfront rooms located on our floating accommodations below, Berry Island Wilderness Lodge is ideally located for daily adventures in the Broughton Archipelago and Great Bear Rainforest.



Berry Island Wilderness Lodge

Berry Island Wilderness Lodge, formerly Farewell Harbour Lodge, is located on 50 private acres of beautifully forested land on Berry Island.

The Island, excluding the lodge property, lies within the world-renowned Broughton Archipelago Marine Park. This 30,000 acre park, located off the northeastern tip of Vancouver Island, is British Columbia's largest marine and terrestrial sanctuary. The lodge is nestled in Farewell Harbour, a protected scenic anchorage along the Inside Passage to Alaska. Named in 1870 by Commander Pender of the HMS Beaver, Farewell Harbour was his last survey stop, and his crew had 'fared well' here before bidding 'farewell' to the BC coast for the long journey around Cape Horn and back to England.



Berry Island Wilderness Lodge



The Great Room offers a comfortable lounge, dining area & bar, all centred around a large fireplace. Its expansive windows and wrap-around deck provide spectacular south and west-facing harbour views. Perfect for incredible sunsets!

The expansive deck continues as a boardwalk along the shore, leading to private oceanside guest rooms with ensuite bathrooms, a cozy stove and two extra-long and extra-wide double beds. A ramp leads off the main lodge to our floating accommodation below, featuring additional private guest rooms, each with a beautiful ocean view, a stove, two queen beds and an ensuite bathroom.

All guest rooms and common areas have unique design features that incorporate natural cedar, local art & materials, offering a relaxing 'West Coast' feel.



Program

Berry Island Wilderness Lodge offers 4, 5 and 8 day packages departing by water taxi from Alder Bay RV Park & Marina on northern Vancouver Island. Our 4 day package starts every Sunday and Friday and our 5 day package starts every Monday and Wednesday. Guests come to Berry Island Wilderness Lodge for nature, wildlife, adventure, and relaxation. Being in the Broughton Archipelago and the Great Bear Rainforest, we are surrounded by beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife and rich Indigenous culture. Our lodge is a welcoming sanctuary, shaped by the surrounding wilderness and the experiences it offers.

Guests can choose from a wide variety of experiences to tailor their stay to their interests, which can include seeing wildlife in their natural habitat, exploring our coast 'safari' style, or sea kayaking amongst the islands and waters surrounding the lodge. Perhaps take a guided rainforest ecology walk or wander quietly on your own on our beautiful Berry Island Trail. For guests interested in a slower pace, try stand-up paddle boarding in the calm harbour or enjoying a relaxing afternoon watching the tides rise and fall from our saltwater hot tub and wood-fired cedar sauna.

After a day of adventures, join our '5:00 pm Swim Club' for an invigorating cold water dip! Or sit by the fire and enjoy a well-earned drink from the bar before dinner. After enjoying a delicious meal, relax on our deck, taking in an incredible sunset or gazing up at the stars in the night sky.

Anyone 7 years or older who is active and mobile with a curiosity and passion for the natural world is suitable for our tours.

Adventures In The Natural World



Just a few minutes west of the lodge are the waters of Johnstone Strait and Blackfish Sound. These areas are renowned for some of the best marine wildlife viewing on the planet.

Humpback whales make their annual migration from their breeding and calving grounds in Hawaii and Mexico to the nutrient-rich waters off northeastern Vancouver Island to feed on herring and krill from May through November.

Adventures In The Natural World



Two ecotypes of Orca are found in our waters. The Northern Residents, who feed exclusively on salmon, become 'residents' in our waters from early summer through autumn. The Bigg's (also known as Transient) Orca travel the BC coast year-round in search of their main food supply, which is exclusively marine mammals. We may see them anytime between June and October as they ply the local waters in search of their prey.

Throughout our season, we are blessed with other marine life such as Steller sea lions, Pacific white-sided dolphins, Dall's porpoises and occasionally Sea otters.

Less charismatic but also very beautiful is the abundant marine life that resides in the intertidal environment, or even hanging off our dock! This includes colourful nudibranchs, sun stars, anemones and urchins. Don't leave the lodge without getting up close to some of the intertidal life!

Berry Island lies within the southern boundary of the Great Bear Rainforest, which, at 6.4 million hectares, is about the size of Ireland. The Great Bear Rainforest is home to Grizzly and Black bears, which we have the opportunity to see throughout our season.

Adventures In The Natural World



In June and early July, we typically see Grizzly moms with cubs and sub-adults feeding on sedge grasses in the lush, green estuaries. As the berries ripen in summer, the bears alternate between the estuaries, the shorelines for crustaceans, and the forest for berries.

In August, when the salmon run starts, the bears begin to move to the rivers, so we may have the opportunity to see bears fishing for salmon. Bears have a highly opportunistic diet and, in periods of low salmon abundance, they will continue to feed on vegetation, roots, crustaceans and berries right up until they den in late autumn.

We do our bear viewing from our larger boats, small zodiacs or on foot, seeking out bears at eye level in their natural habitat. We do not use viewing platforms. Our focus is not on the number of bears but on the quality of the bear viewing experience, which can result in intimate and special encounters with bears in remote estuaries, rivers and shorelines.

Our bear safaris offer guests an opportunity to not only see bears but to learn about bear ecology and explore their natural habitat first-hand. As with all wildlife viewing, we cannot guarantee bear sightings.

Adventures In The Natural World



Along with wildlife tours, the lodge is an exceptional launch point for sea kayak adventures. The Broughton Archipelago features a lifetime's worth of exploring amongst small islands, hidden bays and secluded beaches. Berry Island Wilderness Lodge has a fleet of stable & comfortable tandem sea kayaks waiting to transport you deep into the Archipelago. Expertly guided tours allow you to experience the wildlife, beauty and serenity of this paddler's paradise. You may even glimpse Orcas, Humpbacks, dolphins or sea lions from the seat of your kayak!

For a different approach to exploring the local area, we also have stable stand-up paddle boards that guests can take out into Farewell Harbour. Surrounded by calm, crystal-clear waters, the harbour is an ideal location for both beginners and seasoned paddlers. As you glide along the tranquil waters, keep an eye out for wildlife such as eagles gliding overhead or seals playing in the kelp.

Enjoy a curated afternoon of relaxation at our saltwater hot tub and wood-fired cedar sauna. Immerse yourself in a serene retreat that combines the calming effects of a hot tub, the detoxifying benefits of a sauna, and the invigorating sensation of an ocean dip. Each element promotes relaxation and renewal, helping you to connect deeply with nature. Whether you're soaking in the warmth of the hot tub, letting your cares melt away in the heat of the cedar sauna, or refreshing yourself in the crisp ocean water, this experience creates the perfect environment to restore your mind, body, and spirit.

Of course, a visit to the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest wouldn't truly be complete without experiencing some of the wealth of Indigenous Kwakwaka'wakw (pronounced Kwok-walk-a-walk) culture that surrounds us at Berry Island Wilderness Lodge. The Kwakwaka'wakw have inhabited this region for thousands of years, developing artistic and cultural traditions that are admired for their beauty. Many Kwakwaka'wakw creations are found in some of the world's leading art museums.

2027 Season



IN 2027, BERRY ISLAND WILDERNESS LODGE IS OPEN FROM MAY 30 – OCTOBER 8

Berry Island Wilderness Lodge offers 4, 5 and 8 day packages departing at midday by water taxi from Alder Bay RV Park & Marina on northern Vancouver Island. Our 4 day package starts every Sunday and Friday and our 5 day package starts every Monday and Wednesday.

Guests arriving by air into Port Hardy can take advantage of our complimentary morning shuttle, which transfers you from Port Hardy airport to Alder Bay in time for the midday water taxi.

Guests flying into Port Hardy the day before their arrival at the lodge can be collected from local hotels on the morning of arrival. Round-trip flights between Vancouver and Port Hardy are available on Pacific Coastal Airlines.

Packages & Inclusions



ALL PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- Round trip water taxi from Alder Bay to Berry Island Wilderness Lodge
- Complimentary round trip ground shuttle between Port Hardy and Alder Bay, if required
- Private room with ensuite bathroom and shower
- Welcome briefing and orientation to tours, adventures, experiences, and facilities
- All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), snacks & non-alcoholic beverages
- Transportation for all excursions
- All excursions and trips
- Evening guide presentations/activities
- BC Government Hotel Tax
- \$30 per person conservation fee to CBVA (Commercial Bear Viewing Association) and NIMMSA (North Island Marine Mammal Stewardship Association)

2027 Pricing

Rates are per person in \$CAD; child rates are based on the child staying in a room with two double rate guests

4 DAY / 3 NIGHT	SHOULDER SEASON (MAY 30 - AUGUST 14)	PEAK SEASON (AUGUST 15 - OCTOBER 8)
DOUBLE	\$4,875	\$5,415
SINGLE	\$7,340	\$8,150
TRIPLE	\$4,380	\$4,865
CHILD (7-16)	\$2,645	\$2,940
5 DAY / 4 NIGHT	SHOULDER SEASON (MAY 30 - AUGUST 14)	PEAK SEASON (AUGUST 15 - OCTOBER 8)
DOUBLE	\$6,040	\$6,730
SINGLE	\$9,110	\$10,155
TRIPLE	\$5,435	\$6,060
CHILD (7-16)	\$3,300	\$3,675
8 DAY / 7 NIGHT	SHOULDER SEASON (MAY 30 - AUGUST 14)	PEAK SEASON (AUGUST 15 - OCTOBER 8)
DOUBLE	\$10,915	\$12,145
SINGLE	\$16,450	\$18,305
TRIPLE	\$9,815	\$10,920
CHILD (7-16)	\$5,945	\$6,615

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICING:

- 5% Goods & Services Tax (GST)
- Gratuity for staff (recommended \$50.00 per day per guest)
- Additional alcoholic beverages (outside of dinner service)

2027 Booking & Cancellation Policy

A \$500/person non-refundable initial deposit is required at the time of booking. If cancelled prior to 90 days before arrival, deposits can be credited to a future stay.

At 90 days, 50% of the full package price is due and non-refundable. If cancelled between 45 and 90 days before arrival, a \$500/person cancellation fee applies. Remaining payment balances can be credited to a future stay.

At 45 days, 100% of the package price is due and non-refundable. If cancelled between 0 and 45 days before arrival, there is no refund or credit.

Credits will be held for 24 months and will be applied to bookings at available rates.

A \$150 per person fee will apply to any reservation date changes.

We strongly recommend that all of our guests purchase travel and cancellation insurance.

Waiver & Informed Consent

As is standard in the adventure and nature-based tourism industry in British Columbia, each guest must complete a separate liability waiver before arriving at Alder Bay RV Park & Marina, where our tours start and finish.

The waiver is an important legal document which you should read and understand before signing. Our programs can involve physical exertion, as well as hazards and risks, which are outlined in more detail in the waiver document.

In addition, for guests under 19 years old, we require parents/guardians to complete a separate informed consent form for each child. You can view these documents before booking by clicking on the following links:

Click [HERE](#) for the Waiver

Click [HERE](#) for the Informed Consent Form

Sample Itinerary - 4 days/3 nights



DAY 1

Depart Alder Bay at 12:30 pm aboard our water taxi for the scenic 30-minute trip to the lodge. Our Berry Island Wilderness Lodge staff will greet you at the dock. Check in, receive welcome orientation and lunch. Relax, you're here! After settling into your room, join an afternoon tour in search of marine wildlife. Return to the lodge by 4:30 pm. Buffet dinner, followed by the next day's activity briefing. Optional evening presentation or activity.

DAY 2

After breakfast, meet on the dock for your full day bear and wildlife viewing adventure! Our bear excursions take us to one of several estuaries or rivers where we view either from our crew boats, or smaller zodiacs, depending on the location. Return by 4:30 pm; buffet dinner followed by optional evening presentation or activity.

DAY 3

7:00 am breakfast, followed by a day tailored to your interests. Choose from a wide variety of full or half day adventures and experiences to make the most of your time in the Broughton Archipelago and Great Bear Rainforest. Return by 4:30 pm for dinner and evening program.

DAY 4

7:00 am breakfast, followed by your final excursion before our water taxi returns you to Alder Bay, arriving around 2:00 pm for ongoing connections.

Getting Here

We offer midday departures to Berry Island Wilderness Lodge by water taxi from Alder Bay RV Park and Marina, where all tours start and finish.

ARRIVAL BY AIR



You can fly from Vancouver International Airport's South Terminal (YVR South) to Port Hardy via Pacific Coastal Airlines. Guests can fly into Port Hardy either the day before or the morning of their arrival at Berry Island Wilderness Lodge. Complimentary ground transport between Port Hardy airport or local hotels and our tour start location at Alder Bay is included on the morning you are due to arrive at the lodge. The shuttle transfer from Port Hardy takes approximately 40 minutes.

ARRIVAL BY CAR



If driving from Vancouver, there is a 1-hour 40-minute ferry crossing from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo on Vancouver Island, followed by a 345km drive from Nanaimo to Alder Bay, which is about 4.5 hours of driving time. To meet our midday water taxi transfer, you will need to make your way to Vancouver Island the day before. BC Ferries reservations are strongly recommended. Complimentary parking at Alder Bay is provided for guests during their stay, and we ask guests to arrive by 11:30 am to allow time for parking and dealing with luggage.

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