

Laskeek Bay

CONSERVATION SOCIETY

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Haida Gwaii is an inspiring and beautiful place to visit. What follows is some basic information to help you in making your travel plans. The [GoHaidaGwaii](#) website and [Queen Charlotte Visitor Information Centre](#) (250-559-8316) are excellent resources for current travel information, accommodations, attractions, etc.

INFO ON ITINERARY FOR TRIP TO EAST LIMESTONE

Volunteers, interns and staff are transported to East Limestone Island (ELI) by boat from Moresby Camp on Moresby Island. LBCS staff picks them up in Queen Charlotte on Friday mornings and bring them to the ferry in Skidegate, in time for the first ferry which leaves at 7:45 a.m. Volunteers, interns and staff walk on to the ferry (with their luggage and usually 1 or 2 totes to bring to camp (provided by LBCS) and Moresby Explorers picks them up in a van at the ferry landing in Alliford Bay. It's about an hour drive to Moresby Camp and then another hour boat ride to ELI. Bring snacks and prepare your warm cloths and rubber boots for the boat ride. On the way back from ELI, you can stay in Sandspit if you are catching a flight out the next day or return to Queen Charlotte.

**Some exceptions apply to this itinerary – volunteers and interns will be advised if their itinerary differs*





HOW TO GET TO HAIDA GWAI

Please note that sometimes weather and sea conditions may inhibit your return from East Limestone Island on schedule, so give yourself at least 1 day leeway when booking travel plans.

Space is limited to travel to Haida Gwaii so book as far in advance as possible. **Allow extra time for delays, bad weather and making (or missing) other transportation connections.** The closest and most convenient airport is Sandspit airport. The ferry terminal is also close and serviced by Eagle Transit.

- Air Canada (1-888-247-2262 <http://www.aircanada.com>) offers daily flights from Vancouver to Sandspit;
- Inland Air (1-888-624-2577 <http://www.inlandair.bc.ca/>) has float plane service between Prince Rupert and Masset* and service between Prince Rupert and Sandspit/Queen Charlotte City;
- Pacific Coastal Airlines (1-800-663-2872; <http://www.pacific-coastal.com/>) provides daily service from Vancouver's South Terminal to Masset* during the summer and service three times a week during the shoulder and winter season;
- BC Ferries (1-888-223-3779 - <http://www.bcferrries.com/>) crosses from Prince Rupert to Queen Charlotte, a six hour ferry trip, three times per week. Reservations are highly recommended;
- Various public transit operations serve Prince Rupert including: Via Rail; 1-888-842-7245 - <http://www.viarail.ca/en/>; Greyhound Bus Lines; 1-800-661-8747 - <http://www.greyhound.ca/>; Alaska Marine Ferries; 1-800-642-0066 - <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/index.html>

*** Please note that Masset is 1:30 hours away from Queen Charlotte and has no public transit or shuttle service**

ON ISLAND TRAVEL

There is no local public transit on Haida Gwaii. Additional taxi companies may be found in the local phone book and through the Queen Charlotte Visitor Information Centre.

- Eagle Transit; 1-877-747-4461, 250-559-4461, runs a bus shuttle service from Sandspit Airport to the Village of Queen Charlotte. Call for schedule and reservations - <http://eagletransit.net/>
- Budget Rent-A-Car; 1-800-557-3228 or 250-637-5688, has offices in Sandspit Airport and Queen Charlotte.
- Island Auto Rentals; 250-559-8415, Queen Charlotte.
- Thrifty Car Rental; 1-800-847-4389 or 250-637-2212, has an office in the Sandspit Airport.
- Rustic Rentals; 1-877-559-4641 or 250-559-4641, rents cars from the gas station in Queen Charlotte.
- National Car & Truck Rental; 1-800-227-7368 or 250-626-3833, has an office in Masset.



PLACES TO STAY

Book well in advance and arrange to stay in Queen Charlotte or in Sandspit* the night before and after your scheduled departure to/from East Limestone Island. Mention you are volunteering with us for a rebate!

Hotels

- Hecate Inn: 1-800-665-3350, 250-559-4543
- Premier Creek Lodging: 1-888-322-3388, 250-559-8415
- Sea Raven Motel: 1-800-665-9606, 250-559-4423
- *Moresby Island Guest House: 250-637-5300
- *Bayview Gardens: 250-637-5749
- *Moresby Explorers: 1-800-806-7633, 250-637-2215
- *The Sandspit Inn (250) 637-5377

Camping

- Haydn Turner Park Campground
- Kagan Bay Campground (free – first come first serve camping) – 10 min. drive out of Queen Charlotte

Bed & Breakfast

- Dorothy & Mike's Guest House: 250-559-8439
- Spruce Point Lodge: 250-559-8234

Other

- Couchsurfing www.couchsurfing.com
- Airbnb www.airbnb.ca

Hostels

- Premier Creek Hostel: 250-559-8415

FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- Local restaurants have varied hours. Most are closed at least one day a week, generally Sunday/Monday.
- There is a laundromat at the City Centre mini-mall in Queen Charlotte.
- The Northern Savings Credit Union has an ATM in Queen Charlotte and at the Gwaii Co-op in Skidegate.
- Stores and gas stations tend to close earlier and open later than you might anticipate. 10 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. Monday to Saturday are general business hours. Some stores are closed Sunday/Monday. There is a grocery store, natural food store, and various convenience stores in Queen Charlotte.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Haida Gwaii is NOT on the 911 system. Emergency numbers are listed on the inside front page of local phone books.

- Ambulance 1-800-461-9911
- Police 250-559-4421
- Fire 250-559-4488