

## HAIDA HOUSE HAPPENINGS

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Hello Summer!

We are one month into peak season and have already welcomed visitors worldwide; Manhattan, Chicago, and even Japan, as well as many fellow Canadians from various provinces & cities across the nation.

Accompanying guest arrivals are the returning staff members who spent the shoulder season away at university. They are happy to be home, and we are happy to have them back.

Once school ends for yet another year, we'll be adding a few summer students to the staff roster and the Haida House team will be feeling whole again.

You may have seen the Haida Tourism Discovery bus making stops at carvers, studios, and quintessential Haida Gwaii sights.

A week in the life of our all-inclusive guests generally looks like, a day trip to the South end for exploring and museum perusing with Haida Tourism's cultural interpreter, Marni York.

Day two is on the water with the Haida Style Expedition team on a trip to an ancient village site. Capped by a traditional Haida meal at Keenawaii's Kitchen.

Then we are back on the bus with Marni & Dareyl, our driver, heading North to visit carving sheds, studios, and gift shops. Can't leave out the halibut fish & chips, so they refuel at either Charters or 626 before heading to the top of Tow Hill.

The fourth and fifth days are spent on property and around Tlell learning about the ecosystem, climate, history and more of the surrounding area. Guests enjoy a catered lunch by local eateries before visiting the local shops & studios.

The final full day often includes beachcombing & a bonfire of sorts, more hiking and trail trekking. Followed by dinner back at the Haida House to reminisce about their week. Discussing all they have learned, how full their hearts are, and the impending sadness of their eventual departure.

Here is what one of our first guest of the season had to say about their time on Haida Gwaii:

"It's taking a little while for our souls to catch up with our bodies now that we are back in Victoria. What a wonderful time we had! Thank you so much for all the thought, planning and incredible opportunities you made possible for us. We have been deeply moved by the generosity, honesty, and wisdom of every person we spent time with. We will never forget our time on Haida Gwaii." - Phillippa, Victoria.

The Haida Tourism team wants to extend a BIG thank you to all our partners out in the communities for hosting, feeding, educating, knowledge sharing, entertaining, etc., all our guests.

Whether they are part of an all-inclusive group or B&B guests on their own exploration of the island, it is the collective effort showcasing Haida Gwaii hospitality that creates memories that last a lifetime.





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