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BRITISH COLUMBIA

British Columbia Coastal Charter Experiences

Experience the beauty and pure magic of the British Columbia coast by boat. Whether you choose to explore aboard a bareboat charter, on the adventure tour charter of a lifetime, a luxury yacht charter, or by learning to sail - and see - for yourself, the BC boating community has the perfect experience for you.

The boat charter, sailing school and coastal tour operators of British Columbia provide unique and world-class opportunities to experience the wildlife, wilderness, and cultural heritage of most regions of BC's coast. Use the AHOYBC coastal charter experiences directory to find out who sails where, when and how, then choose the correct experience for you. One thing is for sure: you are in for the experience of a lifetime!

In this guide you will find:

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- [Luxury Yacht Charters](#)

Happy boating in British Columbia!

Website: www.ahoybc.com

Bareboat Charters & Sailing Schools

No boat? No worries!

British Columbia's Bareboat Charters and Sailing Schools enable anyone with a spirit of adventure to enjoy the wild, but civilized, coast of British Columbia. Find BC boat charters and sailing schools near you. Whether you're brand new to sailing, or simply without a boat, we can get you on the water! Our mission is to provide high quality recreational vessels, along with professional and personalized sailing instruction, to adventurous adults who want to realize their dream of exploring BC's beautiful coastline and marine parks by boat.

Bareboat Charters

A skipper without a boat? We can have just the boat for you, ready to go when you arrive. Enjoy the many worlds of British Columbia's coast in the perfect boat for you and your party. The bareboat charter companies of British Columbia have vessels suited to every crew size, destination and skipper preference.

Sailing Schools

Next-gen skipper? Boating is for everyone and so much fun to learn! Why not treat the whole family to a vacation on the water, while you learn to sail as a team. After five days of instruction, you earn a Day Skipper or Day Crew certification. After another 5-7 days of instruction, you earn Intermediate certification, which qualifies you as a Bareboat Skipper. After two holidays, you are ready for the big holiday.

Learn more: www.ahoybc.com/roads-to-ocean-adventure/bareboat-charters-sailing-schools/

Bareboat Charters & Sailing School Operators



[Blue Pacific Yacht Charters](http://www.bluepacificcharters.ca)

In business in Vancouver for 25 years, Blue Pacific employees are fluent in five languages and have boated in BC all their lives. Blue Pacific pioneered the “Yacht Lease” concept in Canada, allowing boaters to share in the use of late model yachts, without any of the expense of ownership. Need to polish your skills? Never piloted a boat in tidal waters? Their affiliated sailing school can show you the ropes.

Website: www.bluepacificcharters.ca



[Cooper Boating](http://www.cooperboating.com)

Cooper Boating delivers the best boating holidays in the world, thanks to spectacular people, high quality boats for every captain and crew, and customer service standards that have been continually refined since 1983. Cooper’s tradition of coaching — both in courses and when introducing people to their boats and regions for charter experiences — sets them apart. Set yourself on course for a lifetime of great cruising.

Website: www.cooperboating.com



[Desolation Sound Yacht Charters](http://www.desolationsoundyachtcharters.com)

Nothing is more exhilarating than sailing or power boating on a charter yacht. You decide when to sail, swim, collect shellfish or just relax on deck. Spend six glorious days in a wilderness setting while learning to operate a power or sailing yacht, all the while exploring the deep fjords of Toba Inlet and Princess Louisa Inlet or cruising north to the wilds of the Broughton Archipelago and Great Bear Rainforest.

Website: www.desolationsoundyachtcharters.com



[International Sail and Power Association \(ISPA\)](#)

The ISPA is a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the training of both sail and power techniques. The Association promotes both sailing and power boating through a coalition with our partners, member clubs and schools. Representing students and instructors, they work with governments, experienced sailors and sailing schools to develop courses which are recognized internationally.

Website: www.ispassociation.ca



[International Yacht Training Worldwide](#)

International Yacht Training Worldwide provides the most boating courses through more sailing schools than any other accreditation body in the world; wherever you take your training, your certificate is recognized worldwide. Their international standard of excellence is the most trusted in yacht training, maritime certification, and sailing adventures, with more than 150 partner schools in 41 countries.

Website: www.iytworld.com



[Nanaimo Yacht Charters](#)

The only limitation to your yacht charter or instructional sailing vacation is the length of time you have to spend! Ideally located for exploring the Gulf Islands, Princess Louisa Inlet and Desolation Sound, Nanaimo Yacht Charters lets you plan your own holiday itinerary or choose from a popular route. They can also put you in the Skipper's chair with instructional sailing vacation and other courses.

Website: www.nanaimoyachtcharters.com



[Simply Sailing Professional Sail Training Centre](#)

Based in Vancouver, Simply Sailing provide practical learning aboard a forgiving boat with friendly and qualified instructors. Year-round courses include basic, intermediate, advanced and offshore sailing lessons; private sailing lessons, introductions to sailing and performance sailing clinics are also available. Or try a 5-day liveaboard course for an economical adventure holiday in the Gulf Islands, Howe Sound and Sunshine Coast.

Website: www.simplysailing.ca

Adventure Tour Charters

You don't need to own a boat to be face to face with wildlife

For those who don't own a boat — or even those who do — the best way to experience the wildness and wildlife of British Columbia's coast is an adventure tour charter. These guided adventure tours provide unique and world-class opportunities to experience the wildlife, wilderness and cultural heritage found on BC's coast.

Tours feature small groups (6-16 guests) living and travelling aboard Transport Canada certified passenger vessels (both sail and power), operated by expert mariners and guided by expert naturalists. In contrast to a classic cruise-ship experience, a defining feature of adventure tours is having no fixed itineraries. Instead, each tour becomes a unique adventure guided by weather, tides, wildlife encounters and the interests and expertise of our guests and crews.

Learn more: www.ahoybc.com/roads-to-ocean-adventure/adventure-tour-charters/

Adventure Tour Charter Operators



[Bluewater Adventures](http://www.bluewateradventures.ca)

Explore the coastline of British Columbia and Southeast Alaska aboard 70' expedition yachts and discover ancient First Nations villages, primeval forests, and amazing coastal wildlife with like-minded travellers. With over 40 years of experience in operating nature cruises, Bluewater Adventures provide a world class experience.

Website: www.bluewateradventures.ca



[Custom Coastal Charters](http://www.customcoastalcharters.com)

Customize an epic vacation aboard Ian and Becky Tully's classic 53 ft. yacht "Holoholo" that will allow groups of 2-6 guests to check a lot of items off that "bucket list" and create memories that will last a lifetime. Both Ian and Becky are registered commercial bear viewing guides and members of the Commercial Bear Viewing Guides Association of BC.

Website: www.customcoastalcharters.com



[Haida Gwaii Charters](http://www.sailpiraeus.com)

Step aboard The Piraeus for the adventure of a lifetime as you explore magical Haida Gwaii and Gwaay Haanas with Captain Bill Woodworth and business partner Steve Wesley, the son of a past Chief Cumshewa. It is their desire is to show the world a truly unique, exquisite region and culture, and provide a memorable experience that will never be forgotten.

Website: www.sailpiraeus.com



[Maple Leaf Adventures](http://www.mapleleafadventures.com)

Maple Leaf Adventures has been offering natural and cultural history cruises aboard the classic schooner Maple Leaf and converted tugboat Swell since 1986. Their trips are designated as a Signature Experience of Canada by the country's federal tourism organization, and a trip on Maple Leaf has been named by *Frommer's* travel guide as one of Canada's 6 "Best Travel Experiences".

Website: www.mapleleafadventures.com



[Mothership Adventures](http://www.mothershipadventures.com)

Mothership Adventures offers exhilarating and unforgettable BC adventure vacations! Extraordinary wildlife viewing, breathtaking Canada landscapes and warm, hospitable crew combine to delight every guest! Whether aboard the historic and luxurious Columbia III or on one of their BC Sea Kayak Tours, you're guaranteed amazing wildlife encounters in some of the most beautiful places on earth.

Website: www.mothershipadventures.com



[Ocean Adventures Charter Co. Ltd.](http://www.oceanadventures.bc.ca)

Cruise to British Columbia's most remote and spectacular West Coast locations while enjoying the luxury accommodations and gourmet cuisine aboard our 54-foot motor yacht, Great Bear II. Enjoy unparalleled wildlife viewing and whale watching, experience BC's First Nations culture, walk beneath canopies of cedar, spruce and hemlock, and along the velvety green estuaries of the Great Bear Rainforest.

Website: www.oceanadventures.bc.ca



[Ocean Light II Adventures](#)

The Ocean Light II and her crew have been offering exciting trips of exploration on the BC coast for more than 30 years. Their experience is unparalleled as they strive to show you the very best of the wild coast - from bears to whales, totems to intertidal treasures, rocky shores to sandy beaches and spawning salmon to towering trees. Choose from five trips to five unique regions.

Website: www.oceanlight2.bc.ca



[Outershores Expeditions](#)

A small-ship, niche adventure travel company specializing in wildlife and cultural sailing expeditions to Canada's Haida Gwaii, Vancouver Island, and the Great Bear Rainforest. Step aboard the Passing Cloud, a 70-foot (21-metre) classic wooden schooner, for an extraordinary and intimate opportunity to be immersed in the ancient cultures and stunning wildlife of Canada's Pacific Coast.

Website: www.outershores.ca



[Pacific Yellowfin Enterprises](#)

The Pacific Yellowfin is the only bespoke wildlife and adventure journey into Canada's beckoning Pacific Northwest. Their Luxury Charter Yacht, a 1943 historical vessel, and her crew of 5, including Colin Griffinson, Captain and Owner, take you to the heart and soul of British Columbia's coastline on a luxury wilderness adventure of a lifetime.

Website: www.pacificyellowfin.com

Luxury Yacht Charters

A luxury yacht charter is one of life's memorable pleasures

A private luxury yacht charter is the ultimate way to experience the combination of natural beauty, wildlife and culture so unique to the BC coast. Few vacations can match the satisfying rewards of a private personal retreat in luxurious surroundings, while cruising from one spectacular locale to the next. Cruise idyllic islands, fjords, mountains and channels as you watch for sightings of whales, bears and eagles. Anchor in secluded bays, kayak along the shores, explore seaside communities and beaches, and hike spectacular trails. If fishing is on your list, the coast offers some of the best in the world and can be arranged as part of your charter.

Not only is a private charter yacht the best way to see the coast, in many cases it's the only possible way to see the many secluded and little known places along the way. A true adventure awaits you! Popular BC Coast Cruising Areas include Desolation Sound and The Discovery Islands, Gulf Islands and Victoria, Vancouver, Bowen Island and the Sunshine Coast, Princess Louisa Inlet, Great Bear Rainforest, Broughton Archipelago.

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Luxury Tour Operators



[Infinity Yacht Charters](http://www.infinityyachts.com)

Explore the coastline of BC aboard 70' expedition yachts and discover ancient First Nations villages, primeval forests, and amazing coastal wildlife with like-minded travellers. With over 40 years of experience in operating nature cruises, Bluewater Adventures provide a world class experience.

Website: www.infinityyachts.com