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## WINES AND ISLANDS - CANADA CRUISE

Explore the breadth of BC wine, its people and place through this special tasting, culinary and nature adventure. Guided by our on-board experts, as well as other wine industry leaders and pioneers, each day you'll learn about and taste the best wines from BC's distinct wine regions. A first of its kind voyage on Canada's West Coast. This exclusive trip, with a very limited number of guests aboard a spacious catamaran yacht, island hops between Vancouver Island and the natural coves and harbours of remote Gulf Islands. You'll be given an in-depth look at British Columbia's emerging "Wine Islands" and their unique place in the Salish Sea-a wine region like no other. Explore locally grown and crafted drops together with a diversity of wines from the Okanagan, Similkameen and other BC wine regions while on board MV Cascadia, all paired with Chef prepared meals created with local, fresh ingredients and inspired by the sea and land surrounding you. Cruise into South Gulf Island pockets which are normally "hard to reach" by car or larger vessels and form part of the "sense of place". See the land from a different perspective. Tender alongside ridges of rock, sandstone and soils which support the Mediterranean-style brush and arbutus trees synonymous with the area. Observe sea lions in their element. Stop to wander on a small island cay formed by a diversity of sands and imagine the geological history underlying our "Wine Islands" region. From geology and philosophy, to aroma, construction and the pairing meals our chef creates, this is a deep journey into what shapes our wine. Augmenting the wine exploration, we'll also take in the region's spectacular nature with naturalist guides, as we island-hop the Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands region, anchoring in remote

locations inaccessible by any other means. The entire trip is designed to give you special experiences not available to the general public. The ethic is the same approach as our Craft Beer Cruise (going on its 14th season), but wholly customized to BC's wine regions and winemaking ethic. Our wine guide is Tania Tomaszewska. A banking lawyer turned wine explorer, Tania is an independent BC Wine Industry advisor and wine professional specializing in "wine journey design". Tania creates and leads small group, private wine tasting adventures to be experienced in corporate boardrooms, private dining rooms, backyard patios and out in BC wine country. Tania has travelled extensively and lived and worked in Australia for many years before returning to her native British Columbia and re-immersing herself in our local terroirs. Tania is passionate about where wine can take us and is thrilled to be coming back on board for our annual Wines & Islands adventure, and to sip us through the Salish Sea. Tania is WSET Advance Certified (Level 3 Wines and Spirits) and has completed the Wine Executive Program at University of California, Davis. As an "Island Girl" having grown up in Victoria, British Columbia, Tania is thrilled to be coming back onboard MV Cascadia this year, and to be part of such an exciting time for the BC Wine Industry and our "Wine Islands" as they emerge on the global wine stage. Tania loves anything related to travel, geography and pinot noir. Her motto for learning and living: "Always be

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tasting!".

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day: 1: Board vessel

Welcome aboard toast and tasting. Under way, transiting scenic passageways in northern Gulf Islands. Introduction to BC wines, terroir and history, what makes the region noteworthy. Late afternoon shore walk in marine park. Tasting dinner that provides an overflight of the wines and what we'll explore in the coming days.

#### Day: 2: Gulf Islands area wines feature

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Morning shore trip on DeCourcy Island and afternoon visits with winemakers producing exciting work on Salt Spring and Saturna Islands.

Day: 3: Okanagan & Similkameen wines feature

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Morning shore walk in Gulf Islands rainforest, and optional kayaking. Cruising Boundary Pass and Boiling reef featuring rich marine upwelling. Explore historic farmstead at Tumbo in the outer Gulf Islands. Scenic walk to spectacular vista for picnic. Okanagan and Similkameen tasting dinner.

#### Day: 4: Vancouver Island

Vancouver Island area wine focus, including visits with leaders in North Saanich and Cowichan Valley winemaking, discussion, tastings, tasting meals, vineyard walks. Vancouver Island wine last night dinner.

#### Day: 5: Burgoyne Bay

Morning optional kayak at Burgoyne Bay. Wrap up, cruising, looking for wildlife en route to Sidney. Final toast.

#### Please Note:

Note that as with all expedition cruises, the itinerary may change based on weather, wildlife activity, and interests of the guests. This itinerary is to give you a general idea of the trip.



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### **YOUR SHIP: CASCADIA**

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VESSEL TYPE:	
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	

Cascadia is a go-anywhere, expedition style catamaran. She accommodates up to 24 guests in 12 luxurious cabins, with a crew of 10. She is unlike any other vessel offering expeditions on the British Columbia coast, having been built specifically for high-quality, boutique cruises. Light, spacious and comfortable, she is also capable of reaching the wildest, most naturally rich places on the coast. Her small size and guest numbers provide an authentic, human-scale experience that respects the carrying capacity of coastal inlets and communities. Ship And Accommodations Find comfort and solitude in your private cabin or enjoy time in any of the interior or outdoor lounges, or the "open" bridge. Cascadia's large windows bring the outside in, and her separate dining area becomes a sophisticated "long table" event for meals. Her decks are wide and welcoming, with seating areas on different levels. Salon Large windows surround the salon making it a perfect place to look for whales while staying protected, chat with other guests while lounging on our comfortable sofas, or enjoy a beverage from the nearby bar. Dining Area Enjoy our chefs' fine west-coast influenced creations while watching the sun go down. Sit and discuss your day's adventure with your captain, afloat in a remote natural

anchorage. Terrace Lounge And Dining Area Dine alfresco on temperate evenings, lounge with your morning coffee, or watch the world go by during the day. This area is the perfect mix of outside and inside. Bridge of Cascadia Cascadia's bridge is open to you. You'll have 180-degree views from here, along with being able to learn about navigation and the vessel systems from our crew. On the port side, you may also enjoy our indoor-outdoor loveseat. You can watch the world go by from behind a protective window, but still have quick access to the fresh air and the deck for whale watching. Top Deck & Hot Tub Lounge on a chaise, soak under the stars, or enjoy the bird's eve view of the ship and the world around her from Cascadia's new top deck. Cabins All cabins have individual climate control, wardrobes and an outside location, with windows for natural light. All have ensuites. All are 'outside' cabins, with windows for natural light. Kayaks, Shore Boats, Naturalist Tools Cascadia has 6 double and 2 single kayaks for paddling in coves and bays, as well as two beautiful landing craft style tenders, custom designed for our program. She carries a suite of tools for exploring the natural world, including a hydrophone for listening to whales. Her library contains books on the cultural history and nature of the BC and

Alaska coast.

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