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Welcome to Knight Inlet Lodge

Located in the traditional territory of the Da'naxda'xw Awaetlala First Nation and in the southern reaches of the Great Bear Rainforest, Knight Inlet Lodge is the preeminent grizzly bear and wildlife viewing lodge on the British Columbia coast. For twenty years, under the guidance of Dean and Kathy Wyatt, Knight Inlet Lodge has been providing its guests with unsurpassed viewing experiences of grizzly bears, whale watching and marine tours, nature hikes and First Nation cultural trips. Knight Inlet Lodge has an equally long history of promoting stewardship and conservation values through efforts such as protecting grizzly bear habitat, seeking to end the grizzly bear hunt, providing a venue for academic research of grizzly bear and rebuilding coho salmon stocks in the Glendale River.

In 2017, the Lodge changed ownership. The new owners are a consortium of five First Nations (Da'naxda'xw Awaetlala, Mamalilikulla, Tlowitsis, Wei Wai Kum and K'omoks). The collective territories of these First Nations encompass a vast region of central eastern Vancouver Island and the adjacent waterways and mainland areas. Since time immemorial, these First Nations have had a cultural connection with their traditional territories that is critical to the maintenance of their culture, community, governance and economy. They are stewards of the territories; responsible for protecting the ecosystems and animals throughout, while also seeking to improve the human wellbeing of their members. The acquisition of Knight Inlet Lodge is a step towards fulfilling this stewardship responsibility. We look forward to building upon the Lodge's long-standing stewardship and conservation values.

The grizzly bear, or Gela as we call it in our language, is revered by our people as a majestic being with many stories and legends that embody the spirit and strength of the Gela which transcend into the supernatural world. We are delighted to have you as a guest and excited at the opportunity to interact and share with you our culture and history and the natural gifts that our territory provides. We've got a lot to show you and hope you fall in love with our part of the world as much as we cherish it.

William Glendale, Chief, Da'naxda'xw Awaetlala First Nation

Television, magazine and newspaper features that have profiled Knight Inlet Lodge.







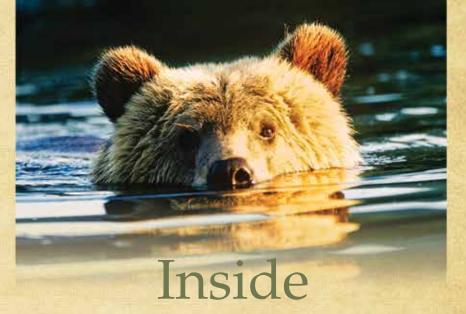






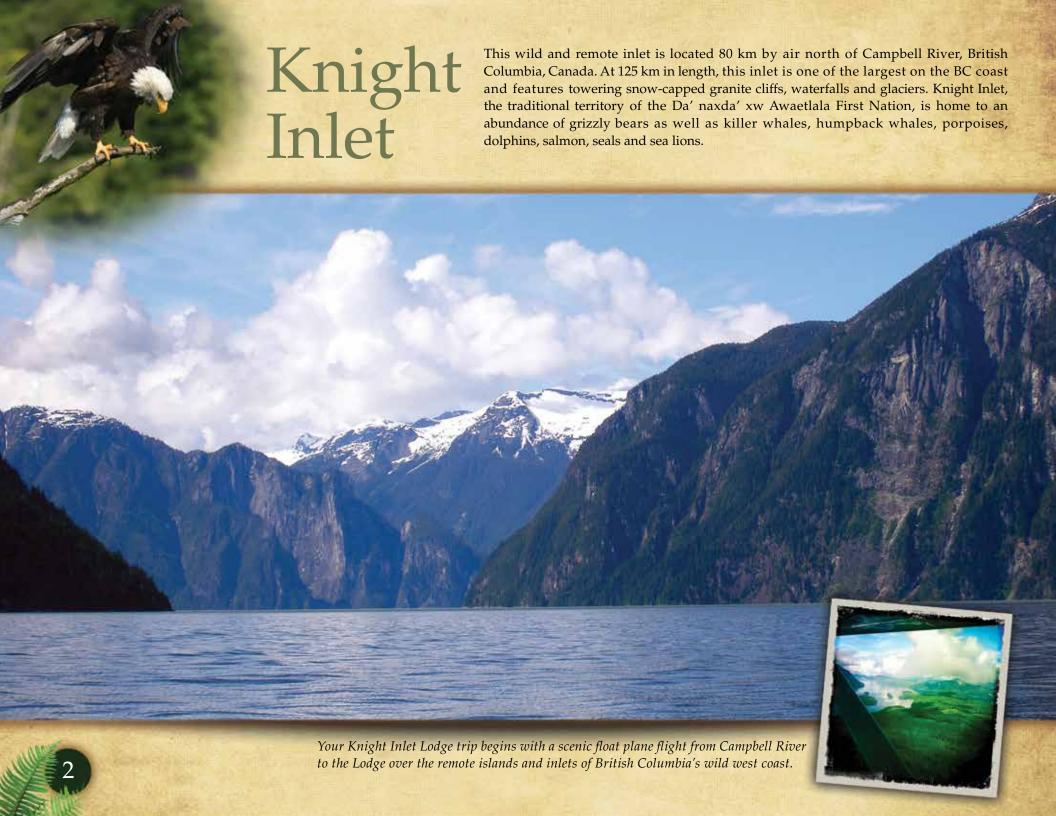






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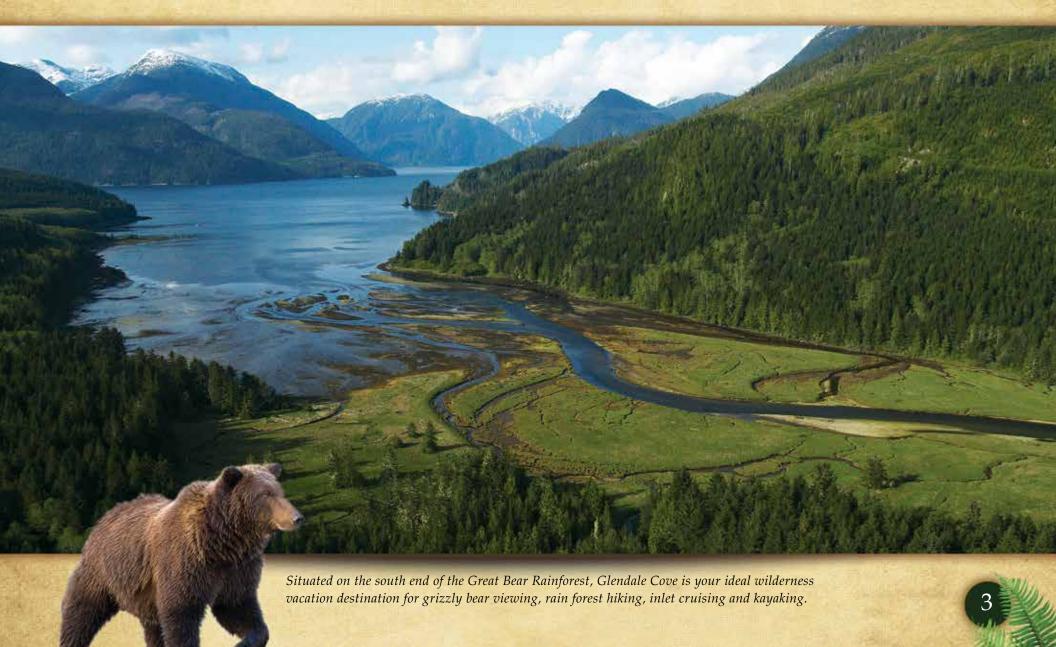




Glendale Cove

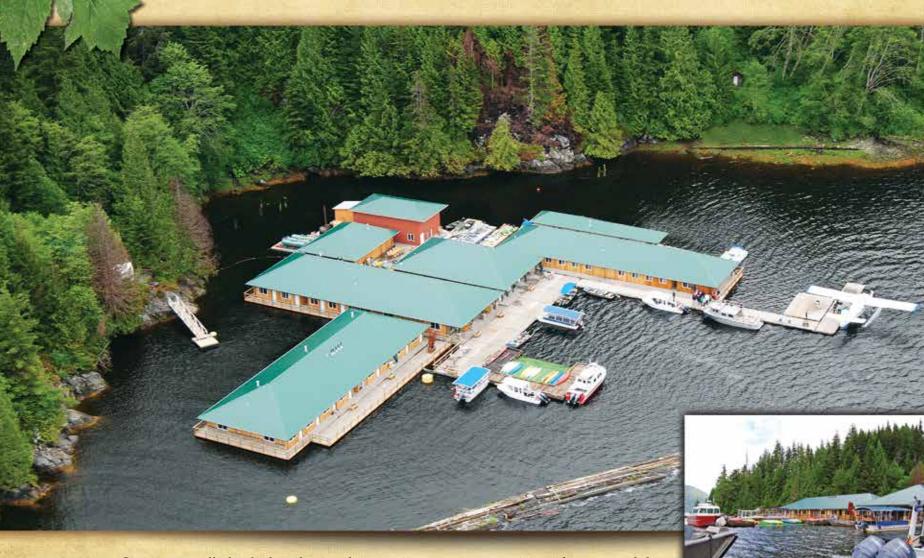
Home of the Grizzlies

Glendale Cove is home to one of the largest concentrations of grizzly bears in British Columbia. Spring and summer Grizzlies feed on the cove's abundance of sedge grasses, berries and shellfish in the intertidal zone. The returning salmon in the fall provide the high fat, high protein food source required for winter hibernation. This is a stunning setting in which to observe grizzly bears in their natural environment. The cove is also home to black bears, otters, deer, cougars, wolves and over a 100 species of birds, including bald eagles and other raptors.

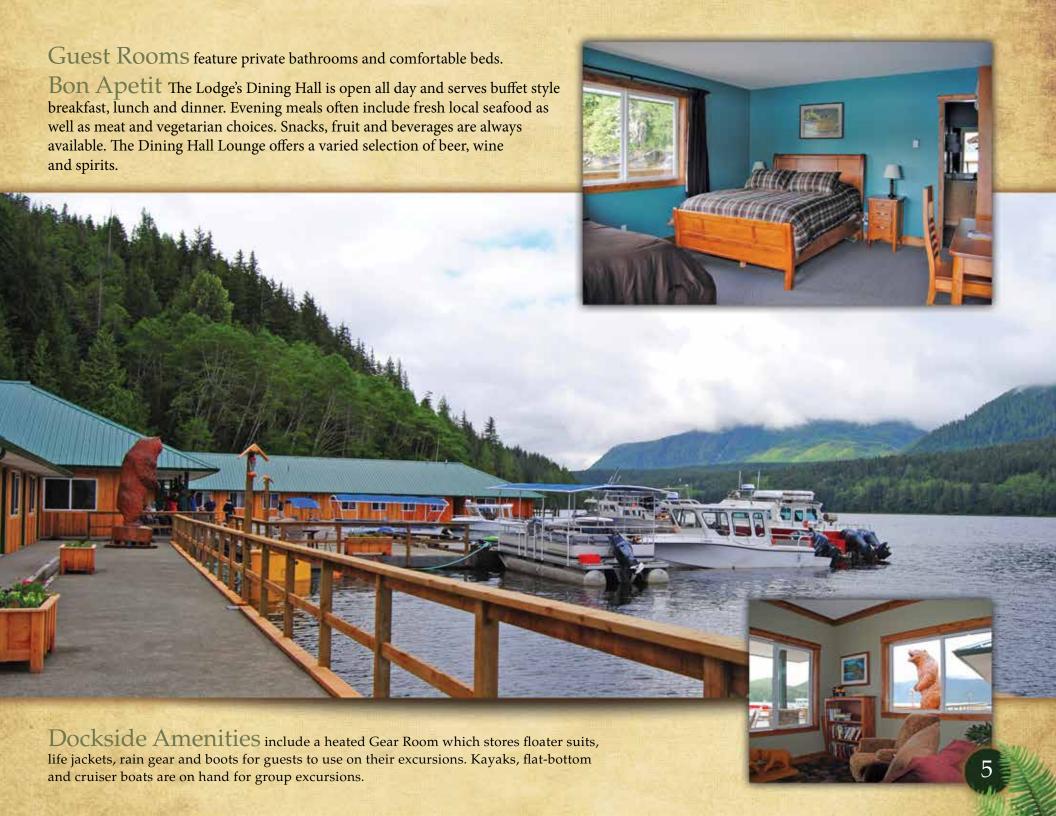




Floating in Glendale Cove, Knight Inlet Lodge is home base for your wildlife adventures.



Guests can walk the dock and enjoy the stunning scenery, meet visitors from around the world, hear bald eagles whistling in the forest and see inquisitive river otters on the dock. Amenities include accommodations, meals in the dining hall, lounge, dock patio and gift shop.





General Information

- In case of fire please proceed to the guest and staff muster area on the deck in front of the dining room where further instructions will be provided.)
- A map of our lodge is on the back of your room door as well as at back of this book.
- Please use caution when walking on the cement walkways and deck, they can be slippery when wet.
- If you require raingear please ask your Guide or our Host.
- All guests and staff must travel with a P.F.D (Personal floatation device) or floater suit whenever they are on the water.
 Please make sure you have one.
- A diesel generator powers the lodge. At approximately 10pm the lodge switches to battery power to conserve fuel.
 Between 10pm and 6am we are on limited power so please avoid the use of power hungry electronics like hair dryers.
 Battery chargers are fine.

Gratuities

Guests often ask about tipping the staff. Please be aware that Knight Inlet Lodge includes a gratuity in all of our pricing so tipping is not strictly necessary, however if you wish to leave an additional amount you may do so at check-out. Knight Inlet Lodge staff share all gratuities equally so please refrain from tipping staff individually.

 Should you decide to leave an additional gratuity, the amount is totally up to you and should reflect your level of satisfaction.

Accounts

- All purchases at the lodge (bar, gift shop, phone charges, etc.) will be added to your room account.
- At the end of your stay your bill will be settled by the Lodge Manager or designated person.
- We accept cash, debit cards and credit cards (Visa & MasterCard).

Telephone

• Calls can be placed on our phone in the front office. Please ask one of our staff if you wish to make a call.

Smoking

• Smoking is only permitted in designated locations.







Just Across the Cove...

In the spring and summer, the bears feed on the sedge growing around the estuary shores. Your guide will take you out in a small flat-bottomed skiff in search of grizzly bears and other wildlife like black bears, deer and eagles. Some bears are very tolerant of us and we can approach as close as 50 meters. Other bears are more skittish and we will respectfully keep our distance. Our main priority is that the bear's behavior is not altered due to our proximity.

For all Bear Viewing Tours:

A personal flotation device must be worn. No food or drink is allowed on the boats, no camera flashes around the bears please.

Kayak to the Grizzlies

Drifting quietly in sea kayaks, guests can watch powerful grizzlies forage amongst the fresh sedge growth in the protected waters near the lodge in Glendale Cove. While grizzlies are generally not social animals, spring viewing often affords the opportunity to observe courtship rituals and mating activities. Guests are often fortunate to see new cubs, fresh from their den, a photographic opportunity not to be missed.

Lodge guides are trained in minimum impact bear viewing etiquette which respects the need for bears to feed undisturbed during this critical period in their feeding season.





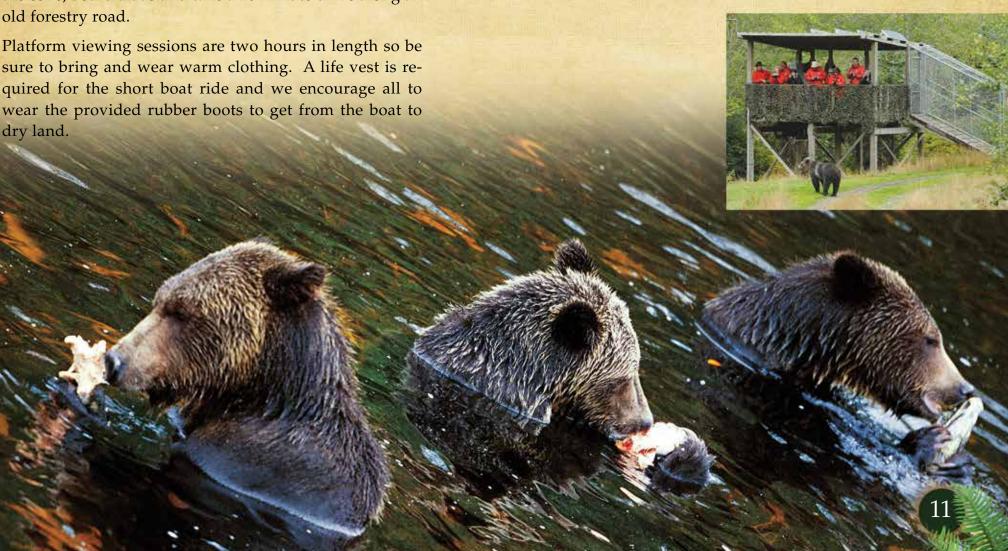
From August 25th to the end of the season, our bear viewing changes from the estuary setting to the Glendale River itself, as hundreds of thousands of salmon enter the fresh water to spawn.

Bear viewing takes place from secure viewing platforms located at two different sites along the river. Dza' na' sas Sa Gela, "where the grizzlies hang around" (finger stand) and Kwe lu we da 'as, "place where salmon spawn" (weir stand) To get to these locations, we travel by boat across the cove, board a bus and take a 20 minute drive along an old forestry road.

Platform viewing sessions are two hours in length so be sure to bring and wear warm clothing. A life vest is required for the short boat ride and we encourage all to wear the provided rubber boots to get from the boat to

Please be aware that our platforms are located in a fisheries management area and that for these platforms we can only take 12 guests at a time. We are allotted four viewing periods daily starting at 7:30am and ending at 5:30pm. Also note that due to time constraints the Finger and Weir stands cannot be used on the morning of departure.

No food or drinks, no smoking and no use of camera flashes as this can disturb the bears. We also ask that guests refrain from any type of perfume. There are no toilet facilities on these tours.







No experience necessary, and a great way to see bears!

Many of our guests try kayaking for the first time at the lodge and love it. We have single and two-person kayaks which are very stable, comfortable and a pleasure to paddle. All the paddling takes place within the protection of Glendale Cove where conditions are safe and sheltered. It's a fantastic way to view wildlife and listen to the peace and quiet of nature. Please note that the 50 meter grizzly bear viewing guideline does apply on this tour.

Sea kayaking is not about rigorous paddling. It is another option for enjoying the beauty of Glendale Cove with a moderate level of physical activity. If you are capable of moderate exercise we're sure you'll enjoy it.

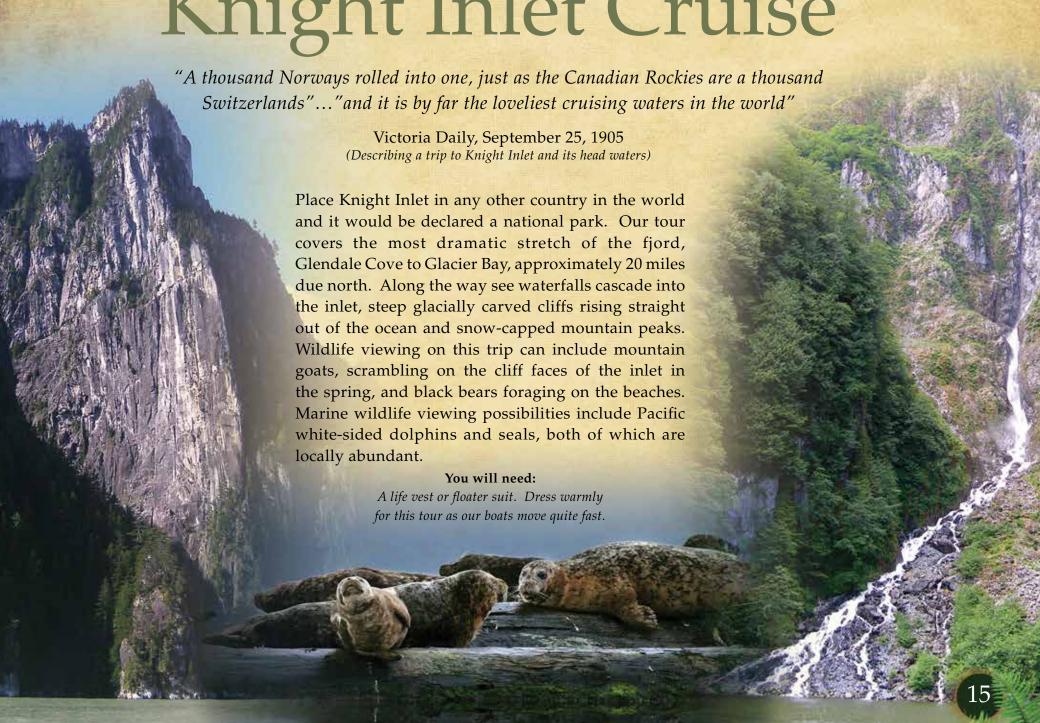
You will need:

A life vest (floater suits are not suitable) and clothing appropriate for the weather. Don't dress too warmly as your lower half is inside the kayak and you generate warmth as you paddle. Light footwear is best.











Big Cedar Hike Tracking

"wild' dzadi" (having great cedar)

This hike takes place close by in Glendale Cove, a short boat ride across from the lodge. The Big Cedar hike is a shorter, steeper hike compared to the Rainforest walk so one should be in reasonable shape. On this trail we will see Western red cedar trees up to 8' across, some of which have bear dens built in their massive root bases. This hike also boasts culturally modifiedtrees, evidence left from the First Nation people who used to inhabit this area.

Fitness Level: High: 1.5km over 2 hours, steep, slippery sections. To maximize your trip enjoyment and experience, if you have any physical considerations (i.e. knee or hip replacements etc.) please discuss with the trip scheduler to determine the most suitable hike for you.

What to wear: A life vest for the boat trip, rubber boots or sturdy hikers you don't mind getting muddy and possibly wet, rain pants and a jacket on wet days

On our tracking tours, we are observing bear habitat we don't

normally get to see on our bear-viewing tours. You guide will take you over to our vehicles opposite the lodge. You will be taken on a slow drive down the old forestry road looking for bear sign. Bear signs can include day beds, bear trails, "rub" trees and tracks. If we find bear tracks or any other animal tracks, we can make a plaster cast of the print for you to take home.

The object of tracking is not to see a bear. You will make short walks from the vehicle to look for bear signs. The fact that we are driving a vehicle and in a group of three or more people means that we are unlikely to witness a bear sighting.

The tracking tour gives a rare insight into the unseen habits of the Glendale grizzlies.

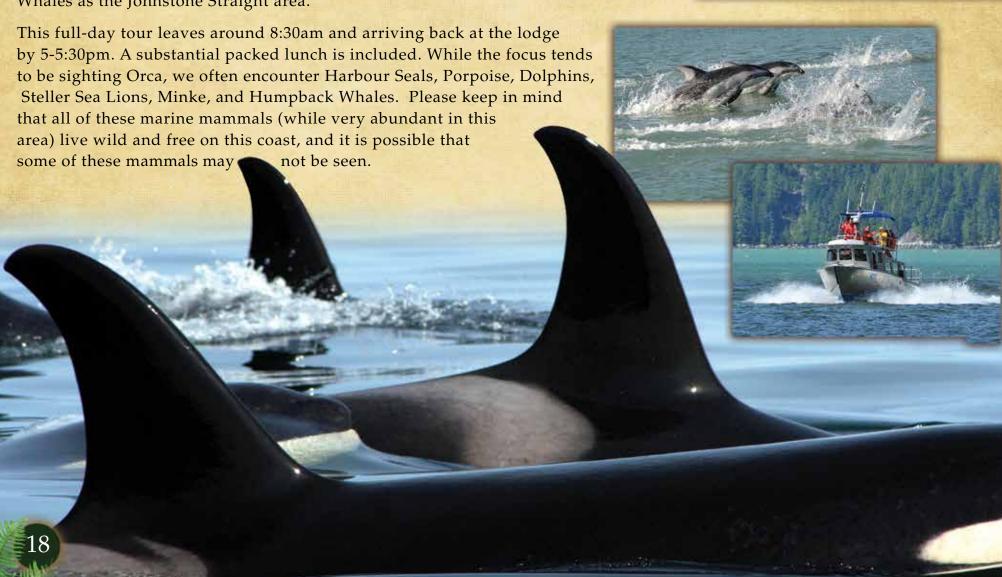
Fitness Level: Low - moderate, walking distances are very short (not more than 80 - 100 metres from the vehicle). The terrain is uneven in some places.

You will need: Rubber boots for transferring from boat to vehicle, life vest, hiking / trekking boots (or keep the rubber boots on), warm clothing and rain gear if the weather is cool or unsettled.



Whale Watching Tour

Marine mammals are some of the British Columbia coast's most fascinating inhabitants. Orcas, more commonly called Killer Whales, are one of the more exciting wild creatures that we hope to see on this tour. Nowhere else on earth is there such a concentration of Killer Whales as the Johnstone Straight area.



Marine Tour

On this trip we will spend the day exploring the Broughton Archipelago which is situated near the lower end of Knight Inlet. One of the stops may be at Echo Bay which is located on the western side of Gilford Island and is home to a colourful array of local personalities, one of whom is Billy Proctor. He has lived on the west coast for over 60 years and has become a local celebrity, partly for a small museum he has opened near his homestead.

In Billy's museum we will explore hundreds of years of artifacts collected from the beaches of the west coast by Billy himself, as well as many which are continually being donated to the project.

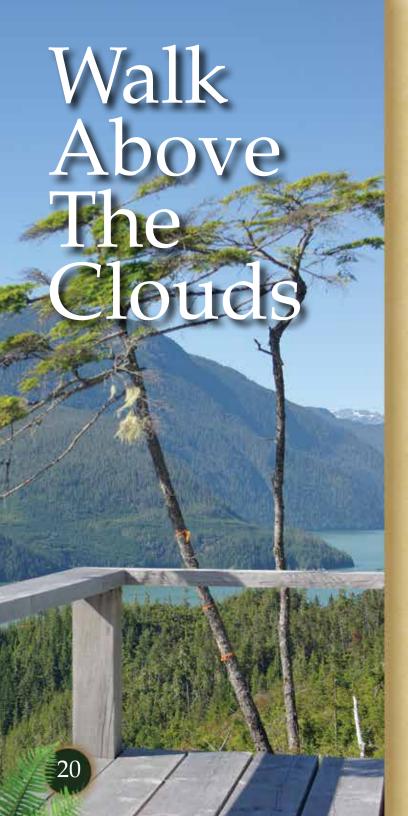
Another possible, and popular, stop is the First Nation Village of Tsatsisnukwomi (New Vancouver). On a visit to the Village you will get to tour the community Big House and learn about the history and culture of the Tsatsisnukwomi and also it should be Da' naxda' xw Awaetlala First Nation whose traditional territory includes Glendale Cove.

Along the way you will have lunch at one of the many beautiful, secluded sites we have discovered over the years. If time allows and the tides are right we will also explore a hidden waterfall and be able to hike to an enormous cedar tree, 15' across, rumoured to be over 1000 years old. As far as wildlife, black bear and eagle sightings are common as well as dolphin and porpoise."

What to Bring: Money for Billy's gift shop, rubber boots for getting on and off the boat and for the short







"ik ya gawi sa unwe"

(above the clouds, coming down the mountain)

This is our easiest of three walking and hiking tours with a required fitness level of low to moderate.

Enjoy an interpretive walk along a raised boardwalk up to a platform with panoramic views of Knight Inlet and Glendale Cove. Get a glimpse into the nesting life of Bald Eagles down below the platform. Boat and 4x4 mountain road access to the trail head.

What to wear: A life vest and rubber boots for the boat trip, light hikers for footwear on the boardwalk, rain pants and jackets on the wet days and hiking poles are available if desired.

Drive up time: 45 minutes; walking time - 30 minutes, platform time - up to 30 minutes; walking down time - 30 minutes; travel back to lodge time - 45 minutes. Totaling to about a 3 1/2 hour long tour.



"If you're going to be a bear, be a grizzly."





The goal of the CBVA is to provide a voice for the more established bear viewing companies on matters of conservation, Government Tenures, and our ongoing battle to stop the trophy hunting of bears in British Columbia. As well, the Association has established a Training Program and Certification process for

people wishing to work as guides in our industry. Recognized as having the first Certification Program in BC, the Association is working closely with Colleges and Post-Secondary Institutions throughout

the province to incorporate our program into their Outdoor Wilderness Guide courses.

As the voice for bear viewing in British Columbia, we ask that you support the Assn. by choosing member companies for further bear viewing adventures.

For more information on the CBVA please visit our website www.bearviewing.ca

Stopping The Hunt

"As one of the planets premier places to view wild grizzlies in their natural habitat, Knight Inlet Lodge and its former owners Dean & Kathy Wyatt were committed to stopping the hunt. With the generous support of our guests, who bought "Stop The Hunt" bracelets and water bottles, Knight Inlet Lodge purchased the yearly hunting "tag" that had allowed a grizzly bear to be shot in our area."

While this stop gap measure was successful in saving the lives of a number of grizzly bears it clearly was not a long term solution. Starting in

March of 2015 Dean Wyatt began organizing and financing evening receptions for our Provincial Members of the Legislature. By hosting a pair of information receptions every year in Victoria, one for the governing Liberal Party and one for the opposition NDP, we were able to educate them about the bear viewing industry and our concerns with the hunt. By 2017, after 3 years of receptions, the change in attitude towards our industry was very noticeable particularly within the NDP Party members. The Provincial election in the fall of 2017 saw the NDP Party form the new Government which was followed in December by a complete ban on the hunting of grizzly bears in British Columbia.

There were many dedicated individuals, First Nations and Environmental Organizations that also worked hard for many years to bring about an end to the hunt. While it is impossible to name everyone involved there is no question that the leadership role taken by Dean & Kathy Wyatt in presenting the bear viewing industries message in a respectful and professional manner played an important role in finally being able to protect the grizzly bears.

One of the issues that came out of the successful efforts to stop the trophy hunting of grizzly bears in British Columbia was the claim that the bear viewing industry did not contribute financially to grizzly bear research and conservation. It was mentioned time and again that bear hunting, through a fee on hunting licenses, contributed to conservation efforts where we did not. Although this was not entirely accurate, Knight Inlet Lodge has contributed significantly to both bear research and bear conservation programs since its early days, we now have the opportunity to demonstrate that our industry can respond in a positive way to issues.

Starting with a voluntary 'bear viewing license' for our guests in 2017 Knight Inlet Lodge has implemented a mandatory viewing license for 2018 and onwards. This \$25.00 fee is included in our tariff and 100% of the funds collected will go to the independent and respected Grizzly Bear Foundation, the only Canadian charitable organization dedicated solely to the long term welfare of grizzly bears. They will be responsible for dispersing the funds to legitimate research and conservation projects here in British Columbia. It is Knight Inlet Lodges hope that other bear viewing companies will follow our lead and contribute to the conservation and research fund.

Nanwakolas, the new owners of Knight Inlet Lodge, would like to thank Dean and Kathy Wyatt for their many years of stewardship of the Glendale Cove area and its wildlife, for maintaining a respectful relationship with the Da' naxda' xw Awaetlala First Nation over the past 20 years, and for the opportunity to carry on and grow their legacy.

Conservation, The Environment and Knight Inlet Lodge



Knight Inlet Lodge Hatchery

The Coho salmon hatchery at our lodge is just one example of how we give back to the environment. The small but successful program involves catching brood stock, harvesting and fertilizing the eggs, incubating them over the winter and raising the fry until they are released the next fall. By raising the fry at Knight Inlet Lodge, we hope to increase their survival rate from 40% in the wild to 90%. In 2008 we successfully released 1,345 fry into the Glendale River. In 2010 we were up to 3,500 fry being raised for release in 2011. The ultimate goal is to annually release 6,000 fry into our eco-system. The entire hatchery project has been built, operated and financed by Knight Inlet Lodge, with technical assistance from the Oyster River Enhancement Society.

Salmon continue to feed the wildlife and enrich the land, streams and sea long after they have spawned and died.

Da'naxda'xw Awaetlala Guardian Program

In 2014, a First Nations Guardian / Stewardship Program was established by the Chief and Council of the Da'nax'da'xw Awaetlala Chief and Council. The purpose of this program is to have members of the First Nation whom are trained and certified to perform various environmental monitoring and conservation stewardship activities throughout the traditional territory of the First Nation.

It is important to have a presence in the area and have our Guardian staff act as the eyes and ears to monitor, protect and ensure our lands, waters and resources are treated respectfully. Much of the work the Guardians do is focused on the Glendale Cove area, you may come across the Guardians during your stay and you are invited to approach them to learn more about their important role with the First Nation.

Micro Hydro

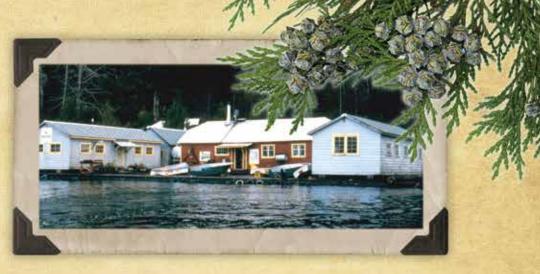
Knight Inlet Lodge operates a micro hydro electric system that generates power during our winter months. This system, one of the first micro hydro projects approved in British Columbia, has been operating on and off since the 1980s. While the power produced is not sufficient to operate the lodge during our viewing season the 12-15 kilowatts of power we do generate at peak times is adequate for the winter months with limited staff onsite.



A History of Hospitality. A Legacy of Change.



1968 Blair McLean opened a small salmon fishing lodge on the shore at Sandy Beach in Hoeya Sound. By 1976 the excellent fishing in the area helped the lodge grow and Blair expanded by adding a float building. Around this time Blair started calling his operation the



"Hoeya Hilton" as a joke. The name soon became popular with guests and local residents.

1978 Blair purchased the original ten acres of land in Glendale Cove and moved the entire operation there on a raft of floats. As the lodge grew and became one of the better known fishing locations on the coast of British Columbia the name "Hoeya Hilton" came to the attention of the Hilton Hotel chain. By 1985 they officially requested that Blair "cease and desist" using the name. From then on the lodge was officially known as Knight Inlet Lodge, although to many people it was still the "Hoeya Hilton".

1996 The Wyatt family purchased the property and operated it as a fishing lodge while starting the transition to eco-tourism and specifically grizzly bear viewing. 1998 marked the start of bear viewing with a modest 200 guests

in the first season. By 2002 the lodge had grown in popularity and reputation led it to being named named one of the 10 most exotic locations to visit by the A&E Television Network. The lodge continued to grow in popularity and in 2007 was host to over 2000 guests. Featured in media such as the New York Times, the BBC and National Geographic, Knight Inlet Lodge continued to grow in reputation around the world as THE place to experience Grizzly Bear viewing at its finest.

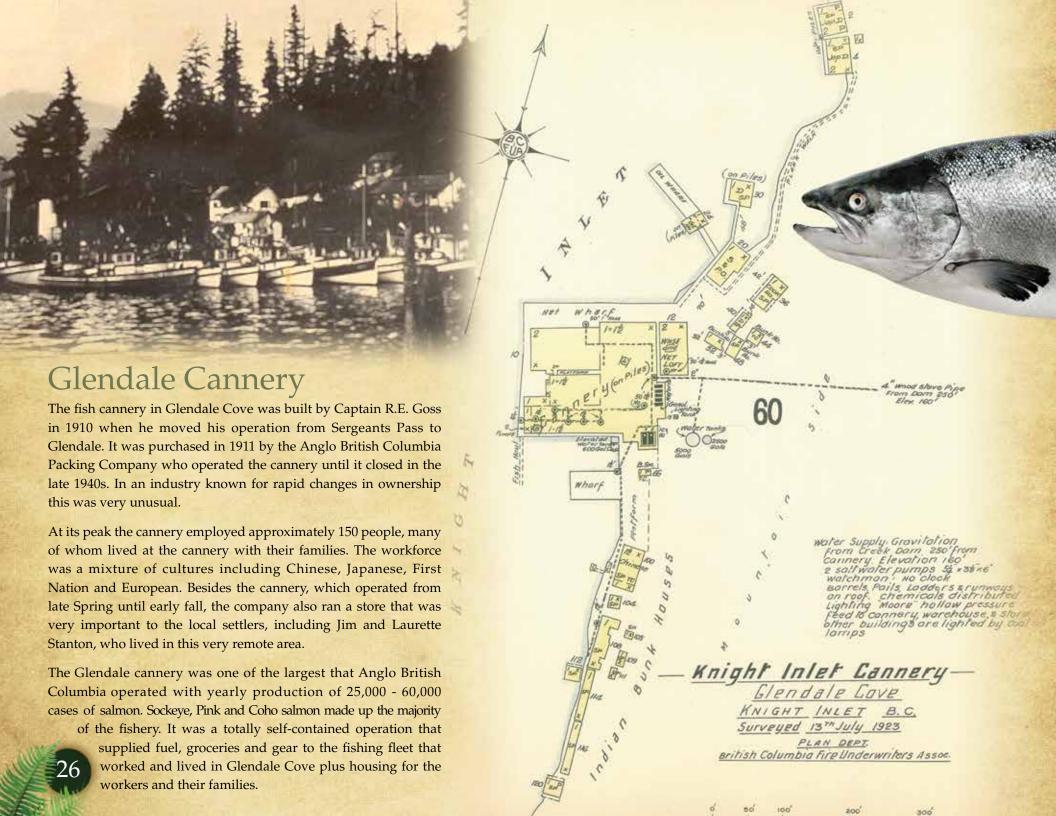
Nanwakolas Timber Limited Partnership purchases Knight Inlet Lodge from the Wyatt family.

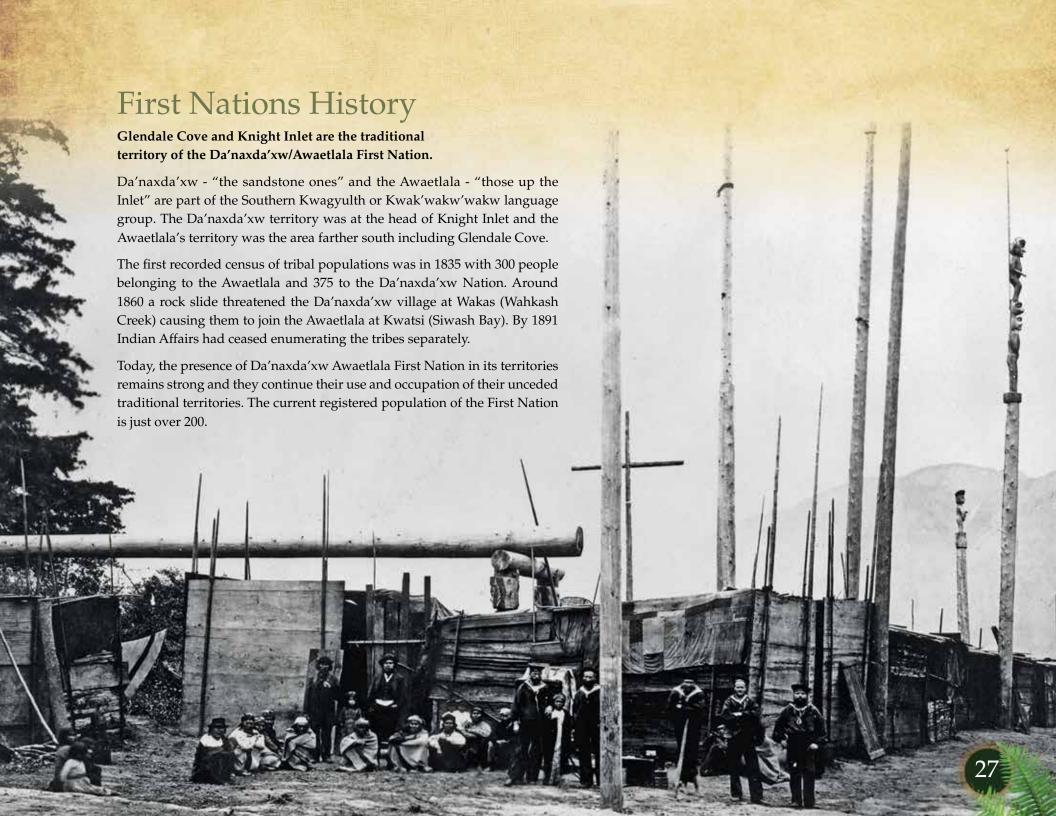
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Nanwakolas is thrilled to purchase the 'platinum standard setting' Knight Inlet Lodge and is committed to maintaining the lodge's high standard, while introducing a First Nation cultural component to the experiences offered by the lodge.









Knight Inlet Lodge Newsletter

Did you know Knight Inlet Lodge publishes an E-Newsletter twice a year?

If you provide us with an email address on your registration form you will automatically receive the next issue. Please be assured that we do not share our email list with anyone and that you can easily unsubscribe from the list at any time. Our newsletter is an excellent way to stay in touch with the happenings at our lodge, particularly important updates on our "Stop the Hunt" campaign.

For anyone who would like to read past issues of our E-Newsletter they can be found on our website **www.grizzlytours.com** where you can also sub-scribe for the newsletter should you forget to do so while at the lodge.

Using Social Media

We would love to hear from guests that would like to contribute their experiences, photos or videos on our social media outlets.

To share your experience on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube simply email your pictures or videos to us at **info@grizzlytours.com**. We also use DropBox or WeTransfer for sharing larger files or multiple photos and can help you with the details of setting this up. Our Social Media pages are:

www.facebook.com/knightinlet www.instagram.com/knightinletlodge www.youtube.com/theknightinletlodge

Finally... please share your experiences on Trip Advisor to let others know what to expect on a trip to Knight Inlet Lodge.















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