

Sea Kayaking

— Gulf Islands Inn to Inn

5 Days / 4 Nights
Starts YVR / Tsawwassen
Ferry Terminal

The GOURMET answer to sea kayaking. For a truly unique, luxury kayak trip, you will be delighted with the scenery, experience and the indulgences that await you each night at your distinctive island inns.

- Day 1 —
- Meals: L/D
- You meet your guide at the Tsawwassen ferry terminal and together board the ferry to Galiano Island. After arriving on Galiano Island and settling into the first nights accommodations we will have an orientation to the boats and kayaking. After which we will enjoy a relaxing evening paddle.
- Day 2 - 4 —
- Meals: B/L/D
- We will explore Galiano, Mayne, and Saturna Islands, as well as numerous smaller islets in the area. Our leisurely pace will allow for plenty of time to explore and interpret the cultural and natural history of this remarkable area.
- Day 5 —
- Meals: B/L
- Completing our tour of the Gulf Islands we return to Galiano Island before boarding the Gulf Islands afternoon ferry, and returning to Tswwassen. Please note that ferry schedules are subject to change, so please call our office prior to your trip departure to confirm the return time.



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The Gulf Islands

Enjoy the Mediterranean climate and beautiful island world of the Gulf Islands just outside of Vancouver but still far away from the big city!

Located between the B.C. mainland and the southeastern shores of Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands lie sheltered from the infamous winter rains and blustery winds that blow from the open Pacific. Some 200 of these scenic islands and islets are clustered on the leeward side of Vancouver Island, where the grassy woodlands and tranquil waters bear little resemblance to the dense rain forests and tumultuous seas of Vancouver Island's west coast. These islands consist primarily of sedimentary rock such as sandstone conglomerate and shale. In many areas, where sandstone is exposed to the Because this group of islands lying close to the urban centers of Vancouver and Victoria enjoys Canada's best weather, with long sunny summers, it is not surprising that it is not a wilderness area. People desiring a quieter existence, however, sparsely inhabit the islands. The islands are under close scrutiny to prevent any would-be developers from altering their special tranquillity and culture.

Black-tailed deer, raccoons, mink and river otter are the principal land mammals, with harbour seals and Stellar sea lions frequenting the shorelines. In early summer, the large bull sea lions raft up with their harems in the bays of the islands. The active waters between the islands are also good for spotting harbour porpoise and occasionally Orca whales. Sometimes a large grey or humpback whale may enter the area. These waters, of course, are prime habitat for many seabirds such as guillemots, cormorants, and gulls. mammals, with harbour seals and Stellar sea lions frequenting the shorelines. In early summer, the large bull sea lions raft up with their harems in the bays of the islands. The active waters between the islands are also good for spotting harbour porpoise and occasionally Orca whales. Sometimes a large grey or humpback whale may enter the area. These waters, of course, are prime habitat for many seabirds such as guillemots, cormorants, and gulls. The

Gulf Islands are a beautiful kayaking destination, particularly in and around the southernmost islands near the U.S. border, Pender, Mayne and Saturna. The latter two cover an area of over 70 square kilometres and have a combined resident population of about 750.

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RATES

Rate per person: **\$2245.00**

DEPARTURE DATES

May	24	31		
June	7	14	21	28
July	5	12	19	26
August	9	16	23	30
September	13	20		

EQUIPMENT LIST

A detailed clothing & equipment list with further information will be sent to you at the time of booking or upon request.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Services of qualified guide and assistant
- All group & kayak equipment
- Transportation between Tsawassen ferry terminal and Mayne Island
- Accommodation in unique Inns with 5 star cuisine, served by international chefs

NOT INCLUDED

- Transfer to/from Tsawassen ferry / Vancouver
- Personal expenses & equipment
- Any extra expenses incurred because of weather and logistical delays, delayed ferry departures

SPECIAL NOTES

- Minimum number of participants: 4
- Maximum number of participants: 10
- All guests are required to fill in a medical form at the time of booking
- All guests are required to sign a waiver of liability.

HOW TO GET THERE

You meet your guide at the Tsawassen Ferry Terminal which is only 45 minutes from downtown Vancouver by either taxi or public bus. We will gladly arrange pre and post trip accommodation for you in either downtown Vancouver or with one of the airport hotels or otherwise. If you travel with your own vehicle, you may leave it at the ferry terminal parking lot for a small charge.

PRE/POST TRIP ACCOMMODATION

Pre and post tour accommodation can be arranged if required. Please contact Responsible Travel for customized quote.

