

2011 OCEAN RIVER SPORTS KAYAK PROGRAMS



Kyuquot Sound

(7 days) A paddling playground!

Join this custom kayaking adventure for some of the best kayaking that Vancouver Island offers! Ocean River Sports has arranged this together with veteran sea kayak guide and ORS Adventure Centre founder, Dave Pinel, owner of West Coast Expeditions. WCE and ORS are natural partners, both offering a passion for getting you out there and connecting with the coast. WCE's wilderness sea kayaking retreat on Spring Island offers one-of-a-kind camping comforts and world-class sea kayaking in remote and spectacular Kyuquot Sound on the Northwest coast of Vancouver Island.

2011 Dates: Aug 18-24

Location: Kyuquot Sound, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada (from Gold River)

Tour Cost: \$2489, includes coastal scenic cruise from Gold River and return float plane flight. Early booking discount of 10% with deposit by February 28, or 5% savings by March 31.

Kayak and Paddling Gear Rental: Included. (Or you may wish to bring your own sea kayak.)

Itinerary

7 days/6 nights; Thursday to Wednesday – meeting the night before (August 17) in Gold River.

Arrive in Kyuquot on Aug 18 after the day cruise from Gold River; depart on the 24 by float plane.

What You Will Experience

- Arrive by scenic coastal cruise from Gold River, and return by float plane
- Greet the morning from your privately located walk-in waterfront tent
- Paddle with curious sea otters or tufted puffins nearby
- Explore a tide pool full of eclectic and colourful critters
- Kayak around idyllic islet clusters, through sea arches, or under a waterfall
- Refine your strokes and learn to paddle more efficiently
- Dine like (healthy) royalty and enjoy freshly prepared local foods
- Walk in the evening to spectacular sunsets or thundering waves on dramatic shorelines
- Sleep peacefully in a comfortable bed, listening to wavelets caressing a cobblestone beach

Now that's a great summer vacation! Only 10 spots available!

What Makes this Trip Special?

- Paddling with one of Ocean River Sports' instructors/guides/hosts
- All of WCE's regular attention to detail with professional & fun kayak guides, and knowledgeable interpretive programming that connects you with marine life, forest curiosities, and local Native culture
- Delicious meals and base camp comforts...including hot shower and waterfront tents with beds! Wilderness kayak camping doesn't get better!
- World-class remote west coast location with paddling options for all abilities
- Day-tripping destinations that include meandering around sheltered islets, or exploring outer exposed coastlines with sea arches and waterfalls.

Equipment List

What We Provide for Your Program

- ORS facilitator/host/guide and WCE's professional kayak guides and kitchen/camp staff
- Scenic coastal cruise aboard the "MV Uchuck III" from Gold River to Kyuquot
- Local water taxi transfer from the remote village of Kyuquot to WCE's Base Camp on Spring Island
- Spectacular float plane flight back to Gold River to finish your adventure
- Double occupancy in waterfront walk-in tents with beds, fitted sheets, and pillows with cases
- All base camp amenities, including hot shower, and use of dining area and resource library in our all-weather activity shelter
- Traditional Salmon dinner prepared and served by a local First Nations family
- Engaging interpretive programs (rainforest, intertidal, marine, cultural)
- Diverse fleet of high-quality fiberglass and Kevlar single and double kayaks
- Use of paddling jackets and dry bags for day trips
- Some drysuits and 3 mm Farmer John/Jane wetsuits available if wanting to practice support strokes, rolling, or re-entries – call to reserve one
- All scrumptious meals and snacks once with us in Kyuquot (dinner Day 1 to lunch Day 7)

What You Provide for Your Program

- Accommodation arrangements in Gold River (Wed. August 17)
- Meals while traveling aboard the “MV Uchuck III” – pack your own, or purchase from the galley onboard
- Personal clothing suitable for camping and kayaking, including sun & rain protection
- Please bring your own sleeping bag, or arrange to rent one from us
- Alcoholic beverages if desired in the evenings...and if no on-water programming is planned

Ocean River Sports stocks many items to ‘get you out there.’ If you need advice or would like to purchase gear, check out our website at www.oceanriver.com or call us! Our contact information is located at the end of this document.

Medications

Please fill out and return the attached medical form and waiver no later than 30 days prior to the program start date. We will need this information to help us plan for the program.

Please note that you will require a **current tetanus shot** (less than 10 years old). This is very important, as tetanus is a naturally occurring bacteria that lives in the soil. If you do not have up-to-date tetanus inoculation, you may contract tetanus through a scratch or cut, and require immediate evacuation. A simple tetanus shot, easily accessible at most medical facilities, removes the risk of contracting tetanus.

Please be sure to let us know of any limitations of which we should be aware. Please duplicate and separate the quantities of any medications you will need during your program, and give your duplicated medications to your instructor, who will carry them. This will provide an additional source of medications should the primary set become wet, damaged, or lost. If you are prone to any health disturbances, e.g., easily infected cuts or severe migraines, please remember to bring any preventive medications. If you have any questions about medications, contact your doctor.

Swell or wind waves can be encountered on the ocean. If seasickness is of concern to you, your doctor or pharmacist may be able to recommend medication to help. Also, anti-nausea (drug-free) wristbands work well for many people if put on at the beginning of a paddling day. Please note that seasickness occurs only rarely in sea kayaking. Be sure to let us know if you anticipate that seasickness will be a problem for you.

How to Get Here

- West Coast Expeditions’ Wilderness Retreat
- Spring Island, Kyuquot Sound area, northwest coast of Vancouver Island
- Accessed by a 5-hour drive north from Victoria to Gold River to meet the “MV Uchuck III” for a coastal day-cruise to the remote village of Kyuquot, for water taxi transfer to WCE’s Base Camp. Float plane return to Gold River at the end of the trip

How to Register

Programs may fill up quickly, so register early to avoid disappointment..

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Reserve your seat with a 25% deposit; pay in full 90 days before departure.