

Trip Planning Guide



DEPARTURE TIME

Check-In: 7:00am
Boarding: 8:15am

DEPARTING FOR THE LODGE

Guests should arrive at YVR South Terminal (4440 Cowley Crescent, Richmond, B.C. V7B 1B8) for check-in at 7:00 AM. Pay parking is available directly across from the South Terminal.

Our guest services representatives will greet you, take your checked bags, and provide boarding passes. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 AM, with an approximate flight time of 1 hour and 30 minutes. In Masset, guests will be grouped for transfer to helicopters for a 20-minute flight to the lodge. Upon arrival at the lodge, you'll take part in a brief orientation, enjoy a welcome brunch, and soon after, head out fishing.

Valid government-issue photo ID is required to complete check-in.

HEADING HOME

Guests will return to Masset by helicopter before boarding our charter flight to Vancouver. The scheduled arrival time at the South Terminal in Vancouver is 3:00 PM. To allow for any potential delays, we recommend booking connecting flights at least three (3) hours later for domestic travel and four (4) hours later for international travel

If you plan to arrange private transportation to or from Haida Gwaii, please inform our Client Services team in advance of your trip.

CLIENT INFORMATION FORM

Before your arrival, please complete our Client Information Form to ensure we provide an exceptional stay.

[Click Here to Request a Form](#)

FISHING LICENSES

Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licenses and Salmon Conservation Stamps for the upcoming season will become available for purchase on April 1.

We recommend the 5-day Pacific Tidal Waters Sport Fishing License. Please ensure you add the Salmon Conservation Stamp to your license to retain salmon. If you already have a license, be sure to bring it with you. A physical copy of your license should be kept with you at all times during the trip.

[Click Here to Obtain Your Fishing License](#)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Where to stay in Vancouver

If you're traveling from out of town, we recommend arriving in Vancouver at least one day before your scheduled departure. Consider staying at one of our preferred partner hotels, which offer exclusive WCFC rates. All partner hotels provide frozen fish storage. Mention The West Coast Fishing Club when booking to receive our preferred rates.

Fairmont Vancouver Airport
Call 1.604.207.5200 | [Book Online](#)

Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel
Call 1.604.276.2112 | [Book Online](#)

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
Call 1.604.273.7878 | [Book Online](#)

Versante Hotel
Call 1.604.242.7777 | [Book Online](#)

Radisson Blu Hotel
Call 1.778.326.0938 | [Book Online](#)

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

Checked luggage is limited to 25 lbs per person, including any fishing gear. When possible, pack in soft-sided luggage for easier loading onto the aircraft. Due to limited space on helicopters, your luggage may not arrive on the same helicopter as you do. We encourage guests to bring a small carry-on bag, which should include any items needed immediately upon arrival, including medications.

Complimentary, secured storage is available in Vancouver for any excess baggage you may have.

WHAT TO PACK

The weather in Haida Gwaii can be unpredictable, with average temperatures ranging from 11-17°C (52-62°F). We provide top-of-the-line rain gear and boots for your comfort on the water. Our suits offer excellent protection from rain and wind. To prepare for all weather conditions, we recommend packing additional layers to wear under your rain gear.

- Long underwear or sweatpants
- Long-sleeve shirts or sweaters
- Fleece, wool, or other thermal jacket
- Thick, warm socks
- Hat and gloves
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Seasickness remedies
- Swimwear (for lodge amenities)
- Casual wear for dining

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Valid government-issued photo identification is required at check-in for all guests 18 years of age or older. Ensure all necessary travel documents are up to date before your departure.

When completing the Client Information Form, please provide the name that matches your identification.

GUIDE & BOAT OPTIONS

Whether you've chosen to fish on your own or with one of our exceptional guides, we are committed to providing a far beyond experience. Please confirm your preferred boat and guide arrangements with your Client Services representative prior to your trip.

FISH PROCESSING

We will fillet, vacuum-pack, and flash-freeze your catch per government regulations. If you would like your fish processed (smoked, canned, or portioned), it can be sent directly from the lodge to our partner, St. Jean's Cannery. Processing and shipping can take 10-15 weeks.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are a reflection of how you enjoyed your trip with The West Coast Fishing Club and are not included in the package price. Gratuities for Shore Staff, Massage Services, and Fishing Guides can be added to your room charges at the end of your stay and can be paid by credit card or cash. Our suggested gratuity ranges reflect the industry standard. If you would like to leave a gratuity we offer the following guidelines.

Shore Staff: \$85 - \$100

Guides: \$100 - \$125

COMMUNICATION AT THE LODGE

Starlink wireless internet is available at the lodge. There is no cellular service, but Wi-Fi calling and texting are available for both iOS and Android users. We recommend enabling this feature before losing cellular service. Landlines are also available for guest use upon arrival.

RETURNING NEXT YEAR?

For many of our guests, visiting the lodge has become an annual tradition, and all of us at The West Coast Fishing Club look forward to welcoming you back. Our lodges fill up quickly, often a year in advance, so if you'd like to secure your spot for next year, we recommend doing so shortly after your return. To reserve your space, please contact our Client Services team at 1.604.233.9232.

