TRIP PLANNING GUIDE

THE WEST COAST FISHING CLUB

DEPARTURE TIME

Check-in: 7:00 AM
Boarding: 8:00 AM
Departure: 8:30 AM

DEPARTING FOR THE LODGE

Your trip begins at YVR South Terminal (4440 Cowley Crescent, Richmond, B.C. V7B 1B8), where our Guest Services team will be ready to welcome you at 7:00 AM. Paid parking is available directly across from the terminal.

We'll take care of your checked luggage and provide your boarding pass before the flight to Masset. The flight is approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Once in Masset, guests will transfer by helicopter to the lodge. The flight is approximately 20 minutes, with guests travelling in groups based on helicopter capacity.

When you arrive, our lodge team will welcome you, walk you through a brief orientation, and have brunch ready before you head out for your first afternoon of fishing.

Please bring valid government-issued photo identification for check-in.

RETURN TRAVEL

At the end of your trip, you'll return to Masset by helicopter before boarding our charter flight back to Vancouver.

Our scheduled arrival at YVR South Terminal is 3:00 PM.

Weather in Haida Gwaii can occasionally affect travel times, so we recommend allowing at least three hours for domestic connections and four hours for international connections after your scheduled arrival in Vancouver.

If you're making your own travel arrangements to or from Haida Gwaii, please let our Client Services team know before your trip so we can coordinate accordingly.

CLIENT INFORMATION FORM

Please complete your Client Information Form before your trip so our team has everything needed to prepare for your stay.

When completing the form, please use the same name that appears on your government-issued identification.

CLICK HERE TO REQUEST A FORM

FISHING LICENCES

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

We recommend purchasing a 5-day Pacific Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licence and adding a Salmon Conservation Stamp if you plan to retain salmon.

If you already have a valid licence, please bring it with you. A physical copy must be carried while fishing.

CLICK HERE TO OBTAIN YOUR FISHING LICENCE





HOTEL INFORMATION

If you're travelling from out of town, we recommend arriving in Vancouver at least one day before your scheduled departure. It makes for a much more relaxed start to your trip and helps avoid missed charter connections.

Our preferred Vancouver airport hotels offer WCFC rates and frozen fish storage. Mention The West Coast Fishing Club when booking to inquire about the preferred rate.

Fairmont Vancouver Airport
Call 1.604.207.5200 | Book Online

Radisson Blu Hotel
Call 1.778.326.0938 | 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

WHAT TO PACK

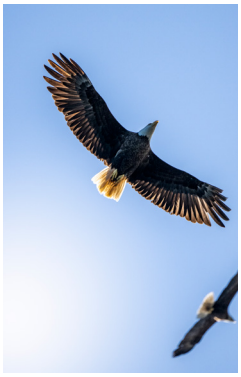
Weather in Haida Gwaii can change quickly, with typical temperatures ranging from approximately 11–17°C (52–62°F).

We provide high-quality rain gear and boots for your time on the water, so the key is to bring comfortable, warm layers to wear underneath.

We recommend packing:

- ☐ **Warm base layers**
- ☐ **Fleece, wool, or another insulating layer**
- ☐ **Warm socks**
- ☐ **Hat and gloves**
- ☐ **Sunglasses and sunscreen**
- ☐ **Seasickness remedies, if needed**
- ☐ **Swimwear**
- ☐ **Casual, comfortable clothing for evenings at the lodge**







LUGGAGE

Checked luggage is limited to 25 lbs per person. Soft-sided luggage is preferred, as it is easier to accommodate aboard the aircraft and helicopters.

We recommend keeping medications, identification, and anything else you may want immediately upon arrival in a small carry-on bag.

FISH PROCESSING

Your trip package includes standard fish processing, with your catch filleted, vacuum-packed, and flash-frozen before your departure.

Guests staying at The Clubhouse may also choose to have their catch portioned in-house for an additional charge, making it easy to bring home smaller, meal-sized packages.

For specialty processing such as smoking or canning, your fish can be sent to our partner, St. Jean's Cannery. Specialty processing and shipping typically take approximately 10–15 weeks.

Our team will be happy to review the available options with you during your stay.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your trip package but are always appreciated by our team. While entirely at your discretion, we offer the following suggested guidelines per guest, per day:

Shore Staff: $85–$100
Fishing Guides: $100–$125

For your convenience, gratuities can be added to your room charges at the end of your stay and paid by cash or credit card.

WI-FI & COMMUNICATION

Starlink Wi-Fi is available at the lodge, so you can stay connected even though there is no cellular service in the area.

Wi-Fi calling and messaging are available on compatible iOS and Android devices. We recommend enabling Wi-Fi calling on your phone before travelling to Haida Gwaii.

CONTACT US

If any questions come up while you're planning your trip, our Guest Services team is always happy to help.

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