



B.C. Wilderness Adventure

Northern British Columbia, Canada



Save the dates

August 7 – 18, 2018

Please note these dates are subject to change

Who's eligible?

→ 20 girls, 16-18 years old on the first day of the trip

To qualify for a Nationally Sponsored Trip, you must be a registered member of Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada (GGC) and meet the Eligibility Requirements.

Additionally, for this trip girls must have a minimum of two nights camping experience at the Guide level or higher, as well as passed their Swim Test before June 30, 2018.

What you'll experience

Experience adventure, view amazing wildlife and connect with First Nations communities while exploring the wild and lush landscapes of Northern British Columbia.

Your journey begins in Vancouver where you'll participate in some great activities to get to know your fellow travelers. The next day, catch your flight to camp and take in the view of British Columbia's spectacular Coast Mountains.

Throughout the adventure, you'll travel with representatives from ***In Touch With Nature Education Inc.*** You'll explore Kitselas Canyon National Historic Site, hike through beautiful forests down to ancient village sites, and learn about the fascinating history of the Tsimshian peoples who occupied this area for over 6,000 years. Travel to the traditional territories of the Gitksan – the "People of The Ksan" to Soaring Spirits Camp, the beautiful 175-acre camp along the banks of the Ksan (Skeena) River and check into large canvas wall tents on cedar platforms. Set off to tour the traditional territories of the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en peoples and some of the world's oldest and most beautiful totem poles. You'll have time to watch the netting of salmon from the raging falls and rapids of the Bulkley River as the Wet'suwet'en people's ancestors have done for countless centuries. Hike at Twin Falls to viewpoints to see effects of climate change before your eyes. Connect with the region's unique wildlife – from hiking to see white Kermode 'spirit' bears, to marine kayaking to observe seals, river otters, and shorebirds, and whale watching on the Pacific Ocean to spot gray and humpback whales, orcas and porpoises. Travel to Prince Rupert for shopping and a city and harbour tour. This and so much more awaits you for this amazing wilderness and cross-cultural experience.

At the end of your adventure you'll fly back to Vancouver for a debrief session where you'll reflect on your amazing experience before returning home.

Costs & Fundraising

The total value of this program is approximately **\$5,810** per person.





Girls: Great news – GGC National office covers 50% of the total cost of the trip!

- You will receive a financial subsidy of 50% of the total cost from GGC National office including domestic airfare, accommodation, program fees, tours, transfers, and medical and travel insurance.
- For the remaining 50% of the trip cost, you may be eligible for travel grants from your province, area, unit, etc. It is recommended that you contact your council to inquire about this potential funding.
- You will be financially responsible to pay for the remaining 50% of the trip cost prior to trip departure.
- You are encouraged to fundraise for the remainder of your trip costs. Refer to GGC’s Fundraising Guidelines for information on how to fundraise for trips.
- You will also be responsible for incidental costs over and above the listed trip expenses, such as travel to and from your local airport, personal spending money, etc. Incidental costs cannot be covered through fundraising.
- If you need to cancel for any reason other than illness or a family emergency, you will be responsible for covering any fees/charges incurred by GGC.

GGC reserves the right to cancel and/or reschedule trips as required. Also note that participation in this event by GGC members is dependent on acceptable health and safety conditions in the area at the time of the event. If a trip is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, GGC will not accept responsibility for expenses incurred in preparation for this event.

Ready, set, apply!

Before beginning your application, please review the [Application Instructions](#) and check out the [Top Tips](#) for support. These two documents will help better prepare you to fill out your application.

Once you’re ready, visit the [Nationally Sponsored Trips web site](#) to apply!

Applications must be completed and submitted online by **January 17, 2018 at 5:00pm EST.**

Questions? Email us: nationaltravel@girlguides.ca

