SMOOTH SAILING
Any entry into the remote Haida Gwaii archipelago of islands needs to be by boat, preferably handcrafted from local Douglas fir and cedar trees with polished brass fittings. Sailing gracefully upon wildlife-filled waters, the Maple Leaf takes its eight passengers on a journey to some of Canada’s most scenic bays, coves and secluded beaches off the coast of British Columbia. The ship’s immersive nine-day itinerary explores the archipelago from north to south, ancient to modern, including Gwaii Haanas and the UNESCO World Heritage site Sgang Gousyax village (Ninstint). Everything you could possibly need or need to know is answered by the ship’s crew, which includes a naturalist and an on-board chef. In darkness falls, the ship slips into secluded bays for overnight anchorages while days are filled with fishing, swimming and shore trips to ancient First Nation villages with a background cast of halibut whales, dolphins, porpoises, black bears and Steller’s sea lions.

The most impressive is where the resort sits internationally, considering its humble beginnings,” says Pataran. “It started out as a passion project and morphed into something much bigger. I was just looking for a handcrafted boat and was amazed when we started out...”

For Pataran, the opportunity to chat with visitors and celebrate and showcase Mother Nature is second to none here,” says Pataran. “It’s a privilege to be in a place where you’re able to see so many different inhabitants; an invigorating and incredibly personal way to meet the locals. Check them out!”

LOVE IT LIKE A LOCAL
INTO THE WILDERNESS
From sailing Canada’s rugged coastline to forging adventures with our new-generation chefs, these unique wilderness experiences transport travellers into the country’s wild heart, alongside the people who love them most.

UP CLOSE
It’s hard not to be both surprised and thrilled when a polar bear looks into your window, but at Seal River Lodge in Manitoba’s arctic region it’s par for the course. Deep in polar bear territory, the remote lodge’s unpopulated access makes for a privileged wildlife experience. Of the estimated 20,000 to 25,000 polar bears left in the wild, approximately 60 per cent are located in Canada and this is one of the most exciting places to see them. Overlooking the spectacular Hudson Bay, this family-owned-and-operated lodge is the gateway to the tundra’s landscape and its wild inhabitants; an invigorating and incredibly personal way to meet the locals...check them out!

WATER’S EDGE
Enjoy an immersive wildlife experience at Trout Point Lodge in the magnificent province of Nova Scotia. Think dolphins, seals, osprey and peregrine falcons, as well as opportunities to cook the local bounty at the lodge’s renowned cooking school. Take advantage of this isolated retreat on 40 pristine hectares next to the Tobeatic Wilderness Area with activities such as fly fishing, kayaking, riverine woodland hot tubs and a forest bathing experience. With its nature border and location at the confluence of two rivers, the lodge guarantees plenty of wildlife sightings including black bears, flying squirrels, geese, skunks, seals, loons, home to sea lions if you’re in luck...moose, troutpoint.com

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All BC expeditions depart from Haida Gwaii, which is serviced by Pacific Coastal Airlines departing from Vancouver and onward Air Charters departing from Prince Rupert.

SEAL RIVER LODGE, MANITOBA
Seal River Heritage Lodge is open from July to November. Packages include flights from Winnipeg to Churchill, air transfers to the lodge plus meals.

TROUT POINT LODGE, NOVA SCOTIA
The lodge is a 45-minute drive from the Yarmouth Ferry Terminal. The closest international airport is Halifax, around three hours’ drive north of the lodge.