

## **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. Sitting gracefully upon wildlife-filled waters, the Maple Leaf takes its eight passengers on a journey to some of Canada's most scenic bays, estuaries 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 Gwaay village (Ninstints). 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. As 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 baleen whales, dolphins, porpoises, black bears and birdlife appearing with every tack of the sails. This year the Maple Leaf fleet has also expanded to include a new 138 foot luxury catamaran for Haida Gwaii adventures. mapleleafadventures.com

## **UP CLOSE**

It's hard not to be both surprised and thrilled when a polar bear looks in 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 unparalleled 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-andoperated lodge is the gateway to the tundra landscape and its wild inhabitants; an invigorating and incredibly personal way to meet the locals. churchillwild.com

### WATER'S EDGE

Expect great seafood experiences at Trout Point Lodge in the maritimerich province of Nova Scotia. Think salmon, mussels, oysters and lobsters, 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, riverside wood-fired hot tubs and a forest bathing experience. With its nature border and location at the convergence of two rivers, the lodge guarantees plenty of wildlife sightings including black bears, flying squirrels, grouse, deer, beaver, owls, loons and if you're in luck - moose. troutpoint.com

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#### CLAYOQUOT WILDERNESS RESORT BO

Clayoquot Wilderness Resort is a Relais & Châteaux all-inclusive eco-safari luxury resort located 40 minutes by boat from Tofino, Vancouver Island

#### MAPLE LEAF ADVENTURES, BC

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

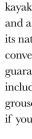
#### SEAL RIVER LODGE. MANITOBA

Seal River Heritage Lodge is open from July to November. Packages include flights from Winnipeg to Churchill air transfers to the lodge

#### 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.





FAR LEFT: Vancouver Island: Clayoquot Wilderness Resort; polar bear at Seal River Lodge; Maple

**CLOCKWISE FROM** 

Leaf Adventures: local seafood at Trout Point Lodge