

Haida Gwaii Islands, British Columbia, Canada

The Galápagos of the North — a remote, rainforest-draped archipelago where ancient Haida totem poles decay back into the moss and humpback whales breach offshore. This is wilderness and living culture, not a port town.

- Tender / Zodiac landings
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Canadian Dollar (CAD)
- English / Haida
- Expedition cruises only

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Daajing Giids wharf or Zodiac landings (expedition)

Walk to Centre: 5-10 min flat walk from Daajing Giids tender dock to town

Best For: Indigenous culture, wildlife, old-growth rainforest, UNESCO sites

Don't Miss: SGang Gwaay UNESCO totems, Haida Heritage Centre, whale watching

Getting around: Taxi ✓ CAD \$85+ minimum · Rideshare ✗ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- SGang Gwaay UNESCO World Heritage Site** — The largest collection of original in-situ Haida totem poles on Earth.
- Haida Heritage Centre at Kay Llnagaay** — Six traditional longhouses facing the ocean at Skidegate.
- Whale & Wildlife Watching** — Humpback and fin whales, orcas, Pacific white-sided dolphins, Steller sea lions, and black bears foraging along the tideline.
- Burnaby Narrows Intertidal Walk** — At K'iid Xyangs K'iidaay (Burnaby Narrows), the densest intertidal zone on Canada's Pacific coast — a carpet of sea stars, anemones, chitons, and sea...
- Hotspring Island (GandII K'in Gwaay.yaay)** — Natural hot springs perched above the ocean in Gwaii Haanas — soak in geothermal pools while scanning the horizon for whales.

BEST WALKS

- Daajing Giids Waterfront Walk** 1-2 hrs · Easy · Free — From the tender dock, follow the flat waterfront path along Oceanview Drive past the visitor centre, local artisan shops, and Haida Gwaii Museum satellite gallery.
- Balance Rock (Skidegate)** 30 min · Easy · Free — A glacial erratic boulder balanced improbably on a rocky beach just north of Skidegate — a short stop if your ship tenders toward the Haida Heritage Centre.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	49°	39°	18d
Jun	60°	49°	14d
Aug	66°	56°	13d
Sep	61°	52°	16d
Oct	54°	46°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 6:48AM–8:49PM · Jun 5:20AM–10:17PM · Aug 6:29AM–9:14PM · Sep 7:23AM–8:02PM · Oct 8:16AM–6:50PM	

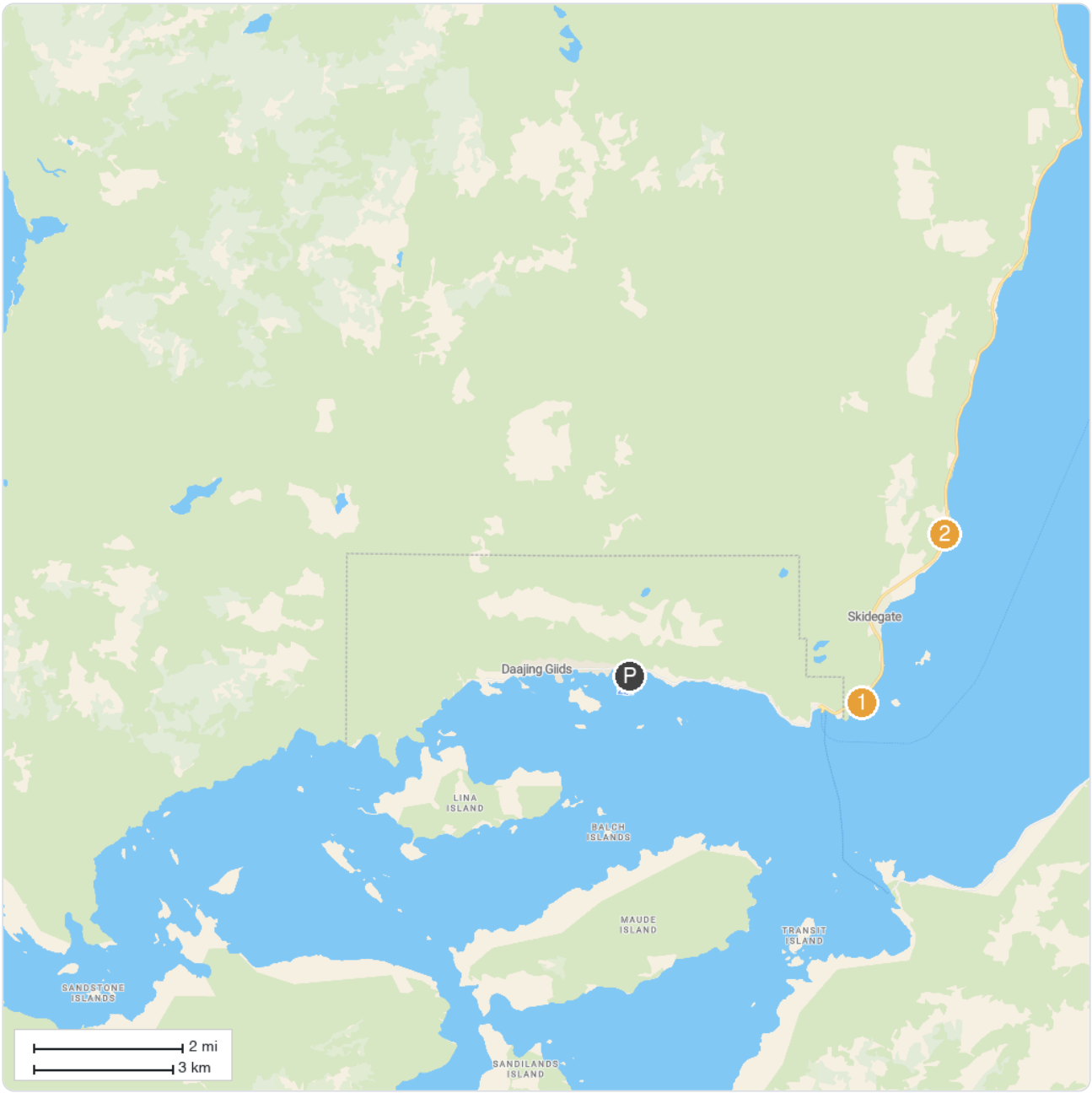
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book everything before you sail. There are no walk-off tours, no taxis on demand, and no rental cars at the dock. All excursions must be arranged in advance through your cruise line or a licensed Haida Gwaii operator.
- Dress for wet and cold. Even in July, expect cool temperatures, rain, and wind. Gore-Tex jacket, waterproof boots, and layers are essential — this is a temperate rainforest.
- Respect Haida culture. Do not touch totem poles (sacred and fragile). Always ask before photographing Haida people or carvers. Never take stones, shells, or wood from ancient village sites.
- Cell service is minimal. Signal exists in Daajing Giids, Skidegate, and Masset town centres. Once you enter Gwaii Haanas or any forest trail, expect zero connectivity.
- Bring Canadian dollars. Credit cards work in shops and restaurants, but local Haida artisans selling at markets often prefer cash. ATM is available in Daajing Giids.
- Eat local seafood. Gather in Daajing Giids (223 Oceanview Drive) does excellent scratch-made food with local, seasonal ingredients. Keenawaii's Kitchen in Skidegate offers traditional Haida feasts by Chef Roberta Olson — reservation only, usually ship-arranged.

Haida Gwaii Islands, British Columbia, Canada — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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Haida Heritage Centre

Explore Haida art, history, and culture at this vibrant centre.

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Balance Rock

Observe a giant boulder naturally balanced on a tiny base.
- P

Cruise port / terminal