



COAST TS'MSYEN CULTURE

Prince Rupert is located in the traditional territory of the Coast Ts'msyen People, who have lived in the area for more than 10,000 years. Indigenous People are the original inhabitants of Canada.

As seafarers, warriors and artisans, the economic and social institutions of the Ts'msyen are highly evolved. The richness of the Ts'msyen culture is obvious as you explore the city.

Several totem poles stand tall among Prince Rupert's buildings and trees. Each of these majestic art pieces, unique to Indigenous culture, tells a story in its carvings.

The Museum of Northern British Columbia has an impressive collection of artifacts that celebrate the culture and history of the Ts'msyen. The architectural design of the museum, a log building downtown, is based on a traditional longhouse. Across the street from the museum is a smaller longhouse, used for cultural and educational programs, and next to that, a carving shed used by local Indigenous artists.

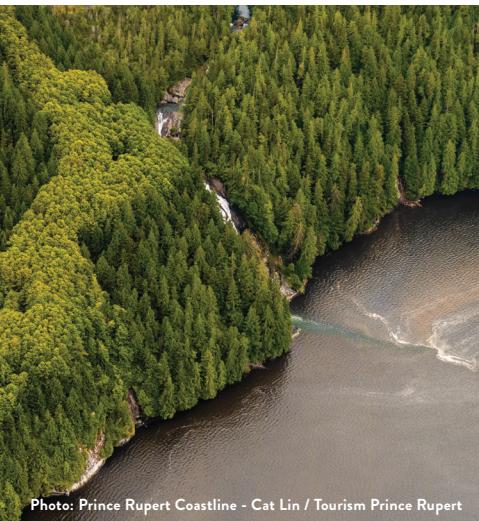
Many local shops and galleries sell stunning Indigenous art and apparel – some quite traditional and others with a modern twist. Many local businesses and offices also display beautifully designed logos and signs that showcase Indigenous art.

NEARBY VILLAGES

Of the seven Ts'msyen villages spread throughout Northwest BC, the closest villages to Prince Rupert are the small, coastal communities of Metlakatla and Lax Kw'alaams. Both are accessible by boat or plane only.

Lax Kw'alaams, which means 'Island of the wild roses,' is approximately 35 kilometres north of Rupert.

Metlakatla, located in the Metlakatla Pass, is about seven kilometres northwest of Rupert. Metlakatla means 'saltwater pass.'



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WELCOME TO THE WILD COAST

Located on the lush northwest coast of British Columbia, Prince Rupert is a port city with a friendly yet slightly rugged, seaside vibe. Surrounded by nature, our little town boasts rows of quaint and colourful heritage homes and buildings perched closely together along the hilly streets. Eagles fly above and deer are often seen trotting along the road.

The tidal waters around Prince Rupert are famous for crab, salmon, and halibut fishing. Tons of other creatures, big and small, can be found in the waters, and you could spot a whale, sea lion, or seal on the downtown waterfront.

Rupert is the closest city to the Khutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary, accessible by air or boat. Here, visitors can watch massive grizzlies, one of the world's wildest creatures, run and play in their natural habitat.



Rich in culture and history, Prince Rupert also boasts incredible examples of Indigenous art in local shops, galleries, and the architecture of several buildings. Throughout town, monuments to Rupert's glory days of the Grand Trunk Railway are interspersed with memories of the years when salmon and halibut canneries ruled the coastline.

WILDLIFE IN THE AREA

Black Bears. Beavers. Black-tailed Deer. Dungeness Crab. Eagles. Grizzly Bears. Halibut. Harbour Seals. Humpback Whales. Moose. Mountain Goats. Orca Whales. Ravens. Salmon. Sea Otters. Stellar Sea Lions. Wolves.





WALKING TOUR

Atlin Terminal Originally a fish and cold storage plant. Now the heart of Cow Bay. Houses the Ice House Art Gallery, Port Interpretive Centre, and Seahorse Trading Company.

Seahorse Trading Co. Sells high-quality kids' items and souvenirs.

Fukasaku Artisanal sushi joint located in the heart of Cow Bay.

Ice House Gallery This co-operative gallery is stocked and run by some of the best artists and artisans in the northwest.

Cow Bay is a unique waterfront area rich with history. Here you'll find restaurants, shops, art galleries, fish markets, and more. Rupert's downtown is close by and on foot, you'll probably stay on or close to 2nd and 3rd Avenue West. Everything is within walking distance, perfect for a day or more of shopping, eating, and enjoying. Here are a few highlights.

Prince Rupert Visitor Centre / Prince Rupert Port Authority Port Interpretive Centre One-stop shop for information about Prince Rupert and the Port.

LeBLANC Boutique Modern clothing boutique offering men's, women's & kids apparel. Located in the historic Atlin Market building.

Eagle Bluff B&B Original buildings from Rupert's early fishing days, now cozy accommodations.

Homework Eclectic shop selling fashion, home décor and gifts. Previous location of Love Electric, which once serviced the city's fishing fleet.

Breaker's Pub Former home of the local Fisherman's Co-operative. Now one of the best patios in town.

Cowpuccino's Perfect spot for a coffee and a treat.

Dolly's Fish Market Fill up on chowder or buy fresh seafood to make it yourself.

It's worth checking out some of Prince Rupert's incredible, one-of-a-kind experiences.

Cruise up to the Khutzeymateen Valley and Canada's only grizzly bear sanctuary.

Go on a whale watching tour.

Visit a museum and discover the history of the Coast Ts'msyen People through dance, songs, stories, and priceless artifacts on display.

Explore the city of Prince Rupert, touring popular downtown attractions and museums.

Follow the trail alongside Butze Rapids and learn about native plants and trees, or walk the suspension bridges along Rushbrook Trail for stunning harbour views.

Set out on a jet boat adventure including a hike through old-growth forest and feast of wild salmon cooked over an open fire.

Tour the North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site, the oldest intact salmon cannery along North America's west coast.

Rent a kayak and explore the typically calm coastline of Kloiya Bay.

Play a round of golf at Prince Rupert's scenic course.

Get a birds-eye view of the wilderness by seaplane, and even land by the base of a glacial waterfall.

Opa Sushi Restaurant uniquely located in a renovated net loft.

Cow Bay Gift Galley Sells kitchen items, home décor, bedding, and bath products.

Pacific Mariners' Memorial Park Public green space dedicated to those who lost their lives at sea.

Public Breakwater A long floating dock with a fabulous 360-degree view. On foggy days, you'll feel like you are floating on the water.

Sunken Gardens Peaceful public green space. Used as a secret ammunitions storage site in World War II.

Court House Built in 1923. Marks the end of 2nd Avenue West.

Longhouse & Carving Shed Used for cultural programs and by local Indigenous artists.

Museum of Northern BC A stunning building with an equally superb collection of Indigenous artifacts. Also home to the Ruth Harvey Art Gallery. Great gift shop.

The Crest Rupert's most luxurious, four-star hotel. Has a cozy restaurant and lounge overlooking the water.

Prince Rupert Fire & BC Police Museum Commemorates a century of local firefighting and police work.

Pilsbury B&B Rupert's first house. Built for the original manager of the Grand Trunk Railway circa 1908.

Kwinitza Station Railway Museum Restored original railway building. Now a museum full of objects from Rupert's railway era.

Rotary Waterfront Park Public space with benches along the oceanfront.

Millenium Walkway Seaside path.

Wheelhouse Brewery Fun hangout with local craft beer.

Javadotcup Comfy coffee shop. One of Rupert's first concrete buildings.

City Hall Built in 1939. Motifs on the front of the building, inspired by Indigenous art, were added later.

Charles Hays Statue Commemorates the president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

The Argosy is a great place to find anything funky, collectible or antique.

Eddie's News Stop in for an ice cream and check out the great selection of books and magazines.

Catch a flight with Helijet, Inland Air or call Silver Grizzly Transportation for luxury ground transportation around the region.

Jim Ciccone Civic Centre Civic recreation facility offering a public pool, fitness room, gyms, and public showers.

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