

General Trip Information

About the Duen

DUEN is a classic heritage sailing vessel; a gaff rigged ketch heavily constructed in Norway which has been well tested by thousands of miles of world travel, gathering a rich history along the way.

She has completed a circumnavigation of the world, three South Pacific voyages and several expeditions in the Pacific Northwest. The entire craft is well maintained, stable, comfortable, annually inspected and a fully certified passenger-carrying vessel meeting Transport Canada requirements.



Accommodation Aboard

Because of her heavy construction her layout below deck is not as spacious as modern sailing vessels of her size. However, what little you give up in space you gain in the warmth, charm and ambience that is distinctive and all her own. Her feeling is authentic, the surroundings comfortable and cozy.



DUEN offers a warm dining/living area, well equipped galley, and two washrooms, one with full standing shower. Guests sleeping accommodations consists of: four private double or twin cabins with port hole and skylight. The living area is heated by a traditional Norwegian stove with a radiating heating system keeping the cabins warm on cool days. 110 volt power is available for small appliances such as electric shavers and to recharge camera or video batteries.

During the evening hours guests appreciate our extensive natural history library and slide presentations on the day's events as we travel along. Maximum number of participants: 8 guests, plus 3 crew: Captain, cook/chef and naturalist/crew.

Meals

Our cook is skillful in the preparation of well balanced, wholesome, tasty meals and can accommodate any dietary restriction or allergies given advance notice. Wine is often served with dinner.

We have onboard freezer and galley coolers for refrigeration. Frozen meat and fresh produce are purchased at the beginning of every trip, when possible fishing will be the source of fresh seafood.

The Crew, Guides and Safety

The captain, the crew, naturalist or native interpreters, love to share their knowledge of natural and cultural history. Since interpretation of the environment is a focus of our trips, we will have informative walks along inter-tidal zones, temperate rainforest and sub-alpine areas, exploring in detail the life we encounter along the way.

Our primary concern is your safety while aboard and while participating in the expedition. The captain is Transport Canada certified and trained in Marine Emergency Duties. The crew and guides are trained in first aid techniques. It is the job of the captain and crew to make decisions that ensure your safety and comfort while maximizing your adventure experience.

We are very familiar with the difference between perceived and real risk. So, for your personal safety, we ask to be alert and try to fully understand the sensible restraints that may be asked of you or the group. We must stress that listening carefully to all instructions and directions given by the crew and guides is your ultimate responsibility. You will be required to sign our waiver and medical form prior to boarding.

Weather

Though changeable all year round, rainfall occurs mostly during the winter months. This accounts for the lushness of the Pacific Northwest, and the giants forests. Summer boating in the area is considered generally quite good. Air temperature in British Columbia in the summer ranges from 15 – 20 C (60-75 F). Extended period of rainfall are not expected during the summer months, but high overcast and misty days may be experienced.



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- duffel bag or similar soft luggage (Duen's limited storage space cannot accommodate hard suitcases)
- sleeping bag or bed sheets (we supply comforter, blanket and pillows)
- t-shirt
- light sweater
- long underwear
- heavy sweater or jacket/fleece works best, when wet it dries quickly
- warm and rugged pants, again fleece works well
- warm socks
- comfortable walking shoes
- hooded wind breaker
- warm toque or hat
- gloves
- foul weather wear (good two piece, hooded rain gear)
*rubber boots, willies or gumboots: the higher the better!)
- towel
- personal toiletries
- sunscreen and lipsave
- sunglasses
- swimsuit, for possible hot springs visit or swim (for the hardy souls!...)

*These are a must! They are the only way to keep your feet dry on our many beach walks and intertidal explorations. In southern regions in the U.S. they can be hard to come by, but can be found in L.L. Bean's catalogue or may be purchased anywhere in Canada.

Please note, you will experience cool breeze from the northern ocean and particularly in fjords, wind funneling down from snowy mountain tops can have a chilling effects. So think layering!

Suggested Equipment

(In waterproof bag or container)

- camera
- binoculars
- day pack for shore expeditions

Personal Fitness

Although there is no fitness requirement, the fitter you are, the more you will be able to enjoy the walks, hikes, and water activities. We require that you are fit enough to climb in and out of small water craft and sure footed enough to walk over slippery ground, as found on a typical rocky beach front. If you are concerned about the level of physical exertion normal on such a voyage, please consult us for more details.

We Supply

- fully equipped 22 m (72') certified sailing vessel
- 2 inflatable craft (Zodiacs) 4.9m (16') with 30 HP outboards and 4 ocean-going kayaks
- certified captain and crew
- naturalist and/or native interpreter
- all meals from lunch on the first day to breakfast on the last.

You Supply

- the flight from your home to DUEN's rendez-vous location
- accommodation before and after the trip
- personal belongings and equipment as listed
- any meals or extra expenses due to schedule or charter flight delays, cancellation or other delays caused by environmental conditions.
- extended medical insurance with mandatory extension for evacuation out of remote/wilderness regions.
- cancellation insurance
- up-to-date visa or traveling document.

