



Perched on the western edge of Vancouver Island and Canada, Kyuquot boasts a remote and rugged beauty in people and place.



PHOTOS: WEST COAST EXPEDITION

## Kyuquot

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→ For enjoyment and safety, Kyuquot area waters are best explored with a locally knowledgeable guide unless you are already an experienced and well-equipped west coast boater familiar with navigation, weather forecast interpretation, varying sea conditions and safety procedures.

**K**yuquot is a place that becomes a part of you in unsuspecting and enjoyable ways. Once there you won't want to leave and you will likely make plans to keep returning!

The unincorporated Village of Kyuquot is located on Walters Island adjacent to the welcoming Kyuquot/Checlesheht First Nations community at Houpsitas. Other local residents are scattered on nearby islets. The year-round local population of just over 200 people gently swells in the summer months to host a pleasant interplay of locals, sportfishers, sea kayakers, boaters, tourists, and visiting friends and family. Humpback whales, gray whales and orca help to round out the summer assembly of visitors.

The community is the springboard and gateway for accessing unmatched west coast recreation and education opportunities. Off the beaten path and only accessible by water or air, this historic coastal settlement features

the basic amenities of two government wharves, a general store with post office, and a health centre with a nurse practitioner.

For a one-of-a-kind and understated west coast bustle, the place to be and be seen is the government wharf on Walters Island on Thursday evenings when the "MV Uchuck III" arrives from Gold River with overnight sightseers and supplies for the community and lodges.

Several full service sport fishing lodges offer sensational guided salmon and halibut fishing experiences complemented with comfortable, luxurious lodging with fully catered meals. These lodges boast exceptionally high client return rates – it must be good.

Sea kayaking, coastal hiking and camping are at their best in Kyuquot from mid June to mid September. For experienced and independent west coast paddlers, there are camping options. Self-guided paddlers can also choose comfortable self-catered accommodations at Sea Otter Lodge or the Kyuquot Inn, closer to the community hub and amenities of Kyuquot. ■

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