



# Takaya Tours

FIRST NATION CANOE & KAYAK ADVENTURES

**Come join us for an unforgettable cultural experience!**



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*We, the Tsleil-Waututh, have travelled the waters of our traditional territory surrounding the Burrard Inlet since time out of mind.*



**Tsleil-Waututh** is pronounced “*slay-wah-tuth*”. We are the People of the Inlet, a Coast Salish people with our own distinct customs and history. Our language is Downriver Halkomelem. We are a small and growing community of 500 with a traditional territory stretching from the Fraser River in the south to Mamquam Lake east of Whistler Mountain in the north. Our community is located on the Burrard Inlet between North Vancouver and Deep Cove, BC.

### **Tours by Ocean-Going Canoe**

Enjoy a guided two-hour interpretive paddle in one of our replica Coast Salish canoes. Explore the rich marine ecosystem while experiencing Coast Salish culture. Gently paddle the protected waters of Burrard Inlet and pristine Indian Arm. Your experienced Tsleil-Waututh guide will share our customs and history through traditional songs and legends. It is our culture to honour and respect our visitors. We look forward to a lively conversation with you about our way of life, past and present!

**Takaya Tours** is owned and operated by us, the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Our eco-tourism company was established in 1999. One of the first Aboriginal tour operations in BC, Takaya Tours continues to be a leader in the Aboriginal cultural tourism industry and is the recipient of numerous awards presented by the Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC.

### **Tours by Foot in the Rainforest**

The Inlet and its shores have been a source of sustenance for the Tsleil-Waututh People since time out of mind. Explore the lush rainforest and the ancestral trails of Whey-Ah-Whichen (Cates Park), located in the heart of Tsleil-Waututh Territory. Learn to identify plant species and discuss their traditional uses for a variety of purposes, including medicinal, harvesting methods and much more with your guide. Journey back through time to experience life 500 years ago! Enjoy traditional legends, drumming and songs during this two-hour low impact interpretive walk!

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*Many Tsleil-Waututh generations have lived and thrived in this area.*

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*We have a sacred connection and trust, a commitment to care for our lands and waters.*

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### **We will customize a tour for you!**

Please give us a call to discuss a tour or cultural event customized to meet your objectives.

We can include traditional salmon feasts, cultural performances by the Children of Takaya, workshops teaching ancient technologies like drum making and cedar weaving, and much more.

### **Driving Directions**

Our Paddling Centre is located at Whey-Ah-Whichen (Cates Park) in North Vancouver, 20 minutes from downtown Vancouver.

Follow Highway 1 over Ironworkers' Memorial Bridge, take exit 23 B (Dollarton Highway) and continue on Dollarton to Whey-Ah-Whichen (Cates Park). Turn right into the park. For the Nature walk meet at the Takaya paddling Centre across from the Totem Pole. For the Canoe Tours meet on the grass area east of the dock.

Please contact us at 604-904-7410 or 778-835-5047.

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*Travel our territory with us!*

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**Corporations** book our tours to foster the organizational values which guide the actions of a corporate team. These include cross-cultural awareness in support of **sophisticated and effective Aboriginal relations**.

**Tour and Incentive Operators** work with us to add value to their product packages and capture the ever expanding market that demands authentic, **community-based cultural tourism products**.

**Schools** integrate our tours into their curriculum as we offer a valuable **hands-on learning experience provided by fully trained expert-guides in a safe environment**.