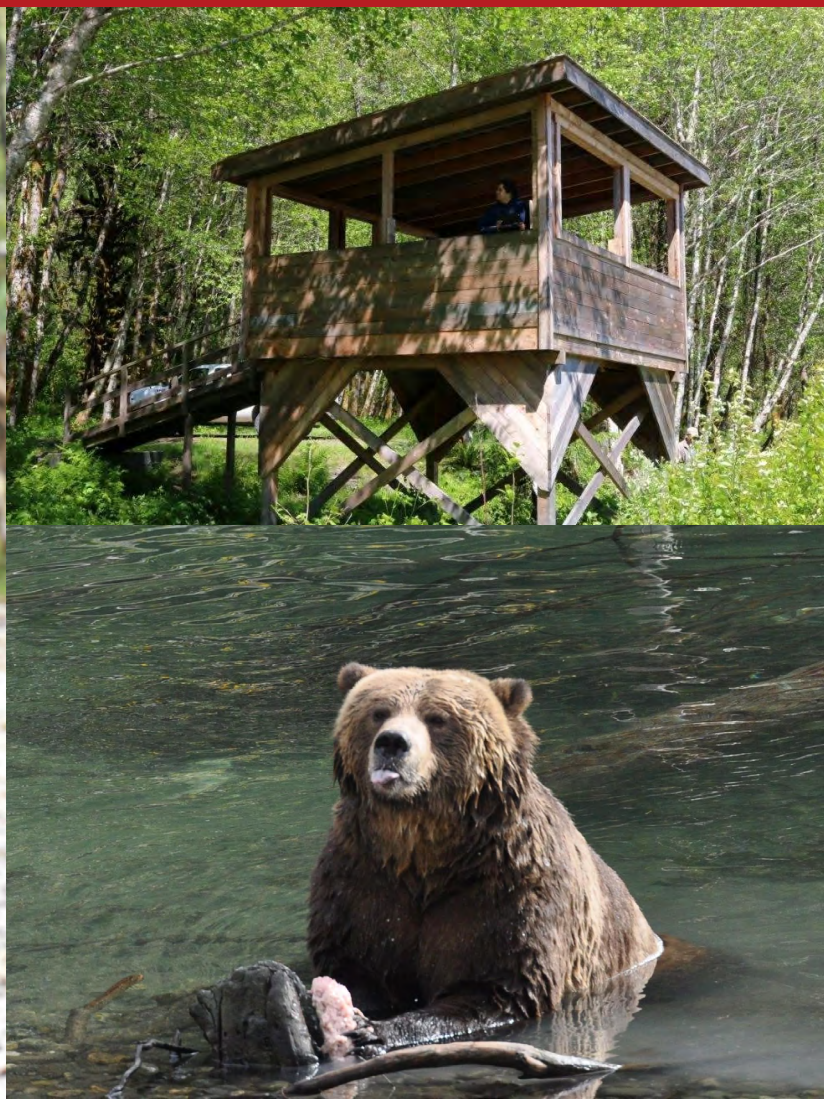


GRIZZLIES OF THE TOBA VALLEY WILDERNESS

Desolation Sound, British Columbia, Canada



GRIZZLY BEAR VIEWING AT TOBA INLET

We are getting as close to grizzly bears in the wild as possible with Indigenous guides that are highly trained professional bear viewing guides with experience in grizzly bear behavior. Your safety is our top priority, along with respecting the natural habit of the grizzly bears.

Along the Klite River, we provide six viewing towers, that provide optimal sight lines to this natural phenomenon. Our tours are intentionally small to allow for the most intimate experience with the bears. Listen closely and you will hear their heavy breaths mingle with the rushing water - it is an exhilarating and truly amazing spectacle that only a select few will have the privilege of seeing.



THE EXPERIENCE

You will depart from Campbell River with one of our partners. The tour from Campbell River to Toba Inlet is about 2 hours in length and includes time to watch for marine life, including Humpback Whales, and view beautiful scenery of Toba Inlet include several major waterfalls. From Toba Inlet our Klahooshe guides meet the guests, with a traditional welcome and orientation. From the dock, we drive by bus, about 10 minutes into the coastal rain forest where we have built bear viewing platforms on the Klite River. Here we have six covered and raised platforms set along the Klite River where spend between 2-3 hour watching the bears with our guides.

BEAR VIEWING SEASON:

- Late August to Mid-October
- Tour Length from Toba Inlet: 3 Hours

GRIZZLY BEAR VIEWING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Experience the pristine coastal wilderness of Desolation Sound and Toba Inlet
- Boat tours from Campbell River specifically for viewing marine wildlife with Interpretation by your certified Naturalist and Captain
- Discover Yekwamen (Toba Inlet) with your Klahooshe First Nation guide while on land
- 3 hours on land viewing grizzly bears from covered and raised viewing platforms.



THE TOBA VALLEY

Toba Inlet is one of the principal inlets of the British Columbia Coast and on the edge of the Great Bear Rainforest. Toba Inlet is relatively short in comparison to the other coastal inlets, being only about 2.5 kilometres in average width and 35 km from the mouth of the powerful Toba River. The Inlet is a deep fjord and is flanked by towering mountains and several major cascading waterfalls.

The Klahoose peoples have lived in here on the central west coast of British Columbia since time before memory. Klahoose First Nation territories span from Cortes Island to the Toba Valley in proximity to our neighbours of the Homalco and Tla'amin Nations. Here stands, towering cedar trees interwoven with glacial streams and rocky shores that welcome the arrival of spawning Pacific salmon at the end of each summer. This breathtaking backdrop draws grizzlies to the Toba Valley where they socialize with each other and feast on the bounty of fresh fish.

Klahoose Coastal Adventures is pleased to offer you the opportunity to visit the Bears of Toba Inlet in their natural habitat, undisturbed as they nourish themselves in local riverbeds.

Toba Inlet inaccessible by car, remains remote and largely uninhabited by humans. Here, you will find the *Ursus arctos horribilis* or grizzly bear.



ABOUT US

Klahoose Coastal Adventures is proudly First Nations owned and a member of the Commercial Bear Viewing Association of BC. Our tour guides hail from the local First Nations and have received comprehensive training to ensure your safety and comfort during your time in our territories. We are please to partner with several tour operators who will transport you from Campbell River or Lund to Toba Inlet. Enjoy your journey to our shores and be prepared to see amazing scenery and wildlife along the route.

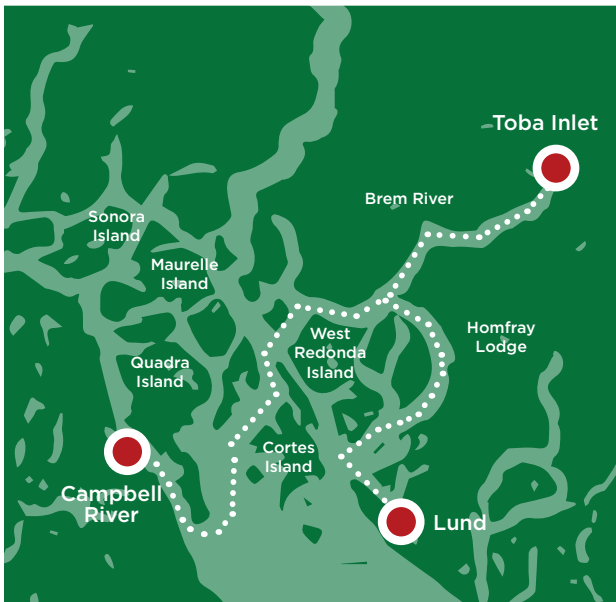


WELCOME

ʔi:mot tətʰ kwənome...it's good to see you!

Situated on the central coast of British Columbia, the Klahoose Nation has lived since time before memory on lands, waters and air that make up our territories. Our ancestors spirit soars here and can be heard in the wind as it rustles the treetops and guides our peoples.

Our Elders remember vividly a time when our Big Houses stood on the shores of Toba Inlet. Today, the bulk of our population lives in our main village in Squirrel Cove on Cortes Island. Our membership also resides in local communities like Powell River, Campbell River and in the Lower Mainland and Washington State.

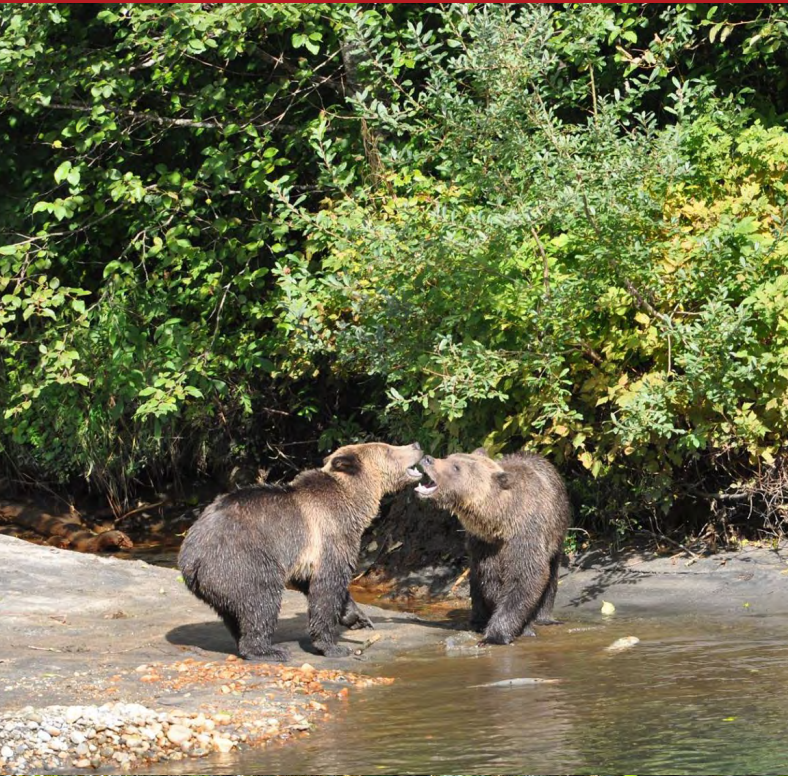


Years of restrictive legislation which forbid the practicing of our cultural traditions has impacted our Nation tremendously. To combat this cultural loss, we embarked on a journey to rejuvenate our traditions, language, and identity. We are encouraged by the interest of our youth who are eager to reconnect the threads of our past to the framework of modern life.

Your visit to our territory strengths our opportunities to do this and on behalf of our Council and membership, we extend our welcome and gratitude. We wish you safe travels and hope you enjoy your time with us.

Chief Kevin Peacey

Klahoose First Nation



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