

Go Where Nature's Always at Her Best Dive the Pacific Northwest

Join us aboard the Nautilus Explorer

August 29 - September 4, 2004

Between the physical rush of cold water and psychological rush of color and life, your first dive is spent in a state of sensory overload. Experience the expansive stands of bull kelp leading to walls covered with purple stars, plumose anemones, medusa jellies, and dancing scallops. Explore overhangs dripping with multicolored invertebrates.

**That's 6 days of world class diving for only \$1195 plus
airfare and transfers.**

non-diver rates available
deposit of \$ 500 required now to save your space
balance of the fees are due by June 1, 2004
rates are based on double occupancy.

*Experience some of the world's best cold water diving.
British Columbia is Monterey five-fold!*

This is an extended, advanced dive trip. As a special bonus, this year a Marine Biologist from the Vancouver Aquarium will be joining us. This is a great opportunity to learn more about life beneath the waves.

The Nautilus Explorer is available for boarding at 4 pm on August 29 and departs Port Stevenson at 6 pm sharp. She debarks at 2 pm on September 4.

The beautiful 116 ft, 3-deck live-aboard offers berths with private heads. The ship features 2 sundecks, a hot tub and wetbar, dining room, lounge with TV/stereo, Salty Dog Bar, aft deck with 38' dive skiff, 6 kayaks and all the FUN you can muster.

The British Columbia package includes lodging, 3 hearty meals and snacks daily, diving and slide shows. Aluminum 80s and weight included. 32% Nitrox, argon, and photo processing are available at an additional charge. For more details, contact ADT.

The dives are planned at slack tide and our Captain, Mike Lever, has calculated this with amazing accuracy! Most dives range 40-50 minutes in duration. Visibility is 40-100 ft and the water and air temperatures are 55-60 degrees F. Dry suits are highly recommended.

Once the kaleidoscope of the BC seascape appears in your mask, there is no questioning why divers brave the tides, currents and temps!

The Nautilus cruise visits Whiskey Point and Ripple Rocks in Seymour Inlet. Ripple Rocks were once BC's greatest navigational hazard. Miners tunneled from the nearby islands nearly a mile out to the two rocks blocking the channel. Miners placed 2 million pounds of explosives beneath the giant rocks. Ripple Rocks are now 50ft below the surface.

On to Campbell River and Discovery Passage to fields of strawberry anemones and clusters of crimson lipped gooseneck barnacles. Look closely and don't miss the colorful sculpins, greenlings and cephalopods galore. Beware of the short tentacle!

As the trip progresses, you visit Queen Charlotte Strait. Visit Browning Wall, Dillian Rock and Walt's Wall. Browning Wall's sheer rock face plunges to a dizzy 300 feet. The vertical wall is covered with soft corals, sponges and anemones in brilliant colors rivaling any South Pacific reef. Fish residents are Irish lords with warbonnets adorned, China rockfish, 5-foot lingcods and more.

Dillian Rock, a pinnacle with a 60 foot bottom that houses a den of wolf eels. Maybe the ugliest, yet friendliest mugs in the sea. These critters are really fish, not true eels. These guys leave the safe haven of their grotto to brazenly beg for bits of sea urchin, peering into your mask and harmlessly wrapping their 6-foot-long bodies around you. Other inhabitants are giant nudibranchs and multi-armed sunflower and basket stars up to 3 feet across. Oh yes, the octos live in the same community. Don't want to miss them!

*dive sites are subject to weather and ocean conditions.

For the non-diver aboard the Nautilus Explorer, interacting with the divers is great fun and very enlightening. Take advantage of the kayaks. The trip is not limited to just ocean activities. Topside offers the bonus of pelagic marine life. As we travel along the fir-studded shoreline, threading through a maze of small islands, listen for the excited cry, "Orcas off the port side!" Keep look out for dolphins riding the bow wake. Bring your binoculars and cameras. Keep watch for the bald eagles in the treetops or the forging bears along the shore. Enjoy shore excursions to the beach for bonfires, BBQs and shelling.

BC diving is worth every minute of planning. While no single description would do justice to the incredible and diverse diving this region offers. The common thread is powerful water, explosive colors and inhabitants larger than life.

"There is no country in the world that possesses waters equal to these," Capt George Vancouver. Had he donned a facemask to peer beneath her cold waters, he may have never left.

Book your passage for this great northwest diving experience. We have a waiting list for the 2004 trip. Your deposit holds your space.

So why put it off another minute? Call today to reserve your place aboard the Nautilus Explorer.

Advanced Diving Technologies
625 California Ave, Suite F
Pittsburg, CA
925-432-2111