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The End of the Road – The Beginning of the Journey

The “End of the Road” has become a cliché in travel, where every destination claims “off the beaten path” cred to suggest a uniqueness of the visitor experience. Unfortunately, as with most slogans, the desperation to trumpet a property’s remoteness has diluted this concept of an exceptional experience that is often rare as it is remote. If you want to know what the end of the road looks like, travel to Lund British Columbia on the Sunshine Coast where the world’s longest highway, the Pan-American, comes to an end...that’s 9312 miles or 15020 km from Castro on Chile’s south coast. It is here that British Columbia Highway 101, also known as the Sunshine Coast Highway reaches its terminus at the Lund Harbour parking lot, a fitting endpoint where the highway physically descends beneath the water.

For visitors to the **Klahoose Wilderness Resort**, their journey begins where the Sunshine Coast Highway comes to an end. For it’s here at the harbour where guests set their course into Desolation Sound, among the most spectacular settings on earth. There is nowhere in North America where visitors have the chance to see more alpha mammals from orca whales to sea wolves, and grizzly bears, the familiar world disappears instantly as your thoughts transform into shoreline surveys in search of foraging bears, toward the sky where osprey and eagles soar, and upon the inlets, still as blown glass, unless broken by leaping salmon and curious seals.

Regardless from where you’ve come, you’re transformed into naturalist within minutes from the Lund dock, another resident within this wilderness shared with the Klahoose, the indigenous people who’ve nurtured these forests and waters since time began. Without conscious effort, you can find yourself scanning for “blow-stacks,” whale breath that may lead to observations of humpback bubble feeding or perhaps a family pod of resident orcas as they navigate these waters as effortlessly as you stroll your own neighbourhood. There is no guarantee, of course, but it happens often. There’s no need to declare Desolation Sound and Toba Inlet as the “End of the Road.” For the next several days, the road simply doesn’t exist.



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Desolation Sound = Sound Isolation... ideal for the pandemic traveller

Even the most adventurous among us have become homebodies over the past nine months, preferring the sanctuary of our homes to outside excursions, whether we are heading to the store or traveling greater distances. Locating safe havens “out there” has felt too arduous to trust, to risk-filled to contemplate seriously. And yet we remain eager to explore, to venture out and capture new experiences for ourselves and our families. But where to go? Where to find a remote, yet accessible, destination that limits visitors while offering unique experiences held largely outdoors.

Klahoose Wilderness Resort, for one. Located within remote Desolation Sound, the resort is easily accessible from Lund, B.C. via the Sunshine Coast Highway or short flight to Powell River Airport followed by a private shuttle. Containing just 4 guest suites and 3 self-contained cedar cabins, the intimate accommodations are ideal for a multigenerational family buy-out or for individuals in search of a low impact environment with limited physical contact. Interpretive trail walks, sea kayak excursions, and boat tours to see whales and grizzly bears are, by their very nature, socially distanced activities. Like the lodge itself, guided tours can always be arranged to include only guests who occupy the same exclusive bubble.

The Desolation Sound/Toba Inlet wilderness provides a natural respite from congregations of people, the population of bears, whales, and other wildlife far outnumbering humans. The 6,100-square foot cedar lodge provides ample room for a reliably small number of visitors. The wraparound deck offers the perfect outdoor environment from which to sip coffee first thing or a glass of wine as the sun sets over Homfray Channel. Like the verandah, the surrounding grounds offer an ideal locale to gather together with plenty of physical distance, an intimate yet open environment not available in our cities and neighborhoods. Klahoose Wilderness Resort presents a rare opportunity, a place where small groups naturally gather to explore the vast surrounding wilderness in one of Canada’s most remote yet accessible regions. Always unique, such an opportunity seems a natural and much-welcomed fit in 2021.



An Exploration of Culture – A Few Days with the Klahoose People

There never has been a more self-reflective period in our lifetime than these past months. With so many hours spent in isolation, it is no wonder we've collectively turned to meditation, journal writing, and other avenues to contemplate our role in the surrounding world. Families have turned inward, children conduct class at the kitchen table while parents toil a room away, the dining room converted to off-site offices, studios, and boardrooms. While not chosen by anyone, this extraordinary period has also led to new lifestyle possibilities, a more measured way of being together coupled with a greater appreciation of the significant role the environment plays in our lives. Our enlightenment is hardly novel, however. Since time began, the Klahoose People have maintained a self-sustained lifestyle based on the nurturing of nature.

Visitors to Klahoose Wilderness Resort enjoy the opportunity to explore and embrace this indigenous culture in ways that may prove life-changing. Guests take guided walks in the Sitka, Hemlock, and Cedar forests, sea kayak excursions within the calm waters of the Homfray Channel or the pristine North Islands of Desolation Sound, and visits to see grizzly bears as they fish for salmon during the late summer salmon run. Here visitors are also invited to immerse themselves in the "Klahoose Way," to understand through conversation, interaction, and appreciation the role we each play upon this earth.

Guest speakers can discuss glacier and watershed health as we dine on salmon and wild berries harvested within steps of the 6,100-square foot cedar lodge. We learn the stories borne of the cedar grove, the natural awareness of one's footprint, carbon and otherwise, upon the planet, new methods of nurturing our surroundings whether visiting this rainforest with the planet's largest biomass per square mile or upon return home to our urban dwellings. In a year of personal reflection, a visit to **Klahoose Wilderness Resort** offers an exceptional educational and philosophical opportunity to expand our perspective with lasting values for everyone involved.