



WATERFRONT WALKING TOUR

THE STORY OF PRINCE RUPERT... INTERPRETIVE STATIONS

Meet real Canadian Mounties, professional biologists, historians and other knowledgeable interpreters stationed to meet tourists throughout our historic downtown.

1 HALIBUT CAPITAL

Find out why Prince Rupert is considered to be the "halibut capital of the world." Many of the halibut processing plants were located on the waterfront area near the cruise dock.



2 "MOUNTIE," OR ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Mounties are synonymous with Canada and Prince Rupert has a large detachment. Meet an RCMP officer, which is a great photo opportunity from your trip to Canada.



3 ECOLOGY OF THE REGION

Learn about the wildlife such as bears, wolves, eagles and ravens in the largest rainforests on the planet.



4 ECOLOGY OF THE HARBOUR

Find out about marine mammals such as whales, seals, sea lions and varieties of fish like salmon and halibut.



5 FIRST NATIONS ARTS

The First Nations of the North Pacific coast of North America are considered to have some of the most sophisticated arts and material culture. Learn first-hand from the carvers, weavers and artisans about their techniques.



6 THE FISHING FLEET

Historically, Prince Rupert has one of the largest fishing fleets on the West Coast. See the fishing fleet and learn about life as a fisherman.



7 SALMON CANNING

Salmon canning started in the area in the 1870s, harvesting the massive salmon runs on the Skeena River. Before long, Prince Rupert became one of the most significant areas for salmon canning on the West Coast of North America, having as many as 30 canneries in the area. See the world's largest cannery on the waterfront.



8 EAGLES

Prince Rupert is home to a large bald eagle population. Often these majestic birds can be seen circling the skies above the city or sitting in the treetops along the waterfront.



9 COW BAY & BOAT BUILDING

Prince Rupert's boat building is renowned on the BC coast. Cow Bay was an important boat building hub because of the local Japanese boat builders prior to the Second World War.



10 SUNKEN GARDENS

Originally excavated as the foundation of the Courthouse in 1914, the building construction was delayed by the First World War. Following the war, the newly elected government changed the design and moved the building forward approximately 35 feet, so as not to endorse the policies of the previous officials. During the Second World War, the hollow was used for ammunitions storage by the American Military, who constructed a tunnel on either side for easy access.



11 CANADA, EH

Learn about Canada's history, traditions, and habits and how the country differs from its southern neighbour, eh!



12 CITY DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Learn about the unique design and architecture of the City of Prince Rupert and the evolution and change of the downtown over the decades.



13 THE CITY

Charles Hays was the visionary for the city of Prince Rupert. His aspiration was to have a city that rivaled the large west coast port cities, both in size and grandure. Discover how the city got its name, the visions and plans for the "metropolis of the North."



14 TENT CITY - EARLY SETTLEMENT

Meet an interpreter at the foot of Prince Rupert's first permanent home, Pillsbury house. Learn about early life in the pioneer encampment that would become the city.



15 GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY

The arrival of the railway was critical to the creation of modern Prince Rupert.



16 THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Prince Rupert was a critical staging point for troops and munitions for the United States during the Pacific Campaign in the Second World War because of Prince Rupert's rail connection to the US heartland. As many as 13,000 US soldiers were stationed here at one time.



17 WORKING HARBOUR

Prince Rupert is a working harbor with new vessels coming and going daily. Learn how to identify the vessels and understand the harbor operations.



18 FIRST NATIONS

Prince Rupert is located in the traditional territory of the Tsimshian people. Learn about Metlakatla Pass National Historic Site, a place of many ancient villages and the culture of the First People of the harbor.



19 CRAB FISHERY

Prince Rupert is famous for its Dungeness Crabs. They are harvested and exported live to markets and restaurants around the continent. See how the crabs are landed and handled at this operating crab plant.

