

Klemtu, British Columbia, Canada

Deep in the Great Bear Rainforest, Klemtu is the living home of the Kitasoo/Xai'xais Nation — one of North America's most authentic expedition port calls, where totem poles line a misty boardwalk and the rare white Spirit Bear roams nearby.

-  Tender (most ships) or small dock
-  Typical call: 5–7 hrs
-  Canadian Dollar (CAD) — bring cash
-  English / Kitasoo/Xai'xais

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender to government dock; small expedition vessels may tie up directly
- Best For:** Indigenous culture, wildlife, old-growth rainforest, Spirit Bear heritage
- Walk to Village:** Dock to Big House ~500 m; entire village within 15-min walk
- Don't Miss:** Big House welcoming ceremony and fresh bannock from local vendors

 Getting around:  Taxi  By quote

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Big House Cultural Welcome** — Enter the magnificent red cedar Big House (Lgila.ts'u-is) for a welcoming ceremony with traditional songs, dances, and storytelling by...
- Spirit Bear & Wildlife Boat Tour** — Guided boat excursions explore the channels near Princess Royal Island — prime habitat for the rare white Kermode 'Spirit Bear', grizzlies, humpback...
- Old-Growth Forest Walk with Guardians** — Walk into the ancient Great Bear Rainforest with a Kitasoo/Xai'xais Guardian to see Culturally Modified Trees (CMTs) — massive cedars from which bark...
- Sea Kayaking the Fjords** — Paddle sheltered coves and island-dotted channels in one of the most pristine marine environments in North America.

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront Boardwalk** ~1 km round trip | Flat | 15 min — Stroll the wooden boardwalk from the government dock along the shoreline to the Big House and beyond.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		52°	37°	19d
Jun		63°	49°	16d
Aug		69°	54°	13d
Sep		63°	50°	18d
Oct		55°	43°	20d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:35AM–8:33PM · Jun 5:10AM–9:59PM · Aug 6:17AM–8:58PM · Sep 7:09AM–7:47PM · Oct 8:00AM–6:37PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Ask before photographing. Always get permission before taking photos of local residents, especially children and elders. This is culturally important, not just polite.
- Bring Canadian cash. There are no ATMs in Klemtu. Locals sell bannock, carvings, and beadwork near the dock — cash only. The band-owned grocery store may accept cards, but satellite connections are unreliable.
- Dress for the rainforest. Even in summer, Klemtu is cool and wet. Waterproof jacket, layers, and sturdy waterproof boots are essential — rubber muck boots are ideal.
- Try the bannock. When cruise ships arrive, community members often sell fresh, warm bannock (traditional fry bread) near the dock or Big House. Don't miss it — it's delicious.
- No cell service or Wi-Fi. Embrace the disconnect. Roaming is essentially non-existent and there's no public Wi-Fi in the village.
- Spirit Bears are elusive. The rare white Kermode bear lives in the surrounding forests, not the village. Wildlife boat tours give you the best chance — but even a sighting of the Great Bear Rainforest itself is worth the journey.

Klemtu, British Columbia, Canada — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Kitasoo/Xai'xais Big House** A cedar longhouse built in traditional style, used by the Kitasoo/Xai'xais First Nation for ceremonies and cultural presentations.

- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Great Bear Rainforest** The vast coastal temperate rainforest surrounding Klemtu, home to grizzly bears, wolves, and the rare white 'spirit bear'.