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THE SHIPPING NEWS: PRINCE RUPERT JOINS ALASKA ROUTE

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PRINCE RUPERT, CANADA -- It's nice to be first on the scene, or among the first. I would like to have seen the Columbia River when the waters ran free, or the Yukon during the Gold Rush. I would have liked to explore Kenya in 1930, and Mexico in 1940.

The first travelers didn't always go in style, but they took adventure as it came, coping with places that were rough and dirty, and embracing the strange and wonderful. Special places, before they were sanitized for tourism.

And it can still happen. This summer, a few thousand lucky "land" travelers and nearly 20,000 cruise passengers (a fraction of the nearly 1 million soon to be sailing north on the Inside Passage to Alaska), will visit Prince Rupert, an old town but new port-of-call on Kaien Island near the Alaska border.

Last summer, the town's third as a cruise port, was a success, unlike its earlier fledgling attempts, and an occasional snafu. In 2004, passengers disembarking at the new \$9 million Northland Dock and Atlin Terminal in Cow Bay, (formerly the historic Atlin Fish Packing Plant), had to make their way around bulldozers enlarging the parking lot, and some tour operators said they were scrambling to find enough boats.

Absent, though, were the usual dockside T-shirt stalls, souvenir grizzly bears made in China, postcard racks and street touts offering "two-for-one pitchers at Pedro's."

"We're holding out for quality," said Bruce Wishart, with the Prince Rupert Tourism Council, which has watched as floods of tourists have transformed Alaska's ports -- Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka and Skagway.

Prince Rupert will be setting the bar high for new shops and services hoping to move into the historic downtown, said Mr.

Wishart. "It won't benefit anybody -- us or the tourists -- to try to be like everyone else," he said. "We want to avoid Alaska's mistakes."

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Since 2001, when the pulp mill closed, Prince Rupert has fallen on hard times. As we walked around town last August, the signs were obvious: empty store windows, locked doors and few shoppers. In the pharmacy -- where we stopped to compare drug prices -- we were the only customers. In the Safeway, a dozen people trailed through the aisles.

But Prince Rupert isn't about shopping. For residents -- and for cruise passengers, too -- the experience is all about being outdoors. We spent a sparkling sunny day following the humpback whales with Prince Rupert Adventure Tours on their luxurious yellow boat, the Georgia Master. We toured the rain forest on Pike Island, across the harbor, with Tsimshian guide John Haldane, who donned a hat and native dress to lead a cultural tour of the island's pre-European village sites, some dating back 10,000 years.

The highlight of our visit -- and Prince Rupert's top tourist attraction -- was the "Winter Feast" tour at the Museum of Northern B.C., ranked by Canadians among the country's leading museums. Built near the waterfront in the traditional "long house" style, of red and yellow cedar, the museum's collection focuses on regional history and on the elegant and sophisticated arts of the Tsimshian and Haida people, now about 40 percent of the population.

The spirit of these First Nations groups, skilled craftsmen and artists, found expression in masks, garments, blankets, woodcarvings, canoes, headdresses, drums and ceremonial pieces.

"Whenever I'm feeling down about something, I come in here and look at this headpiece, made before the people had metal," said Artistic Director Sam Bryant, pointing out his favorite exhibit. The piece, intricate figures of mountain goat horn inlaid with abalone, was carved with a sharpened beaver tooth, he said.

Afterward, Mr. Bryant, a member of the killer whale clan, and a small dance group led us to the museum's long house to participate in a Winter Feast celebration, or "potlatch," typically held to celebrate weddings, the promotion of chiefs and other clan events. Led by Mr. Bryant and two drummers, the dancers performed and then offered us bites (gifts) of local foods.

"There's nothing mysterious about the potlatch," he explained. "Think of it as a birthday party or a wedding reception, where guests bring gifts and the hosts give party favors."

Other planned shore tour adventures -- for which we had no time -- included a harbor cruise on the city's famous "heritage tug boat," guided kayaking and boat tours to the Khutzemateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary. You can also fish for salmon and halibut with one of the fishing charters based in Cow Bay, next to the Atlin Cruise Terminal.

On cruise ship days, the charters wait at the dock, ready to take you out and bring you back to your ship in time. Dolly's Fish Market, also on the waterfront, meets the returning fishermen and takes orders (a credit card or cash) for freezing and mailing.

"Even if you're NOT a fisherman," allowed Charmayne Carlson, owner of Dolly's, "you can take some home. We sell canned salmon, frozen salmon and vacuum-packed smoked salmon in the store. And we serve every kind of fresh seafood you can think of here in the restaurant."

Instead, we saved our last day for a visit to the historic North Pacific Cannery, in nearby Port Edward, the last of hundreds once built at

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the mouths of salmon rivers. A company town built on linked wooden decks on piles sunk in the Skeena River, the cannery ran from 1889, when the hundreds of millions of salmon swimming offshore seemed inexhaustible, to 1968, when the fish were nearly gone (last-ditch conservation projects have since restored the runs).

From May to September, this village, with its own store, post office, processing plant, church, machine shop, net loft, housing for workers and cottages for managers, ran nonstop. Later memorialized in letters and diaries, the days on the river hovered between heaven and hell, both slave labor and summer camp, as families lived, worked and played in close quarters.

"The fishing industry was divided along racial and gender lines," said Curator Sophie Cormier, who was filling in as a tour guide. The managers and storekeeper were Caucasian, Chinese workers made the cans and the Japanese built the boats and maintained the nets. Tsimshian men, accustomed to spending their summers in fish camps, netted the salmon and the women worked on the processing line.

You'll have a chance to see the machinery, regularly maintained, clank into action. But it's the delightful one-man stage show you mustn't miss; it's staged throughout the day.

Half drama and half entertainment, the show features a variety of "different" characters, each one telling his story: The Irish manager, the Chinese man sending money home to his wife, the Japanese family starting a new life, the children who played together, all to make history come alive.

What are the odds on Prince Rupert's success? A few weeks ago they changed dramatically. On April 15, the Canadian national and British Columbia provincial governments announced a combined grant of \$60 million to build a container port at the end of Kaien Island, to handle the growing trade with China. Eventually, some say, Prince Rupert will supplant Vancouver as Canada's largest West Coast port.

It's surprising it hasn't come earlier. The harbor, the world's third deepest, is ideal for the largest cruise and container ships. And unlike Alaska's ports, landlocked by impassible peaks, Prince Rupert is connected. It's the northern terminus of the BC Ferry, the southern terminus of the Alaska State Ferry and the western end of the railroad and highway. For Prince Rupert, the ships are a breath of life. For cruise passengers, it's an experience to remember.

IF YOU GO:

FOR LANDLUBBERS:

Take the BC ferry from Vancouver. Or fly from Vancouver to Prince Rupert's airport on Digby Island. Most plane flights include the combination bus-and-ferry shuttle service that crosses from Digby to Kaien Island. Rent a car, or try the local bus service.

FOR SAILORS:

From mid-May into September, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's (www.rccl.com) 2,435-passenger Rhapsody of the Seas, and Norwegian Cruise Line's (www.ncl.com) 2,240-passenger Norwegian Star will call weekly, on different days. Several other ships sail one or two repositioning cruises.

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Andree's B&B is a homey two-story clapboard house with a flower-decorated deck overlooking the harbor. Guests have the run of the ground floor; the atmosphere is casual. A large front room has a harbor view and private bath. An average size room with two twin beds has a corner sink; this room and two others share a bath. Most town sights are within walking distance at the bottom of the hill. If you are allergic, know that a cat lives here. Visit www.andreesbb.com or e-mail andreesbb(at)citytel.net.

The Crest Hotel, on West 1st Avenue, has 101 rooms and four suites. A recent remodel includes, new paint, upholstery, ceiling moldings, and carpets and drapes in mint green, cool pink and pale gray. Framed art in the hallways includes historic prints of Pacific Coast views. Harbor-side rooms have binoculars and bathrobes. Some rooms have minibars; all have coffeemakers and hair dryers.

Charlie's Lounge (named for Bonnie Prince Charlie) is a popular happy-hour meeting place. The Waterfront Restaurant serves excellent American food. Call 800-663-8150, or e-mail ssmith(at)cresthotel.bc.ca.

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