

GHOST TOWNS

Investigate the abandoned towns of Northwest BC

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This 5 day experiential adventure is a must for the Ghost Town aficionado. Exclusive access to some of British Columbia's most restricted ghost town's will be provided. The remoteness and history of these fabled towns will amaze even those without an interest in the eerie past of these boom and bust communities. You will visit the modern day Ghost town of Kitsault which has sat vacant for over 30 years and where missing are the people. We have been granted access to the remote and historic mining town of Anyox which has been referred to as the "The Town that got Lost". The once thriving mining town had over 3000 residents in 1914 but has now been uninhabited for the past 80 years. The tour also includes an adventure to one of BC's most inaccessible ghost town's, Alice Arm and the historic ghost towns on the Skeena River; Port Essington and Doreen.

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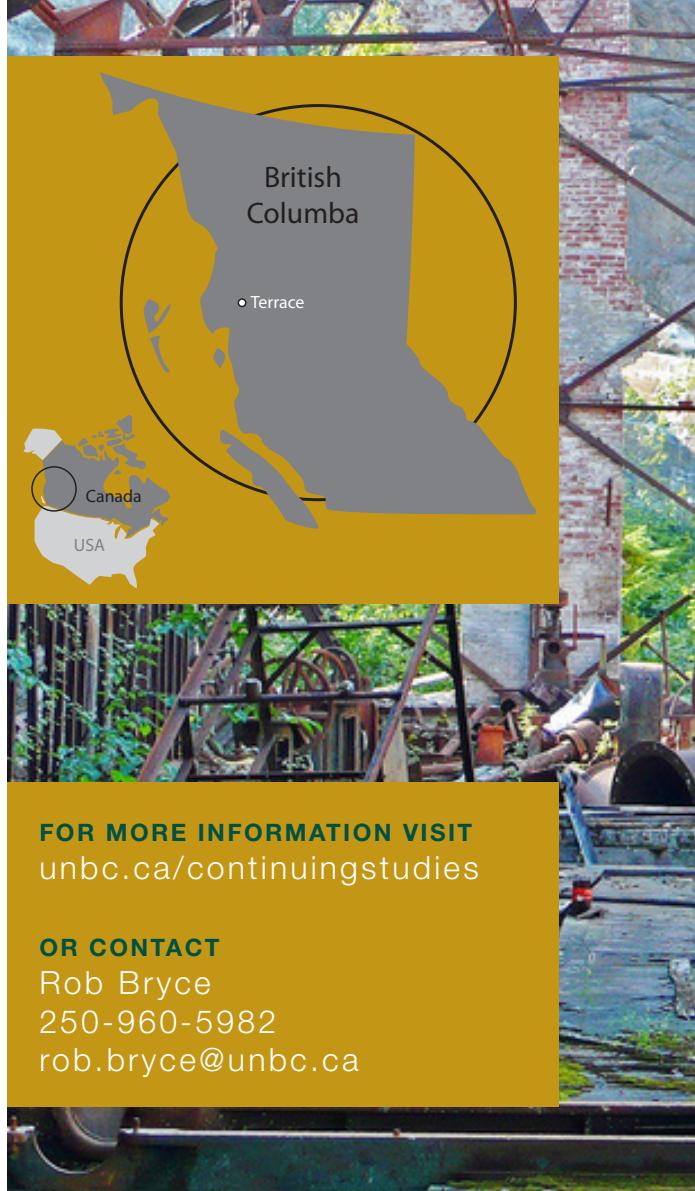
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LOCATION

Terrace, BC

COURSE FEE

\$3,600 + Tax



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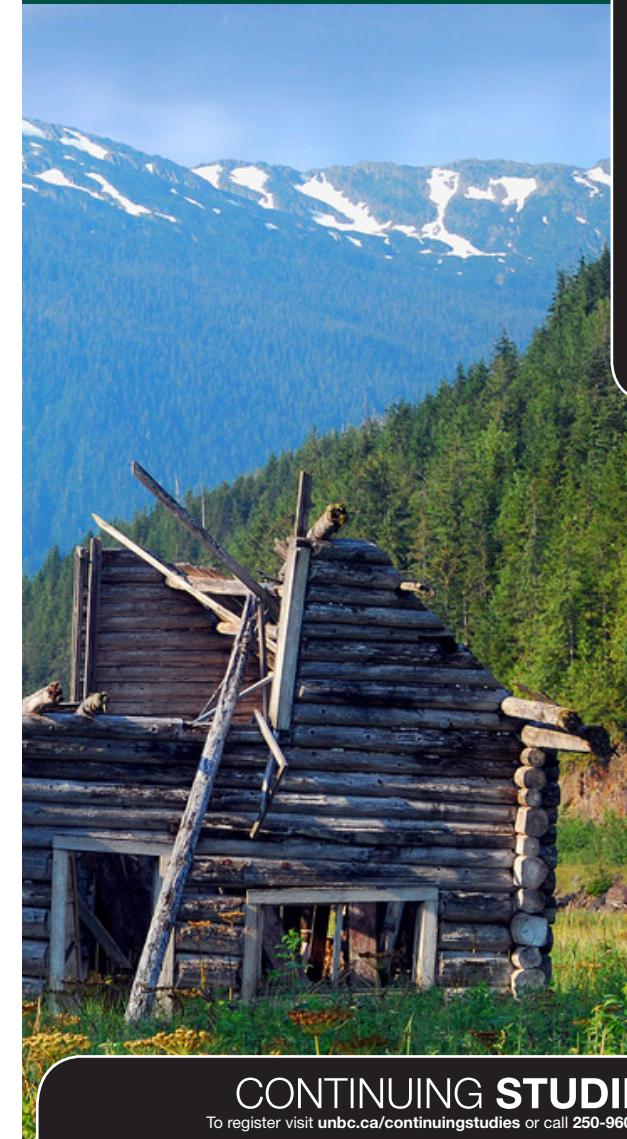
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A Northwest BC Adventure



DAY ONE

We travel east of Terrace by boat through the narrow Kitselas Canyon on the Skeena River where the Kitselas people have lived in the area for the past 5000 years in several villages. Next we will pass the small community of Usk. Once famous for berry-growing, a flood in the 1930s destroyed most of the community. A few people still live there now. Access is by the Usk Ferry, or a passenger-only cablecar when the river is iced over. Landing at Fiddler Creek, we arrive at Dorreen, at the base of glacier-covered Mt. Knauss. It used to be a mining and farming town on the rail line, about 70km east of Terrace. Today only a dozen cabins and houses are still livable and most people use it as a summer getaway.



DAY TWO

We will travel downstream (west) towards the historic cannery town of Port Essington. Built in 1875, this town was the life of the mighty Skeena River until 1910, when another town to the north, Prince Rupert, was built at the terminus of the railway. At this ghost-town you will have the opportunity to capture amazing historic photos. Afterwards we'll take a boat ride across the river to a small hidden hot spring, where we can soak in a small pool under towering coastal Sitka Spruce rainforest.

DAY THREE

On your third day you will drive through the heart of a historic lava flow en route to the coastal village of Gingolx. At this village you will meet your boat and captain who will take you into Observatory Inlet on the way to Alice Arm. The boat will go at a relaxing pace to see the amazing coastal scenery and observe wildlife along the way. Our stop will be at the abandoned town of Anyox, once the most important smelter along the west coast. Remains of old railway cars and engine can be seen along a road which is used to access a dam, with plans to be used for power generation in the future.

DAY FOUR

We spend the day at Alice Arm, the legendary silver mining town, and site of the once famous Dolly Varden Mining Railway whose narrow gauge track led up the Kitsault river to several rich mine sites. The town has several dilapidated cabins and stores, alongside modernized cabins used as summer retreats. We will walk around the historic sites, meet some locals and walk to a nearby waterfall, where salmon are seen spawning. After a seafood barbecue with a local couple, we will cross the 2km inlet to the town of Kitsault.

DAY FIVE

After a comfortable and peaceful night at Alice Arm Lodge, we will travel by truck, driving the road that traces the old narrow-gauge railway along the cliffs lining the Kitsault river. After a 25km drive past rusty trucks and equipment remains, we'll arrive at the entrance of the famous 1920s silver mine, the Dolly Varden. A bridge spans the river below us, where we can witness the fast-flowing glacial current as it cuts through the vertical cliffs that have hidden veins of unexploited silver waiting for future explorers. This is an area rarely seen by outsiders, as there is no road access to the village.

