

SALTS Summer 2018

Trip 3 - Pacific Swift

TRIP DETAILS

BOARDING

Date: **Thursday, July 26th**

Time: **1:00 pm**

Location: [Port Hardy, BC Government Dock - Seagate Wharf \(Map\)](#)

DISEMBARKING

Date: **Saturday, August 4th**

Time: **11:30 am**

Location: [Prince Rupert, BC Cow Bay Marina \(Map\)](#)

TRAVEL TIPS

Although **SALTS does not provide or arrange travel before or after trips**, we hope the following information will be useful as you finalize your travel plans.

- Book flights and accommodation (if needed) ASAP. Summer can be a busy time in these beautiful places!
- Make sure you are familiar with your travel and accommodation provider's **policies** regarding check in times, identification required at check in, baggage limits, and minors travelling alone.
- **Always confirm schedules directly and stay up to date with travel providers via their website or by phone closer to the departure date. Most state that schedules are subject to change without notice!**
- If you haven't signed up for the **Travel Plans Email Loop** (highly recommended) and would like to now, we will be providing periodic updates as new trainees sign up so please let us know right away!

PORT HARDY, BC

Port Hardy has long been a welcoming harbour for SALTS trips. A “SALTY” buzz can be sensed around this small town as over 60 young people arrive, chattering about the great adventure ahead. With so many trainees heading in the same direction, there are many opportunities to share travel arrangements, so if you haven’t signed up for the Travel Loop email list, you can still get on the list for the next update.

PORT HARDY TRANSPORTATION

By Car: Port Hardy is approximately 6 hours drive North from Victoria or 4 hours from Nanaimo.

By Bus: As of October 1, 2017, Tofino Bus is now operating the bus service from Port Hardy and the North Island to Campbell River and South Island locations. [Tofino Bus](#) is a contracted interline carrier for [Greyhound](#) and as such all Greyhound tickets will be accepted at North Island terminals.

By Air: The Port Hardy Airport (YZT) is a 10 minute drive from the dock location and is serviced by [Pacific Coastal Airlines](#) from [Vancouver \(YVR\) Airport’s South Terminal](#). Trainees flying into Port Hardy should book the early morning flight or, better yet, plan to arrive the day before and stay overnight as weather delays are common in this region. We recommend arranging to share a pre-booked taxi from the airport with others from the Travel Plans Email Loop.

Local Taxi Service: [Yellow Pages - Port Hardy Taxis](#) or **Town Taxi** – 250-949-7877

PORT HARDY ACCOMMODATION

When booking be sure to let them know that you are participating in a SALTS trip – most of the operators are very familiar with our program and ships! Here are some good options for young people arriving the day prior to boarding.

[North Coast Trail Backpackers Hostel](#): A good budget option within sight of the dock. Owners Ann & Rob have warmly welcomed many SALTS trainees (and staff) over the years and set aside a male and female room just for SALTS trainees so be sure to mention that you are with SALTS when booking! 1-866-448-6303
porthardyhostel@gmail.com 8635 Granville Street

[Pier Side Landing](#): As the name implies, as close to the dock as you can get; recently renovated.
1-866-902-7437 Stay@PierSideLanding.ca 8600 Granville Street

[Kwalilas Hotel](#): Opened last summer, another option not too far from the dock. 1-855-949-8525
Stay@KwalilasHotel.ca 9040 Granville Street

Many other accommodation options and information can be found at:

- www.quarterdeckresort.net 1-888-999-2799 info@quarterdeckresort.net 6555 Hardy Bay Road
- www.glenlyoninn.com 1-877-949-7115 info@glenlyoninn.com 6435 Hardy Bay Road
- www.northshoreinnph.com 1-877-949-8516 info@northshoreinnph.com 7370 Market Street
- www.visitporthardy.com
- www.porthardy.ca
- www.porthardy.travel
- www.porthardychamber.com

PRINCE RUPERT, BC

Trainees will disembark in the scenic port of Prince Rupert, located on the mainland of British Columbia just south of Alaska. The ship will dock at the centrally located Cow Bay Marina which is about a 15 minute walk from the YPR Airport Shuttle bus terminal.

We expect that most trainees will depart on the evening flight out of Prince Rupert Airport (YPR). A “heard” of trainees will board the YPR Airport Shuttle Bus, which transports Air Canada passengers across the short ferry crossing to the YPR airport on Digby Island, about a 45 minute trip. There is **no fee** for both the Airport Bus and the Digby Island Ferry as the cost is **included** in the ticket price of Air Canada flights to and from Prince Rupert.

Trainees who have signed up for the Travel Plans Loop email list will have a chance to connect with other Trainees on the same trip about travelling home from Vancouver International Airport (YVR). If you didn’t check the box on your registration to join the Travel Plans Loop and would like to do so now, please let us know right away and we will add your email before we send the next update.

PRINCE RUPERT - TRANSPORTATION

[Air Canada](#) provides service between [Vancouver International Airport \(YVR\)](#) and [Prince Rupert’s Airport \(YPR\)](#) 1-888-247-2262 Airport and Shuttle Information: Air Canada desk at YPR (250) 624-9633

[Greyhound](#) ([Prince Rupert Terminal Information](#)) offers bus service - one trip daily to Prince Rupert. The bus trip from Prince Rupert to Vancouver is about **26 hours** and departs in the morning, so an overnight stay would be necessary to catch the next bus.

By car: Vancouver is an **18 hour** drive from Prince Rupert via Hwy 16 to Prince George, Yellowhead Hwy 97 to Cache Creek and Hwy 1 to Vancouver.

[BC Ferries](#) Offers [Inside Passage route](#) sailings several times per week between Prince Rupert and Port Hardy, Skidegate, and other coastal locations; however, the BC Ferry schedule may necessitate a 1 or 2 day stay in Prince Rupert prior to or following the voyage. Please note [policies regarding reservations, identification and check-in times required](#) for these routes.

Local Taxi Service: **Skeena Taxi** 250-624-2185 provides local taxi service in Prince Rupert. Pre-booking and cab sharing with other trainees is recommended.

PRINCE RUPERT - ACCOMMODATION

Although the disembarking time will allow for Trainees to depart on the afternoon flight, some trainees may need to stay overnight in Prince Rupert if they are travelling by car, bus, or ferry or taking a flight the next day.

[The Pioneer Guesthouse](#) is a short distance from the marina and has provided comfortable lodging for previous SALTS trainees. 1-888-794-9998

Other accommodation and visitor information can be found at:

- [Prince Rupert Visitor Information Centre](#) 1-800-667-1994
- [HelloBC.com - Prince Rupert](#)