Story Idea: Museums on Haida Gwaii

Summary: The islands are home to several excellent museums each of which focuses on a specific area of island history.

Haida Gwaii Museum: The Haida Gwaii Museum is housed in the same building complex as the Haida Heritage Centre in Skidegate. It contains a wide variety of displays including Haida culture, pioneer history and natural history. It boasts excellent collections of argillite carvings, weaving, wood carving, and ancient Haida artefacts including totem poles. A hydrophone allows visitors to listen to any marine wildlife that happens to be passing by.

Port Clements Museum: On the main road through Port Clements, this museum is easily recognized by the impressive collection of logging equipment set up outside. It is operated by the volunteers of the Port Clements Historical Society. The museum focuses on the logging history of the islands with great photos and displays. It is also home to the White Raven, a rare albino raven that was frequently sighted near Port Clements while alive and is now stuffed in the museum.

Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum: Located in Masset, this museum is housed in a restored heritage building that was originally the town's first hospital. The museum focuses on the maritime and pioneer history of the islands with many artefacts on loan from local seafarers. In 2003 the volunteers who restored the museum building won recognition from the Heritage Society of BC.

Suggested Itinerary: Take the time to visit each of Haida Gwaii's excellent museums to get a well-rounded view of island history.


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