

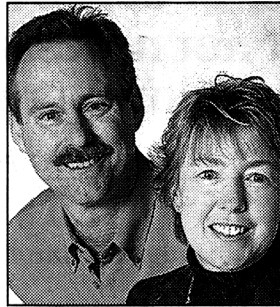
Fishing trip to Charlottes the ultimate gift

Still stumped on what to get that special someone who wears those weird hats with hooks and barbs all over it?

The relative who would rather lick a freshly caught fish than go to the annual family holiday dinner?

A stay at the West Coast Fishing Club in the Queen Charlottes (also known as Haida Gwaii) will bump you to the top of their inheritance schedule.

This upscale property features salmon that have been trained to respond to the fishing guide's signals such as "grab the hook" (index finger crooked in a "come hither"



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motion) and "hop in the boat" (thumbs up).

The fishing lodge has visiting chefs imported from Vancouver or Paris and the thread count in the sheets beats anything we have in our house.

Eagles pirouette above the glassed-in dining room and you can see the northern Queen Charlottes from your bedroom perch.

Amid the luxury, the thing that impressed us most, though, was a dedicated boat that ran around between fishing boats dropping off essentials such as extra wine and soft drinks or equipment.

Prices range from \$3,625 to \$4,205, which you should think of as an

investment in your future.

Call 1-888-432-6666 or 604-233-9232 for further information or visit www.westcoastfishingclub.com.