

PRINCE RUPERT , British Columbia

Situated off the **shores of continental BC**, on secluded Kaien Island, **Prince Rupert** is the land, air, and water transportation **hub of the North Coast**. The city sits at the **mouth of the Skeena River**, surrounded by **Chatham Sound** and many small, uninhabited islands. Set against this spectacular backdrop of mountains and sea, the little **marine city** is steeped with history of the Pacific Northwest. Main attractions in the **port town** include **spectacular ocean fishing, cultural tours, whale-watching** and **grizzly bear-viewing** tours, and you will certainly enjoy amazingly **fresh seafood** at Prince Rupert's various trendy restaurants. Situated on the **migratory salmon routes** of the north coast waters, it's rich in salmon, giant halibut, rockfish, lingcod, crab and prawns. And it's not uncommon to see **tame deer wander** certain neighbourhood streets and yards!

Tourism, especially the cruise ships, has become increasingly important as an economic stimulus. **Trade**, as in the past, is still the most important financial driver for this community. Tons of goods pass daily through the **Prince Rupert port**, which was recently expanded, heading to and from Asia and the rest of Canada. Prince Rupert is also a **gateway** for many more destinations. **Ferries** to Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands), Vancouver Island and Alaska start and begin their passages here.

Community Characteristics

Population	11,733 (2016 Census)
Demographics	Average age is 39, the unemployment rate is 7.8%
Access to the Community	Highway 16 northwest of Prince George to Prince Rupert (about 8-hour drive). BC Ferries from Vancouver Island. VIA Rail. Daily direct flights from Vancouver
Things to Do	Boutique shopping and dining in Cow Bay, various tours including Khutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary, wildlife and whale watching, and canneries along the coast. Multiple museums, a performing arts center, and meandering wilderness and walking trails are throughout the city. An 18-hole golf course, hiking, fishing, kayaking, water sports, hockey, curling, baseball & soccer just start the list of things to do in this beautiful seaside City.
Local activities	Seafest including a sailpast, parade, craft & food fair, and numerous other activities. Children's Festival, Canada Day at Mariners Park, & Winterfest.

Locum Support

Welcome/Orientation Process	Hospital and clinic tour EMR training
Accommodation	
Eagle Bluff Lighthouse B&B	
Amenities	Full breakfast, shared guest kitchen & common area, BBQ, wifi, tv, outside deck, spectacular ocean views
Pets	No
Crest Hotel	
Amenities	TV, wifi, fitness center, spa tub & steam room, restaurant & lounge
Pets	No
First Avenue Executive Suites	
Amenities	Full kitchen, laundry, tv, wifi, A/C, BBQ, picnic area
Pets	Yes



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Practice Environment

Health Authority	Northern Health
# GP FTEs needed	*REQUIRED* https://www.healthmatchbc.org
Specialists	6 (General Surgery, Orthopedics, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, various Visiting Specialists & other allied health professionals)
Locum Coverage	Locums requested through the Pacific Northwest Locum Network
Inter-professional team	Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Nurse, Mental Health Clinicians, Home Care Nurse, LPN, Primary Care Physician
EMR System	Med Access, Osler, MOIS (In-Patients)
Practice environment	Monday to Friday in clinic. Hours vary. ER optional. Obs/Gyne optional. Multiple offices in various clinics in the community. Overhead structure varies.
Standard Set of Medical Equipment	Otoscope-ophthalmoscope, tuning forks, reflex hammer, thermometers, peak flow meters, Doppler, BP monitor, cordless speculums.
CME events	Available periodically through PNW Division of Family Practice, & Practice Support
Facilities	Prince Rupert Regional Hospital with X-ray, Mammography, Ultrasound, Bone Densitometry, CT, Echocardiography, acute care ward. Other NHA facilities include Public & Mental Health services, & Assisted Living care.
Emergency Services	24/7 ER with helipad, BC Ambulance, Prince Rupert Airport
Rural Subsidiary Agreement Designation	A



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