

St'at'imc Cultural Tours - Simply Amazing!

K'alhwá7al'ap snek'wnúk'wa7 (Hello Friends)

Archaeological evidence show the northern St'at'imc have lived in their territory for at least 8,000 years. This long affiliation with the land has molded the St'at'imc people - it defines their identity, their language, their values, their spiritual understanding. The St'at'imc now wish to share aspects of this rich culture and history with the world.

T'ít'q'et (Lillooet Band)

T'ít'q'et is one of 11 communities that make up the St'at'imc Nation - is located on the ridge above Lillooet at the foot of Kwántwal' (translation "Taking Each Other"), known as "Marriage Mountain", where traditional ceremonies are still conducted. The St'at'imc from T'ít'q'et are members of the P'egg'íg'lha or Frog Clan. Originally the community was located where the village of Lillooet is currently situated. Visit the T'it'q'et replica s7istken (pit house) - the primary traditional winter home that provided warmth and protection from the elements through the bitterly cold season. Sit around the s7istken fire while bear and/or cougar shares stories and join in a St'at'imc dance. Enjoy a meal fea-

turing traditional foods, learn about the St'at'imc way of life and ask about the pictograph wall paintings.

Xwísten (Bridge River Band)

Xwísten is the St'at'imc community located 15 minutes north of Lillooet. Situated in the beautiful Bridge River valley, Xwísten is responsible for caring for and monitoring the fishing rocks within its territory where St'at'imc have fished for thousands of years and where unique conditions are ideal for making wind drying salmon (ts'wan). Ts'wan - a traditional trade item continues to be a staple in the St'at'imc diet. Xwísten is also the site of an extensive archaeological site that contains over 80 identified pit houses and food cache pits. Walk

along the path through 2000 years of history.

Sekw'el'wás (Cayoose Creek Band)

Sekw'el'wás is a St'at'imc community located along the pristine, clear waters of Cayoose Creek. The community, situated just minutes south of the village of Lillooet, invites visitors to amble along the Lower Seton Spawning Channel that draws thousands of pink salmon to spawn every 2 years and 2009 is a spawning year starting early September. The Lillooet area is a birdwatchers' paradise and many of the birds can be spotted along the spawning channel. The area is also home to eight bat species, five of which are endangered. Check for bat towers on your interpretative walk that also includes a discussion of traditional plant use and the history of the channel. If you're lucky you might see the channel's busy beaver at work.

Tsal'álh (Shalalth)

Krystal Sky Boat Tours is located in the St'at'imc community of Tsal'álh. The community is nestled at the foot of Mission Pass with the spectacular views of high mountain peaks and two beautiful lakes — one green and the other blue — each hosting its own unique bio-diversity. Throughout the valley, and especially along the lake shores, ancient village sites with numerous pit houses (s7istken) can be seen. Book an excursion of Seton and/or Anderson Lakes; take in gold rush history, pictographs, a salmon BBQ, stories and songs. Take the quaint shuttle and ride the rails along Seton Lake to Shalalth on Fridays. Cultural experiences within 15 minutes of Lillooet. Contact St'at'imc Cultural Experiences 250.256.0673 for more information. ■



Lillooet Friendship Centre Society

357 Main St. Lillooet • 250-256-4146

An aboriginal organization providing programs and services that strengthen individual, family and community involvement while bridging the gap between aboriginal and non-aboriginal cultures in the spirit of a bright future

Our Friends and Services

Victim Assistance Program • Stopping the Violence
Addiction Services • LFCS Food Bank • Open Arms

The Chillaxin Youth Centre	250-256-2320
Lillooet Employment Centre	250-256-0606
The Family Place	250-256-7877
Friendly Treasures Thirft Store	250-256-4400
Povery Law Advocate	250-256-0606
Kids First Pre-School	250-256-0099



1978 - 2008

Brightening Lives for 30 years

WELCOME TO ST'ÁT'IMC TERRITORY

The St'át'imc are the original inhabitants of the territory which extends north to Churn Creek and south to French Bar; northwest to the headwaters of Bridge River; north and east toward Hat Creek Valley; east to the Big Slide; south to the island on Harrison Lake and west of the Fraser River to the headwaters of Lillooet River, Ryan River and Black Tusk.

It includes the communities of:

- Nxwísten (Bridge River)
- Se'k'welwas (Cayoosh Creek)
- T'sk'wáylacw (Pavilion)
- Tsal'álh (Seton Lake)
- T'ít'q'et (Lillooet)
- Lil'wat7úl (Mt. Currie)
- Xaxl'ip (Fountain)
- Nquátque (Anderson Lake)
- Xáxtsa7 (Port Douglas)
- Smáhqwam (Samahquam)
- Sqátin (Skookumchuk)

The Lillooet Tribal Council

Phone: 250-256-7523 Fax: 250-256-7119
80 Seton Lake Road

