

Vancouver Island

"Gems of the Pacific Rim" — Hotel Tour with B&B Options

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS
March 10-Oct 15

Gems of the Pacific Rim is the ideal tour for those who are looking to experience the diverse nature of British Columbia without doing extensive traveling. The dynamic energy of Vancouver will entice you, the charm of Victoria will delight you and the ocean views of Long Beach and Tofino will captivate your spirit. Each of these fabulous areas feature great sightseeing, marvelous dining, exceptional scenery and superb accommodation. This tour pays attention to true guest comfort!

ITINERARY:

DAYS 1 & 2 — Vancouver

Welcome to glorious Vancouver where cosmopolitan flair meets scenic mountains and ocean views. Live life as a local and enjoy the ferry from English Bay to Granville Island's renowned market. Lunch at a waterfront bistro, stroll along the seawall, or take a second ferry ride across to North Vancouver's Lonsdale Quay - all perfect ways to get involved in Vancouver's diverse culture. Proximity to wilderness is also within city limits, and Stanley Park, the Capilano Suspension Bridge, and Grouse Mountain are examples of extraordinary green spaces. Save enough energy to enjoy Vancouver nightlife downtown, where there are a variety of fine restaurants, clubs and live theatre options.

DAYS 3 & 4 — Vancouver to Victoria

Voyage from Tsawwassen Ferry terminal through the scenic Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island and B.C.'s capitol, Victoria - a city in year-round bloom. Take a drive along Marine Drive and stop in at a pub to enjoy lunch and a pint of local ale. Rent a bike and cycle along the Galloping Goose Trail or head out to high seas for a whale watching experience. For those who enjoy a leisurely pace, take part in a tour of Butchart Gardens followed by traditional high tea. The city's Royal B.C. Museum is considered one of the world's finest natural history museums that provides an in-depth look at 12,000 years of the area's history.

DAY 6 — Victoria to Parksville

With the delights of Victoria behind you, prepare for a day of cultural excitements and stunning ocean views. Visit the informative Native Heritage Museum located in Duncan, tour the impressive outdoor murals in the town of Chemainus, stroll the resort beach front or indulge in The Grotto Spa experience. Overnight Ti-Na-Mara-Resort and Spa

DAYS 7 & 8 — Tofino

Enjoy this quaint, arty little town where you will find galleries, museums, boat shops and bakeries. Tofino is the gateway to Pacific Rim National Park, home to B.C.'s most spectacular coastline where waves crash like thunder against the shore and ocean spray soars. Whale watching, bear watching and guided sea kayaking tours are all great ways to experience the area. Overnight Tofino.

DAY 9 — Tofino to Vancouver

Travel Highway #4 back to Qualicum Beach through the town of Parksville and head to Nanaimo where you will take the ferry back to Vancouver for your overnight.

DAY 10 — Vancouver

Tour ends.



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SUGGESTED SIGHTSEEING AND ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

VANCOUVER

- Rent a bike and explore Stanley Park, Robson Street and the colorful community of Denman Street
- Tour the University Endowment Lands, walk the nature trails, relax on the beach or visit the Museum of Anthropology.
- Take the Seabus from downtown Vancouver over to the North Shore and discover Capilano Suspension Bridge, Grouse Mountain and Lonsdale Quay
- Take a day trip over to the bedroom community of Bowen Island, only a 20 minute ferry ride!
- Take flight and see the spectacular coastal scenery by seaplane
- Have a picnic and go for a swim at Kits Beach
- Munch on fish and chips while strolling the shores at Jericho Beach
- Stroll 4th Avenue with its eclectic shops and unique neighborhood personality

VICTORIA

- Rent a bike and discover 60 km of easy riding on the Galloping Goose Trail (be sure to pack a little bit of money for some of the great pubs that are found along the way!)
- With over 80 killer whales that live year round off the shores of Victoria, whale watching is a tremendous way to spend the day
- Wander the many city parks including Beacon Hill Park and Mount Douglas
- Victoria is also renowned for its excellent temperate water diving. There are also two artificial diving reefs in the area that provide hours of excitement to divers!
- Victoria has a multitude of museums and gardens! For a day of history and gardens, we suggest Craigdarroch Castle, Butterfly Gardens, Crystal Garden and Butchart Gardens
- Spend the day in the gorgeous community of Sooke and the Sooke Pot Holes

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- Listen to whales, watch for eagles, see a bear and photograph a sea lion, it's all possible on an aquamarine day trip (12 person zodiac or on a heated cabin cruiser)
- Take an interpretive tour through the famous Broken Group archipelago
- Charter a fishing boat and try your hand at salmon, halibut or cod fishing
- Experience "storm watching" – Tofino is one of the few places that is truly fantastic in a rainstorm. Witness a pounding surf break dramatically on the rocky headlands
- Take a guided walk through an interpretive forest and discover natural hot springs
- Join a guided sea kayaking trip for a half day, full day or even over night. An activity that can truly be enjoyed by people of all ages, activity levels and abilities.
- Looking for adventure? Tofino offers the perfect conditions for surfing!
- Pacific Rim National Park is a diverse ecosystem and it's often best appreciated by a float plane tour! Try aerial whale watching or tour the natural hot springs of Clayoquot Sound.
- Discover a variety of art galleries including the Eagle Aerie Gallery featuring Roy Henry Vickers



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1	Welcome to Vancouver	—	Vancouver
2	Free Day in Vancouver	—	Vancouver
3	Vancouver to Victoria	60	Victoria
4	Free Day in Victoria	—	Victoria
5	Victoria to Parksville	130	Parksville
6	Victoria to Tofino and Pacific Rim National Park	205	Tofino
7	Free Day in Tofino and Pacific Rim National Park	—	Tofino
8	Free Day in Tofino and Pacific Rim National Park	—	Tofino
9	Tofino to Vancouver	227	Vancouver
10	End of Tour		

NET COST PER PERSON

	Twin	Single	Triple
Gems of the Pacific			
Mar 1-Apr 30	475	955	445
May 1-31	680	1365	580
June 1-15	750	1505	625
June 16-30, Sept 16-30	775	1550	650
July 1 -Sept 15	845	1695	710
Oct 1-15	615	1230	535

Rates include all applicable Provincial taxes.
Vehicle rentals, ferries and Park fees are not included.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- 09 nights accommodation in quality hotels OR
- 09 nights Bed and Breakfast accommodation if requested (breakfast would then be included)
- Personal Itinerary and customized Guide and Route Information

Not Included:

- Park entrance fees, road tolls, airport fees, ferry fees
- Meals / attractions / activities with the exception of the breakfasts included with B&B option
- Vehicle Rental

