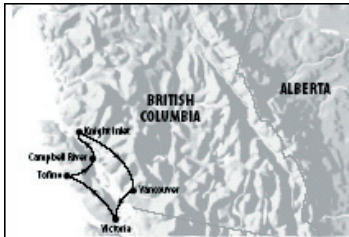


Whales, Bears & Vancouver Island



8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS
Vancouver / Vancouver
(YVR / YVR)

Daily departures:
May 2-October 12
* Not available from July 19-31

This programme offers lively urban centres, remote wilderness destinations and the unrivalled beauty of Vancouver Island's scenery. From the bustling city of Vancouver, you will plunge right into a whale watching journey from Victoria and the Pacific Rim National Park. Stepping aboard a float plane you will head inland, to go in search of grizzly bears, eagles and foxes near Knight Inlet. The final leg of your adventure takes you back to the mainland where you will explore the rugged seascapes of the Sunshine Coast en route to Vancouver.

Day 1 — **Arrival in Vancouver**

Your adventure begins at Vancouver International Airport. Transfer independently to your downtown hotel. Take the rest of the day to create your own urban adventure amid the stores, parks, restaurants, theatres and other attractions in downtown Vancouver.

Overnight in Vancouver.

Day 2 — 70 km (land only) **Vancouver to Victoria**

The B.C. Ferries cruise across the Strait of Georgia will transport you past the rugged coastline and tranquil beaches of the Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island. Continue down the Saanich Peninsula to Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. Victoria has a fascinating marine heritage and has retained its colonial charm. This afternoon, you will launch into the Pacific aboard a Zodiac powerboat. You will seek out orca, minke and grey whales, seals, porpoises and other marine wildlife. You may end your day with a visit to the Empress Hotel for a traditional high tea.

Overnight in Victoria.

Day 3 — 320 km **Victoria to Tofino**

Be sure that you have a lot of film in your camera – a panorama of scenic beauty is about to unfold before you. Your road leads across Vancouver Island to the Pacific Coast winding through ancient rainforests and provincial parks. You're venturing into true wildlife territory here: The Pacific Rim National Park is a marvel of ecological and geographical diversity.

Overnight in Tofino.

Day 4 — **TOFINO**

Today you are taking part in a thrilling whale watching expedition. Your search for the Pacific grey whale, sea lions and puffins will hopefully be rewarded with an unforgettable close encounter in Clayoquot Sound with one of the world's largest mammals. Back on dry land, you're free to explore the rugged coastline along the network of hiking trails or to walk the shoreline of Long Beach in search of shells and driftwood.

Overnight in Tofino.

Day 5 — 290 km **Tofino to Campbell River**

This morning, the spectacular winding road takes you back to the eastern coast of Vancouver Island with visits to Horne Lake Caves or Cathedral Grove. Your route will introduce you to many gems – including native rock carvings at Sproat Lake and the picturesque falls at Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park. Tonight you will have time to explore the quaint town of Campbell River.

Overnight in Campbell River.

Day 6 — **Campbell River**

Today, enjoy a day in the "Salmon Capital of the World." Stroll down the Discovery Pier for a chance to see salmon, eagles, or even whales; take in views of Discovery Passage, Quadra Island and the rugged Coast Mountain range of mainland British Columbia; or partake in one of the many locally available fishing excursions. Campbell River is also the gateway to Strathcona Park, the oldest park in British Columbia and the largest one on Vancouver Island. Here you will find the highest waterfall in Canada, the 440-meter high Delta Falls. The park is a wildlife sanctuary, home to most species of mammals living on the island and to a wide variety of birds.

Over night in Campbell River.



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DAY	LOCATION	STANDARD ACCOMMODATION	DELUXE ACCOMMODATION
1	Vancouver	Best Western Vancouver Downtown	Pacific Palisades
2	Victoria	Executive House Hotel	Magnolia Hotel & Spa
3	Tofino	Schooner Motel	Best Western Tin Wis
4	Tofino	Schooner Motel	Best Western Tin Wis
5	Campbell River	Ramada Campbell River	Painter's Lodge
6	Campbell River	Ramada Campbell River	Painter's Lodge
7	Knight Inlet	Knight Inlet Lodge	Knight Inlet Lodge
8	Vancouver	Best Western Vancouver Downtown	Pacific Palisades
9	End of Tour		

FERRY DETAILS

Prices are estimated for 2004. Schedules are included in passenger documents. Please be advised that ferry crossings not included in the cost cannot be pre-booked.

Day 2:

Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay

Crossing time: 1 hour 35 minutes
Car & Driver: \$44 (additional passenger \$11 per person)

Day 8:

Comox to Powell River

Crossing time: 1 hour 15 minutes
Car & Driver: \$34 (additional passenger \$8 per person)
or

Day 8:

Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay

Crossing time: 1 hour 15 minutes
Car & Driver: \$44 (additional passenger \$11 per person)

NET COST PER PERSON

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	Twin	Single	Triple	Quad	Child* (8-12)
DELUXE					
May 2-24	2050	3530	1790	N/A	900
May 25-Jun 20	2275	3970	1945	N/A	900
Jun 21-Jul 18	2040	3805	1820	N/A	805
Aug 1-16	2145	4040	1970	N/A	900
Aug 17-Sep 1	2485	4250	2110	N/A	965
Sep 2-Oct 11	2435	4160	2085	N/A	965

* Minimum age 8
Not available July 19-31

YOUR FLY/DRIVE INCLUDES

- Accommodation for 14 nights as booked
- Inside Passage Cruise (Car and passengers), on Day 11
- A personalized Canada Roadbook, containing essential travel information featuring overview notes of the area of travel, local sightseeing and attractions, daily itinerary highlights, provincial maps with city guides, hotel vouchers and customized day-by-day routing maps
- Provincial hotel taxes and federal GST, less accommodation rebate

NOT INCLUDED

- Airport transfers
- Airport improvement fee
- Meals and attractions unless otherwise specified
- Park entrance fees
- Ferry charges unless otherwise specified
- Car rental, taxes and insurance

