

VANCOUVER ISLAND VICTORIA and PACIFIC RIM

8-DAY MOTORCOACH

Discover the west coast of Vancouver Island! ...known for its spectacular beaches, scenic wilderness and casual hospitality, featuring the Pacific Rim National Park, a tour of the scenic Long Beach area and an unforgettable whale watching cruise.

Highlights include the cosmopolitan city of Vancouver, the unique charm of Victoria, the floral beauty of Butchart Gardens, Chemainus with its historical full-size murals and the stately Cathedral Grove.

DEPARTURE: Edmonton 7:00 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Calgary 12:00 p.m.

DAY

- 1 EDMONTON to CALGARY to SALMON ARM:** Your *Vancouver Island Holiday* begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Travel south via Red Deer to Calgary meeting additional travelling companions enroute. Sit back and enjoy the incredible scenery of the Canadian Rockies. Continue to Salmon Arm, the "Gem of the Shuswap". Overnight at the **Prestige Harbourfront Resort** located on the shores of Shuswap Lake adjacent to City Park.
- 2 SALMON ARM to VICTORIA:** (2 nights) Enjoy the scenery as you travel the Coquihalla Highway. Motor through Surrey to Tsawwassen and board a B.C. FERRY for a scenic sailing to Vancouver Island. Continue to the retirement paradise of Victoria for a two-night stay at the **Queen Victoria Hotel**, centrally located one block from the Inner Harbour.
- 3 VICTORIA:** Join us this morning for a **GUIDED TOUR** that combines the best of Victoria's lovely homes and gardens with points of historic interest. A tour of the beautiful **BUTCHART GARDENS** will conclude a memorable day. See fifty acres of floral wonderland mixed with spacious lawns, streams and lily ponds.
- 4 VICTORIA to TOFINO:** (2 nights) Bid farewell to Victoria. Travel the Malahat Highway north, make a stop in the picturesque town of **CHEMAINUS**, travel through Nanaimo and continue to **COOMBS COUNTRY MARKET**, famous for the goats grazing on its roof. Travel west through **CATHEDRAL GROVE**, home of 800 year-old Douglas Fir trees. Continue to Tofino on the west coast for two nights at the **Days Inn Weigh West Marine Adventure Resort**, a full-service waterfront property built on a hillside of the shores of Clayoquot Sound. Walking the hill and up/down some stairs is required with this great location!



Jamie's Whaling Station whale watching boat.

- 5 TOFINO:** A special highlight is in store for you today. Board a vessel for an unforgettable **WHALE WATCHING CRUISE**. You will have the opportunity to see the mammal that was considered close to extinction in the 1930's. Tour the beautiful national park including a stop at the Interpretive Centre where options include information on the area from an ecologist, a walk along the beach or time in the restaurant enjoying the beautiful view. Explore the scenic **LONG BEACH** area this afternoon before returning to Tofino for your last night on the island.

INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY: •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodation and taxes •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Admissions for all attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Ferry crossings as indicated •Guided tour of Victoria •Butchart Gardens •Chemainus •Coombs Country Market •Cathedral Grove •Whale Watching Cruise (Limited Seating) •Long Beach •Driving tour of Vancouver •Tour of Ghost Town •Farewell Barbeque •Rogers Pass •Driving Tour of Banff.



Tofino – Days Inn Weigh West Marine Adventure Resort.

- 6 TOFINO to NEW WESTMINSTER:** Travel back to the east coast of Vancouver Island, board a B.C. FERRY and sail to Horseshoe Bay. Arrive early afternoon in Vancouver and enjoy a **SIGHTSEEING EXCURSION** of this exciting cosmopolitan city. Continue a short distance to New Westminster. Your unique hotel, the **Inn at the Quay**, is in a wonderful location stretching out over the mighty Fraser River, right next door to the Riverfront Boardwalk and within walking distance of the Skytrain Station to downtown Vancouver. Choose to relax and watch the boats go by from your riverview room or go exploring.
- 7 NEW WESTMINSTER to THREE VALLEY GAP:** Depart the Fraser Valley, travel through Merritt and Kamloops to Three Valley Gap to enjoy the last evening together. Join your travelling companions for a tour of **GHOST TOWN** prior to a **HOSTED FAREWELL BARBECUE**.
- 8 THREE VALLEY GAP to EDMONTON:** Today's travelling provides a variety of unforgettable mountain scenery. Wind your way over the majestic **ROGERS PASS**. Enjoy a short **DRIVING TOUR OF BANFF** with lunch enroute. Arrive mid-afternoon in Calgary and then continue to Edmonton.

DEPARTURE DATES 2012

8 Days: ★ June 5

★ Preferred date

COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS

		+G.S.T.
Quad:	\$1,209.00	\$60.45
Triple:	\$1,259.00	\$62.95
Twin:	\$1,349.00	\$67.45
Single:	\$1,879.00	\$93.95

+GST APPLIES TO TOUR COST

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: \$27.00 twin sharing per person.

