

VANCOUVER ISLAND, VICTORIA and PACIFIC RIM

8 DAYS – MOTORCOACH

Discover the west coast of Vancouver Island, known for its spectacular beaches, scenic wilderness and casual hospitality. A fun whale watching tour will make for an amazing day!

Highlights include the unique charm of Victoria, the floral beauty of The Butchart Gardens, themed murals in Chemainus, stately Cathedral Grove and tranquil MacKenzie Beach.

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

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1 EDMONTON to CALGARY to SALMON ARM: *Sunday.* Your *Vancouver Island Holiday* begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Travel south via Red Deer to Calgary meeting additional travel companions enroute. Sit back and enjoy the incredible scenery of the Canadian Rockies. Cross the border into British Columbia and continue to Salmon Arm, the “Gem of the Shuswap,” to overnight at the **Comfort Inn**. Located on a hill overlooking Shuswap Lake, your hotel offers a welcoming atmosphere. This evening features a **GET ACQUAINTED PIZZA PARTY**.

2 SALMON ARM to VICTORIA: (2 nights) *Monday.* View high mountain passes, rushing rivers and massive snowsheds as you roll along the Coquihalla Highway. Motor through Surrey to Tsawwassen and board a BC FERRY for a scenic sailing to Vancouver Island. Continue to the retirement paradise of Victoria for a two-night stay at the **Chateau Victoria**. This lovely property is conveniently located in the heart of downtown, near the Inner Harbour.

3 VICTORIA: *Tuesday.* This morning take a **GUIDED TOUR** that combines the best of Victoria’s lovely homes and gardens with historic points of interest. An afternoon visit to the beautiful **BUTCHART GARDENS** will conclude a memorable day. See 50 acres of floral wonderland mixed with spacious lawns, streams and lily ponds.



4 VICTORIA to TOFINO: (2 nights) *Wednesday.* As you bid farewell to Victoria, follow the Malahat Highway north, making a stop in the picturesque town of **CHEMAINUS**. Continue through Nanaimo and visit **COOMBS OLD COUNTRY MARKET**, the island landmark famous for the goats grazing on its roof. Head west, stopping to stretch your legs at **CATHEDRAL GROVE**, home of 800-year-old Douglas-fir trees. Arrive at the coastal community of Tofino for a two-night stay at the **Best Western Tin Wis Resort**, where the oceanfront rooms and landscaped grounds lead to the sheltered sands of **MACKENZIE BEACH**. Join the group for an **INCLUDED DINNER**.



Whale Watching Excursion

5 TOFINO: *Thursday.* This morning, experience an unforgettable **WHALE WATCHING TOUR** (Limited Seating – if not available a refund will be given for the boat tour). Tofino is a great place for whale watching! Gray whales are commonly seen in the spring as they migrate to feed in northern waters, along



Tofino – Best Western Tin Wis Resort.

with orcas and humpback whales. Back on land, find some lunch as you wander around Tofino. Return to your hotel for some free time to bury your toes in the sand or beachcomb along the shoreline.

6 TOFINO to VANCOUVER AREA: *Friday.* Travel back to the east coast of Vancouver Island, board a BC FERRY and sail to Horseshoe Bay. Proceed to the unique New Westminster hotel, **Inn at the Quay**. Ideally located next to the riverfront boardwalk, it is built on pillars elevated over the Fraser River. Choose to relax in your over-the-water room and watch the boats sail by from your balcony or go out and explore the area.

7 VANCOUVER AREA to THREE VALLEY GAP: *Saturday.* Depart the Fraser Valley, journey through Merritt and Kamloops and continue to Three Valley Gap for overnight at the **Three Valley Lake Chateau**. Take a tour of the **GHOST TOWN** prior to your last evening together. Share memories with your fellow travellers at a **HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER**.

8 THREE VALLEY GAP to CALGARY to EDMONTON: *Sunday.* Take in views of lofty peaks and deep valleys as the road climbs over the majestic **ROGERS PASS**. Continue through Banff National Park and have lunch enroute. Arrive mid-afternoon in Calgary and then continue to Edmonton.

DEPARTURE DATES 2024		
8 Days: May 12		
COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS		
		+GST
Triple:	\$2,149.00	\$107.45
Twin:	\$2,359.00	\$117.95
Single	\$3,229.00	\$161.45
+GST APPLIES TO TOUR COST		
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: \$47.00 twin sharing per person.		



INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY: •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodation and tax services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Admission to attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Pizza Party •Ferry crossings as indicated •Guided tour of Victoria •Butchart Gardens •Chemainus •Coombs Old Country Market •Cathedral Grove •Tofino Dinner •Whale Watching Tour (Limited Seating) •McKenzie Beach •Ghost Town •Farewell Dinner •Rogers Pass •7 Meals Include: 4 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners.