

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. The island's untamed side sets the backdrop for an exciting whale watching adventure!

Additional highlights include the distinct charm of Victoria, the floral beauty of The Butchart Gardens, themed murals in Chemainus, stately Cathedral Grove and oceanfront rooms overlooking tranquil MacKenzie Beach in Tofino.

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: *Saturday.* 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) *Sunday.* View high mountain passes, rushing rivers and massive snowsheds while rolling along the Coquihalla Highway. Motor through Surrey to Tsawwassen and board a BC FERRY for a scenic sailing to Vancouver Island. Carry on 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: *Monday.* 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, a National Historic Site of Canada, will showcase 50 acres of floral wonderland that has been transformed from a limestone quarry to a serene collection of distinct gardens, manicured lawns and water features.



4 VICTORIA to TOFINO: (2 nights) *Tuesday.* 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 Plus 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: *Wednesday.* Today, board a customized tour boat for an unforgettable adventure in one of the world's best locations for a WHALE WATCHING TOUR! Gray whales are commonly seen in the spring as they migrate to



Tofino – Best Western Tin Wis Resort.

feed in northern waters, along with orcas, humpback whales and other marine wildlife. 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: *Thursday.* Travel back to the east coast of Vancouver Island, board a BC FERRY and sail to Horseshoe Bay. Arrive at your unique New Westminster hotel. The **Inn at the Quay** is built on pillars, elevated over the Fraser River, and ideally located next to the riverfront boardwalk. Watch boats sail by from your waterfront room or go out and explore the area.

7 VANCOUVER AREA to THREE VALLEY GAP: *Friday.* Depart the Fraser Valley, journey through Merritt and Kamloops and onward 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: *Saturday.* 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
2026

8 Days: May 9

PRICES TO BE ANNOUNCED



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 •MacKenzie Beach •Ghost Town •Farewell Dinner •Rogers Pass •7 Meals Include: 4 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners.