

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.

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.* Start your day with 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.* Leaving Victoria behind, follow the Malahat Highway north, making a stop in the picturesque artisan village 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**, with its stands of towering Douglas-fir trees, some more than 800 years old. 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**.

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 feed in northern waters, along with orcas, humpback whales and other marine



Tofino – Best Western Tin Wis Resort.

wildlife. Back on land, find some lunch, stop at a gallery or shop as you stroll 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.* Today's journey takes you inland along the mighty Fraser River, 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.* Views of lofty peaks and deep valleys greet you as the road climbs over majestic **ROGERS PASS**. Continue through Banff National Park and have lunch enroute. Arrive mid-afternoon in Calgary and then continue to Edmonton.



Whale Watching Excursion



DEPARTURE DATES 2027		
8 Days: May 15		
COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS		
		+GST
Triples:	\$2,309.00	\$115.45
Twin:	\$2,649.00	\$132.45
Single	\$3,679.00	\$183.95
+GST APPLIES TO TOUR COST		
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: \$53.00 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 •Ferry crossings as indicated •Guided tour of Victoria •Butchart Gardens •Chemainus •Coombs Old Country Market •Cathedral Grove •MacKenzie Beach •Tofino Dinner •Whale Watching Tour •Ghost Town •Farewell Dinner •Rogers Pass •6 Meals Include: 4 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners.