

CANADA

VANCOUVER ISLAND PREMIUM (TOUR CODE: 12846)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Vancouver

TRAVEL PERIODS

21 Jul 24 - 01 Sep 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Walk & Hike
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Welcome to the best of Vancouver Island! Embark on this remarkable 8-day small group escorted journey, which will showcase the island's most captivating attractions, breathtaking nature, and cultural treasures.

Highlights

- Experience stunning coastal landscapes, temperate rainforests, rugged coastline, and sandy beaches in Tofino
- Take a scenic ferry through the Gulf Islands
- Discover the newest outdoor adventure on Vancouver Island, the Malahat SkyWalk
- Visit the Big Tree Trail on Meares Island, home of the largest old-growth trees in British Columbia
- Explore the famous Butchart Gardens, Beacon Hill Park, Chinatown, Fan Tan Alley, Fisherman's Wharf and Government Street in Victoria

This itinerary explores the best of what Vancouver Island has to offer. Begin with a spectacular BC Ferries crossing from Vancouver to British Columbia's capital city of Victoria, where you'll spend two nights. Explore the famous Butchart Gardens and have sufficient time to explore the city at your leisure. Enjoy 3-nights in the laid back town of Tofino, the whale watching and surfing mecca of BC. The drive on the Pacific Rim Highway is stunning with views of the rugged coastline and lush rainforest. The journey continues to Northern Vancouver Island known for its rugged beauty that rewards guests with solitude, secluded beaches and glimpses of wildlife in their natural habitat.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights at Grand Pacific Hotel Victoria
- 3 nights at Tofino Resort & Marina
- 2 nights in Painter's Lodge Campbell River
- Guaranteed Departures
- Mini-coach transportation (Maximum 24 passengers)
- Daily breakfasts
- Experienced, fun and friendly guide
- BC Ferry through the Gulf Islands
- Admission to Butchart Gardens
- Sea Cider Tasting
- Admission to Malahat Skywalk
- Water Taxi trip to Meares Island's the Big Tree Trail
- All taxes and park fees

ITINERARY

Day

1

Vancouver Victoria

Depart downtown Vancouver in the morning. Prepare to embark on a scenic ferry ride that will take you through the stunning Gulf Islands. Once you reach Vancouver Island, visit the famous Butchart Gardens, and indulge in a delightful experience at Sea Cider, where you can take a tour and savor a cider tasting. The evening is yours to explore and discover the charms of Victoria at your leisure.

Overnight in Victoria at **Hotel Grand Pacific** (or similar)



BUTCHART GARDENS | CREDIT: DISCOVER CANADA TOURS / LISANNE SMÉE LE

Day **2**

Victoria

Enjoy a Victoria City tour this morning visiting Beacon Hill Park, Chinatown, Fan Tan Alley, Fisherman's Wharf and Government Street. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. You can stroll along Government Street or visit the well known Royal BC Museum. You also have the option to enjoy Afternoon Tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel.

Overnight in Victoria at **Hotel Grand Pacific** (or similar)

Breakfast



VICTORIA INNER HARBOUR | CREDIT: DISCOVER BC

Day **3**

Victoria Tofino

Early departure from your hotel and drive along the Malahat Highway where you can enjoy beautiful views over the Southern Gulf Islands. Stop at the newest outdoor experience on Vancouver Island, at the Malahat SkyWalk. Embark on a 600 metre-long elevated walkway through an expansive Arbutus and Douglas Fir forest, leading to a 10-story, architecturally-inspiring spiral tower lookout – the first of its kind in BC. Rising 250 metres above sea level, you will enjoy 360-degree views of

islands, inlets, fjords, forests and mountains in two countries. Make a stop in Duncan for a brief tour around the City of Totems and free time for lunch. In the evening, arrive in Tofino and check into your hotel. Your knowledgeable guide will provide information about the hotel's great amenities and recommend the best dining spots for a memorable dinner tonight.

Overnight in Tofino at **Tofino Resort & Marina**

Breakfast



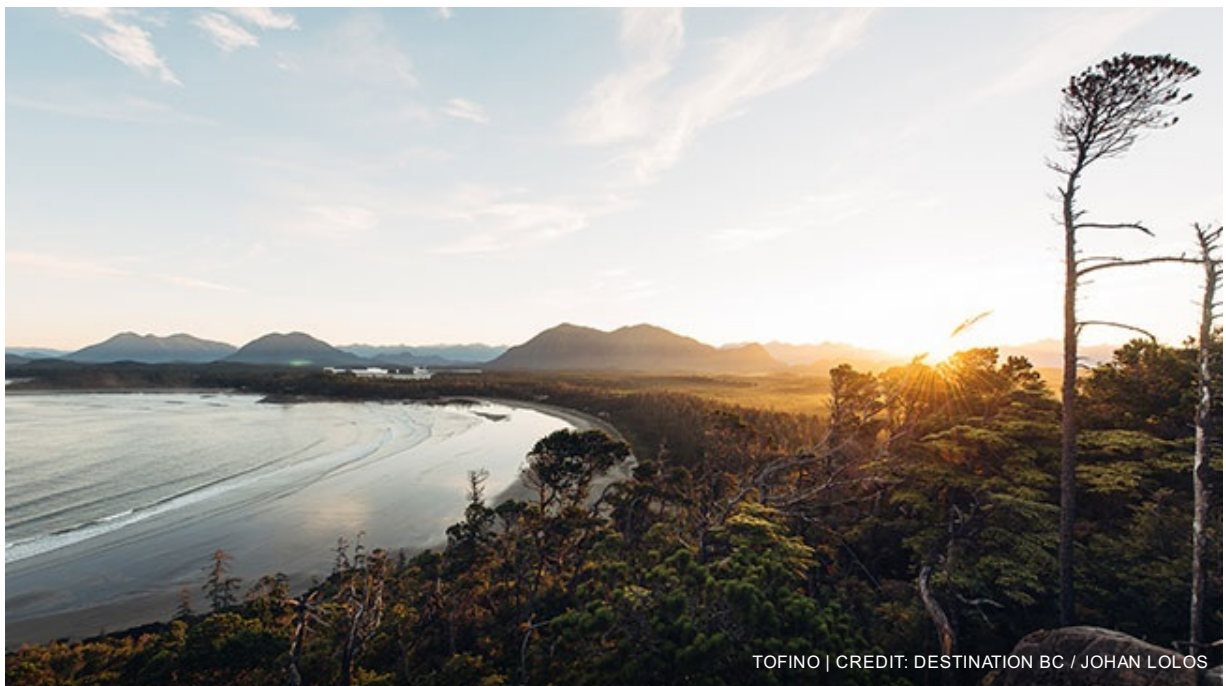
Day **4**

Tofino & Pacific Rim National Park

Today, explore Tofino and its magnificent beaches, including Long Beach. You may also join your guide for a hike. Take a Water Taxi trip over to Meares Island to visit the Big Tree Trail, home to the largest old-growth trees in British Columbia. With the evening at leisure, take the opportunity to unwind and relax around Tofino.

Overnight in Tofino at **Tofino Resort & Marina**

Breakfast



Tofino & Pacific Rim National Park

Today you have a full day to join an activity such as taking a boat cruise to Hot Springs Cove, kayaking, surfing, hiking through one of the many rainforest trails, or simply relaxing on the beach. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure to explore the town of Tofino.

Overnight in Tofino at **Tofino Resort & Marina**

Breakfast

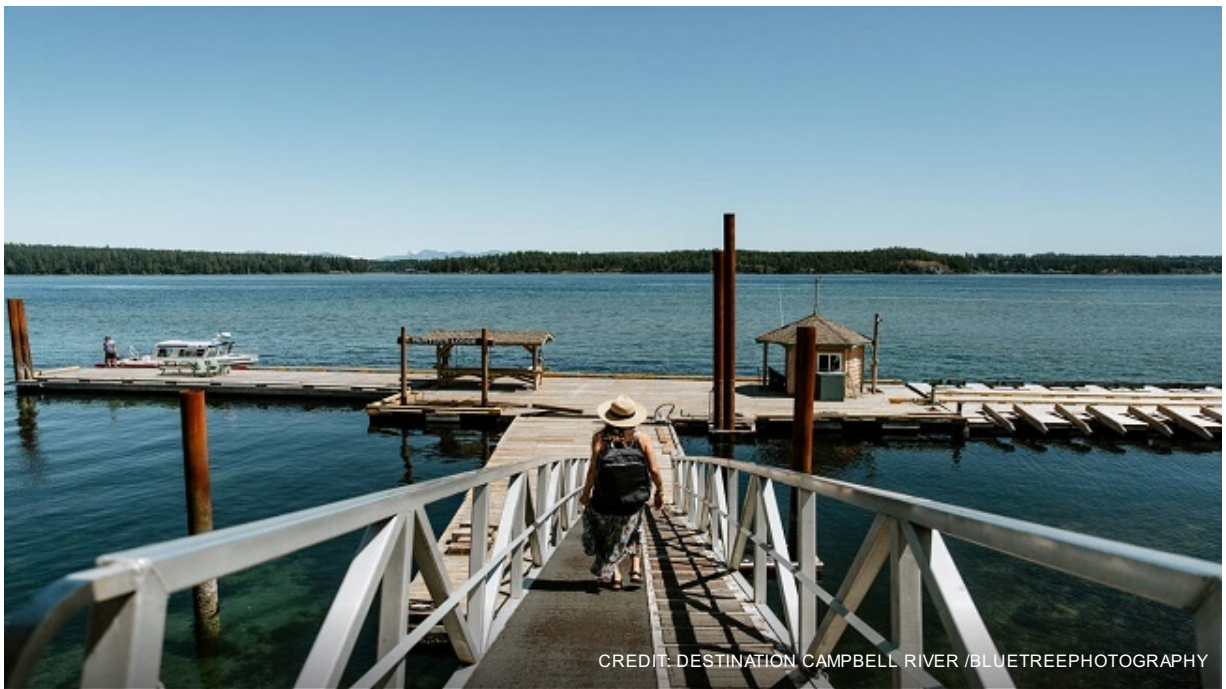


Tofino Campbell River

Check out of your hotel this morning and depart Tofino, traveling back towards the east coast of Vancouver Island. Arrive in Coombs Market, famously known for the goat on the rooftop and today's stop for lunch. Here you can find fresh produce, great sandwiches, and the best ice cream on the Island. Continue your journey along the Coastal Highway 19A. Travel through coastal communities and along beautiful landscapes, stopping in Comox for dinner this evening. In the evening, arrive in Campbell River and check into your hotel. The evening is for leisure to explore the resort, watch the sunset, and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

Overnight in Campbell River at **Painter's Lodge**

Breakfast



Day **7**

Northern Vancouver Island

Morning at leisure with the option to participate in many different activities including kayaking, fishing, and whale watching. Visit Elk Falls Provincial Park and explore the extensive network of walking and hiking trails including Elk Falls Suspension Bridge and enjoy a walk on the elevated cantilevered viewing platform that offers an amazing view of Elk Falls. Arrive back at your hotel and have free time for dinner.

Overnight in Campbell River at **Painter's Lodge**.

Breakfast



Day **8**

Campbell River Nanaimo Vancouver

Depart Campbell River in the morning. Make a stop at Morningstar Farm in Parksville. Morningstar Farm is a local food hub featuring self-guided tours, a farmgate store, seasonal "café", a petting farm, and trails. Stop in Nanaimo for a stroll along the Harbourfront. Don't miss trying one of the famous Nanaimo Bars - a treat for everyone loving sweets. Catch the

afternoon ferry from Nanaimo to Horsehoe Bay. Finally, arrive back in downtown Vancouver in the evening, your remarkable Vancouver tour ends here.

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Grand Pacific

Victoria

Discover a more personalized guest experience at our harbourfront hotel in Victoria, British Columbia. Welcome to the Hotel Grand Pacific, a hotel that recognizes that the perfect getaway has to embrace all facets of your lifestyle. During your stay, try a variety of guest experiences from walks along the Inner Harbour to yoga classes at the hotel's on-site and unparalleled athletic club.



Tofino Resort and Marina

Tofino

Perfectly situated on Vancouver Island's west coast, Tofino is a small town characterized by sandy beaches, rugged coast and a relaxed atmosphere. The resort is located right in the heart of the community where you can walk from your room to anywhere in downtown Tofino. The amenities of the property, including full-service marina and Adventure Centre were designed to reflect the west coast outdoor lifestyle.



Painter's Lodge

Campbell River

Escape to the east coast of Vancouver Island and enjoy whale watching excursions, tennis courts, an outdoor pool, and two restaurants at Painter's Lodge, Trademark Collection by Wyndham. The dog-friendly hotel is close to Discovery Fishing Pier, Rotary Beach Park, and Heriot Bay. Getting here is easy; the Campbell River Ferry Terminal is 12 km away and Campbell River Airport is 14 km away.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French & English	Canadian Dollars

Please note: This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen (weather) conditions. Departure times may vary by date, please see your confirmation email for exact departure times.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- Extra meals, ferry tolls, National Park Fees, laundry, alcoholic drinks, optional tours, portorage or any items of a personal nature