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VIEW PACKAGE

Aerial View of Desolation Sound | Credit: Destination BC / Andrew Strain

CANADA

VANCOUVER ISLAND & COAST CIRCLE SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 15412)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Vancouver	May - September	Indigenous Wildlife City Stays Self-Drive	Independent Holiday Packages

Discover the wild beauty of British Columbia on this unforgettable self-drive journey. From coastal fjords and island ferries to wildlife encounters and charming seaside towns, this adventure blends freedom, flexibility, and discovery at every turn.

Highlights

- Sail through fjord-like waters to the Sunshine Coast and across the Strait of Georgia, taking in mountains, forests, and the Gulf Islands
- Explore the Homalco First Nation village at Aupe and learn about the lives of the Northwest Coast people at Quw'utsun' Heritage Village
- Admire 800-year-old Douglas firs at Cathedral Grove, marvel at the Mars Water-Bombers, and traverse the stunning Sutton Pass and Sawtooth Range
- Witness humpbacks, orcas, grey whales, sea lions, and bears up close on guided Salish Sea and Clayoquot Sound excursions
- Explore Campbell River, Tofino, and Victoria your way with freedom of choice excursions

Entire Bonus

Peace of Mind, Every Step of the Way

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

Leading Industry-Accredited Canada Specialist

Canada Travel is a leading, industry-accredited Canada specialist, combining genuine destination expertise with the strength and stability of an established travel group – so you can book with total confidence.

This 9-day self-drive holiday invites you to journey along the Infinite Coast, where the Pacific Ocean sets the rhythm for travel. From the fjord-like waterways of the Sunshine Coast to the wild, rugged shores of Vancouver Island, every stage of the trip reveals a different side of British Columbia's dramatic landscapes.

Travel by road and ferry through old-growth forests, island-studded straits, and coastal towns shaped by the tides. Along the way, immerse yourself in experiences that connect you to the land and its people - whether it's encountering whales breaching in the Salish Sea, watching black bears forage along Tofino's shoreline, or walking with Indigenous guides who share their stories and deep-rooted traditions.

In Victoria, choose how you engage with the city's vibrant character, from exploring the lush Butchart Gardens to tasting regional flavours on a guided food tour or enjoying High Tea at the iconic Fairmont Empress. With flexible Freedom of Choice excursions, comfortable accommodation, and the independence of the open road, this itinerary blends coastal discovery, cultural connection, and breathtaking wilderness into one unforgettable journey along Canada's Pacific edge.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Sunshine Coast at West Coast Wilderness Lodge
- 2 nights in Campbell River at Coast Discovery Inn (or similar)
- 2 nights in Tofino at Water's Edge Shoreside Suites (or similar)
- 2 nights in Victoria at Inn at Laurel Point
- 9 days intermediate size car rental
- Return BC Ferries toll for vehicle & passengers, between Vancouver and Vancouver Island

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice

Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 4
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 6
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 8

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Vancouver Sunshine Coast

Depart Vancouver for Horseshoe Bay and take a 45-minute BC Ferries sailing to the Sunshine Coast. This scenic cruise passes through fjord-like waters surrounded by mountains blanketed with virgin forests and glaciated peaks. Upon arrival in Langdale, disembark the ferry and drive along a leisurely and stunningly scenic route through forests and coastal fishing villages to your overnight accommodation at the West Coast Wilderness Resort. Dinner is included today.

Overnight in Sunshine Coast at **West Coast Wilderness Lodge**

Dinner

VANCOUVER | CREDIT: ALBERT NORMANDIN

Day 2 Sunshine Coast

Spend the day surrounded by the natural beauty of Canada's Pacific Coast. The Sunshine Coast is known for its peaceful inlets, forest trails, rugged shoreline and relaxed coastal communities, making it an ideal place to enjoy outdoor adventure or simply slow down and take in the scenery. Depending on your interests, the day can be spent exploring the coast, walking through the forest, watching for wildlife, or enjoying the resort's remote wilderness setting. Breakfast and dinner are included today.

Overnight in Sunshine Coast at **West Coast Wilderness Lodge**

Breakfast, Dinner

SUNSHINE COAST | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / ALBERT NORMANDIN

Day 3 Sunshine Coast Campbell River

Today, continue north along the Sunshine Coast to Earls Cove for the 50-minute BC Ferries crossing to Saltery Bay. From here, follow the coastal route to Powell River and board another BC Ferries service across the Strait of Georgia to

Vancouver Island. As you travel, enjoy changing views of sheltered bays, forested coastline and island-dotted waters. Upon arrival on Vancouver Island, continue north to Campbell River, historically known as the “Salmon Capital of the World.” Set between Strathcona Provincial Park and the Coast Mountains, Campbell River offers a dramatic coastal setting where cruise ships pass through Discovery Passage on their journey toward Alaska. Breakfast is included today.

Overnight in Campbell River at **Coast Discovery Inn** (or similar)

Breakfast

BC FERRIES | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / ANDREW STRAIN

Day 4 Campbell River

You can personalise your day by choosing from one of two excursions.

Overnight in Campbell River at **Coast Discovery Inn** (or similar)

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Whale Watching Cruise:**

  Set out on a 4-hour marine wildlife adventure from Campbell River through the Salish Sea, Discovery Passage and the scenic Discovery Islands. Travelling with an experienced naturalist captain, choose between a comfortable covered boat or an open-air Zodiac as you search for humpback whales, orcas, dolphins, porpoises, seals, sea lions, bald eagles and other coastal wildlife in their natural habitat.

OR

- **Bald Eagle Feeding Frenzy Tour | 20 May - 31 Jul:**

  Witness one of Vancouver Island’s most dramatic seasonal wildlife spectacles on a 4-hour Zodiac excursion from Campbell River. Timed around powerful spring and early summer tidal currents near the Discovery Islands, this tour takes you safely within view of hundreds of bald eagles as they dive for hake at the ocean’s surface, with seals, sea lions and coastal seabirds often joining the feeding frenzy.

CAMPBELL RIVER | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / JORDAN DYCK

Day 5 Campbell River Tofino/Ucluelet

Today, travel southwest across Vancouver Island toward Tofino and Ucluelet on the rugged West Coast. En route, stop at Cathedral Grove to walk among towering 800-year-old Douglas fir and cedar trees, then continue to Sproat Lake, known for its historic Mars Water Bombers. The scenery becomes increasingly dramatic as you travel through Sutton Pass and the island's mountain interior before descending toward the Pacific Coast, where rainforest, surf beaches and ocean scenery create one of Canada's most spectacular coastal settings.

Overnight in Tofino at **Water's Edge Shoreside Suites** (or similar)

CATHEDRAL GROVE | CREDIT: ALBERNI VALLEY TOURISM / PETER O'HARA

Day 6 Tofino

Today, you can personalise your day by choosing from one of two excursions.

Overnight in Tofino at **Water's Edge Shoreside Suites** (or similar)

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Coastal Bear Watch Cruise:**

  Set out by Zodiac along the sheltered inlets and rocky shoreline of Clayoquot Sound in search of black bears foraging at low tide. From the comfort and safety of the vessel, watch for bears turning over stones in search of rock crab, framed by misty rainforest, tidal flats and the wild beauty of Vancouver Island's Pacific Coast.

OR

- **Whale Watching Cruise:**

  Cruise through the pristine waters of Clayoquot Sound, where forested islands, ocean swells and snow-capped mountain backdrops create a remarkable setting for marine wildlife viewing. Depending on the season, you may encounter grey whales, humpback whales, sea lions, seabirds and bald eagles soaring above the shoreline.

TOFINO | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / JOHAN LOLOS

Day 7 Tofino/Ucluelet Victoria

Leave the wave-washed beaches and rainforest trails of the West Coast behind as you travel back across Vancouver Island toward Victoria. The journey takes you from rugged Pacific scenery to rolling forests, coastal communities and the island's gentler southern landscapes. En route, stop in Chemainus, known for its large outdoor murals, and Duncan, the "City of Totems." If time permits, visit the Quw'utsun' Heritage Village for insight into the traditions, stories and artistry of the northwest coast people. Continue south to Victoria, British Columbia's elegant capital city, set beside the sparkling Inner Harbour.

Overnight in Victoria at **Inn at Laurel Point**

TOTEMS | CREDIT: TOURISM VANCOUVER ISLAND / TOURISM COWICHAN, PAIGE OWEN

Day 8 Victoria

Enjoy a personalised experience by picking one of four unique excursions today.

Overnight in Victoria at **Inn at Laurel Point**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Butchart Gardens Admission:**

  Explore the world-famous Butchart Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada and one of the most beautiful garden estates in the country. Wander through 22 hectares/55 acres of floral displays, landscaped pathways, sunken gardens and peaceful viewpoints spread across the 53-hectare/130-acre estate.

OR

- **Eat like a Canadian Food Tour:**

  Discover Victoria through its flavours on a guided culinary walking tour. Sample local ingredients, historic dishes and modern Canadian favourites while exploring the Inner Harbour and nearby neighbourhoods. Along the way, meet the chefs, makers and local food experts who help make Victoria one of Canada's most enjoyable small-city dining destinations.

OR

- **Whale Watch Cruise:**

  Head out onto the Salish Sea for a thrilling 3.5-hour whale watching cruise from Victoria. Travel aboard a covered or open vessel in search of orcas, humpback whales, sea lions, porpoises and seabirds. Hydrophones may be used to bring the underwater world to life, adding another dimension to this remarkable marine experience.

OR

- **High Tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel:**

  Enjoy the timeless tradition of Afternoon Tea at the Fairmont Empress, one of Victoria's most iconic landmarks. Settle into an elegant setting overlooking the Inner Harbour and savour fine tea, delicate finger sandwiches, pastries and freshly baked scones in a setting that reflects the city's historic charm.

BUTCHART GARDENS | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / LOCAL WANDERER

Day 9 Victoria Vancouver

Leaving Victoria, drive north to Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal for the scenic 90-minute BC Ferries crossing to Tsawwassen. As you sail through the Strait of Georgia, take in views of the Gulf Islands, forested shorelines and distant mountain peaks. From Tsawwassen, continue to downtown Vancouver, where your Flexidrive ends after a journey filled with coastal rainforest, Pacific beaches, island wildlife, garden beauty and classic Brit ish Columbia scenery.

ACCOMMODATION

West Coast Wilderness Lodge

Egmont

Located on a wooded cliff in Egmont on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, West Coast Wilderness Lodge boasts sweeping views of the inlets and nearby coastal mountains. Guests can dine at the acclaimed Inlets Restaurant, enjoying each meal with panoramic vistas from over 5,000 square feet of outdoor decking. From a leisurely breakfast to a sunset dinner, the striking scenery provides an unforgettable backdrop for every experience.

Coast Discovery Inn

Campbell River

Located right across the street from the ocean, Coast Discovery Inn is a storied landmark within the downtown Campbell River cityscape. The hotel is affectionately referred to as “the D.I.” by locals. Unwind in clean, comfy rooms and suites offering free wi-fi, flat-screen TVs and triple-sheeted beds – or splurge on a suite with a jetted tub for the ultimate in relaxation. Pets are welcome here, too!

Water's Edge Shoreside Suites

Ucluelet

Water’s Edge is the only property with access to both the serene Ucluelet Harbour & bordering Marina from every Shoreside Suite. Nestled on a peaceful island joined by a causeway within the Harbour. Nothing else compares. Stunning surroundings, breathtaking views, and open spaces.

Inn at Laurel Point

Victoria

Overlooking Laurel Point Park, this waterfront hotel is a 5-minute walk from the Black Ball Ferry Line and a 10-minute walk from the Royal BC Museum. Featuring private balconies with water views, the airy rooms include flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi, plus mini-fridges, and tea- and coffee-making equipment. There's a heated indoor pool, an exercise room, and a Japanese garden, plus a Pacific Rim-inspired restaurant with a patio and harbour views.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French & English	Canadian Dollars

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to **Pricing & Price Conditions** for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

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