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WEST COAST ISLAND DISCOVERY SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 15437)

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

Explore the endless charm of Canada's coastal landscapes. Cruise shimmering inlets, wander charming island villages, and soak in the natural beauty of the Sunshine Coast and Gulf Islands, including the serene Salt Spring, for a truly immersive coastal escape.

Highlights

- Experience Scenic Ferry Crossings & Island Hopping between Horseshoe Bay, Langdale, Earls Cove, Powell River, Comox, and the Gulf Islands
- Cross the 137m-long Capilano Suspension Bridge & Treetops Adventure and explore elevated rainforest walkways
- Travel the Sea-to-Sky Highway, passing rainforest, alpine forests and historic trails, and arrive at Whistler's charming village
- Explore the Sunshine Coast's artisan communities, forest-lined bays and scenic lookouts, and witness the powerful tides at Skookumchuck Narrows
- Unwind at the West Coast Wilderness Lodge on the Sunshine Coast, enjoying waterfront views, forested surroundings, and tranquil resort trails
- Immerse yourself in Salt Spring Island's creative spirit with local farm flavours, boutique wineries, artisan markets and peaceful harbour paddling
- Discover Victoria's historic charm, from its vibrant streets and boutique shops to its heritage architecture and waterfront promenade

Entire Bonus

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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.

Vancouver, Whistler and Victoria are the names that everyone knows, but the treasures of British Columbia extend far into the quiet bays, peaceful shorelines and ancient forests of the Sunshine Coast and Vancouver Island. Combine the highlights of the province's Big 3 destinations with a taste of island life and culture. Resorts set on sparkling waters offer days on waves, and small communities accessible only by ferry promote serene reflection and an exploration of both nature and self. Small coastal communities feature low crowds, expansive trails and uncrowded parklands, and pre-booked BC Ferry crossings make travel seamless and easy. Come discover the best of both worlds on the West Coast!



INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Vancouver at Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel (or similar)
- 2 nights in Whistler at Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre (or similar)
- 2 nights in Egmont at West Coast Wilderness Lodge
- 1 night in Courtenay at Old House Hotel
- 2 nights in Victoria at Inn at Laurel Point (or similar)
- 2 nights in Salt Spring Island at Harbour House Hotel
- 1 night in Galiano Island at Galiano Oceanfront Inn & Spa
- 1 night in Richmond at the Sandman Signature Vancouver Airport Hotel & Resort
- 14 days intermediate size car rental
- BC Ferries crossing from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale
- BC Ferries crossing from Earls Cove to Saltery Bay
- BC Ferries crossing from Powell River to Comox
- BC Ferries crossing from Swartz Bay to Salt Spring Island
- BC Ferries crossing from Salt Spring Island to Galiano Island
- BC Ferries crossing from Galiano Island to Tsawwassen
- Capilano Suspension Bridge Park Admission
- The Gardens Experience Tour

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Day 1 Vancouver

Arrive at Vancouver International Airport and collect your rental car. The rest of the day is yours to create your own urban

adventure among the shops, parks, restaurants, theatres, and other attractions of downtown Vancouver.

Overnight in Vancouver at **Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel** (or similar)



AERIAL OF VANCOUVER | CREDIT: ALBERT NORMANDIN

Day 2 Vancouver

Take some time to explore this vibrant city at your own pace, with attractions such as Canada Place, the bustling Robson Street, Chinatown, and historic Gastown. You might also visit Stanley Park en route to Cleveland Dam and the Capilano Suspension Bridge (admission included) in the North Shore rainforest. Here, cross the 137-metre-long bridge over a spectacular canyon to reach the Treetops Adventure observation structure for even more incredible views of this old-growth forest.

Overnight in Vancouver at **Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel** (or similar)



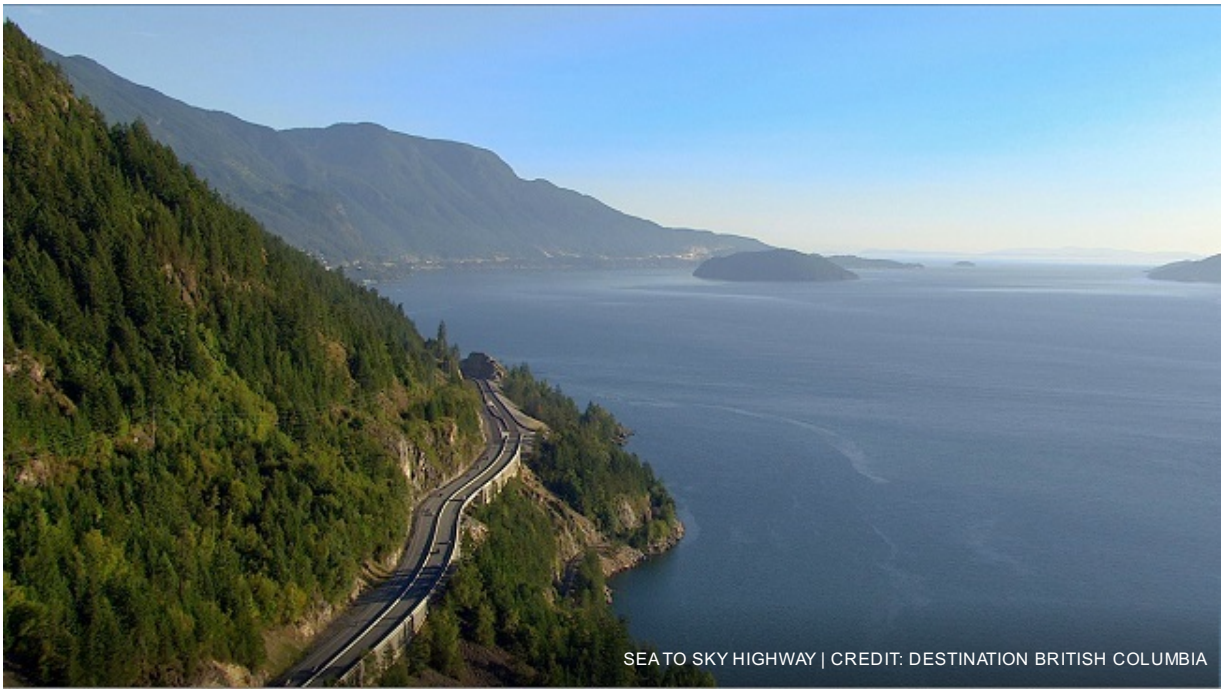
CREDIT: CAPILANO SUSPENSION BRIDGE PARK

Day 3 Vancouver Whistler

Head to Whistler, the iconic 2010 Winter Olympics village and a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Travel along the scenic Sea-

to-Sky Highway, passing through five distinct climatic zones, from rainforest to semi-arid alpine forest. The route also follows the historic Pemberton Trail and Gold Rush Trail, used by prospectors in the 19th century. Passing through small towns such as Squamish and skirting the shores of Daisy Lake, you arrive in picturesque Whistler Village at the base of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains.

Overnight in Whistler at **Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre** (or similar)



SEA TO SKY HIGHWAY | CREDIT: DESTINATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

Day 4 Whistler

The many charms of Whistler are yours to explore today. The village's cafés and restaurants provide ideal spots for visitors to leisurely wander the pedestrian walkways and town squares. Woodland trails encircle the village, alongside a well-developed network of biking and hiking paths catering to outdoor enthusiasts of all abilities.

Overnight in Whistler at **Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre** (or similar)



CREDIT: TOURISM WHISTLER / JUSTA JESKOVA

Day 5 Whistler Sunshine Coast

After another scenic drive along the Sea-to-Sky Highway, continue your journey along the stunning coastline toward the first resort of your adventure. Board a BC Ferries vessel at Horseshoe Bay, crossing the calm waters to Langdale, then drive north through charming seaside communities such as Davis Bay, with the spectacular Sechelt Inlet unfolding along the way. Arrive at your serene retreat, where you will settle in for a two-night stay.

Nestled on the shores of Egmont, the West Coast Wilderness Lodge offers a tranquil escape amid pristine forest and sparkling waterfront. Enjoy leisurely strolls along private trails, relax in the peaceful surroundings, and take in the beauty of the Inlet from your room or the lodge's inviting common areas - an idyllic base to unwind and immerse yourself in the natural splendour of British Columbia's coast.

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

Breakfast



SUNSHINE COAST | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC/DOLF VERMEULEN

Day 6 Sunshine Coast

Enjoy a full day at leisure, with the resort's amenities enhancing your stay in this outdoor paradise. Relax on your private balcony, or take a stroll along the waterfront docks. The infinity pool and hot tubs invite all guests to unwind, while canoe and kayak rentals (available at an additional cost) let you explore the local waterways.

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



WEST COAST WILDERNESS LODGE | CREDIT: DESTINATION CANADA

Day 7 Sunshine Coast Courtenay

Enjoy the views from both the water and the road! After departing the resort, board a BC Ferries vessel for the crossing from Earls Cove to Saltery Bay. A short drive along the coast brings you to your second ferry, taking you across the deep blue waters of the Strait of Georgia. On arrival in the small town of Comox, the brief drive to Courtenay allows plenty of time to check in, relax, and explore the local area and beachfront.

Overnight in Courtenay at the **Old House Hotel**



COURTENAY | CREDIT: COMOX VALLEY / JORDAN DYCK

Day 8 Courtenay Victoria

Departing Courtenay, today's journey takes you south along the east coast of Vancouver Island. Picturesque towns that embrace their island lifestyles, such as Parksville and Nanaimo, provide the perfect opportunity to stop for lunch and sample local delicacies. If time allows, the murals at Chemainus are a highlight for artists and visitors alike, showcasing First Nations culture and the area's history. Arrive in Victoria, a city renowned for its British heritage and stunning public and private gardens.

Overnight in Victoria at **Inn at Laurel Point** (or similar)



MURALS IN CHEMAINUS | CREDIT: TOURISM VANCOUVER ISLAND / BEN GIESBRECHT

Day 9 Victoria

Explore the elegant capital city of Victoria. We suggest visiting Beacon Hill Park and the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, or enjoying afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel for a touch of British charm. No visit to the city is complete without experiencing the world-famous Butchart Gardens (admission included), a spectacular 22-hectare (55-acre) National Historic Site of Canada. Wander through the beautifully landscaped grounds at your leisure, discovering vibrant flowers from around the world, peaceful walking paths and picturesque bridges.

Overnight in Victoria at **Inn at Laurel Point** (or similar)



BUTCHART GARDENS | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / LOCAL WANDERER

Day 10 Victoria Salt Spring Island

Today's short journey concludes with a scenic crossing to Salt Spring Island, a small community that embraces a relaxed

pace of life. After checking in, take some time to explore the surrounding area at your leisure and enjoy the magnificent waterfront views.

Overnight in Salt Spring Island at **Harbour House Hotel**



SALT SPRING ISLAND | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / ANDREA JOHNSON

Day 11 Salt Spring Island

Check with your hotel's front desk for available activities, such as cycling, canoeing, or visits to local markets and festivals. During the long summer days, residents often host community gatherings and events that warmly welcome visitors to their charming small towns.

Overnight in Salt Spring Island at **Harbour House Hotel**



SALT SPRING ISLAND | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / LYNDSEY EDEN

Day 12 Salt Spring Island Galiano Island

Today is a day of true island hopping en route to Galiano Island. Two ferry crossings through the local islands showcase the

stunning beauty of the inlets, sounds, and bays that define these tranquil waters. Upon arrival on Galiano Island, check in and perhaps take a scenic drive up Mount Galiano for breathtaking views, or enjoy a peaceful hike along one of the island's uncrowded trails. Overnight on Galiano Island.

Overnight in Galiano Island at **Galiano Oceanfront Inn & Spa**



GALIANO ISLAND | CREDIT: TOURISM VANCOUVER ISLAND/BEN GIESBRECHT

Day 13 Galiano Island Vancouver

Your final ferry crossing of the journey takes you to Richmond. Once known mainly as a stopover for the airport, Richmond has evolved over the years into a vibrant destination, offering an array of authentic Asian-inspired restaurants, attractions, and entertainment venues. Don't miss the chance to explore the famous Richmond Night Markets, where a vibrant mix of street food, local crafts, and entertainment comes alive after dark.

Overnight in Richmond at the **Sandman Signature Vancouver Airport Hotel & Resort** (or similar)



VANCOUVER | CREDIT: DESTINATION VANCOUVER / ALBERT NORMANDIN

Day 14 Vancouver

Today marks the end of your programme. Please ensure you check out of your hotel and allow plenty of time to check in at Vancouver International Airport for your departure flight.

ACCOMMODATION

Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre

Vancouver

The Sheraton Wall Centre Downtown Vancouver Hotel is the perfect location for strolling scenic Robson Street and Yaletown or making connections in the nearby business and financial districts. Whatever your plans are, you'll find a feeling of welcome unlike any other at one of the best Vancouver hotels.



Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre

Whistler

Ideally located in the heart of Whistler Village, Pan Pacific Village Centre Hotel offers contemporary, all-suite accommodation. Spacious suites feature full kitchens, fireplaces, and balconies for enjoying the fresh mountain air and scenic views. Guests can relax in the saltwater lap pool and two hot tubs, creating a boutique vacation experience in the heart of Whistler.



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.



Old House Hotel

Courtenay

The Old House Hotel on Vancouver Island offers boutique-style suites, a full-service spa, and four-star dining. Nestled in the scenic Comox Valley, guests can enjoy glacier views, old-growth forests, beaches, rivers, and waterfalls, along with the charm of nearby communities such as Courtenay, Comox, and Cumberland.



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.



Harbour House Hotel

Salt Spring Island

The hotel sits at the head of Ganges Harbour in the heart of Salt Spring Island, directly opposite the Marina and only a five-minute walk from Ganges Village, the island’s downtown. Patios offer stunning Salish Sea views, while the renovated full-service restaurant and function room provide a relaxed, elegant atmosphere. Discover the island’s natural beauty—from rainforests and tranquil shores to local markets and festivals—before returning to the comfort and serenity of this premier retreat.



Galiano Oceanfront Inn & Spa

Galiano Island

A boutique retreat on Galiano Island, a five-minute walk from the Sturdies Bay ferry terminal. Overlooking the Salish Sea, it offers stylish rooms and oceanfront villas with terraces, fireplaces, and spa facilities. On-site restaurants serve local cuisine, while nearby parks and trails provide opportunities to explore the island’s natural beauty.



Sandman Signature Vancouver Airport Hotel & Resort

Richmond

Just minutes from Vancouver International Airport, Sandman Signature Vancouver Airport Hotel & Resort offers a relaxing resort-style stay with modern comforts and convenient facilities. Unwind in a welcoming setting and enjoy an easy start or finish to your Vancouver adventure.

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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