



CANADA

## RAINFORESTS, WILDLIFE & SONORA SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 15438)

| STARTS AND ENDS       | TRAVEL PERIODS             | EXPERIENCE   | TRAVEL STYLE                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Victoria to Vancouver | See additional information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indigenous</li> <li>Luxury</li> <li>Wildlife</li> <li>City Stays</li> <li>Self-Drive</li> </ul> | Independent Holiday Packages |

From whale watching in Victoria to bear encounters in Tofino, with a luxurious stay at Sonora Resort, this journey blends coastal wilderness, cultural depth and indulgent comfort in one extraordinary escape.

### Highlights

- Wander through Victoria’s Inner Harbour and historic gardens, soaking in its maritime charm, manicured blooms and lively waterfront ambience
- Join a Zodiac expedition led by a certified marine biologist and witness orcas, minke and grey whales in the wild - a truly unforgettable marine encounter!
- Journey across Vancouver Island’s scenic highways, pausing at cascading waterfalls, Indigenous rock carvings and character-filled coastal towns
- Cruise the waters off Tofino on an Indigenous-guided wildlife experience, in search of coastal bears foraging along remote shorelines
- Discover the magic of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, wandering ancient rainforests, windswept beaches and dramatic coastal viewpoints
- Indulge in refined wilderness luxury at Sonora Resort, a prestigious Relais & Châteaux retreat, where untouched coastal landscapes meet world-class comfort and curated adventure

## Entire Bonus

**Limited Time Offer** Book by 15May26 and **save up to AU\$500 per couple!**

### 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 West Coast adventure takes you from the vibrant city life of Victoria to the untamed wilderness of Vancouver Island and beyond. Begin in Victoria, exploring harbours, gardens, and charming streets, then set out on a thrilling whale-watching cruise with a marine biologist. Travel across the island to Tofino and Ucluelet, where Pacific Rim National Park reveals ancient rainforests, rugged coastlines, and the chance to spot bears foraging along the shore. Continue to Sonora Resort, a luxurious Relais & Châteaux wilderness retreat offering hiking, swimming, and Zodiac eco-adventures, before crossing the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver. Here, discover a cosmopolitan city of boutique shopping, Stanley Park's forest trails, First Nations art, and waterfront vistas, concluding a journey that seamlessly blends wildlife, nature, and urban exploration.



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ON GROUND  
SUPPORT

## INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Victoria at Inn at Laurel Point (or similar)
- 2 nights in Ucluelet at Black Rock Oceanfront Resort (or similar)
- 2 nights at Sonora Resort
- 2 nights in Vancouver at Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre (or similar)
- 9 days intermediate size car rental
- Return water taxi between Campbell River and Sonora Resort
- BC Ferries crossing from Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay (car and passengers)
- Whale watching tour by Zodiac from Victoria
- Tofino bear watching & cultural tour by boat
- Eco-Adventure Marine Tour at Sonora Resort
- Use of resort facilities at Sonora Resort
- Full board at Sonora Resort

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Victoria

Arrive in Victoria and pick up your rental car at the airport. The remainder of the day is yours to begin exploring British Columbia's charming capital — wander through its scenic harbour, leafy parks and vibrant neighbourhoods, or relax in one of its welcoming cafés and restaurants. With world-class gardens, waterfront pathways and coastal scenery at your doorstep, your West Coast island adventure starts here.

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



VICTORIA | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / TANYA GOEHRING

Day **2**

## Victoria

Embark on a fascinating wildlife-viewing adventure aboard a fast-moving Zodiac rigid inflatable boat. A certified marine biologist will provide insights into the environment and behaviour of orca, minke, and grey whales, as well as other marine wildlife. Return to your hotel afterwards for an evening at leisure.

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



HUMPBACK WHALE | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC

Day **3**

## Victoria Pacific Rim National Park

Be sure to have your camera ready – a panorama of scenic beauty is about to unfold before you. Your journey takes you across Vancouver Island to the Pacific Coast, winding through ancient rainforests and provincial parks. You're venturing into true wildlife territory, highlighted by Pacific Rim National Park — a marvel of ecological and geographical diversity.

Overnight in Ucluelet at **Black Rock Oceanfront Resort** (or similar)



PACIFIC RIM NATIONAL PARK | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / YURI CHOUFOUR

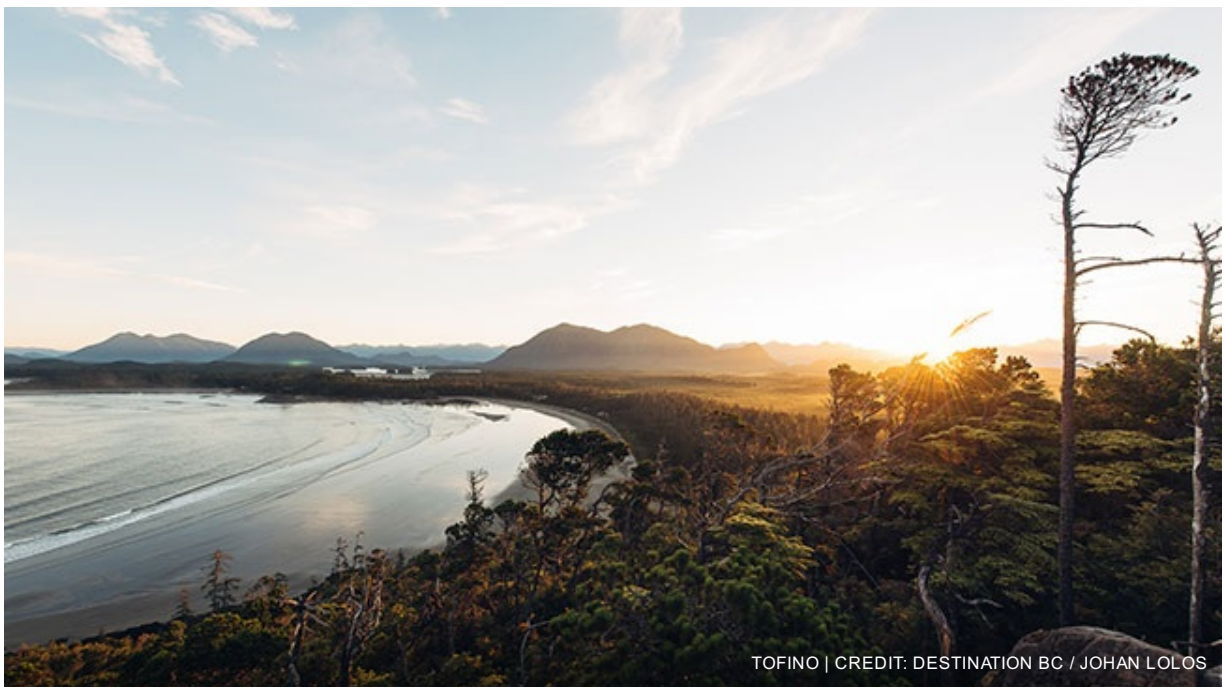
Day 4

## Pacific Rim National Park | Tofino

This bear tour in Tofino ventures into the inlets of Clayoquot Sound, offering the chance to observe black bears in their natural habitat while learning about the region's rich cultural history. Guests may also encounter sea lions, harbour seals, bald eagles, and a variety of seabirds, with occasional sightings of the more elusive coastal wolf. Knowledgeable guides provide insight into the area's history, including the effects of colonialism and the resilience of First Nations peoples in preserving cultural traditions and their connection to the land. The tour also highlights the significance of old-growth forests, which have played an integral role in the region's cultural heritage for generations.

Back on dry land, spend some time exploring the rugged coastline along scenic hiking trails or stroll the shoreline in search of shells and driftwood. You may also wish to visit the Himwitsa Art Gallery and admire its collection of authentic works from the Tofino region.

Overnight in Ucluelet at **Black Rock Oceanfront Resort** (or similar)



TOFINO | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / JOHAN LOLOS

Day 5

## Pacific Rim National Park | Sonora Resort

This morning, travel along the spectacular winding road back to the eastern coast of Vancouver Island. Along the way, you may wish to stop at some of the region's hidden gems, such as the Indigenous rock carvings at Sproat Lake or the picturesque cascades of Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park. Upon arrival in Campbell River, board a water taxi for a short ride to the stunning Sonora Resort. Settle in for the night at this quintessential west coast retreat and prepare for a day of adventure and discovery tomorrow.

Nestled on the remote shores of Sonora Island in British Columbia's rugged Discovery Islands archipelago, Sonora Resort is a standout member of the Relais & Châteaux collection, bringing together world-class comfort and full-throttle wilderness immersion. The resort's setting is breathtaking: ancient evergreen forests meet deep fjords, tidal currents swirl beneath snow-capped peaks, and the wildlife is around you at every turn — orcas surf the waves, bald eagles ride the thermals and grizzly-bears forage along the shoreline.

Your accommodation elevates the experience, designed with large windows to frame the wild views, cosy fireplaces and premium finishes. The resort is all-inclusive and covers gourmet dining (with local seafood, regionally-sourced produce and a spectacular tasting-menu experience), fine wines, guided wildlife and fishing excursions, and relaxation in spa mineral-pools.

#### Overnight at **Sonora Resort**

Dinner



Day **6**

## Sonora Resort

Enjoy a full day at this luxurious wilderness resort. Outdoor enthusiasts can take advantage of unlimited hiking, swimming, and tennis throughout the day. Board a 28 ft open-air zodiac-style boat for the ultimate marine expedition, guided by a knowledgeable wilderness expert who shares insights on the region's rich biodiversity. In the evening, savour a gourmet dinner, enjoy a fine wine on the terrace, or relax and mingle with other guests in the lounges or games room.

#### Overnight at **Sonora Resort**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CREDIT: SONORA RESORT

Day **7** Sonora Resort Vancouver

Board the water taxi for your return trip to Campbell River before continuing south along the eastern shores of Vancouver Island. Small seaside towns such as Comox offer charming spots to stop for some shopping and pick up reminders of your West Coast experience. Arriving in Nanaimo, board a BC Ferries vessel and sail across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver, where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

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

Breakfast, Lunch



VANCOUVER | CREDIT: DESTINATION VANCOUVER / ALBERT NORMANDIN

Day **8** Vancouver

Explore this vibrant, cosmopolitan city at your own pace. Boutique shops line Robson Street, offering everything from high fashion to Indigenous artwork. Consider visiting Khot-La-Cha Art Gallery and Gift Shop, which features masks, prints, gold and silver jewellery, wood carvings, textiles, and clothing created by First Nations artists. Stanley Park is interwoven with

paved forest trails and includes an engaging zoo at its centre and the fascinating Klahowya Village. The boardwalks along the seawall offer sweeping views of the water and the rising mountains of the mainland. Discover the charms and sights of this truly magnificent city on the water.

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



Day **9**

## Vancouver

Check out this morning and drive to Vancouver International Airport, returning your rental vehicle before checking in for your departing flight.

## ACCOMMODATION

### 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.



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## Black Rock Oceanfront Resort

### **Ucluelet**

A 6-minute stroll from the Wild Pacific Trail, this chic oceanfront hotel built from granite and glass is also a 14-minute walk from downtown Ucluelet. Amenities include an ultrahip bar and restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows and a seasonal patio overlooking the Pacific Ocean. There's also a serene spa with 2 hot tubs, a lounge and a seasonal plunge pool.



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## Sonora Resort

### **Sonora Resort**

Tucked away in British Columbia's remote Discovery Islands and accessible only by water or a scenic 50-minute flight from Vancouver, Sonora Resort is a luxurious Relais & Châteaux wilderness retreat where untamed nature meets refined comfort. Surrounded by rainforest and ocean, the lodge's elegant cedar-and-stone design invites the outdoors in, while oceanview rooms, rooftop hot tubs, and mineral pools provide ultimate relaxation. Guests can unwind at the Island Currents Spa, savour gourmet cuisine showcasing local ingredients, and enjoy world-class amenities including a heated outdoor pool, movie theatre, fly-fishing ponds, and more. Whether you seek adventure or tranquillity, Sonora delivers an unforgettable escape in one of Canada's most pristine coastal settings.



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## 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.



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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

### LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

- **Advertised FROM prices apply to low-season travel periods only** and are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- **Prices vary by travel date, room type, length of stay and demand**, with higher rates applying during shoulder and peak periods, including school holidays and blackout dates.
- **FROM prices may not be available on all departures** and are indicative only.

- **International flights, where included, are based on lead-in fares** and are subject to limited availability. Actual airfares may vary depending on travel dates, seat availability and airline policies.

- **Any airfare differences from the advertised package price will be advised prior to booking**, and additional charges may apply for flight upgrades or changes.

- **Additional charges may apply**, including peak-season surcharges, festive period supplements, mandatory resort dinners, upgrades and optional experiences.

- **Final pricing, inclusions and promotions are confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking** and are subject to availability and change without notice.

- **Indicative pricing shown** for advertising purposes only.

## 2026 Departures

- August - 13 - 31
- September - 1 - 30
- October - 1 - 13

## 2027 Departures

- August - 15 - 31
- September - 1 - 30
- October - 1 - 16

### Notes:

Departures are daily.

Departures from 18 May to 5 July will include overnight stays in Whistler on days 7 and 8 as opposed to Vancouver due to restricted inventory in Vancouver over these dates.

The package price is inclusive of the one-way car rental fee between Victoria and Vancouver. The one-way car rental fee will be a local payment paid direct to the car rental provider upon return of the vehicle. The one-way fee between Victoria and Vancouver is approximately CA\$200 plus local taxes (subject to change).

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## Excluded

- **Airfares and taxes**, unless expressly stated in your holiday package
- **Visa costs**, including application, processing and issuance fees
- **Local city, tourist or accommodation taxes**, where applicable, payable locally
- **Meals not specifically listed as included**, including mandatory festive or special-event dinners
- **Travel insurance and personal expenses**, including mini-bar, laundry, telephone calls and similar incidentals
- **Tips and gratuities** to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff
- **Any other services or expenses not expressly included** in the holiday package
- **Car rental rates exclude optional coverage** such as Personal Accident Insurance Plus (PAI Plus) and Personal Effects Protection (PEP)
- **GPS rental** is not included and can be requested (at an additional supplement paid locally) if required

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