

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S WEST COAST

Sunshine Coast and Vancouver Island

CALL OF THE WILD

Native people on the West Coast of British Columbia lived for millennia in moss covered rainforest valleys. They knew how to both treasure, and benefit from, wildlife and the sea. On this journey you experience the wonders of the ocean and rainforests and of beaches that are comparable to those along the south Pacific – but with snow covered mountains in the background, fascinating history and people, and a sense of remoteness and adventure.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival in Vancouver

Pick up your rental car at the airport.
Check in at your hotel.

Day 2: Vancouver

Enjoy the Granville Island market, Stanley Park, English Bay, Gastown, Chinatown, Capilano Suspension Bridge, Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre. Go for a walk or rent a bike for a tour along the shore. For a bird's eye view of the city, take the tram up to Grouse Mountain. Enjoy the many town beaches, the diversity of cultures, the varied culinary experiences, and we're sure you get the sense and feeling of being in one of North America's most beautiful cities.

Day 3: Sunshine Coast – Cultural experience

A beautiful drive takes you along the Sunshine Coast on the last part of the 15,020 km long Hwy # 101 that starts in Chile and ends in Lund, BC. Take the ferry to Langdale (40 min). Guided walk through the rain forest with a native guide*.

Day 4 and 5: Wilderness Lodge

Enjoy this remote lodge by the seaside. On the second day you go on a kayak tour* or fresh water fishing.

Day 6: To the end of Pan American Hwy # 101

The drive continues north and you take a ferry. You stop in Lund – the beginning and the end of Hwy # 101. Take the water taxi and enjoy a wonderful day on Savary Island with its beautiful beaches. The next two nights you stay at historic Lund Hotel.



Day 7: Desolation Sound Marine Provincial Park

You have a day to enjoy this area, considered as the diving capital of Canada.

Day 8 and 9: Quadra Island – whale watching

After a picturesque ferry trip you continue north on the island to Campbell River. A short ferry crossing takes you to Quadra Island and to a wonderful traditional style lodge. On the following day you go on a whale watching tour* from Heriot Bay.

Option A

Day 10: East coast – west coast Vancouver Island

Drive south from Quadra Island to the Cowichan area where you take a newly opened road in 2009 "The Pacific Coastal Highway" that leads you across the mountains to the community of Port Renfrew. You will stay high above the inlet with incredible views in comfortable yurts where you almost feel you spend the night outside.

Day 11 and 12: Hiking Juan de Fuca Trail

You have two days to explore the Juan de Fuca Trail. We suggest a full day hike on one day and then on the second day to explore the tidal pools at Botanical Beach.

Day 13: Drive to Victoria

You leave the west coast and drive towards Sooke and into Victoria.

Option B

Day 10: East coast – west coast Vancouver Island

Drive south from Quadra Island, passing mountain ranges until you come to the community of Port Alberni. You will take the afternoon watertaxi to a beautiful secluded lodge that borders the Pacific Rim National Park "Broken Group Islands" where you stay for the next three nights.

Day 11 and 12: Activities on the West Coast

You have two days where you can enjoy the beautiful west coast, a warm hospitality provided by the hosts and activities from kayaking to hiking in the rainforest.

Day 13: Drive to Victoria

The water taxi takes you back to civilization. The journey will take you from there to the Island Highway and south along coastal communities into BC's British coloured capital.

Day 14 – Victoria

Victoria has beautiful sights to discover from the wharf to the Government Building to Museum of British Columbia with its special Northwest Coast exhibition of the Nuuchah-nulth tribe

Day 15: Victoria – Vancouver

You leave Victoria and take the ferry to the main land to Tsawwassen. You can go directly to the airport and fly back home, after an adventurous and unforgettable journey.

Trip Map



Price per person based on double occupancy

High Season Option A

CAD 3,720 plus tax

High Season Option B

CAD 4,695 plus tax

Low Season Option A (B not possible)

CAD 2,905 plus tax

Included

- 14 days car rental – intermediate size, unlimited km, including all taxes and fees and LDW
- 14 nights accommodation
- Breakfast in Vancouver and Victoria, breakfast and dinner at wilderness lodge and Port Renfrew, all inclusive at the lodge near Pacific Rim National Park
- Activities marked with an asterisk

Not included

- Meals not mentioned
- Activities not marked with an asterisk
- Gratuities
- Taxes

Prices are subject to change without notice. All prices are in Canadian funds and are subject to applicable taxes.



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