

## Day 1

### Arrival in Victoria

Following your arrival in Victoria, check in at your downtown hotel. The Roadbook you received has all the information needed for your holiday/trip/journey. Take the rest of the day to create your own west coast island adventure amid the colonial heritage splendor, parks, restaurants, and gardens of British Columbia's capital city.

### Overnight Victoria

Duration        2 Nights

## Day 2

### Victoria

Today you embark on a fascinating wildlife viewing adventure aboard a fastmoving Zodiac rigid boat. A certified marine biologist provides insight into the environment and habits of orca, minke and grey whales as well as other marine wildlife. Return to your hotel afterwards and enjoy Victoria's bars, pubs, brewpubs, and extraordinary range of restaurants.

### Overnight Victoria

## Day 3

### Victoria to Tofino (317 km / 197 miles)

Be sure to have your real or mental camera ready because the scenery about to unfold in front of you is astonishingly beautiful. Your road leads across Vancouver Island to the Pacific Coast winding through ancient rainforests and provincial parks. You're venturing into true wildlife territory, exemplified by The Pacific Rim National Park, a marvel of ecological and geographical diversity.

### Overnight Tofino

Duration        2 Nights

## Day 4

### Tofino

Today you board a Zodiac boat to take a captivating bear watching excursion and speed along the lush coastline to the bears' feeding grounds. When the tide goes out the bears emerge from the forests and forage along the shores in search of rock crabs, providing the perfect opportunity to see these incredible creatures in their natural habitat. Back on dry land, you're free to explore the rugged coastline along the network of hiking trails or to walk the shoreline in search of shells and driftwood. Perhaps enrich your experience with a visit to the Himwitsa Art Gallery and marvel at the collection of authentic pieces native to the Tofino area.

### Overnight Tofino

## Day 5

### Tofino to Sonora Resort (290 km / 180 miles Land Only)

This morning, the spectacular winding road takes you back to the eastern coast of Vancouver Island with. Your route will introduce you to many gems you may wish to stop at for a brief visit at the native rock carvings at Sproat Lake or the picturesque falls at Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park. Upon arrival in Campbell River, you board a water taxi for the short boat ride to the stunning Sonora Resort. Settle in for the night at this quintessential west coast resort and prepare yourself for tomorrow's day of adventure and discovery! Dinner included.

### Overnight Sonora Resort

Meal Plan      Dinner

Duration        2 Nights

## Day 6

### Sonora Resort

You have the entire day at this luxurious wilderness resort. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy unlimited hiking, swimming, and tennis throughout their stay. Today you enjoy one of two thrilling nature adventures: Embark on a thrilling 1-hour Eco-Adventure Tour aboard an 8.53m Zodiac boat, accompanied by your knowledgeable wilderness guide. In the evening, sit down to a gourmet dinner, sip a fine wine on a terrace, or mingle with other guests in one of the lounges or games room. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included.

### Overnight Sonora Resort

Meal Plan      Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## Day 7

Sonora Resort to Vancouver (290 km / 180 miles Land Only)

Today you board the water taxi for your return trip to Campbell River where you continue your drive south along the eastern shores of Vancouver Island. Small seaside towns such as Comox offer delightful spots to stop for some shopping for reminders of your west coast experience. Arriving in Nanaimo, you board a BC Ferries vessel and sail across the Strait of Georgia to arrive in Vancouver where the remainder of the day is at leisure. Explore neighborhoods such as Gastown, Yaletown or Granville Island or dine out at one of Vancouver's many excellent restaurants. Breakfast and lunch included.

Overnight Vancouver

Meal Plan      Breakfast and Lunch

Duration      2 Nights

## Day 8

Vancouver (160 km / 99 miles Land Only)

Today is yours to explore this vibrant cosmopolitan city. Boutique shoppes line Robson Street, offering everything from high fashion to aboriginal artwork. Perhaps pay a visit to Khot-La-Cha Art Gallery and Gift Shop, featuring masks, prints, gold and silver jewelry, wood carvings, textiles and clothing produced by First Nation artists. Stanley Park is interwoven with paved forested trails and features an enthralling zoo at its centre and the fascinating Klahowya Village. The boardwalks along the seawall provide 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 Vancouver

## Day 9

Vancouver

Today you check out and proceed to Vancouver International Airport in time to check-in for your departure flight or stay in the city if you have plans to extend your trip.