

DISCOVERING VANCOUVER ISLAND 8 Days: July 21 - 28, 2021



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ✓ Pick up at your door (Greater Victoria)
- √12 Meals
- ✓ Deluxe Charter Vehicle for 8 days
- √Tugwell Creek Honey Farm & Meadery
- √Pacific Marine Circle Route
- √Coombs Country Market
- √Vancouver Island Wildlife Rescue Centre
- √Cathedral Grove
- √Cruise through Broken Islands on MV Frances
- Barkley √Ucluelet
- ✓ Pacific Rim National Park
- ✓ Port Alberni Marine Discovery Centre
- √Mt. Washington Scenic Chairlift

- √Cruise through Goletas Channel to Cape
- Sutil
- ✓ Port McNeil
- √Ferry to Cormorant Island
- √Alert Bay
- √Fanny Bay
- √Parksville & Rathtrevor Beach
- √Tigh-Na-Mara Resort
- √Chemainus Theatre Show & Lunch
- √Luggage handling at all hotels
- ✓All local taxes and fees
- √Gratuities on all included meals
- √Services of a professional Tour Director
- √Gratuities for Tour Director & Driver

HOTELS:

DAY 1: WEST COAST TRAIL LODGE

PORT RENFREW

Day 2-3: Best Western Plus **BARCLAY HOTEL**

PORT ALBERNI

DAY 4: HERON'S LANDING HOTEL **CAMPBELL RIVER**

DAY 5-6: K'WALILAS HOTEL PORT HARDY

DAY 7: TIGH-NA-MARA SEASIDE RESORT **PARKSVILLE**

Day 1 — Wednesday, July 21, 2021 — Victoria — Sooke — Port Renfrew

Depart Victoria this morning for a leisurely drive to Sooke. At Tugwell Creek Honey Farm & Meadery taste the world's first fermented beverage before traversing a wilderness highway designed by Mother Nature to arrive in the wild coastal community of Port Renfrew. Tonight, join your fellow travellers and Tour Director for dinner in the cozy community.

Today's dinner is included

Day 2 - Thursday July 22, 2021 - Port Renfrew to Port Alberni

After breakfast, we climb eastward on a winding, scenic route with gorgeous panoramic views of Lake Cowichan's backcountry. Stop for lunch at the delightful Coombs Country Market and then visit North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre, an eightacre world-class wildlife rehabilitation facility specializing in raptors and black bears. Marvel at towering ancient Douglas fir trees, some more than 800 years old, at Cathedral Grove. We arrive this evening in the City of Port Alberni surrounded by mountains, freshwater lakes and streams for a two-night stay.

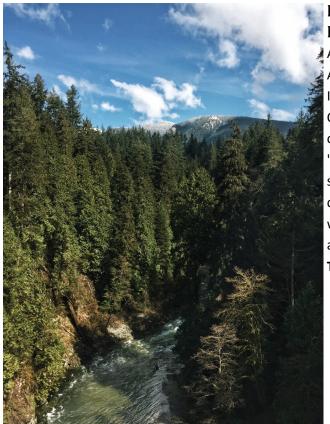


Today's breakfast and dinner are included

DAY 3 - FRIDAY JULY 23, 2021 - PORT ALBERNI

This morning we set sail aboard a working Packet Freighter on Vancouver Island's longest inlet, Alberni Inlet. Opportunities abound to see a variety of wildlife – whales, seals sunning on the rocks and bears foraging for mussels. Have your camera turned on and binoculars handy to spot seabirds and eagles. We will disembark in Ucluelet in time for lunch. This afternoon travel through the coastal landscapes of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, fundamental to the sustenance and heritage of the Nuu-chah-nulth people, before traversing the Pacific Coast Highway and returning to Port Alberni for a free evening.

Today's breakfast is included



Day 4 - Saturday July 24, 2021 -PORT ALBERNI TO CAMPBELL RIVER

After breakfast travel through the rich maritime history of the Alberni Valley, Alberni Inlet, Barkley Sound and Vancouver Island's rugged west coast at the Port Alberni Maritime Discovery Centre constructed from an actual coastal lighthouse. Visit the only commercial steam-operated sawmill in Canada; the McLean 'Steam" Sawmill. Later, depart Campbell River heading north, stopping at the Mount Washington Alpine Resort. Here a scenic chairlift ride will whisk you away to Mt. Washington's summit where stunning views of the Salish Seas and Strathcona Park await. Later this afternoon, we continue to Campbell River.

Today's breakfast is included

Day 5 - Sunday July 25, 2021 - Campbell River to Port Hardy

This morning we journey on a tree lined highway into the Northern wilderness. We board a boat in Port McNeill and continue our journey on water taking the Goletas Channel as we cruise to Cape Sutil—the most northern point of the island (weather dependent). This trip will be an adventure of a lifetime with the opportunity for wildlife viewing humpback whales, orcas and sea birds. Our boat tour concludes in Port Hardy where we check into a charming First Nations Hotel and enjoy a delicious dinner.

Today's breakfast and dinner are included

Day 6 - Monday July 26, 2021 -

PORT HARDY—PORT MCNEILL—ALERT BAY—TELEGRAPH COVE—PORT HARDY

We make an early start to hop on the ferry from Port McNeill to Alert Bay, on Cormorant Island. It is the oldest community on northern Vancouver Island and a rare and remarkable Aboriginal cultural destination. Heritage buildings and old village houses on the waterfront still speak of the early pioneer days, where a fish saltery existed in 1870. Alert Bay is internationally renowned as a centre for First Nation culture. We return to Port McNeill for lunch where the world's largest burl is located, weighing an estimated 72 tonnes and measuring 45 feet in circumference. A short drive

brings us to Telegraph Cove nestled at the northern end of Johnstone Strait with its preserved historic multi-coloured buildings on stilts and beautiful ocean views. Later we return to our hotel in Port Hardy for a free evening.

Today's breakfast is included

Day 7 - Tuesday July 27, 2021 -PORT HARDY TO PARKSVILLE

We leave Port Hardy for Fanny Bay, best known for its famous oysters. We will lunch at a local restaurant in this small hamlet on the east coast of our Island and you will have time to browse for unusual artisan works at the Salish Sea Market. Travel on to your seaside resort in Parksville, the award winning Tigh-Na-Mara and enjoy Rathtrevor Beach with its warm ocean water.





Day 8 - Wednesday July 28, 2021 - Parksville - Chemainus - Victoria

This morning we travel south to a little town with a big personality – Chemainus. Artists painted heritage murals on the buildings now known as the world's largest outdoor gallery. Lunch at the Chemainus theatre followed by a matinee show will be a fitting end to your Island tour. Finally, we will raise a toast in the beautiful Cowichan Valley and say "Cheers," there's no place like home!

Today's breakfast and lunch are included



Tour Policies:

Early Booking: A \$250 discount is offered off the first 10 seats booked and \$100 off the next 10 until April 19, 2021

Deposit and Payment: A \$400 deposit per person is required with booking or booking may be cancelled. Full payment is required by May 17, 2021.

Price Changes: In the event of significant changes in taxes or surcharges by suppliers or local government Mile Zero Tours reserves the right to increase price up until time of final payment.

Cancellation policy: Full refund less \$50 per person admin fee if cancelled before April 19, 2021 from April 19 to May 17 non-refundable amount increases to \$150. After May 17, 2021 only 50% is refundable and after June 18, 2021 only 15% is refundable. There are no refunds offered after July 7, 2021. We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance as Mile Zero Tours cannot issue refunds, no matter the reason, beyond the scope of the above-mentioned policy.

Terms of Travel: Please also review our <u>Terms of Travel</u> before booking.

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