



## CANADA

# VANCOUVER ISLAND & COAST CIRCLE SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 15412)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Vancouver

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 May 26 - 30 Sep 26

### EXPERIENCE

Indigenous  
Wildlife  
City Stays  
Self-Drive

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Discover the wild beauty of British Columbia on this unforgettable self-drive journey. From coastal fjords and island ferries to wildlife encounters and charming seaside towns, this adventure blends freedom, flexibility, and discovery at every turn.

## Highlights

- Sail through fjord-like waters to the Sunshine Coast and across the Strait of Georgia, taking in mountains, forests, and the Gulf Islands
- Explore the Homalco First Nation village at Aupe and learn about the lives of the Northwest Coast people at Quw'utsun' Heritage Village
- Admire 800-year-old Douglas firs at Cathedral Grove, marvel at the Mars Water-Bombers, and traverse the stunning Sutton Pass and Sawtooth Range
- Witness humpbacks, orcas, grey whales, sea lions, and bears up close on guided Salish Sea and Clayoquot Sound excursions
- Explore Campbell River, Tofino, and Victoria your way with freedom of choice excursions

This 9-day self-drive holiday invites you to journey along the Infinite Coast, where the Pacific Ocean sets the rhythm for travel. From the fjord-like waterways of the Sunshine Coast to the wild, rugged shores of Vancouver Island, every stage of the trip reveals a different side of British Columbia's dramatic landscapes.

Travel by road and ferry through old-growth forests, island-studded straits, and coastal towns shaped by the tides. Along the way, immerse yourself in experiences that connect you to the land and its people - whether it's encountering whales breaching in the Salish Sea, watching black bears forage along Tofino's shoreline, or walking with Indigenous guides who share their stories and deep-rooted traditions.

In Victoria, choose how you engage with the city's vibrant character, from exploring the lush Butchart Gardens to tasting regional flavours on a guided food tour or enjoying High Tea at the iconic Fairmont Empress. With flexible Freedom of Choice excursions, comfortable accommodation, and the independence of the open road, this itinerary blends coastal discovery, cultural connection, and breathtaking wilderness into one unforgettable journey along Canada's Pacific edge.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Sunshine Coast at West Coast Wilderness Lodge
- 2 nights in Campbell River at Coast Discovery Inn (or similar)
- 2 nights in Tofino at Water's Edge Shoreside Suites (or similar)
- 2 nights in Victoria at Inn at Laurel Point
- Return BC Ferries toll for vehicle & passengers, between Vancouver and Vancouver Island

Freedom of Choice Days

## Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 4
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 6
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 8

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Vancouver Sunshine Coast

Depart Vancouver for Horseshoe Bay and take a 45-minute BC Ferries sailing to the Sunshine Coast. This scenic cruise passes through fjord-like waters surrounded by mountains blanketed with virgin forests and glaciated peaks. Upon arrival in Langdale, disembark the ferry and drive along a leisurely and stunningly scenic route through forests and coastal fishing

villages to your overnight accommodation at the West Coast Wilderness Resort.

## Overnight in Sunshine Coast at **West Coast Wilderness Lodge**

Dinner



VANCOUVER | CREDIT: ALBERT NORMANDIN

Day

2

## Sunshine Coast

The beautiful natural landscapes of Canada's Pacific Coast offer the opportunity to enjoy a variety of outdoor adventures.

## Overnight in Sunshine Coast at **West Coast Wilderness Lodge**

Breakfast, Dinner



SUNSHINE COAST | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / ALBERT NORMANDIN

Day

3

## Sunshine Coast Campbell River

Today, travel north to Earls Cove for a 50-minute BC Ferries ride to Saltery Bay. Continue along the coast to Powell River to



board another BC Ferries service across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver Island, then travel north to Campbell River.

Overnight in Campbell River at **Coast Discovery Inn** (or similar)

Breakfast



Day 4

## Campbell River

You can personalise your day by choosing from one of three excursions.

Overnight in Campbell River at **Coast Discovery Inn** (or similar)

### Freedom of Choice Options

- **People Water Land:**

Experience an authentic cultural and whale-watching excursion through the Salish Sea to the historic Homalco First Nation village site of Aupe (Church House). Humpback and killer whales are commonly seen in these scenic waters, along with other iconic marine wildlife. Walk onto the shores of Aupe with a Homalco guide to explore its rich and complex history.

OR

- **Salish Sea Whale Watching Cruise:**

Enjoy an unforgettable small-group marine adventure to see whales (Qʷənéš) with an experienced marine wildlife guide. These modern and comfortable boats ensure you can safely explore the Salish Sea in search of humpbacks, orcas, dolphins, sea lions, other marine mammals, and a variety of seabirds in their natural habitat.



CAMPBELL RIVER | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / JORDAN DYCK

## Day 5

### Campbell River Tofino/Ucluelet

Today, head south-west to Tofino on the rugged West Coast. En route, make picture stops at Cathedral Grove to admire the splendour of 800-year-old Douglas fir and cedar trees, and at Sproat Lake to see the Mars Water-Bombers, the world's two largest water-bombers used solely for fighting forest fires. After visiting the Mars Water-Bombers, continue through the majestic Sutton Pass and the Sawtooth Range of the Cascade Mountains to arrive in Tofino around mid-afternoon.

Overnight in Tofino at **Water's Edge Shoreside Suites** (or similar)



CATHEDRAL GROVE | CREDIT: ALBERNI VALLEY TOURISM / PETER O'HARA

## Day 6

### Tofino

Today, you can personalise your day by choosing from one of two excursions.

Overnight in Tofino at **Water's Edge Shoreside Suites** (or similar)



### Freedom of Choice Options

- **Coastal Bear Watch Cruise:**

Search for foraging bears from the comfort and safety of a 24' Zodiac vessel. Black bears, abundant on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, roam the shores at low tide in search of their favourite delicacy, the rock crab.

OR

- **Whale Watching Cruise:**

Cruise through the pristine waters of Clayoquot Sound to take in the stunning scenery and abundant wildlife. Depending on the time of year, you may encounter grey whales, humpback whales, sea lions, seabirds, and resident bald eagles.



Day **7**

## Tofino/Ucluelet Victoria

Travel back to the east coast of Vancouver Island and head south to Victoria. En route, stop at the artist community of Chemainus, where you can admire the giant murals that adorn the exterior walls throughout the town, and at Duncan, the “City of Totems.” If time permits, visit the Quw’utsun’ Heritage Village, which offers insight into the lives of the Northwest Coast people (seasonal hours – admission not included).

Overnight in Victoria at **Inn at Laurel Point**



## Victoria

Enjoy a personalised experience by picking one of two unique excursions today.

Overnight in Victoria at **Inn at Laurel Point**

### Freedom of Choice Options

- **Butchart Gardens Admission:**

On its 100th birthday in 2004, Butchart Gardens was named a National Historic Site of Canada. Explore 22 hectares (55 acres) of breathtaking gardens on the 53-hectare (130-acre) estate.

OR

- **Eat like a Canadian Food Tour:**

Not many people can define exactly what Canadian cuisine is. From local ingredients to historic dishes, this tour offers the perfect way to experience Canada's culinary culture. Sip and savour local flavours, explore the iconic Inner Harbour, and meet the chefs and owners who make Victoria such an exciting culinary hotspot.

OR

- **Whale Watch Cruise:**

Get up close with killer whales in the Salish Sea on this guided 3.5-hour whale-watching cruise from Victoria. Climb aboard a covered or open boat equipped with hydrophones to hear the whales and experience the underwater world like never before.

OR

- **High Tea at the Empress Hotel:**

Enjoy high tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel, a delightful and traditional experience. Indulge in a lavish array of teas, finger sandwiches, pastries, and scones, served in an elegant setting that enhances the charm of this historic Victoria, British Columbia, landmark.





Day 9

## Victoria Vancouver

Leaving Victoria, drive north to Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal for a 90-minute ferry ride to Tsawwassen. On board BC Ferries, enjoy the scenery of the Gulf Islands as you cross the Strait of Georgia. From Tsawwassen, continue on to downtown Vancouver, where your Flexidrive ends.

## ACCOMMODATION

### 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.





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## Coast Discovery Inn

### Campbell River

Located right across the street from the ocean, Coast Discovery Inn is a storied landmark within the downtown Campbell River cityscape. The hotel is affectionately referred to as “the D.I.” by locals. Unwind in clean, comfy rooms and suites offering free wi-fi, flat-screen TVs and triple-sheeted beds – or splurge on a suite with a jetted tub for the ultimate in relaxation. Pets are welcome here, too!



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## Water's Edge Shoreside Suites

### Ucluelet

Water's Edge is the only property with access to both the serene Ucluelet Harbour & bordering Marina from every Shoreside Suite. Nestled on a peaceful island joined by a causeway within the Harbour. Nothing else compares. Stunning surroundings, breathtaking views, and open spaces.



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## 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.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**  
French & English

**LOCAL CURRENCY**  
Canadian Dollars

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our 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