



## CANADA

# WEST COAST ISLAND DISCOVERY SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 15437)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Vancouver

### TRAVEL PERIODS

02 May 26 - 26 Sep 26

### EXPERIENCE

Indigenous  
Cultural  
City Stays  
Self-Drive

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

From vibrant city streets to tranquil islands, explore the best of Canada's west coast. Discover Vancouver, alpine Whistler, and the serene Gulf Islands on a 14-day journey of adventure, nature, and unforgettable scenery.

## Highlights

- Experience Scenic Ferry Crossings & Island Hopping between Horseshoe Bay, Langdale, Earls Cove, Powell River, Comox, and the Gulf Islands
- Cross the 137m-long Capilano Suspension Bridge & Treetops Adventure and explore elevated rainforest walkways
- Travel the Sea-to-Sky Highway, passing rainforest, alpine forests and historic trails, and arrive at Whistler's charming village
- Unwind at the West Coast Wilderness Lodge at Egmont, enjoying waterfront views, forested surroundings, and tranquil resort trails
- Discover Victoria's historic charm, from its vibrant streets and boutique shops to its heritage architecture and waterfront promenade

Vancouver, Whistler and Victoria are the names that everyone knows, but the treasures of British Columbia extend far into the quiet bays, peaceful shorelines and ancient forests of the Sunshine Coast and Vancouver Island. Combine the highlights of the province's Big 3 destinations with a taste of island life and culture. Resorts set on sparkling waters offer days on waves, and small communities accessible only by ferry promote serene reflection and an exploration of both nature and self. Small coastal communities feature low crowds, expansive trails and uncrowded parklands, and pre-booked BC Ferry crossings make travel seamless and easy. Come discover the best of both worlds on the West Coast!



- ✓ 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 Vancouver at Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel (or similar)
- 2 nights in Whistler at Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre (or similar)
- 2 nights in Egmont at West Coast Wilderness Lodge
- 1 night in Courtenay at Old House Hotel
- 2 nights in Victoria at Inn at Laurel Point (or similar)
- 2 nights in Salt Spring Island at Harbour House Hotel
- 1 night in Galiano Island at Galiano Oceanfront Inn & Spa
- 1 night in Richmond or Vancouver International Airport
- BC Ferries crossing from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale
- BC Ferries crossing from Earls Cove to Saltery Bay
- BC Ferries crossing from Powell River to Comox
- BC Ferries crossing from Swartz Bay to Salt Spring Island
- BC Ferries crossing from Salt Spring Island to Galiano Island
- BC Ferries crossing from Galiano Island to Tsawwassen

## ITINERARY

Day

1

### Vancouver

Arrive at Vancouver International Airport and transfer independently to your downtown hotel. The rest of the day is yours to create your own urban adventure among the shops, parks, restaurants, theatres, and other attractions of downtown Vancouver.

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



AERIAL OF VANCOUVER | CREDIT: ALBERT NORMANDIN

Day **2**

## Vancouver

Take some time to explore this vibrant city at your own pace, with attractions such as Canada Place, the bustling Robson Street, Chinatown, and historic Gastown. You might also visit Stanley Park en route to Cleveland Dam and the Capilano Suspension Bridge in the North Shore rainforest. Here, cross the 137-metre-long bridge over a spectacular canyon to reach the Treetops Adventure observation structure for even more incredible views of this old-growth forest.

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



TOTEM POLES IN STANLEY PARK | CREDIT: DESTINATION VANCOUVER / KAZUTOSHI YOSHIMURI

Day **3**

## Vancouver Whistler

Head to Whistler, the iconic 2010 Winter Olympics village and a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Travel along the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway, passing through five distinct climatic zones, from rainforest to semi-arid alpine forest. The route also follows the historic Pemberton Trail and Gold Rush Trail, used by prospectors in the 19th century. Passing through small towns such as Squamish and skirting the shores of Daisy Lake, you arrive in picturesque Whistler Village at the base of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains.

Overnight in Whistler at **Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre** (or similar)



Day **4**

## Whistler

The many charms of Whistler are yours to explore today. The village's cafés and restaurants provide ideal spots for visitors to leisurely wander the pedestrian walkways and town squares. Woodland trails encircle the village, alongside a well-developed network of biking and hiking paths catering to outdoor enthusiasts of all abilities.

Overnight in Whistler at **Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre**



Day **5**

## Whistler Egmont

After another scenic drive along the Sea-to-Sky Highway, it's time to follow the stunning coastline en route to the first resort of your package. Cross the calm waters of Horseshoe Bay on a BC Ferries vessel, disembark at Langdale, and continue north through charming seaside communities such as Davis Bay, passing the headwaters of the breathtaking Sechelt Inlet.

Check in to your idyllic retreat for a two-night stay.

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



Day **6**

## Egmont

Enjoy a full day at leisure, with the resort's amenities enhancing your stay in this outdoor paradise. Relax on your private balcony, or take a stroll along the waterfront docks. The infinity pool and hot tubs invite all guests to unwind, while canoe and kayak rentals (available at an additional cost) let you explore the local waterways.

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



Day **7**

## Egmont Courtenay

Today, you'll enjoy the views from both the water and the road! After departing the resort, board a BC Ferries vessel for the crossing from Earls Cove to Saltery Bay. A short drive along the coast brings you to your second ferry, taking you across the deep blue waters of the Strait of Georgia. On arrival in the small town of Comox, the brief drive to Courtenay allows plenty of

time to check in, relax, and explore the local area and beachfront.

Overnight in Courtenay at **Old House Hotel**



## Day 8 Courtenay Victoria

Departing Courtenay, today's journey takes you south along the east coast of Vancouver Island. Picturesque towns that embrace their island lifestyles, such as Parksville and Nanaimo, provide the perfect opportunity to stop for lunch and sample local delicacies. If time allows, the murals at Chemainus are a highlight for artists and visitors alike, showcasing First Nations culture and the area's history. Arrive in Victoria, a city renowned for its British heritage and stunning public and private gardens.

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



## Day 9 Victoria

Explore the elegant capital city of Victoria. We suggest visiting Beacon Hill Park and the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. You might also choose to enjoy afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel and experience a touch of British charm. No visit to the city is complete without a tour of the world-famous Butchart Gardens, a spectacular collection of thousands of plants bursting with vibrant colours and textures.

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



## Day 10 Victoria Salt Spring Island

Today's short journey concludes with a scenic crossing to Salt Spring Island, a small community that embraces a relaxed pace of life. After checking in, take some time to explore the surrounding area at your leisure and enjoy the magnificent waterfront views.

Overnight in Salt Spring Island at **Harbour House Hotel**



## Day 11 Salt Spring Island

Check with your hotel's front desk for available activities, such as cycling, canoeing, or visits to local markets and festivals. During the long summer days, residents often host community gatherings and events that warmly welcome visitors to their charming small towns.

Overnight in Salt Spring Island at **Harbour House Hotel**



SALT SPRING ISLAND | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / LYNDSEY EDEN

## Day 12 Salt Spring Galiano Island

Today is a day of true island hopping en route to Galiano Island. Two ferry crossings through the local islands showcase the stunning beauty of the inlets, sounds, and bays that define these tranquil waters. Upon arrival on Galiano Island, check in and perhaps take a scenic drive up Mount Galiano for breathtaking views, or enjoy a peaceful hike along one of the island's uncrowded trails. Overnight on Galiano Island.

Overnight in Galiano Island at **Galiano Oceanfront Inn & Spa**



GALIANO ISLAND | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / BEN GIESBRECHT

Your final ferry crossing of the journey takes you to Richmond. Once known mainly as a stopover for the airport, Richmond has evolved over the years into a vibrant destination, offering an array of authentic Asian-inspired restaurants, attractions, and entertainment venues.

Overnight in **Richmond** or **Vancouver**



Today marks the end of your programme. Please ensure you check out of your hotel and allow plenty of time to check in at Vancouver International Airport for your departure flight.

## ACCOMMODATION

### 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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## Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre

### Whistler

Ideally located in the heart of Whistler Village, Pan Pacific Village Centre Hotel offers contemporary, all-suite accommodation. Spacious suites feature full kitchens, fireplaces, and balconies for enjoying the fresh mountain air and scenic views. Guests can relax in the saltwater lap pool and two hot tubs, creating a boutique vacation experience in the heart of Whistler.



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## 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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# Old House Hotel

## Courtenay

The Old House Hotel on Vancouver Island offers boutique-style suites, a full-service spa, and four-star dining. Nestled in the scenic Comox Valley, guests can enjoy glacier views, old-growth forests, beaches, rivers, and waterfalls, along with the charm of nearby communities such as Courtenay, Comox, and Cumberland.



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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.



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## Harbour House Hotel

### Salt Spring Island

The hotel sits at the head of Ganges Harbour in the heart of Salt Spring Island, directly opposite the Marina and only a five-minute walk from Ganges Village, the island's downtown. Patios offer stunning Salish Sea views, while the renovated full-service restaurant and function room provide a relaxed, elegant atmosphere. Discover the island's natural beauty—from rainforests and tranquil shores to local markets and festivals—before returning to the comfort and serenity of this premier retreat.



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## Galiano Oceanfront Inn & Spa

### Galiano Island

A boutique retreat on Galiano Island, a five-minute walk from the Sturdies Bay ferry terminal. Overlooking the Salish Sea, it offers stylish rooms and oceanfront villas with terraces, fireplaces, and spa facilities. On-site restaurants serve local cuisine, while nearby parks and trails provide opportunities to explore the island's natural beauty.



## 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