



CANADA

RAINFORESTS, WILDLIFE & SONORA SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 15438)

STARTS AND ENDS

Victoria to
Vancouver

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 May 26 - 10 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE

Indigenous
Cultural
Wildlife
City Stays
Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

From whale watching in Victoria to bear spotting in Tofino, with indulgent stays at Sonora Resort and vibrant Vancouver, this seamless journey blends nature, culture, and comfort in one unforgettable escape.

Highlights

- Embrace luxury in the heart of British Columbia's wilderness at Sonora Resort, where pristine landscapes meet unparalleled comfort and adventure
- Set out on a Zodiac cruise with a certified marine biologist and spot orcas, minke, and grey whales in their natural habitat, for an unforgettable wildlife encounter
- Explore the Pacific Rim National Park & Tofino Coastline, from ancient rainforests to rugged beaches
- Travel Vancouver Island's highways, stopping at waterfalls, Indigenous rock carvings, and charming coastal towns
- Explore Victoria Harbour & Gardens, strolling the waterfront, gardens, and vibrant city streets

This West Coast adventure takes you from the vibrant city life of Victoria to the untamed wilderness of Vancouver Island and beyond. Begin in Victoria, exploring harbours, gardens, and charming streets, then set out on a thrilling whale-watching cruise with a marine biologist. Travel across the island to Tofino and Ucluelet, where Pacific Rim National Park reveals ancient rainforests, rugged coastlines, and the chance to spot bears foraging along the shore. Continue to Sonora Resort, a luxurious wilderness retreat offering hiking, swimming, and Zodiac eco-adventures, before crossing the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver. Here, discover a cosmopolitan city of boutique shopping, Stanley Park's forest trails, First Nations art, and waterfront vistas, concluding a journey that seamlessly blends wildlife, nature, and urban exploration.



- ✓ 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 Victoria at Inn at Laurel Point (or similar)
- 2 nights in Ucluelet/Tofino at Black Rock Oceanfront Resort (or similar)
- 2 nights in Vancouver at Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre
- 2 nights at Sonora Resort
- Return water taxi between Campbell River and Sonora Resort
- Use of resort facilities at Sonora Resort
- Full board at Sonora Resort
- 1-hour Eco-Adventure Tour at Sonora Resort
- 3-hour whale watching by Zodiac
- 2.5-hour bear watching by boat
- BC Ferries crossing from Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay (car and passengers)

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Day

1

Victoria

Arrive in Victoria and check in to your downtown hotel. Spend the rest of the day creating your own West Coast island adventure amid the portlands, parks, restaurants, and gardens of British Columbia's capital city.

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



VICTORIA | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / TANYA GOEHRING

Day

2

Victoria

Embark on a fascinating wildlife-viewing adventure aboard a fast-moving Zodiac rigid inflatable boat. A certified marine biologist will provide insights into the environment and behaviour of orca, minke, and grey whales, as well as other marine wildlife. Return to your hotel afterwards for an evening at leisure.

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



HUMPBACK WHALE | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC

Day

3

Victoria Ucluelet/Tofino

Be sure to have your camera ready – a panorama of scenic beauty is about to unfold before you. Your journey takes you across Vancouver Island to the Pacific Coast, winding through ancient rainforests and provincial parks. You're venturing into true wildlife territory, highlighted by Pacific Rim National Park — a marvel of ecological and geographical diversity.

Overnight in Ucluelet/Tofino at **Black Rock Oceanfront Resort** (or similar)



PACIFIC RIM NATIONAL PARK | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / YURI CHOUFOUR

Ucluelet/Tofino

Today, board a Zodiac boat for a captivating bear-watching excursion and cruise along the lush coastline to the bears' feeding grounds. As the tide recedes, the bears emerge from the forest to forage along the shore for rock crabs, offering the perfect opportunity to see these remarkable creatures in their natural habitat. Back on dry land, spend some time exploring the rugged coastline along scenic hiking trails or stroll the shoreline in search of shells and driftwood. You may also wish to visit the Himwitsa Art Gallery and admire its collection of authentic works from the Tofino region.

Overnight in Ucluelet/Tofino at **Black Rock Oceanfront Resort** (or similar)



Ucluelet/Tofino Sonora Resort

This morning, travel along the spectacular winding road back to the eastern coast of Vancouver Island. Along the way, you may wish to stop at some of the region's hidden gems, such as the Indigenous rock carvings at Sproat Lake or the picturesque cascades of Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park. Upon arrival in Campbell River, board a water taxi for a short ride to the stunning Sonora Resort. Settle in for the night at this quintessential west coast retreat and prepare for a day of adventure and discovery tomorrow. Dinner is included.

Overnight at **Sonora Resort**

Dinner



Day **6**

Sonora Resort

Enjoy a full day at this luxurious wilderness resort. Outdoor enthusiasts can take advantage of unlimited hiking, swimming, and tennis throughout the day. Experience a thrilling 1-hour Eco-Adventure Tour aboard an 8.53 m Zodiac boat, guided by a knowledgeable wilderness expert. In the evening, savour a gourmet dinner, enjoy a fine wine on the terrace, or relax and mingle with other guests in the lounges or games room. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

Overnight at **Sonora Resort**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7**

Sonora Resort Vancouver/Whistler*

Board the water taxi for your return trip to Campbell River before continuing south along the eastern shores of Vancouver Island. Small seaside towns such as Comox offer charming spots to stop for some shopping and pick up reminders of your West Coast experience. Arriving in Nanaimo, board a BC Ferries vessel and sail across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver,

where the remainder of the day is at leisure. You may wish to dine at one of Vancouver's many excellent restaurants, offering everything from Canadian–European fusion to authentic Far East Asian cuisine. Overnight in Vancouver. Breakfast and lunch are included.

Overnight in Vancouver at **Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre**

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 8

Vancouver/Whistler*

Explore this vibrant, cosmopolitan city at your own pace. Boutique shops line Robson Street, offering everything from high fashion to Aboriginal artwork. Consider visiting Khot-La-Cha Art Gallery and Gift Shop, which features masks, prints, gold and silver jewellery, wood carvings, textiles, and clothing created by First Nations artists. Stanley Park is interwoven with paved forest trails and includes an engaging zoo at its centre and the fascinating Klahowya Village. The boardwalks along the seawall offer 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 in Vancouver at **Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre**



Check out today and make your way to Vancouver International Airport in time for your departure flight.

ACCOMMODATION

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.



Black Rock Oceanfront Resort

Ucluelet

A 6-minute stroll from the Wild Pacific Trail, this chic oceanfront hotel built from granite and glass is also a 14-minute walk from downtown Ucluelet. Amenities include an ultrahip bar and restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows and a seasonal patio overlooking the Pacific Ocean. There's also a serene spa with 2 hot tubs, a lounge and a seasonal plunge pool.



Sonora Resort

Sonora Resort

Tucked away in British Columbia's remote Discovery Islands and accessible only by water or a scenic 50-minute flight from Vancouver, Sonora Resort is a luxurious Relais & Châteaux wilderness retreat where untamed nature meets refined comfort. Surrounded by rainforest and ocean, the lodge's elegant cedar-and-stone design invites the outdoors in, while oceanview rooms, rooftop hot tubs, and mineral pools provide ultimate relaxation. Guests can unwind at the Island Currents Spa, savour gourmet cuisine showcasing local ingredients, and enjoy world-class amenities including a heated outdoor pool, movie theatre, fly-fishing ponds, and more. Whether you seek adventure or tranquillity, Sonora delivers an unforgettable escape in one of Canada's most pristine coastal settings.



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.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French & English	Canadian Dollars

- Departures from 18 May to 5 July will include overnight stays in Whistler on days 7 and 8 as opposed to Vancouver due to restricted inventory in Vancouver over these dates.
- Please note that the package price is inclusive of the one-way car rental fee between Victoria and Vancouver. The one-way car rental fee will be a local payment paid direct to the car rental provider upon return of the vehicle. The one-way fee between Victoria and Vancouver is approximately CA\$200 plus local taxes (subject to change).

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