

VANCOUVER ISLAND FROM TIP TO TOE

May 2027



Telegraph Cove

Explore one of the world's great islands from end to end by land and 4 cruises

Discover the remarkable diversity of Vancouver Island on this journey from its northern reaches to its southern shores. You'll explore familiar favourites and lesser-known treasures, from sandy beaches and charming coastal communities to remote wilderness accessible only by boat. Venture by chartered vessel to Cape Sutil, north of Port Hardy, and Race Rocks off Victoria, two extraordinary destinations few travellers have the opportunity to experience on the same trip. Along the way, enjoy a cruise through the northern Gulf Islands and travel aboard the *MV Frances Barkley* on its scheduled sailing to Bamfield, taking in the scenery and character of the coast from the water. With a wonderful mix of boat excursions, sightseeing, and opportunities to explore on foot, this tour offers an engaging way to discover the island at a comfortable pace. Join us to experience the wild beauty, hidden corners, and coastal charm of wonderful Vancouver Island.



CANADIAN TOUR



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ❶ **BC Interior:** May 8, 2027 - 11 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** May 9, 2027 - 10 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** May 9, 2027 - 10 days

► Fares per person

- ❷ from **\$5,665** double/twin, **\$6,775** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Early Booking Bonus

\$200 discount on first 10 seats; **\$100** on next 6.

► Earn 149 Experience Points



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WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- I 19 total:** 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 1 tea, 4 dinners
- V L 18 total:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 1 tea, 4 dinners

► Transportation

- I** Coach transportation for 11 days
- V L** Coach transportation for 10 days
- I L** 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings

► Accommodation

- I** 10 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- V L** 9 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
 - Luggage handling at most hotels

► Gratuities

- Gratuities for ships' crew & local guides

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

► Key Highlights

- Guided walking tour of Chemainus murals
- Chemainus Theatre (show TBA)
- Englishman River Falls
- Museum at Campbell River
- Cruise around Quadra & Cortez Islands
- Locally-guided tour of Strathcona Park
- Private charter excursion on *MV Naiad Explorer* to Cape Sutil (north end of Vancouver Island)
- Cathedral Grove
- Excursion on *MV Frances Barkley* through Alberni Inlet to Bamfield
- Guided historical tour of Port Alberni
- Nuu-Chah-Nulth Whaling Canoe
- Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Museum
- Rath Trevor Beach
- Whale-watching excursion to Race Rocks (south end of Vancouver Island)

Attractions are subject to change. Please see our [Terms & Conditions](#) for more information.

FARES PER PERSON

Cathedral Grove

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$5,915 double/twin \$7,195 single	• Please add 5% GST. • Triples are not available on this tour. • BC Seniors from BC Interior or Lower Mainland (65 & over): \$18 discount with BC Services Card.
V	Vancouver Island	\$5,665 double/twin \$6,775 single	
L	Lower Mainland	\$5,755 double/twin \$6,865 single	



Activity Level 2

Moderate Activity: As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance.

You can stand for prolonged periods, negotiate a variety of terrain including moderate hills comfortably, and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. Ramps onto docks can be steep at low tide. Telegraph Cove does not have luggage handling and you may need to handle your own luggage at other hotels if luggage service is not available.

You may bring a cane or walking poles if needed. This tour is not appropriate for people who require the use of a walker. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour.



Tour Size 30

This tour is limited to 30 participants, making it a more intimate travel experience.

ITINERARY

Saturday, May 8

Your [departure point](#) will be discussed at the time of booking. Interior BC customers travel to Vancouver and stay overnight at the Blue Horizon Hotel on Robson Street.

Meals included: Lunch (BC Interior)

Accommodation: Blue Horizon Hotel (BC Interior)

Sunday, May 9

Passengers from Vancouver join us, then we ride a morning ferry from Tsawwassen to Nanaimo. Vancouver Island passengers meet the group in Chemainus. In Chemainus, we meet a local guide for a walk around downtown to admire the **colourful murals** and hear their stories. Dinner and a show are planned at **Chemainus Theatre**. The 2027 show schedule will be announced in December 2026.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Best Western Chemainus Inn

Monday, May 10

We take a delightful forest walk to the bridge overlooking Englishman River Falls, then enjoy a shopping opportunity at unique **Coombs Market**, known for its goats grazing on the roof. Later, we visit the Museum at Campbell River which offers an interesting film about Ripple Rock. We stay two nights at Painter's Lodge on the shore of Discovery Passage.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Painter's Lodge

Tuesday, May 11

Our first boat excursion leaves from Campbell River and weaves among the Northern Gulf Islands such as **Quadra and Cortes**. These waterways are great for whale watching and we keep an eye open for humpbacks, orcas, and dolphins.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Painter's Lodge

Wednesday, May 12

We meet an expert guide and historian, Catherine Gilbert, who provides interpretive talks

and walks during a morning tour of **Strathcona Park**. This was British Columbia's first provincial park, established in 1911, and it protects the rugged peaks of central Vancouver Island. Our explorations may include a short walk in the forest to see Lupin Falls or a stroll on the beach at Buttle Lake. Lunch is at Strathcona Park Lodge. We continue up-island and stay two nights in **Telegraph Cove**. Dinner is served in the Whale Café overlooking the harbour.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Telegraph Cove Resort

Thursday, May 13

We board the **MV Naiad Explorer** at Port McNeill for a five-hour private charter looking for orca and minke whales, Pacific white-sided dolphins, Dall's porpoises, Steller sea lions, and a great variety of sea birds. The vessel is equipped with a hydrophone (an underwater microphone), so we can listen to the whales' vocalizations. The trip is hosted by the Mackay family who are pioneers in the whale-watching industry. With a cruising speed of 30 knots, the *Naiad* is a very fast vessel and capable of travelling great distances in a day. The voyage goes past Port Hardy at the end of the Island Highway, then through Goletas Channel to **Cape Sutil**. This is the northernmost tip of Vancouver Island where the Pacific Ocean meets Queen Charlotte Strait. Although less known than Cape Scott (the northwest point of the island), Cape Sutil is the appropriate destination of a tour like this that travels Vancouver Island from tip to toe. Cape Sutil was first mapped in 1792 by the Spanish captains Galiano and Valdes, and named for their ship. The *Naiad* also explores the shores of Hope Island and Nigel Island before returning to Port McNeill.

Note: If weather, tide, or wind conditions make the trip to Cape Sutil uncomfortable or dangerous, the Mackays will choose a cruise route using sheltered waters and Sutil will be missed.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Telegraph Cove Resort

Friday, May 14

We head to the west coast of Vancouver Island, stopping at **Cathedral Grove** for a stroll among towering trees and at Little Qualicum Falls. We stay two nights in Port Alberni.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Best Western Barclay Inn

Saturday, May 15

On board the **MV Frances Barkley**, we cruise 40-km long Alberni Inlet, the longest fjord on Vancouver Island. After it widens into Barkley Sound, the ship weaves through a maze of little islands, some protected by Pacific Rim National Park. We dock at **Bamfield** for an hour, giving time to explore the historic buildings. The cable station, designed by Francis Rattenbury, opened in 1902 when Bamfield became the terminus for the trans-Pacific telegraph cable. *Frances Barkley* is a heritage vessel, built in Norway in 1958, then she sailed through the Panama Canal in 1990 to her new home. There she joined the famous *Lady Rose* (now retired) providing service to Bamfield, Ucluelet, and Barkley Sound. Today's cruise leaves Port Alberni at 8 am and returns at 5 pm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Best Western Barclay Inn

Sunday, May 16

During the morning, a local guide provides a historical look at **Port Alberni** including the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Whaling Canoe on the Somass River and the Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Museum. After lunch in Parksville, we stroll the broad, sandy **Rath Trevor Beach**. Then we follow the scenic Malahat Drive into Victoria and stay two nights at the Hotel Grand Pacific beside the Inner Harbour.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel Grand Pacific

Monday, May 17

We enjoy a boat excursion with Orca Spirit Adventures looking for whales off the coast of Victoria. Another reason is to cruise past the southernmost point of Vancouver Island (the toe) at **Race Rocks**. This protected area is home to plenty of marine wildlife and birds, and is dominated by a lighthouse built in 1860. We also savour **afternoon tea at the Pendray House**, an extravagant mansion built in 1897. The afternoon is free time, then our farewell dinner is at Vista 18 with a panoramic view of Victoria.

Meals included: Tea, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Grand Pacific

Tuesday, May 18

BC Interior and Lower Mainland passengers take the ferry to Tsawwassen and head for home.



TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due March 16, 2027. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms and Conditions, Company Policies](#), Activity Level, and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Cancellation Policy:

- Up to February 16, 2027, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person.
- From February 17 to March 16, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person.
- From March 17 to April 6, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare.
- After April 6, there is no refund.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by battleface® travel insurance. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. This tour stays in British Columbia. While your BC Services Card may cover you for a medical issue that arises during the tour, you will probably benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Many other benefits such as luggage insurance are included. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for cancellation, interruption, and luggage. Insurance premiums are not refundable whether or not you make a claim.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 149 Experience Points or e-points. Redeem up to 149 of your earned e-points from a previous tour until March 16, 2027. Please see information about [loyalty rewards](#) on our website for more information about e-points.

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