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## Grizzlies, Orcas and Black Bears Vancouver Island Road Trip

2026

Western Canada Road Trip

8 Days / 7 Nights Vancouver to Vancouver  
Priced at USD \$5,592 per person

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Child age 10 - 7 yrs

### INTRODUCTION

Perfect for nature and wildlife lovers alike, go in search of grizzly and black bears, orca, humpback and gray whales on this week-long Vancouver Island road trip. Stay at Knight Inlet Lodge – a unique bear-viewing wilderness resort floating in the tranquil waters of Glendale Cove – and embark on a whale watching cruise in Victoria to see these majestic creatures in action. From lush rainforests to rocky coasts and large mammals to marine life, it's all here in British Columbia waiting for you, all you need to do is arrive.

#### Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Vancouver to Campbell River
- DAY 2** Campbell River to Knight Inlet Lodge and the Grizzly Bears
- DAY 3** Knight Inlet Lodge | Freedom of Choice
  - Option 1. Extra Grizzly Bear Viewing
  - Option 2. Interpretive Rainforest Walk
  - Option 3. Wildlife tracking to make plaster casts of animal prints
  - Option 4. Walk the Clouds Hike
- DAY 4** Knight Inlet Lodge to Tofino
- DAY 5** Tofino | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions

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- Option 1. Coastal Bear Watch Cruise
- Option 2. Whale Watching Cruise
- DAY 6** Tofino to Victoria
- DAY 7** Victoria | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
  - Option 1. Butchart Gardens Admission
  - Option 2. Eat like a Canadian Food Tour
  - Option 3. Whale Watch Cruise
  - Option 4. High Tea at the Empress Hotel
- DAY 8** Victoria to Vancouver



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

**Day 1 Vancouver to Campbell River | 177 km/105 mi + Ferry**

Depart Vancouver for Horseshoe Bay and sail for 1 hr 45 min on BC Ferries to Vancouver Island. Upon departing BC Ferries head north through Vancouver Island’s second largest city, Nanaimo, known as the Harbour City, and Parksville, the beginning of Beach Country and home of the annual International Sandcastle Competition. Your destination today is the city of Campbell River, historically renowned as the “Salmon Capital of the World,” lying at the heart of neighbouring Strathcona Park, Desolation Sound, Mount Washington and Robson Bight. Surrounded by the backdrop of Strathcona Provincial Park to the west and the Coastal Mountain range to the east, massive cruise ships pass right by Campbell River’s doorstep, and their parade of lights is best viewed from world famous Discovery Pier as they venture up the Inside Passage for Alaskan destinations.

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**Day 2 Campbell River to Knight Inlet Lodge and the Grizzly Bears**

Today's destination, Knight Inlet Lodge, is not accessible by road, so you'll fly in by floatplane from Campbell River. A thrilling 30 minute flight brings you to the mouth of the Glendale River where Knight Inlet Lodge floats on large cedar booms. Bring your camera - you'll be going on a bear watching and wildlife viewing tour in search of the grizzly bears that frequent this area. Overnight at Knight Inlet Lodge (lunch and dinner is included).

**Day 3 Knight Inlet Lodge | Freedom of Choice**

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions

*Option 1. Extra Grizzly Bear Viewing*

Glendale Cove in Knight Inlet is home to one of the largest concentrations of grizzly (brown) bears in British Columbia, Canada.

*Option 2. Interpretive Rainforest Walk*

The Kwalate valley is a 20-minute boat ride from the lodge. This is one of the few pristine watersheds left in this area. Over the past few years, Knight Inlet Lodge has been building a trail alongside the beautiful Kwalate River.

*Option 3. Wildlife tracking to make plaster casts of animal prints*

Head into bear habitat for a slow drive down the old forestry roads looking for bear signs like day beds, bear trails, "rub" trees and tracks. If we find bear tracks or any other animal tracks, we can make a plaster cast of the print to take home.

*Option 4. Walk the Clouds Hike*

This tour is a bit different from the others as you will walk along a raised wooden boardwalk to a scenic lookout. With spectacular, panoramic views of Glendale Cove and Knight Inlet the lookout provides an eagle eye view of the local area.

**Day 4 Knight Inlet Lodge to Tofino | 225 km/140 mi**

Early this morning return to the Bear Viewing platforms for a last photo opportunity before departing for Campbell River by floatplane. Arrival time is between 10.30 & 11.00am. Collect your car and head south west to Tofino on the rugged West Coast. En route, picture stops should be made at Cathedral Grove to enjoy the splendour of 800-year-old Douglas Fir and Cedar and the Mars Water-Bombers at Sproat Lake, the world's two largest water-bombers used for the sole purpose of putting out forest fires. After the Mars Water-Bombers, drive through the majestic Sutton Pass and the Sawtooth Range of the Cascade Mountains to arrive in Tofino around mid-afternoon (breakfast included).

**Day 5 Tofino | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions**

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of two excursions

*Option 1. Coastal Bear Watch Cruise*

Search for foraging bears from the comfort and safety of a 24' Zodiac vessel. Abundant on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, black bears roam the shores at low tide in search of their favorite delicacy, the Rock Crab.

*Option 2. Whale Watching Cruise*

Cruise through the pristine waters of Clayoquot Sound to view beautiful scenery and wildlife. Depending on the time of year, you may encounter gray whales, humpback whales, sea lions, sea birds and resident bald eagles.

**Day 6 Tofino to Victoria | 313 km/195 mi**

Travel back to the East Coast of Vancouver Island and head south to Victoria. En route stops should be made at the artist community of Chemainus, where you can admire the giant murals which adorn the exterior walls throughout the town, and Duncan the "City of Totems". If time permits visit the Quw'utsun' Heritage Village which provides you with an insight into the lives of the northwest coast people (seasonal hours - admission not included).

**Day 7 Victoria | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions**

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of four excursions.

*Option 1. Butchart Gardens Admission*

On its 100th birthday in 2004, the 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.

*Option 2. Eat like a Canadian Food Tour*

Not many people can define exactly what Canadian food is. From local ingredients to historic dishes, this tour is the best way to experience Canadian culinary culture. Sip and savour local cuisine, explore the iconic Inner Harbour, and meet the chefs and owners that make Victoria such an exciting culinary hot spot

*Option 3. Whale Watch Cruise*

Get up close with the killer whales on the Salish Sea with 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 bring the underwater experience to light.

*Option 4. High Tea at the Empress Hotel*

Enjoy High tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel is a delightful, traditional experience. Indulge in a lavish array of tea, finger sandwiches, pastries, and scones, served in an elegant setting, enhancing the allure of this historic Victoria, British Columbia landmark.

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**Day 8 Victoria to Vancouver | 69 km/43 mi + Ferry**

Leaving Victoria, drive the short and scenic route to Butchart Gardens (admission included) - fifty-five acres of wonderful floral display, continue driving north to Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal for a 90 min 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.

**INCLUDED****Package Includes:**

- 1 night accommodation in Campbell River
- 2 night accommodation at Knight Inlet Lodge
- 2 nights accommodation in Tofino
- 2 nights accommodation in Victoria
- Return BC Ferries toll for vehicle & passengers, between Vancouver and Vancouver Island with reserved sailing time.
- Floatplane return transfers to Knight Inlet Lodge
- Knight Inlet Lodge Inclusions:
  - Interpretive guided bear viewing tours
  - Knight Inlet sightseeing cruise (weather permitting, no substitute)
  - Use of kayaks on organized estuary tours
  - All meals and snacks while at the lodge
  - Complimentary house wine with dinner
  - Rain gear if required: rubber boots, coats, pants
- Tofino | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions
- Whale Watching Cruise
- Coastal Bear Watch Cruise
- Victoria | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Butchart Gardens Admission
- Eat like a Canadian Food Tour
- Whale Watch Cruise
- High Tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel
- Meals as per Itinerary

**Hotel Information | Moderate Grade****CANADA BY DESIGN**

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- Campbell River - Comfort Inn & Suites | Standard Room
- Knight Inlet Lodge - Knight Inlet Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Victoria - Inn at Laurel Point | Laurel Wing Guest Room

**Hotel Information | Superior Grade**

- Campbell River - Comfort Inn & Suites | Standard Room
- Knight Inlet Lodge - Knight Inlet Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Victoria - Inn at Laurel Point | Erickson Wing Studio Suite

**Hotel Information | Deluxe Grade**

- Campbell River - Comfort Inn & Suites | Standard Room
- Knight Inlet Lodge - Knight Inlet Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Victoria - Fairmont Empress Hotel | Deluxe Room

**Hotel Information | Deluxe Plus Grade**

- Campbell River - Comfort Inn & Suites | Standard Room
- Knight Inlet Lodge - Knight Inlet Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Victoria - Fairmont Empress Hotel | Deluxe Harbour View Room

**Tofino Hotel Information | All Grades**

- Water's Edge Shoreside Suites | One Bedroom Suite
- Black Rock Resort | Studio Trail Room

**Not included:**

- Rental Car
- Road Tolls

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## DATES & PRICING

Departs from Vancouver: Daily

(Tour Code: SD48)

| DATE                     | DOUBLE  | SINGLE   | TRIPLE  | CHILD   |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| <b>Moderate Grade</b>    |         |          |         |         |
| 21 May 26 - 26 May 26    | \$5,592 | \$8,365  | \$5,013 | \$3,038 |
| 27 May 26 - 08 Jun 26    | \$5,675 | \$8,528  | \$5,067 | \$3,038 |
| 09 Jun 26 - 30 Jun 26    | \$5,818 | \$8,816  | \$5,167 | \$3,038 |
| 01 Jul 26 - 10 Jul 26    | \$5,535 | \$8,342  | \$4,922 | \$2,872 |
| 11 Jul 26 - 30 Aug 26    | \$5,474 | \$8,281  | \$4,862 | \$2,872 |
| 31 Aug 26 - 30 Sep 26    | \$5,784 | \$8,749  | \$5,145 | \$3,038 |
| 01 Oct 26 - 12 Oct 26    | \$5,676 | \$8,532  | \$5,073 | \$3,038 |
| <b>Superior Grade</b>    |         |          |         |         |
| 21 May 26 - 26 May 26    | \$5,701 | \$8,583  | \$5,085 | \$3,038 |
| 27 May 26 - 08 Jun 26    | \$5,824 | \$8,827  | \$5,167 | \$3,038 |
| 09 Jun 26 - 30 Jun 26    | \$5,968 | \$9,116  | \$5,268 | \$3,038 |
| 01 Jul 26 - 10 Jul 26    | \$5,684 | \$8,640  | \$5,022 | \$2,872 |
| 11 Jul 26 - 30 Aug 26    | \$5,623 | \$8,579  | \$4,961 | \$2,872 |
| 31 Aug 26 - 30 Sep 26    | \$5,934 | \$9,049  | \$5,245 | \$3,038 |
| 01 Oct 26 - 12 Oct 26    | \$5,771 | \$8,722  | \$5,137 | \$3,038 |
| <b>Deluxe Grade</b>      |         |          |         |         |
| 21 May 26 - 26 May 26    | \$6,066 | \$9,313  | \$5,343 | \$3,038 |
| 27 May 26 - 08 Jun 26    | \$6,079 | \$9,339  | \$5,351 | \$3,038 |
| 09 Jun 26 - 30 Jun 26    | \$6,598 | \$10,376 | \$5,701 | \$3,038 |
| 01 Jul 26 - 10 Jul 26    | \$6,253 | \$9,839  | \$5,396 | \$2,872 |
| 11 Jul 26 - 30 Aug 26    | \$5,923 | \$9,177  | \$5,175 | \$2,872 |
| 31 Aug 26 - 30 Sep 26    | \$6,147 | \$9,474  | \$5,401 | \$3,038 |
| 01 Oct 26 - 12 Oct 26    | \$6,123 | \$9,425  | \$5,385 | \$3,038 |
| <b>Deluxe Plus Grade</b> |         |          |         |         |
| 21 May 26 - 26 May 26    | \$6,144 | \$9,467  | \$5,394 | \$3,038 |
| 27 May 26 - 08 Jun 26    | \$6,156 | \$9,493  | \$5,403 | \$3,038 |
| 09 Jun 26 - 30 Jun 26    | \$6,675 | \$10,530 | \$5,753 | \$3,038 |
| 01 Jul 26 - 10 Jul 26    | \$6,330 | \$9,994  | \$5,447 | \$2,872 |
| 11 Jul 26 - 30 Aug 26    | \$5,999 | \$9,332  | \$5,226 | \$2,872 |
| 31 Aug 26 - 30 Sep 26    | \$6,224 | \$9,629  | \$5,453 | \$3,038 |
| 01 Oct 26 - 12 Oct 26    | \$6,200 | \$9,580  | \$5,437 | \$3,038 |

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