

# **DISCOVER VANCOUVER ISLAND**

May 6 to 16, 2021 | 10 NIGHTS 14 MEALS ACTIVE PACE

Combining rich history, stunning natural beauty, and a wide breadth of culture, Victoria is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is famous for the historic Empress Hotel, North America's second oldest Chinatown and Butchart Gardens. Experience the incredibly diverse marine mammals on our Whale Watching Cruise, visit Cathedral Grove with its 800-year-old giant Douglas Firs, and experience Ucluelet – a true force of nature perched on the most westerly edge of Canada.

# **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Roundtrip airport transfers from the CAA Thorold office
- Airfare with taxes, Toronto to Victoria/Vancouver to Toronto, with Air Canada, economy class
- Deluxe coach transportation, with WiFi and washroom equipped
- Ten nights' accommodation in Victoria, Parksville, Ucluelet and Vancouver
- Breakfast daily, one lunch and three dinners
- Guided city tours of Victoria and Vancouver
- Visit VIU Deep Bay Marine Field Station & Pacific Northwest Raptors
- Walking tour of Tofino and Nanaimo
- Entrance to Cathedral Grove in MacMillan Provincial Park with naturalist guide, and Butchart Gardens
- Whale Watching Cruise
- Ferry crossing from Duke Point to Tsawwassen
- Services of a CAA Tour Director
- Baggage handling with gratuities for the coach drivers
- All taxes and HST/GST



\$5,595 double | \$5,395 triple | \$7,325 single

Per person

**Optional Tour in Ucluelet:** Archipelago Cruise with lunch - \$225/person





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Please note: Due to the current situation, inclusions are subject to change

#### THURSDAY, MAY 6

Arrive at Victoria International airport. On the way to our hotel, a stop will be made for snacks and refreshments. Spend the next three nights in beautiful Victoria, considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Accommodations: Fairmon Empress or similar

#### FRIDAY, MAY 7

Begin the day with a local guide for a morning tour of Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. The afternoon is free for you to explore the beautiful city of Victoria

# SATURDAY, MAY 8

Following breakfast, we leave for breathtaking Butchart Gardens. This former quarry turned garden overflows with lush greens and colourful blooms. This afternoon, enjoy a whale watching expedition in the waters off Victoria. Whale sightings are not guaranteed however, spring and summer offer the best opportunities to spot different species of whales and marine life

#### SUNDAY, MAY 9

B, D

After an early breakfast, depart for Duncan, renowned for its ornate, colourful wooden totem poles, representing the Gowichan Tribe Traditions. Duncan is also home to the Pacific Northwest Raptor Center - which was was created to bring people closer to the birds of prey. The goal is to educate, illuminate and encourage a sense of personal responsibility in the birds. Lunch stop is in Coombs, at the world-famous market with goats on the roof. Dinner is included tonight.

Accommodations: Beach Club Resort, Parksville or similar

## MONDAY, MAY 10

D

Today, visit the Vancouver Island University Deep Bay Marine Research Field Station – a marine biological research facility for shellfish research. See a wide variety of local species in the aquariums and explore the wetland habitat adjacent to the station. Then we continue to Nanaimo for lunch and a walking tour.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 11

B. I. D

Following breakfast, we depart for Cathedral Grove in MacMillan Provincial Park - an area used while filming scenes for Star Wars Return of the Jedi. A naturalist will then explain to us the wonder of this old growth forest! Following lunch and a walking tour in Tofino, we visit the Kwistis Visitor Center - which focuses on the natural and cultural heritage of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Dinner is included tonight.

Accommodations: Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet or similar

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

R

Today is a free day to enjoy the area, take a hike or relax at the resort. Optional excursions are offered. Take a 5.5-hour Archipelago Wildlife Cruise with lunch, arriving back at the hotel by mid-afternoon, additional fee. Or complimentary transportation to Tofino, to enjoy the day in town.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 13

В

This morning, we leave for Duke Point Ferry Terminal to board our ferry to Tsawwassen, crossing the Strait of Georgia. We check into our Vancouver hotel for our three nights stay.

Accommodations: Opus Vancouver or similar

#### FRIDAY, MAY 14

CB

After breakfast, we meet our local guide for a full day Vancouver city tour. We will visit Queen Elizabeth Park including a walking tour, Chinatown with a walk through the Chinese Garden, Gastown, Canada Place for a photo stop, Stanley Park and the Fish Hatchery.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 15

CB, D

Today is a free day to enjoy Vancouver. We will gather for our Farewell dinner toniaht.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 16

CB

Today, we return home with incredible memories, new friends, pebbles in our pockets, and everlasting respect for nature.

B - Breakfast CB - Continental Breakfast L - Lunch D - Dinner

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**How to book:** Reservations may be made through any CAA Niagara office. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person is due at time of booking. Balance of payment is due on March 5, 2021. Bookings made after March 5 will require full payment at time of booking. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance. Ask for details.

**Cancellation charges:** Should it be necessary to cancel your trip prior to departure, the following penalties will apply:

60 days or more prior Deposit non-refundable 59 to 30 days prior 50% non-refundable 29 to 0 days prior 100% non-refundable

The day of departure is excluded when calculating cancellation charges. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of cancellation insurance.

**Local laws and customs:** The Government of Ontario requires that residents travelling out of province to be advised that there may be different living standards with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodations outside of Ontario. Travel Act Regulation 38(06)

**Active Pace:** To truly experience the destination, traveller should to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, uneven surfaces, climbing stairs and longer periods of standing. Touring days are typically longer with some activities occurring into the evening.

**Prices:** All prices on this flyer are in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated, are based on August 28, 2020 contract rates, and are subject to change should currencies fluctuate or surcharge be imposed.

Responsibility and liability: CAA Travel Agency (Niagara) Inc., acts solely as an organizer of the tours outlined. Our intention is to operate all tours as described. Operational situations occasionally force changes and we reserve the right to adjust where necessary. CAA Travel Agency (Niagara) Inc. has made arrangements for this tour with various independent parties to provide you with the travel services offered. Each party has its own terms and conditions beyond our direct control as such you are bound by those terms and conditions. CAA Travel Agency (Niagara) Inc. will not be responsible for any acts or omissions on the part of these parties or any loss or damage, injury or death that occurs as a result of government actions, terrorism, acts of GOD, late arrivals, missed connections and other factors beyond our direct control. Rates are based on August 28, 2020 contract rates and are subject to change. CAA reserves the right to cancel a tour or substitute services or modify the itinerary as required. Substitutions will be comparable or superior. If a tour is cancelled, CAA Travel Agency (Niagara) Inc has no further responsibility beyond the refund of all monies paid by passengers. A minimum number of passengers are required for a CAA Tour Director to accompany the group.

**Accessibility:** Each travel providers have specific regulations governing the carriage of individuals needing special accommodation. If you have a disability, plan on travelling with an assisted devise or need accommodations, please advise your Travel Consultant at time of booking to ensure the appropriate arrangements can be made.

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