

## 6 Day Vancouver Island Self-Drive

6 days

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### Highlights

- Choice of Tofino activity (coastal bear watching excursion, whale watching excursion OR sea kayaking and rainforest tour)
- Wildlife zodiac excursion in Campbell River

### Inclusions

- 5 nights of accommodation
- 6 day mid-size car rental including unlimited kilometres (special conditions apply)
- Sightseeing and attractions as listed

### Exclusions

- Airfare unless specified as included within the itinerary
- Taxes as applicable
- Travel Insurance and Cancellation Protection (strongly recommended, ask us for a quote!)
- Gratuities for Local Guides, Tour Managers, and/or Bus Drivers
- Meals not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary
- Items (attractions and sightseeing & entrance fees) not listed as included in the itinerary

### Dates & Prices

ACCOMMODATION	START PLACE	END PLACE	PRICE FROM
Moderate	Victoria, BC	Victoria, BC	\$1,140 USD

All prices are per person based on double occupancy and subject to local taxes - GST, PST or HST.

\* (does not include applicable taxes)

### Itinerary

#### Day 1: Victoria to Nanaimo

Upon arrival in Victoria, Pick up your rental car and drive approximately 1.5 hours to Nanaimo. Once in Nanaimo, check into your selected hotel.

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Overnight: Nanaimo

## **Day 2: Nanaimo to Tofino**

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Today, Drive from Nanaimo to Tofino, approximately 3 hours. Driving north, you'll go through several small towns along the coastline. Enjoy the sights like Little Qualicum Falls along Highway 4 before you reach Cathedral Grove. This BC Provincial Park has impressive waterfalls and walking trails. Just before you reach the Port Alberni Summit, there is a chance to stop and view the towering giants of Cathedral Grove in MacMillan Provincial Park. The town of Port Alberni is the final stop to fuel up on gas before the final stretch of your journey. There are also many picturesque places to stop and stretch your legs. As you turn onto Pacific Rim Hwy. on your final stretch into Tofino, you will finally catch a glimpse of the ocean as you descend the hill towards Long Beach.

Overnight: Tofino

## **Day 3: Tofino Activity**

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Today you can choose to take part in one of the following activities: Coastal bear watching: features black bears and explores the fjord inlets of Clayoquot Sound. In May they leave their dens and head for the closest food source - the ocean! While the bears forage in the intertidal zone, you can unobtrusively observe and photograph their behaviour. Seals, sea lions and a range of bird life may also be included in this program. A great trip for photographers and bird watchers!

Whale Watching: This educational program focuses on Gray whales as well as Humpback whales and on occasion Orcas (Killer Whales). Other marine mammals that may be observed are sea otters, sea lions and an array of different offshore birds. Both zodiac and covered vessels are used for this marine program. Guests on zodiac vessels are outfitted in a floater suit with built in flotation. Those choosing the covered vessel are issued an inflatable collar for additional safety. Hats and gloves are also provided as well as hot drinks on return Sea Kayaking: Depart Tofino and head towards the outer coast or in through the inlet islands of Clayoquot Sound. Watch for eagles, seals and river otters while paddling along quiet waterways. This is an interpretive paddle that allows participants to connect with a unique west coast wilderness. Short interpretive stops highlight this paddle. There is also time to build kayaking skills and learn about tides and currents.

Overnight: Tofino

## **Day 4: Tofino to Campbell River**

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Drive from Tofino to Campbell River, Approximately 3.5 hours Driving East on Highway 4 you will pass through Port Alberni and Little Qualicum Falls Park. Port Alberni is a great place to stop and stretch your legs. Just before Qualicum Beach you take Hwy 19 (Inland Island Highway) The Highway travels along the side of the Horne Lake Caves Provincial Park, through Rosewell Creek Provincial Park, past Buckley Bay and Courtney. There are many places to stop and enjoy the beauty of the area.

Overnight: Campbell River

## **Day 5: Campbell River Activity**

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Today take part in a wildlife zodiac excursion, provides an opportunity to view wild life, spectacular scenery, and experience BC's coastal playground. The 3-hr. Zodiac tour travels through Discovery Passage in pursuit of eagles, stellar sea lions, porpoises and bears, guided by a trained naturalist. We supply the best in weather gear including flotation cruiser suits.

Overnight: Campbell River

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**Day 6: Campbell River to Victoria**

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Drive yourself back to Victoria, Approximately 3 hours. Package ends once you have returned your rental vehicle.

Overnight: