



Vancouver Island: Victoria, the Broken Group Islands & Salt Spring

6 days, Victoria to Victoria International Airport

Trip code NCVG

What's included

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing May 2nd, 2025 and onwards

Itinerary



NOTE: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

Victoria: Welcome to Vancouver Island

Gaze out at the mountains, forests and vast ocean as you touch down with the anticipation of getting out and exploring it firsthand. You can almost taste nature's essence in the air with every breath as you make your way from the airport to Victoria at the island's southern tip. We welcome you to beautiful Vancouver Island and invite you to prepare for an immersive adventure through spectacular landscapes and cultural encounters.

Arrive at any time and transfer to the hotel for check-in. In the evening, meet up with your CEO and fellow travellers at a welcome briefing to prepare for the adventure ahead, followed by a welcome dinner.



Meals included

Dinner



Accommodation

Victoria Pacific Grand Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Arrival Transfer

Victoria

You will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel to start your adventure.

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Broken Group Islands: Barkley Sound

Travelling north along the Saanich Inlet you'll see lush old growth Pacific coastal forests, home to massive Douglas Fir trees. Savour lunch with a view next to Sproat Lake before arriving to the Tseshaht Cultural Center for an immersion into the island's prominent indigenous traditions. Learn about reforestation and conservation initiatives then swap the land for the sea as you board a boat for a short yet beautiful ride through the Broken Group of Islands. Feel the wind on your face as you glide along the water en route to the lodge at Barkley Sound - our base for the next couple of nights.

Travel north from Victoria to the Tseshaht Cultural Center, followed by lunch at Sproat Lake Landing Resort. Visit the Tseshaht First Nation Welcome and Reforest Project. Next, transfer west to Secret Beach and catch a water taxi into Barkley Sound. Arrive at the off-grid Broken Island Lodge for a relaxing evening and an optional history presentation.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Victoria - Port Alberni

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Visit Tseshaht First Nation Welcome and Reforest Project

Port Alberni

1h-1h

Visiting the Tseshaht First Nation Welcome and Reforest project offers a powerful look into community-led environmental stewardship and cultural revitalization on Vancouver Island. This initiative invites visitors to witness firsthand how traditional ecological knowledge is used to restore harvested forest lands and protect vital ecosystems. By exploring the site, you gain a deeper understanding of the Tseshaht people's enduring connection to their territory and their inspiring commitment to preserving the land for future generations.

Private Vehicle

Port Alberni - Ucluelet

1h-1h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Boat

Ucluelet - Barkley Sound

45m

Climb aboard and get your float on.

Free Time

Barkley Sound

During your free time at the lodge, you can attend an educational session detailing the property's unique history as one of BC's first coastal whaling stations. This 30-minute presentation features local artifacts and stories, and is open to all guests at the property.

Day 3

Broken Group Islands: Kayaks and Coastal Cruises

Spend your morning exploring the calm waters along the coastal sea by kayak, paddling along the serene shorelines and keeping a lookout for resident birds and wildlife. Back at the lodge, a delicious lunch awaits with an afternoon to do as much or as little as you please, with options to hike in the forest or just relax and unwind in the hot tub. The evening offers a boat tour through the marine park, taking you to unique, remote locations beyond the reach of a kayak paddle.

Depart for a four-hour guided kayak excursion through Julia Passage, stopping for lunch on Robinson Island. Return to the lodge in the afternoon for free time to use the hiking trail or hot tub before dinner. End the day with a one-hour evening boat tour through the Broken Group Islands.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Kayak day through Julia Passage

Barkley Sound

4h-5h

Embark on a guided kayaking excursion through Julia Passage, exploring the scenic waters near the Broken Group Islands with a local expert. The paddle includes a scenic stop on Robinson Island to relax and enjoy a packed lunch. It is a perfect day of active exploration and coastal relaxation.

Broken Islands Evening Boat Tour

Barkley Sound

1h-1h

Enjoy an evening boat tour through the Broken Group Islands, designed to take you deeper into the marine park. This scenic cruise explores unique and remote coastal locations that are inaccessible during a standard day of kayaking. It is the perfect way to cap off the day and see a different side of Barkley Sound.

Day 4

Salt Spring Island: Wildlife & Waterfalls

Setting off by boat again from the lodge, you can catch a last glimpse of the Broken Group Islands before driving north to Little Qualicum Falls. Walk amongst the impossibly varied shades of green in the old growth forest on the way to the spectacular waterfalls, cascading down a rocky gorge. Continue to the North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre, where you'll see firsthand how the facility cares for rescued animals while also educating the public on important wildlife and environmental issues. From the eastern coast of the island, hop on a ferry and head into the southern Gulf Islands to Salt Spring Island, another natural paradise, and a haven for local artists and culture.

Take a water taxi to Secret Beach, drive to Little Qualicum Falls for a forest walk, and tour the North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre. After lunch at Rusted Rake Brewing, board the ferry from Crofton to Salt Spring Island. End the day with check-in and a walk through town.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Harbour House Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Barkley Sound - Little Qualicum Falls

1h30m-1h30m

125km

Take a water taxi ride through Barkley Sound from the lodge to Secret Beach near Ucluelet. Upon arrival, board a private vehicle for a drive across the island toward Little Qualicum Falls. The transit combines scenic water travel with a road journey through Vancouver Island's landscape.

Visit Little Qualicum Falls

Little Qualicum Falls

1h-1h

Nestled within a lush, vibrant forest, the spectacular Little Qualicum Falls features magnificent, roaring waterfalls that plunge dramatically through a steep, rugged canyon. Wandering along the scenic, winding trails and charming footbridges offers visitors a truly breathtaking vantage point to admire the rushing, crystal-clear river and the peaceful, ancient woodland scenery.

North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre

Little Qualicum Falls - North Island

1h30m-2h

Visit the North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre, a dedicated facility caring for ill, injured, and orphaned Vancouver Island wildlife. The site features Canada's largest eagle flight enclosure, a Museum of Nature, and an interactive Learning Centre. Guests can walk the grounds to view a native wildlife garden and get close to more than 60 resident, non-releasable animals.

Private Vehicle

North Island - Crofton

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Ferry

Crofton - Salt Spring Island

30m-30m

Board the BC Ferry at Crofton for a 25-minute crossing to Vesuvius Bay on Salt Spring Island. This short transit across the Stuart Channel connects the mainland of Vancouver Island to the Gulf Islands.

Free Time

Salt Spring Island

During your free time, you can explore the charming seaside town of Ganges to browse its famous local artisan boutiques, bookstores, and art galleries. Alternatively, grab a coffee at a local cafe and take a relaxing stroll along the scenic harbor.

Day 5

Salt Spring Island: Your OMG Day

Start the day on your terms with a choice between an exhilarating whale watching tour in the Southern Gulf Islands or take a scenic kayak paddle to Third Sister Island and the picturesque and shell-ridden Chocolate Beach. Later, join your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) for a local food and drink tour featuring regional cider, wine or beer, and goat cheese. Conclude this unforgettable day by gathering with your group evening for a farewell dinner.

Choose between a Zodiac whale watching tour or a kayak excursion to Chocolate Beach in the morning. In the afternoon, take a two-hour food and drink tour to taste local cider, wine, beer, and goat cheese. End the day with a group farewell dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Harbour House Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Choose between an exhilarating three-to-four-hour Zodiac cruise to search for humpbacks and transient orcas, or a guided kayak paddle through local intertidal zones to visit the historic white shells of Chocolate Beach. Both morning options immerse you directly in the stunning marine environment of the Southern Gulf Islands.

Salt Spring Tasting Tour

Salt Spring Island

2h-2h

Join your CEO for a two-hour guided tasting tour showcasing the culinary highlights of Salt Spring Island. You will visit distinct local producers to sample regional craft cider, wine, or beer alongside artisanal goat cheese. This afternoon excursion provides a direct taste of the island's renowned agricultural and craft beverage community.

Today your adventure comes to an end, but the memories made during your time on Vancouver Island will live on.

Take the morning transfer to Fulford Harbour for a 35-minute ferry crossing to Swartz Bay, followed by a drive to the Victoria Airport, where the tour ends. For those wishing to continue on to Victoria, an option is available to be dropped off in downtown Victoria.

Please note your departure flight should take-off no earlier than 2:00 PM



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

Departure Transfer

Salt Spring Island - Victoria International Airport

3h-3h

60km

This transit shows the landscape of the southern Gulf Islands and the Salish Sea during the ferry crossing from Fulford Harbour. Upon arrival on the Saanich Peninsula, the route travels south past farms and coastlines toward the final drop-offs at the airport and downtown Victoria.

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How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 12

What meals are included in this trip?

5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotel (6 nights)

Will I get my own room?

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

What are the joining instructions?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

An arrival transfer is included when you arrive on Day 1, or if you arrive up to three days prior provided that you have booked your pre-accommodation through G Adventures in our joining hotel. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous. Our driver will be waiting for you with a G Adventures sign, and they will be waiting for you outside the luggage hall.

If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1, where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that: Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Representative

From outside the USA: 1-514-948-4145

From within the USA: 514-948-4145

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local representative, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you.

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 756 9806

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

Your departure flight should depart no later than 2pm.

What should be on my packing list?

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

Health & Safety:

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

What activities are optional on this trip?

- No optional activities

How old must I be to join this trip?

Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

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Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.