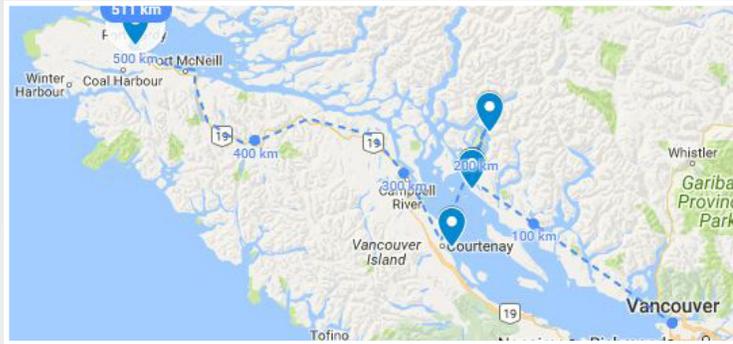


COASTAL CRUISE & DISCOVERY TOUR



9 Days / 8 Nights • From \$3625/person (based on double occupancy)

Friday Departures from June 14 to October 11

There is nothing more exhilarating than watching ocean wild life in its natural environment. Seeing a whale breach high into the sky and then playfully land is unbelievable and intoxicating. The West Coast has an abundance of **wildlife viewing from dolphins to porpoises to whales and of course, magnificent black bears** that seek the bounty of a generous coastal salmon run. This tour includes the three day Desolation Sound cruise which takes a maximum of 16 guests into the heart of BC's remote coastline. Highlights include a 3 night stay at Homfray Lodge, accessible only by boat.

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DAY 1—DRIVE

Travel from Vancouver to the Sunshine Coast. Enjoy meandering through the town of Gibsons, Half Moon Bay and Sechelt before arrive in the quaint little village of Lund. Overnight in Lund at the Historic Lund Hotel.

DAY 2—CRUISE

Board the Toba Cat and cruise up Desolation Sound. Overnight Homfray Lodge (D).

DAY 3—CRUISE

Today enjoy a day at Homfray Lodge with optional activities including kayaking, paddle boarding or book an eco-tour. The large, open decks with comfortable chairs are sublime for a day of reading with the ocean lapping against the dock. (B,L,D)

DAY 4—CRUISE/DRIVE

Cruise back through Homfray Channel stopping for wildlife viewing. The warm waters are a favourite place of play for many whales and other marine wildlife. Upon arrival to Lund, take the ferry from Powell River to Comox. Overnight Ellerslie B&B or Willow Inn B&B (B,L).

DAY 5—DRIVE

The Comox Valley is comprised of three communities, each one diverse and unique; Courtenay, Comox and the charming village of Cumberland along with the surrounding rural farm areas. Spend the day exploring the local scene. Visit 40 Knots Winery or make your way to Cumberland and enjoy an afternoon of local tastes including the Cumberland Brewing Co. Strathcona Park and Elks Falls Provincial Park are great day trips but might we suggest just enjoying a day at the beach and indulging on fish and chips, right from the docks!

DAY 6—DRIVE

Drive up to Port Hardy and Telegraph Cove. This is the furthest reach of Vancouver Island and a mecca of hiking opportunities as well as wildlife viewing. Your tour includes an afternoon whale watching tour with Stubbs Island. Overnight Port Hardy Hotel or B&B. Upgrade option to Telegraph Cove Resort.

DAY 7—DRIVE

Start the day early by returning to Telegraph Cove and joining a full day grizzly bear tour with Tiderip Tours. Overnight Port Hardy Hotel.

DAY 8—DRIVE

The north island is home to some spectacular white sandy beaches but best known to local's as access is over forestry logging roads. Join your guided tour to Cape Scott Provincial Park. They will take you through the rugged back road where you will hike through an old growth forest to emerge onto a vast sandy beach. There are spectacular sea stacks, sea caves, tidal pools and endless spots to explore. The hiking is 1.5 hour round trip and suitable for all ages and activity levels. Return to Port Hardy for your overnight. Overnight Port Hardy Hotel or B&B.

DAY 9

End of Tour

TRAVEL IS LITERALLY THE LANGUAGE OF LIFE

CRUISES

SELF
DRIVE

