

# Spring on Vancouver Island



Come away with Voyages Millefleurs to enjoy an early spring on Vancouver Island in March! Stay in the Magnificent Empress Hotel and experience high tea! Fresh fish and chips are a must on Fisherman's Wharf. The lovely Island of Salt Spring is a short ferry ride away. Stay in a coastal bed and breakfast on an inlet – fabulous breakfast! Toodle around the countryside to visit the many artisan shops as you might find a unique gift for someone you love – might be you! We cross the Island at Port Alberni with a walk through the old growth Cathedral Forest. Make a luncheon stop at the Goats on the Roof Market before continuing on to the other side of the Island. Tofino is a surfing/fishing village on the majestic Pacific Ocean. Hop on a Whale watching boat to sight the resident Orca whales perusing the waters in their pods. Our lodging is right on the ocean! Enjoy the village and the fresh ocean air. Re cross the Island to Nanaimo to catch the ferry to Vancouver. Transfer to the historic Sylvia Hotel on English Bay. This refurbished hotel is over 100 years old. Even boat crossing to Granville Island for a farewell drink. Our beautiful BC!

## Victoria - Salt Spring – Tofino Vancouver

March/April /May 2021

1 week on the Island  
+ 1 day in Vancouver

\$ 1650 CDN & GST - Land package

**Non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due at time of booking.**

**Final balance is due 60 days prior.**

**Not included in this tour:** Flight to Victoria – return from Vancouver. Meals not mentioned in itinerary; tips and gratuities; travel and medical insurance; personal expenses.

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## WHAT IS INCLUDED?

### LODGING with breakfast

- 2 nights in Empress Hotel - Victoria
- 2 nights on Salt Spring Island
- 2 nights in Middle Beach - Tofino
- 1 night in Sylvia Hotel - Vancouver

### MEALS

- Fish and Chips – Fisherman's Wharf
- High Tea at the Empress
- All breakfasts
- Farewell Drink on Grandville Island

### TRANSPORT

- Transfer from and to the airports
- All ground transport in minibus
- Ferry to and from Salt Spring Island
- Ferry Nanaimo to Vancouver
- Transfer to hotel

### SIGHT-SEEING

- Whale watching - Tofino
- Bchart Gardens
- Cathedral Old Growth Forest
- Artisan shops on Salt Spring Island
- Grandville Island, Vancouver

## **Itinerary: Spring on Vancouver Island**

**Friday, March 26 VICTORIA (D)** - Morning arrival in Victoria's airport located near Sidney where you will meet Corinne, your driver and guide. On the way to Victoria we will visit the beautiful Butchart Gardens which will be in full bloom. Catch a tea and snack in the coffee shop before your colourful walk through the garden themes. Continue to downtown Victoria to check into the iconic Fairmont Empress which opened its doors over 110 years ago. Overlooking the sparkling Inner Harbour, the Empress was designed by Francis Rattenbury for Canadian Pacific Hotels as a terminus hotel for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Rattenbury also designed the legislature building in Victoria, BC. Discover downtown Victoria's Totem Pole Park and the shopping streets. Enjoy the ambiance of a 50s-60s retro diner.

**Saturday, March 27 VICTORIA (B, High Tea)** – This morning you will have time to visit the Moss Street Saturday morning market with an array of food and artisan items. Return to the hotel to dress for High Tea at the Empress at 1pm. The Fairmont Empress in Victoria serves Afternoon Tea to more guests than most hotels in London, England. More than 400 people per day come to enjoy a tradition that commenced when the hotel opened on January 20, 1908. Enjoy tea in real cups and saucer complimented by small sandwiches. Get acquainted with the harbour before taking the water taxi to Fisherman's Wharf for the best Fish and Chips!!! Evening free to enjoy the flowers and lights of Victoria.

**Sunday, March 28-SALT SPRING ISLAND (B,L)** This morning we leave Victoria so spend some time on one of the most delightful of the Gulf Islands. Salt Spring was once and still is a hippie enclave, known for its laidback pace, music and artisan shops. Soon after we cross on the ferry we will stop at an artisan cheese farm specializing in Goats cheese. Enjoy a picnic lunch on site with a wide assortment of cheeses. Continue north to our Long Harbour B&B to settle in and enjoy a welcome cocktail. Return to Ganges for an evening meal.

**Monday, March 29- SALT SPRING ISLAND ( B)** After a copious breakfast, spend some time relaxing at the B&B or take a canoe along the inlet – watch for the star fish in the shallow waters. Afternoon excursion to the many artisan shops on the Island. We are sure to find a light lunch in a bistro along the way. Stop in Ganges, the main town of the Island to have supper in a terrace restaurant, perhaps enjoying some local music!

**Tuesday, March 30– TOFINO (B)** Departure for the ferry to the main island. Head north to Parksville to cross the Island towards Port Alberni where we will visit the Cathedral Forest, a cedar forest of over 1000 years! Continue on to Goats on the Roof Market for lunch. Watch for the goats! Carry along across the island to the Pacific Rim National Park where we will turn north to Tofino. Check in to the Middle Beach Lodge on the water. Enjoy a walk along the beach before a potluck dinner in our apartments.

**Wednesday, March 31- TOFINO (B)** Today we will discover Tofino – surfing destination of the Island. After a breakfast in our apartments we will board a private whale watching boat. Enjoy this 3 hour ocean excursion to see pods of Orca whales, some matriarchs close to 100 years old. Explore the town of Tofino in the late afternoon to catch an oyster dinner on a terrace restaurant.

**Thursday, April 1 – VANCOUVER (B,D)** Return to the opposite side of the Island to catch the ferry from Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay in Vancouver. Transfer to the Sylvia Hotel on English Bay. This refurbished hotel is over 100 years old. Check in before taking a walk along English Bay to catch a taxi boat to Grandville Island for some shopping and a seafood farewell dinner.

**Friday, April 2 – IN TRANSIT (B)** – Transfer to the Vancouver Airport for your flight home or continue your stay in Vancouver.