

Vancouver Island North Adventure (4 Days)



This **North Island** itinerary is easily accessed from Vancouver with a 30 minute scenic flight.

Starting in **Comox** located central Vancouver Island, your journey will take you north along the Island Highway to **Campbell River, Telegraph Cove, Port McNeil** and **Port Hardy**.

The **North Island** area of Vancouver Island is rich in First Nations history and culture, and offers a wealth of outdoor recreational opportunities. Discover the North Island's magnificent wilderness and wildlife on a sightseeing, caving, hiking, kayaking, or diving tour. For a moderately challenging day hike, follow the trail in Raft Cove Provincial Park to a spectacular beach with great surf. Arrange for a fishing charter and reel in a salmon or halibut, or fish for trout in one of North Island's many lakes and streams. From Port McNeill, take BC Ferries to Sointula on Malcolm Island and Alert Bay on Cormorant Island, two of the region's most historic destinations. The North Island region measures approximately 16,000 sq km in size, yet its population is only about 2% of the total for Vancouver Island.

Four Day Dream Trip

Day One Scenic Flight from **Vancouver** to **Comox**

Welcome to the **Comox Valley** - Home of **Mount Washington Alpine Resort**, a world class training facility for **2010** elite winter competitors, from more than 10 countries.

The Comox Valley is a collection of rolling mountains, delicate alpine meadows, rushing rivers, pristine lakes, lush forests, fertile farms, incredible beaches and more than 40 green parks. Four major museums, live theatre, a dynamic music scene, an active artist community and year round cultural festivals and events are just a few of the many attractions the Comox Valley has to offer. Gourmet cuisine, unique shopping experiences, galleries and eclectic coffee and tea shops line the streets of the Comox Valley's urban centers.



Comox Valley Outdoor Adventures – Your choice!

- Skiing and Snowboarding (December to April)
- Cross Country Skiing (December to April)
- Golfing
- Mountain Biking
- Spas
- Shopping and Museum exploration

Overnight in the **Comox Valley** in Oceanside Accommodation

Day Two Travel to **Campbell River**, a 40 minute drive from the Comox Valley.

Campbell River stretches 24 km along the east coast of central Vancouver Island. While the city has a great selection of shops and restaurants, as well as a theatre and museum, its greatest charms are found in the outdoors. Visitors enjoy coastline festivals, whale watching, wildlife tours, kayaking, hiking, downhill skiing, and superior salmon fishing.

"Must-sees, must-dos" include the 6.5km Rotary Seawalk, and the Discovery Fishing Pier, Canada's first saltwater fishing pier. At nearby Strathcona Provincial Park, hike Golden Hinde (the highest peak on Vancouver Island), or at Campbell River Canyon Trail, view spawning salmon from mid-July to fall. Campbell River is also a convenient jumping-off point for **Quadra** and **Cortes Islands**, known for their natural beauty, excellent kayaking and hiking routes, as well as eclectic arts and crafts.

Campbell River Outdoor Adventures – Your choice!

- Fishing (May to October)
- Whale Watching (July to October)
- Bear and Wildlife Ocean Rapids Tour (April to November)
- Kayaking
- Golfing
- Hiking

Overnight in **Campbell River**

Day Three Travel from Campbell River to **Port Hardy** (3 hour drive)
Towns along the way for exploration include **Telegraph Cove** and **Port McNeil**

Port Hardy (population: 4,000) is the last bastion of civilization in the remote and wild north end of Vancouver Island. The town has a fascinating blue-collar history and a bright green eco tourist future as it evolves into one of North America’s best as-yet undiscovered outdoor adventure destinations. The natural ingredients are all here: fishing, hiking, world-class scuba diving and serious quantities of wildlife in coastal waters, wilderness parks and the area’s nicely mature second-growth woodland habitat make for great viewing.

Port Hardy and Area Adventures – Your choice!

- Fishing (May to September)
- Whale Watching (June to August)
- Wildlife Tour (whales, bears sea lions, dolphins, eagles – May to August)
- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Beachcombing

Overnight in **Port Hardy** area Accommodation

Day Four Travel back to **Vancouver** on a scenic flight over the Strait of Georgia



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