

WHALES & BEARS

This quintessential west coast trip introduces you to some of British Columbia's most majestic inhabitants. Come face to face with grizzlies in Desolation Sound, and meet the resident killer whale pods of the Juan de Fuca and Haro Straits. This trip strikes an ideal balance between urban exploration and outdoor adventure, with a side of luxury throughout!

OUR PROMISE

While in our care you'll receive 24/7 support and the flawless delivery of your travel experience. We obsess over every detail so that you don't have to. Your journey is bespoke, created just for you. All that's left for you to do is to enjoy Canada – it is wild, soulful and truly unforgettable.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

This trip is designed for outdoor enthusiasts, offering a number of opportunities to view whales and bears, and to experience two very different settings: Desolation Sound and downtown Vancouver. Enjoy up-close views of grizzly bears, orcas, sea lions, dolphins and more. From Vancouver, you'll travel to Victoria for more whale watching and to explore Canada's most English city.



DAYS

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| ONE | Arrive in Vancouver Helicopter to Desolation Sound Accommodations are at Sonora Resort | FIVE | Morning at leisure Helicopter to Vancouver Private Sedan transfer to hotel Accommodations are at the Fairmont Pacific Rim |
| TWO | Guided zodiac tour of Sonora Island & the surrounding area Afternoon at leisure Accommodations are at Sonora Resort | SIX | Seaplane to Victoria Guided whale watching through Juan de Fuca Strait Seaplane to Vancouver Accommodations are at the Fairmont Pacific Rim |
| THREE | Spend the morning viewing grizzlies with an expert guide Afternoon at leisure Accommodations are at Sonora Resort | SEVEN | Explore Vancouver on your own Private Sedan transfer to Vancouver International Airport End of journey |
| FOUR | Day at leisure Accommodations are at Sonora Resort | | |



DAY ONE

Arrive in Vancouver | Travel to Sonora Resort

Upon your arrival at the Vancouver Airport, your driver will transport you to the airport's south terminal for your scheduled one-hour helicopter flight to Desolation Sound and your luxury retreat on the Inside Passage of Vancouver Island. Start enjoying the five-star amenities prior to your first five-course dinner accompanied by award-winning B.C. wines. All meals and drinks are included at Sonora Resort, with the exception of premium alcohol. Accommodations are at Sonora Resort in a Gold Room.

HIGHLIGHTS

Scenic helicopter journey to Desolation Sound

MEALS SERVICES HOTEL

Dinner
Private Sedan transfer | Helicopter flight
Sonora Resort

DAY TWO

Explore Desolation Sound by Boat

Begin discovering your surroundings today on a guided zodiac tour of the sheltered waters, islands and bays of Desolation Sound. As you tour the Bute Inlet, Aaran and Yuculta rapids, and surrounding waterways, stop to view wildlife such as black bear, porpoises, bald eagles, whales, and other sea and land creatures. Accommodations are at Sonora Resort in a Gold Room.

HIGHLIGHTS

Wildlife viewing by boat with an expert guide | Visiting secluded bays, inlets, and islands of Desolation Sound

MEALS SERVICES HOTEL

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Eco-Guide (2 hrs)
Sonora Resort



DAY THREE

Meet the Grizzlies of Sonora Island

On a guided grizzly bear viewing tour, experience the presence of the magnificent grizzlies as they feed on salmon on the banks of the beautiful Orford River in Bute Inlet. In the afternoon, consider a hike to pristine Florence Lake. Accommodations are at Sonora Resort in a Gold Room.

DAY FOUR

Explore Sonora Resort & Surrounding Area

Continue to enjoy the resort, either by relaxing at the spa or partaking in any number of additional activities on offer, including golf, hiking, white water rafting on the Nimpkish River, kayaking on the Inside Passage, guided salmon- and fly-fishing, and helicopter-supported glacier tours. Accommodations are at Sonora Resort in a Gold Room.

HIGHLIGHTS

Grizzly bear viewing with an expert naturalist

MEALS
SERVICES
HOTEL

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Half-Day Guide
Sonora Resort

HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring Sonora Resort & Desolation Sound on your own

MEALS
SERVICES
HOTEL

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
n/a
Sonora Resort



DAY FIVE

Travel from Desolation Sound to Vancouver

After enjoying the better part of the day at Sonora Resort a scheduled helicopter flight will transport you back to Vancouver, where you will be met by a driver and delivered to your hotel downtown Just in time for dinner! Accommodations are at the Fairmont Pacific Rim in a Deluxe Partial Harbourview Room.

HIGHLIGHTS

Scenic journey over Desolation Sound to Vancouver | Exploring Vancouver on your own

MEALS

Breakfast & Lunch

SERVICES

Helicopter transfer | Private Sedan transfer

HOTEL

Fairmont Pacific Rim

DAY SIX

Whale Watching in the Juan de Fuca Strait

Wander the short distance to the seaplane terminal for your scenic seaplane flight to Victoria. There, you'll join a three-hour whale watching tour, racing through the seas in an open-aired Zodiac. Later, explore Victoria's Old Town and the oldest Chinatown in Canada, visit famed Butchart Gardens, or take tea at The Fairmont Empress. Return to Vancouver by seaplane at the end of the day. Accommodations are at the Fairmont Pacific Rim in a Deluxe Partial Harbourview Room.

HIGHLIGHTS

Spotting orcas, humpbacks, seals and otters on a guided whale watching tour | Exploring historic Victoria on your own

MEALS

n/a

SERVICES

Seaplane transfers

HOTEL

Fairmont Pacific Rim



DAY SEVEN

Explore Vancouver prior to Departure

Depending on the timing of your outbound flight, take a walk in Stanley Park or along chic Robson Street before being picked up at your hotel for the transfer to Vancouver airport. Safe travels!

HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring Vancouver on your own

MEALS

n/a

SERVICES

Private Sedan transfer

HOTEL

n/a

ACCOMMODATION



Sonora Resort

Sonora Island, BC

Sonora Resort is an eco-resort, adventure playground, spa, and wellness centre located in Desolation Sound, on the Inside Passage of Vancouver Island. Its magnificently pristine setting is matched by luxurious accommodations, unparalleled service and extraordinary creature comforts. The Relais & Châteaux property features a wellness centre and spa, hot mineral pools overlooking the Pacific Ocean, gym, tennis courts, and outdoor swimming pool. Five and seven-course dinners are complemented by B.C. and other fine wines.

Room View

Ocean

Room Size 400 sq. ft

Bed Type One King or Queen bed



Fairmont Pacific Rim

Vancouver, BC

Located downtown, on Vancouver's waterfront, the Fairmont Pacific Rim offers unobstructed views of the snow-capped North Shore Mountains, Stanley Park, and Howe Sound. It boasts 367 lavish rooms including 47 suites, a fine dining restaurant, a casual lounge and lobby bar, plus an Italian deli and bakery. Other amenities include the Willow Stream Spa, complete with rooftop pool and lounge.

Room View

Coal Harbour, Stanley Park and the North Shore Mountains or Canada Place

Room Size 400 sq. ft

Bed Type One King or two Queen beds

We Look Forward to Serving **You**



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