

# SAIL VANCOUVER ISLANDS & THE DESOLATION SOUND

*Another Day...Another Bay*

Let us introduce you  
to "Sail Vancouver  
Island & The  
Desolation Sound"

A unique sailing  
adventure designed  
for those with a  
penchant for the "road  
less travelled".  
this tour promises  
fascination,  
excitement, relaxation  
and will be nothing  
short of the holiday of  
a lifetime.





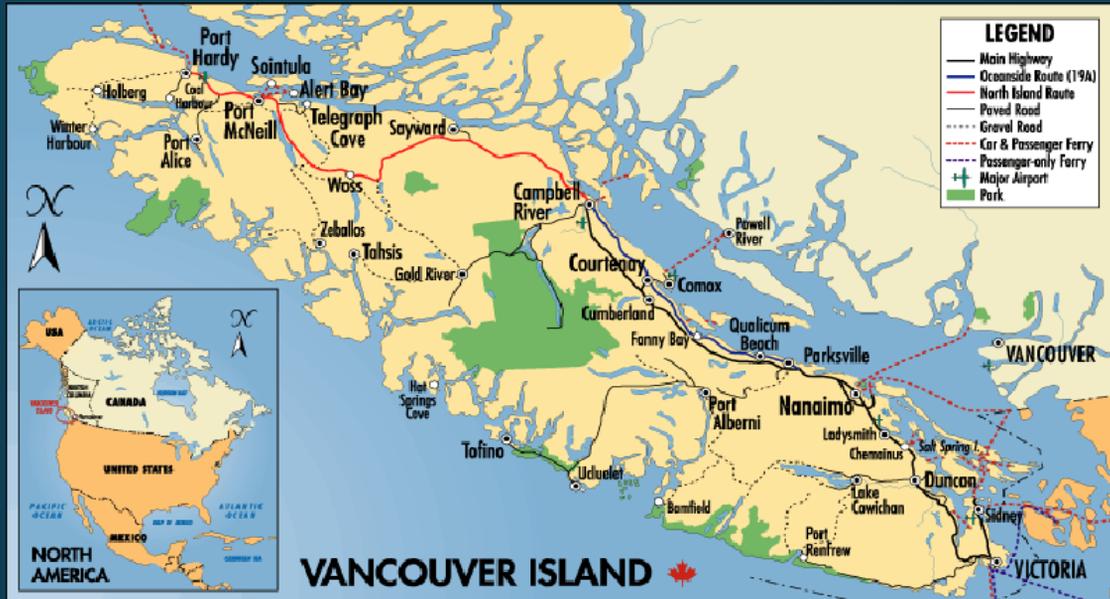
Long before James Cook landed on the west coast of Vancouver Island in 1778, the First Nation people have inhabited the area and its history lives on in numerous travel experiences.

The Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth and Kwakwaka'wakw have lived in permanent settlements on the shores and valleys of the island, creating elaborate art forms for centuries.

Visitors exploring Vancouver Island's First Nation culture can expect to taste traditional foods, take an interpretive tour, see totem poles, view art galleries and museums, witness ceremonies and hike or canoe historical routes that have been used for thousands of years by the island's first residents.

So rich is their culture here that it was chosen as the location for the 2008 North American Indigenous Games. The games hosted over 4,500 Canadian and US athletes and more than 3,000 cultural performers. Vancouver Island is perhaps the most accessible area for indigenous experiences and visitors are never far from First Nations' culture.

# VANCOUVER ISLAND BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA



The Vancouver Island region is a large, sparsely populated area, encompassing Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, as well as a portion of the mainland.

It has one of the world's most diverse ecosystems with Rainforests, marshes, meadows, beaches, mountains, oceans, rivers and lakes creating habitats for multitudes of wildlife species. In fact, the region is one of the world's premier locations for whale watching, birding and fishing for salmon or trout.

Much of the island is protected parkland. It contains many pockets of old-growth fir and cedar forests, as well as rare, naturally occurring groves of Garry Oak. Vancouver Island is bisected north to south by the Beaufort Mountain Range, which is home to one of Canada's biggest, all-natural ski bases.

The beauty and tranquility of this region has long been a draw for artists and artisans. The Gulf Islands abound in art galleries, studios and shops selling unique, locally produced, arts and crafts.

# DESOLATION SOUND

The park was established in 1973, but was originally named when captain George Vancouver discovered the sound in 1792. Desolation sound is comprised of 8,449 hectares of steep forested hills, saltwater & freshwater lagoons, sheltered bays, pocket beaches. Lakes. Places like Malaspina Peninsula and into Homfray Channel, is jaw-dropping scenery where British Columbia's coast mountains shoot straight from sea level to dramatic peaks hanging 6,500-feet overhead. The sites are breathtaking and leave one dreaming of the incomparable natural beauty and solitude of desolation sound. The area abounds with wildlife such as bears, eagles, sea creatures of all kinds. Fantastic fishing opportunities abound.

Desolation Sound is now one of the premier and most visually stunning cruising grounds in British Columbia, if not all of North America. And you're just as likely to share an anchorage here with circumnavigators as you are charterers, because it is a truly awe-inspiring destination that draws everyone.



# A FEW SHOTS FROM OUR PREVIOUS ADVENTURES



# SHOTS FROM OUR 2017 ADVENTURE



# DE COURCY ISLAND

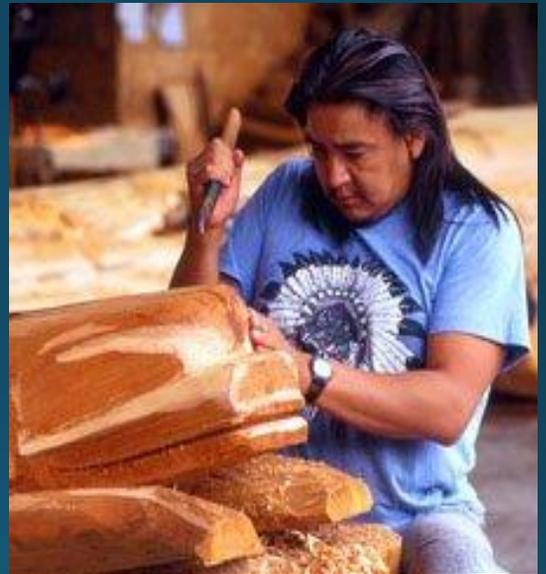


De Courcy Island has one of the Gulf Island's most popular marine parks. Pirates Cove Marine Provincial Park which is located on the southeast corner of De Courcy Island. Outdoor enthusiasts can hike the 4 km trail or explore the sandstone beaches and caves. As would be expected, swimming and kayaking are popular activities at Pirates Cove. Pull anchor in time to shoot through Gabriella Pass and head to Silva Bay Marina for the night for a beverage and some live entertainment. Silva Bay is one of the most protected, yet accessible harbours in Canada's Pacific waters. It is ideally situated for boaters traveling through the Gulf Islands, north to Desolation Sound, or south to the San Juan Islands.

# SECRET COVE



The legendary Deep Bay on Jedediah Island Located near Lasqueti Island is all about fishing, exploring or lazing around the Georgia Strait. After an active day it is only a short sail for a lazy night at Secret Cove.



# REFUGE COVE

Refuge Cove via the "scenic route", offers miles of sailing and sight seeing. Cassel Lake is a haven for fresh water swimming and fresh oysters. Refuge Cove provides a wide range of services including mooring, fuel, groceries, ice, showers, laundry, espresso and other supplies.



# THETIS ISLAND

Telegraph Harbour is a protected haven. Once inside the harbour, Thetis Island Marina is nestled against the eastern shore of the Island. After an exhilarating day on the water, there is nothing better than to relax on the deck of the Thetis Island Marina Pub.



# PRIDEAUX HAVEN



Prideaux Haven is a large tree-lined anchorage with plenty of room to comfortably accommodate several larger boats as well as many smaller boats.

At the back of the Prideaux Haven Harbour is the opening to Melanie Cove, a smaller tree-lined cove for fewer boats. The area is rich with oysters and warm, sunny beaches.

Mornings here often provide an awakening to majestic sunrises peering over 5,000 foot granite peaks.



# SCHOONER COVE

Schooner Cove is a fantastic place to capture astounding photos of sea lions, bald eagles, otters and other wild life.



# NEWCASTLE ISLAND

Come to Newcastle island to enjoy a first nations cultural tour and traditionally prepared salmon bbq, there is also an extensive network of walking and hiking trails that lead to various historic points around the island.



# SALT SPRING ISLAND

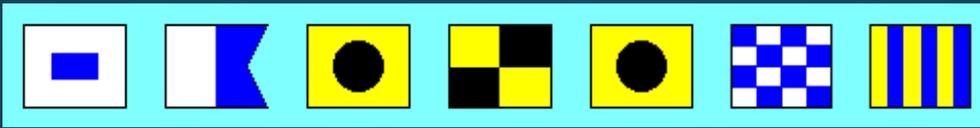
A straight sail down Northumberland Channel through Dodd Narrow, down Trincomali Channel and on to Ganges Harbour, where you arrive to Salt Spring Island. Local wineries offer tasting of some exceptional wines at Mistaken Identity, Salt Spring Vineyard and Gerry Oaks Winery.



# BUTCHART GARDENS



The story of the gardens is one of family and legacy. Jennie Butchart, Mr. Butchart's enterprising wife, created something beautiful where the land had been depleted from the extraction of limestone. She brought topsoil from neighbouring farms and little by little the family's abandoned quarry blossomed into a most spectacular garden. Jennie then continued to create a Japanese garden that meets the sea and a Mediterranean garden where tennis courts used to be. Future generations of the Butchart's have contributed to the splendour of these gardens. Fireworks, concerts and major events are now a part of this extensive show garden.



# SAILING ADVENTURES VANCOUVER ISLAND & THE DESOLATION SOUND

## ARRIVE:

VANCOUVER ISLAND B.C. -

## DEPART:

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## INCLUDED:

- Luxury Sailing Catamaran
- Hotel Accommodation Ashore (2 nights)
- Host/Hostess, Qualified Skipper,
- All Meals (aboard & ashore), local house wines, beers & soft drinks whilst aboard & at dinners ashore
- Mooring Fees, Fuel
- transfers to and from airports
- Local Taxes

## NOT INCLUDED:

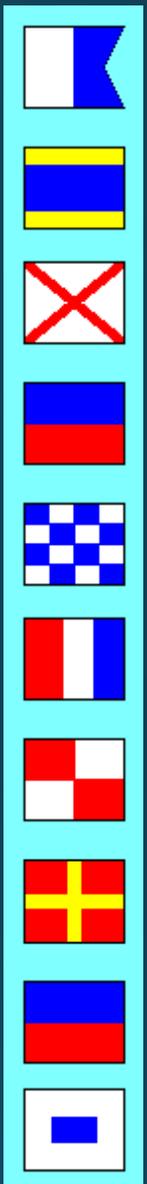
Air fares, Travel Insurance, Premium Bottled Wines at Restaurants and Spirits .

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