





British Columbia Trips

FOLLOW WINDING ROADS INTO THE DEEP FORESTS of northern Vancouver Island, where bald eagles soar and black bears munch dandelions on the roadside. Hop through the Gulf Islands, visiting galleries and beaches and watching for orca. Or point your wheels north toward Whistler where dramatic glazed mountaintops scrape the sky. Then coast back down to explore dynamic Vancouver or quaint Victoria.

Healthy living reaches its zenith in British Columbia (BC). You'll eat well, drink well and play well. From islands to glaciers to world-class vineyards, this region beckons for road trips and doesn't disappoint.

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25 Vancouver & the Fraser Valley 2 Days

Brave suspension bridges and relive pioneer life in a dramatic mountain valley. (p265)

Classic Trip

26 Sea to Sky Highway 1–2 Days

Go from coastal towns to snowy peaks with classic BC sights and views en route. (p273)

27 A Strait Hop 2–3 Days

Features some of BC's largest trees, contemporary fishing villages and an awe-inspiring ferry ride. (p283)

28 Southern Vancouver Island Tour 4–5 Days

Time slows down with mellow island-hopping, artsy villages and dramatic beaches. (p293)

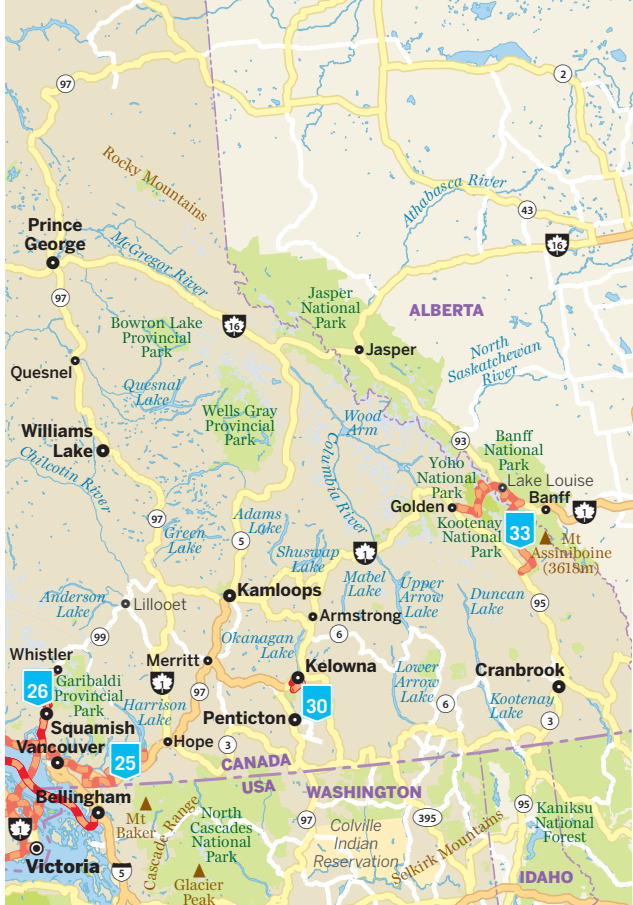
29 Vancouver Island's Remote North 2–3 Days

Endless sand, old-growth forest, whales, bears and plenty of Native culture. (p301)

Classic Trip

30 Okanagan Valley Wine Tour 2 Days

Overflowing fruit stands, award-winning vineyards and amazing cuisine next to a shimmering lake. (p309)



DON'T MISS

Native Culture

With state-of-the-art museums, art galleries, totem poles and modern communities, Native culture is accessible on

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Local Refreshments

In-house roasted coffee, local breweries, countless wineries and unique cideries will tempt your taste buds on Trips [27](#) [28](#) [30](#)

Dramatic Beaches

Long Beach with its endless sand, remote Botanical Beach and forested China Beach await on Trips [27](#) [28](#) [29](#)

Ancient Forests

Looking up at the towering old-growth trees in Cathedral Grove, Goldstream Provincial Park and Capilano will leave you dizzy on Trips [27](#) [29](#) [25](#)

Wildlife

While never a sure bet, you have a chance to spot a bear, a bald eagle or a pod of whales on Trips [26](#) [29](#) [32](#) [33](#)

- 31 Haida Gwaii Adventure 2 Days**
Experience remote wilderness and fascinating Native culture on these edge-of-the-earth islands. (p319)

Classic Trip

- 32 Up the Inside Passage 4 Days**
Travel aboard a scenic ferry to far-flung coastlines and gold-rush boom towns. (p327)

- 33 Circling the Rockies 3 Days**
See iconic mountain scenery and wildlife at its greatest. (p337)