



SHARE VANCOUVER ISLAND

2 DAYS IN NANAIMO

DAY 1 Full-day in Nanaimo

Take a 90-minute ferry sailing on the MV Coho from Port Angeles, WA to downtown Victoria, BC. Depart downtown Victoria and enjoy a pleasant 90-minute drive to Nanaimo along the eastern coast of Vancouver Island. Stay the night at the accommodation of your choice in Nanaimo so you can start your 2 day itinerary bright and early the next morning.

BREAKFAST DOWNTOWN

Choose **Gabriel's Gourmet Cafe** for an authentic farm-to-table experience.

SUGGESTED MORNING ACTIVITIES

Short but adrenaline pumping harbour activity:

Option 1: 20 min. scenic flightseeing tour on Sunshine Coast Air

Option 2: 20 min. hover craft tour

- 4km walk along **Nanaimo's Waterfront Walkway** including a stop at the crabbing pier to watch the locals crab and visit Lucy the seal.

- **Downtown Nanaimo and Old City Quarter** - Shop and sample a few versions of the famous Canadian Nanaimo Bar along the Nanaimo Bar Trail:

Nanaimo Bar martini from **Modern Café**

Flavoured Nanaimo Bars from **Bocca Café**

Deep fried Nanaimo Bar from **Pirate Chips**

Nanaimo Bar history at the **Nanaimo Museum**

- Be at the **Pioneer Plaza** just before noon to catch the **cannon firing!** If you plan your trip early enough, you can call the Nanaimo Museum and request to fire the cannon that day! After, tour the HBC Bastion, one of only a few remaining in North America.

LUNCH

Dockside Dining at Troller's Fish n Chips or Penny's Palapas

AFTERNOON

Option 1: 2 hour snorkel with seals aboard Sundown Diving's charter boat at Snake Island.

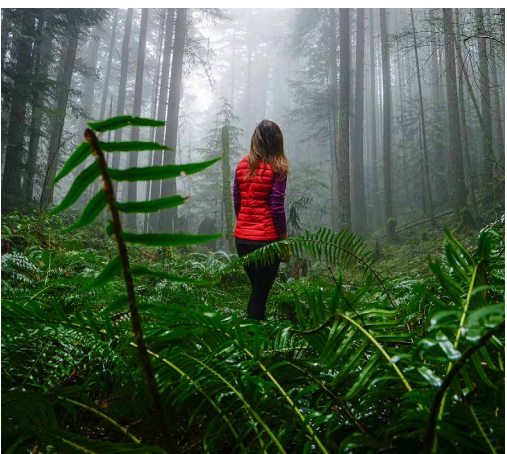
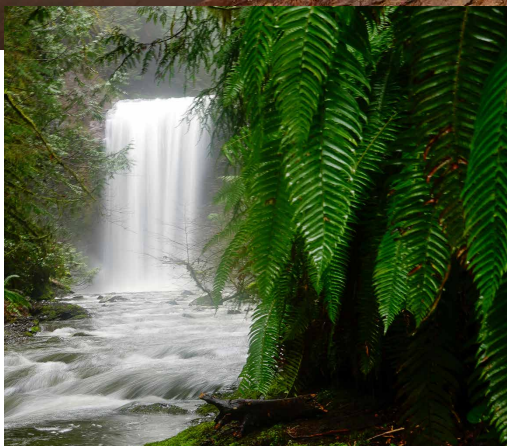
Option 2: 2 hour relaxing sailing cruise around Newcastle Island aboard Shadowfax catamaran.

DINNER

Protection Connection ferry to the **Dinghy Dock Pub and Restaurant**, watch the float planes come and go, watch commuters from Nanaimo row back home to Protection Island, enjoy the sunset from the deck and take a stroll around the island to see the blue herons, pirate-themed street names and funky houses.

ACCOMMODATION

<http://www.tourismlnanaimo.com/stay>



DAY 2 Full-day in Nanaimo

BREAKFAST DOWNTOWN

For an authentically baked French pastry or breakfast start your day with **Mon Petit Choux**. Bon appétit!

SUGGESTED MORNING ACTIVITY

Hike to the top of Mt. Benson 4-5 hours round trip accessed through Witchcraft Lake Regional Trail for stunning views of Nanaimo and Region and on a clear day across the Salish Sea.

LUNCH

Pack your lunch and eat at the **summit of Mt. Benson**.

DINNER

Riso Foods is a small restaurant and bakery with a wood-fired pizza oven where they bake real Neapolitan style pizza, slow rise organic breads and road house-made bacon. The atmosphere is bright, cozy and the patio in the warmer months is a great place to gather.

EVENING

Enjoy a sunset and beach fire at Sebastion Beach, at the end of Sebastion Road in Lantzville. Make sure to check on fire ban status first!

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