

# Road Trips and Rambles

## This Bus Is Going on an Adventure

Relax and leave the driving to us as we travel around Vancouver Island and beyond in our mini-bus. Escorted small group travel with an emphasis on fun, experiential learning and socializing. Tours depart from Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre. Free parking passes are available for the day. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to listed times to allow for check-in and boarding. All trips are scent free and non-smoking.

### Registration August 15:

#### Glenrosa Farm Restaurant

Enjoy local, house-made and seasonal fare at this farm restaurant with beautiful views out over the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Transportation included. Meal extra.

5522 Th, Sept 6 10:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$25

#### Tugwell Creek Honey Farm & Meadery and lunch at Shirley Delicious

Explore the secret life of bees and understand their importance of their world. Learn how Mead (honey wine) the oldest art of fermentation is crafted. Taste award winning Meads and tour the Meadery. Transportation and tour/tasting included. Lunch is extra.

5512 Tu, Sept 11 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. \$55

#### Chemainus Theatre – Glorious

The Comedic True Story of the Worst Singer in the World. Everyone agreed that she couldn't carry a tune – except Florence Foster Jenkins, as recently depicted in the Hollywood movie by Meryl Streep.

No refunds after Aug. 17th. Transportation, gratuities, tickets and buffet lunch included.

5519 Wed, Sept 19 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. \$121

#### Providence Farm Lunch and Tour

Visit the picturesque Providence Farm – a working farm and regional landmark gifted by the Sisters of Saint Ann. They provide a number of innovative programs including horticulture therapy, art, woodworking, gardening and more. Transportation, tour and pre-ordered lunch included.

5516 Tu, Sept 25 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$55

#### Rocky Point Bird Observatory & Lunch at My Chosen Café

Learn about long-term ecological monitoring of migratory birds by attending this banding demonstration and going on a bird walk. Yes you'll have to get up with the birds! Tour included, lunch extra.

5524 Th, Oct 4 7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$40

#### Sidney Fine Arts Show & Lunch at Sea Glass Waterfront Grill

After lunch overlooking the marina, we are off to see the art show that has become one of the largest and most prestigious juried art shows in BC. It is a diverse selection of painting, sculpture, fibre arts, photography and more. Transportation and entrance included. Lunch is extra.

5521 Fri, Oct 12 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. \$40

#### Britannia Mine Tour, Sea to Sky Gondola, Whistler Spa & the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

Rumble through the dark on an underground train and learn about what was once the biggest copper mine in the British Empire. From underground to top of the world another stop is the new Sea to Sky Gondola for sweeping views of Howe Sound. Learn about the First Nations communities of the Whistler area and relax and rejuvenate at the world famous Scandinave Spa. Transportation, tours, spa and accommodation included. Meals are extra.

5513 Tu–Th, Oct 16–18 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
BC Senior 65+yrs \$617 single or \$507 double occup.  
Under 65 yrs \$659 single or \$549 double occup.

#### Wine Tour & Lunch

We will start off at Church & State winery for lunch and a tasting and then head over to DeVine Vineyard for another tasting of spirits or wine. Transportation and tour/tasting included. Lunch is extra.

5515 Th, Oct 25 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$45

### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre  
Online [victoria.ca/recreation](http://victoria.ca/recreation)  
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**Chemainus – Outside Mullingar**

Anthony, a painfully shy Irish farmer, has happily watched 42 years crawl by while his headstrong neighbour, Rosemary, watched him from afar. The two introverted misfits can't avoid the heart-breaking, funny and deeply moving disruption that brings them closer together. No refund after Sept. 28th. Transportation, gratuities, tickets and buffet lunch included.

5517 W, Oct 31 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. \$121

**Circle Craft Fair in Vancouver**

This market is a Vancouver tradition with fine BC and Canadian artisans and their work, as well as food vendors, entertainment by local dance groups, craft technique demonstrations, and other crafty activities, round out the experience! Transportation and entrance fee included. Meals extra.

5523 Th, Nov 8 7:45 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. \$120  
BC Senior 65+/\$155 Adult

**Chemainus – Little Women**

Louisa May Alcott's beloved holiday story is a buoyant musical of romantic escapades, sibling rivalries and Christmas wishes. As they dream of their futures, encounter growing pains of youth and rise with courage to face their destiny, the March girls learn the true value of hope and family. No refunds after Oct. 19th. Transportation, gratuities, tickets and buffet lunch included.

5514 W, Nov 21 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. \$131

**Lunch & Goldstream Park – Salmon & Eagles**

You'll step back in time when we enter Ma Miller's pub of lunch. Originally the Goldstream Hotel (1864), this pub still has some old world charm while having an up to date menu. Then enjoy a naturalist led tour and learn about the salmon lifecycle as well as the gathering of the eagles in the Goldstream Estuary. This tour takes place rain or shine so please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes – it can be chilly along the river. Transportation and naturalist tour included. Lunch is extra.

5520 Tu, Nov 27 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$54

**Christmas Lights, Museum Tour, Shopping & More**

Re-capture the feeling of wonder and excitement of the holiday season and be amazed by the hundreds of thousands of lights throughout Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. Take a trip back in time when we visit the Titanic Artifact Exhibition – touch an iceberg, go inside the Titanic like never before and learn about personal histories and the Titanic's maiden voyage. Dine and shop at Aberdeen Centre Mall a unique fusion of East meets West and also home to many first (and only) Japanese, Korean and Asian food, fashion, beauty and lifestyle brands in Canada. Transportation, ferries, tours and accommodation included. Meals extra.

5518 T–W, Dec 4–5 9:15 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
BC Senior 65+yrs \$365 sgl or \$265 dbl  
or \$100 deposit to hold spot  
Under 65 yrs \$405 sgl or \$305 dbl

**Christmas Lunch in Sidney**

Let's get gussied up and go to Haro's restaurant at the Sidney Pier Hotel for a wonderful Christmas Buffet (you can order off the menu as well). Transportation included, meal is extra.

5525 Tu, Dec 18 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$25

**Chemainus 2019 tickets will be announced in the Fall.****Registration November 28:****Fire Station No. 2 & Lunch at Vista 18**

Fire Station No. 2 is the newest of Victoria's three fire halls but designed to fit into the historical look of the area. This fire hall has a small museum that houses an old steam pumper. After our tour we will go for lunch high atop Victoria at Vista 18. Transportation and tour included, lunch is extra.

5539 Th, Jan 10 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$25

**Coast Collective Art Gallery, Curry Buffet Lunch & Westshore Shopping**

Coast Collective Arts Centre is a dynamic, inspiring centre promoting art and culture, connecting community members of all ages through creative

expression and explorations. After touring the gallery, we are off to Tumeric for a buffet lunch (or order off the menu) followed by shopping at Superstore or Westshore Town Centre mall. Transportation included, lunch is extra.

5545 Th, Jan 24 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$25

**Dominion Astrophysical Observatory & Lunch**

Located on Observatory Hill this observatory was completed in 1918. The observatory has been designated a National Historic Site of Canada as it is a world-renowned facility where many discoveries about the nature of the Milky Way were made and was one of the world's main astrophysical research centres until the 1960s. After our tour we will go for lunch at the popular Sassy's Family Restaurant. Transportation and tour included. Lunch is extra.

5546 Th, Feb 7 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$40

**Dinner at Stage & Belfry Theatre**

Enjoy tapas style of dining before heading to see the show "Bears" at the Belfry Theatre. Bears is an award-winning multi-disciplinary journey through our wondrous and contested environment. Pursued by the RCMP, Floyd has to get out of town fast. Heading through the Rockies for the Pacific, through the forests and along the rivers, he experiences changes – inside and out. Floyd's journey is assisted by the wildlife he encounters – especially the bears.

5547 Tu, Feb 19 4:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. \$70

**Day in Duncan**

Enjoy shopping, gallery tours & lunch. Transportation and tours included. Meals are extra.

5548 Th, Mar 7 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$40

**Brandt Geese Festival – Parksville/Qualicum**

See the small goose called the Black Brandt as it migrates from California and Mexico to Alaska and stops off in Parksville/Qualicum to rest and feed. Other visitors include pacific herring, sea lions and harbor seals. Transportation included. Meals are extra.

5551 T, Mar 26 7:45 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. \$140

**Additional Information****Pick up location:**

Crystal Pool & Fitness Centre, 2275 Quadra Street, Victoria, BC

**Inclusions:**

Please note the items included for each trip. Items not listed are not included and are the responsibility of each participant.

**Mile Zero Tours**

For those wishing to go further afield with your travels, we have teamed up with Mile Zero Tours after plenty of good feedback from our regular Ramblers. These tours are designed specifically for residents of Vancouver to travel from their front door across the continent. If you see something you like, let them know the City of Victoria Recreation Department referred you when you book and you'll receive a nice \$25 discount!

Upcoming destinations include: **Tofino Escape** – October 25; **Winter Mountain Train** – Dec 6 and **New Orleans and Louisiana** – January 9. For more info on these exciting trips and more, check out [www.milezerotours.com](http://www.milezerotours.com).