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North Island First Nations Adventures

Leave the confines of Vancouver, and head out on the ocean via BC Ferries to Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. Set your sights on the northern region of Vancouver Island, which is steeped in First Nations heritage, and a variety of forest and marine life, including whales, grizzly bears, eagles and more. Enjoy spectacular coastlines, and lush rainforest, while discovering the area's rich and still-living Indigenous culture.

Details

Provinces: British Columbia

Length: 4 Nights / 5 Days

Dates: May 15 - September 30



Itinerary & Route

Day	Destinations
1	Vancouver › Nanaimo › Courtenay
2	Courtenay › Telegraph Cove › Alert Bay › Telegraph Cove
3	Port McNeill › Broughton Archipelago
4	Port McNeill › Port Hardy
5	Depart Port Hardy

This is the perfect itinerary for visitors wanting to travel to Prince Rupert via BC Ferries!

British Columbia

British Columbia is home to more than 200 First Nation bands (out of about 600 in Canada), and each has its own unique history, heritage, rituals and language. However, all of the province's Indigenous population share a timeless respect for the natural world, and the rugged coastlines and landscapes of their ancestors.





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North Island First Nations Adventures: Highlights

Day 1

Leave Vancouver early in the morning, head out on the ocean via BC Ferries to Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. Drive 1 ½ hours to Courtenay, on the traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation to visit **I-Hos Gallery**.

IHosGallery.com

Days 2

Travel to Alert Bay and join a walking tour with **Sea Wolf Adventures** to visit the **U'mista Cultural Centre**. Overnight at the **Black Bear Resort** in Port McNeill.

Umista.ca

Port-McNeill-Accommodation.com

Day 3

Wake up early and head to the dock in Port McNeill to join a full day wildlife tour with **Sea Wolf Adventures**. This day-long boat excursion will take you in search of marine life and wildlife such as humpback whales, orcas, dolphins, sea lions, eagles and wolves, and later in the day, on to the land to enjoy traditional stories while waiting for the arrival of grizzly bears enjoying a salmon lunch.

SeaWolfAdventures.com

Day 4

Enjoy a leisurely drive to Port Hardy and discover the traditional territory of the Gwa'sala and 'Nakwaxda'xw Nations on boat or hiking excursions. Overnight at the newly opened **Kwa'ilas Hotel** in Port Hardy - a premier First Nations destination hotel, offering 85 guestrooms and a curated selection of authentic local Indigenous arts and culture.

KwalilasHotel.ca

Day 5

Extend your stay in Port Hardy, travel by BC Ferries to Prince Rupert, or explore more First Nations culture on Vancouver Island.

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AboriginalBC.com