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ON FEBRUARY 14 Helijet proudly welcomed a new aircraft to its fleet — a Cessna Citation X — that will significantly enhance the service we provide our charter customers.

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PACIFIC SALMON FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL GALA

MARCH 9: VICTORIA / APRIL 26: VANCOUVER

Give salmon a helping hand by attending the Pacific Salmon Foundation's Annual Gala celebrations. Always an entertaining evening, both the Vancouver and South Vancouver Island events include scrumptious seafood appetizers, a decadent dinner, feature raffles, and silent and live auctions. **psf.ca**

ARTS CLUB ON TOUR: MADE IN ITALY

MARCH 27: NANAIMO

Set in 1970s Jasper, Alberta, second-generation Italian teen Francesco Mantini finds himself struggling to find his place in the world. That is until he reinvents himself as Frank Martin, a crooner and ladies' man inspired by Italian cultural icons Rocky Balboa and John Travolta. Watch this delightful story play out on the Port Theatre stage. **porttheatre.com**

TIM MCGRAW'S STANDING ROOM ONLY TOUR

MARCH 27: VANCOUVER

Since he first shot to fame in 1994, Tim McGraw has had a whopping 29 No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot Country Airplay charts. Standing Room Only is his 16th studio album and his North American tour of the same name promises to be the "biggest and best tour yet" (his words!) with a stop at Vancouver's Rogers Arena this March. **timmcgraw.com**

The Science of Cocktails

APRIL 11: VANCOUVER

This April, the dome at Science World will transform into the world's largest cocktail laboratory for an evening of fun and fundraising. Watch as Vancouver's most talented bartenders showcase the science behind their delectable drinks in support of free access to Science World for students, teachers and families across BC. scienceworld.ca

Photo: The Science of Cocktails_Maxine Bulloch

COAST CITY COUNTRY FESTIVAL

APRIL 18-20: VANCOUVER

Get ready for country to hit the city when the Coast City Country Festival debuts this April. The main event at BC Place will feature performances by the likes of Luke Bryan, Nickelback, Dierks Bentley and many more. On stage at the Commodore see late-night performances by Kameron Marlowe, Meghan Patrick, Teigen Gayse and others while street parties, roadhouses and other performers around town will keep the party going all week-end long. coastcitycountry.com

DILJEET DOSANJH'S DIL-LUMINATI TOUR

APRIL 27: VANCOUVER

Superstar singer, actor and global entertainer Diljit Dosanjh made history as the first Punjabi-speaking artist to perform at Coachella last April and he'll do it again when he takes to the stage at BC Place to kick off his 2024 Dil-luminati Tour. Don't miss what is expected to be the largest Punjabi show outside of India. bcplace.com

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE THE FORGET TOMORROW WORLD TOUR

APRIL 29: VANCOUVER

Lucky for us, Justin Timberlake has chosen Vancouver to kick off his brand new world tour. Hot on the heels of releasing his *Everything I Thought It Was* album, don't miss this NSYNC alum perform both old and new favourites. justintimberlake.com

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JEEVES AT SEA AT CHEMAINUS THEATRE FESTIVAL

MAY 10-JUNE 2: CHEMAINUS

Lighten and brighten your day with Chemainus Theatre's spring production of *Jeeves at Sea*. Join Bertie Wooster, his valet, Jeeves, and pal Crumpet on a high-seas comedic adventure of mistaken identities aboard the Vanderley yacht. **chemainustheatrefestival.ca**



Stars on Ice: Madeline Schizas, photo: Danielle Earl

2024 STARS ON ICE

MAY 14: VANCOUVER / MAY 16: VICTORIA

Fresh after competing at the World Figure Skating World Championships in Montreal, see some of the most accomplished and iconic names in the sport perform live on ice at Rogers Arena in Vancouver or Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre in Victoria. Kurt Browning may have stepped away from performing in 2023, but returns this year as director and choreographer leading a star-studded line-up that includes Elvis Stojko, Patrick Chan, Madeline Schizas and many more. **starsonice.ca**

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC VS. INTER MIAMI CF

MAY 25: VANCOUVER

The Whitecaps FC regular season starts March 2, but all eyes will be looking forward to the May 25 match at BC Place when Inter Miami CF comes to play on Vancouver's home turf. This will be the team's first visit to Vancouver since entering the league and with Lionel Messi (potentially) coming to town, fans can expect this game to be a blockbuster. **whitecapsfc.com**



DANCE VICTORIA PRESENTS
MANA WAHINE

MARCH 27: VICTORIA

Inspired by the true story of a young Māori heroine, *Mana Wahine* (Powerful Women) combines original music, chants, Māori costumes and cultural traditions in a contemporary work that celebrates the strength, spirit and beauty of women. Performed on stage at the McPherson Playhouse by New Zealand's Ōkāreka Dance Company.

dancevictoria.com

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AVRIL LAVINGNE'S GREATEST HITS TOUR

MAY 22: VANCOUVER

Canada's own Avril Lavingne paved the way for female-driven pop-punk music in the early 2000s, signing her first record contract when she was just 16 years old. Two decades later, she'll be back in Vancouver at Rogers Arena performing hit after hit from her seven studio albums during this best-of world tour. avrillavigne.com

GUYS & DOLLS

MAY 16-JUNE 30: VANCOUVER

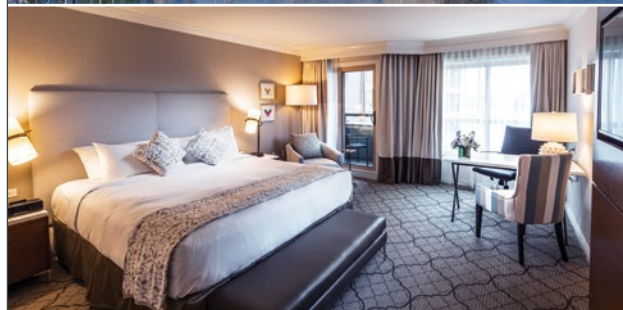
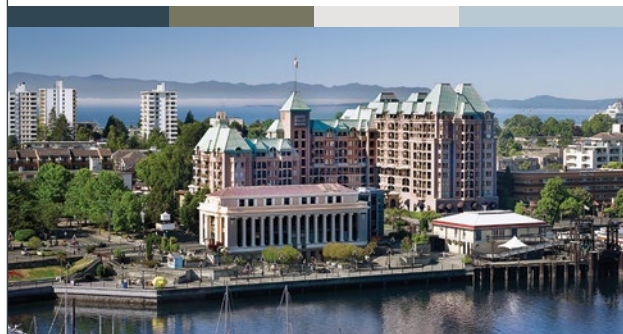
Laughs, romance and a memorable score are the hallmarks of this timeless musical, *Guys & Dolls*. Be transported back to 1950s Manhattan, as the story of gangsters, gamblers, showgirls and evangelist Sergeant Sarah Brown unfolds on the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage. artsclub.com



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4 Coastal Weekend Getaways

TAKE FRIDAY AFTERNOON OFF AND MAKE IT A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER WITH THESE EASY-TO-ACCESS GETAWAY ITINERARIES.

By Stephanie Cunningham

Tour Washington State's most charming historic towns

Once upon a time, **Port Townsend** aspired to become the grand gateway to the Pacific Northwest. Officially established in 1851, white settlers had such high hopes for this harbour town they nicknamed it the “City of Dreams” only to have those lofty plans dashed 40 years later when the railroad bypassed the area in favour of another seaport further south known as Seattle.

Despite its stunted growth, Port Townsend clings to its bygone heyday with plenty of beautifully preserved Victorian homes, historic buildings and a rustic working harbourfront. Running through its veins you'll also find an artistic vibe with locally owned galleries, cozy eateries, boutique hotels and funky gift shops all within

easy walking distance. (Where else could you find a steampunk specialty shop across the street from a vintage typewriter store?)

Part of the fun of this weekend getaway, however, is the journey there and back.

After making your way across the Peace Arch border crossing, it's a 45-minute drive down the I-5 to the exit for Route 20. From here it's well worth your time to make a side-trip to **La Conner**, a charming town in its own right and even more so during the month of April for the blazingly beautiful Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.

Once back on Route 20, the double spans of **Deception Pass Bridge** allow for picturesque views and easy access to Whidbey Island where **Coupeville's** historic Front Street makes another enjoyable pit stop featuring boomtown architecture and 120-year-old wharf. After

a short drive back across the island, a 36-minute ferry crossing delivers you to the heart of downtown Port Townsend.

On the return trip, choose the one-and-a-half hour Coho Ferry ride straight to Victoria via **Port Angeles** (75 kilometres west of Port Townsend), or retrace your steps across Deception Pass and enjoy rural backroads to the cliff-hugging **Chuckanut Drive**, Washington's original scenic byway completed in 1896.



Be like Barbie in Santa Monica

In the same length of time it takes to drive to Seattle, you can fly direct from Vancouver to Los Angeles and the sunny beaches of southern California. It's a short three-hour flight via commercial air to LAX or let Helijet's new eight-passenger Citation X business jet whisk you and your friends to LA in just two hours flat.

Upon arrival, grab an Uber for the 13-kilometre drive to seaside **Santa Monica**, where a wide variety of classic and classy hotels will have you feeling like a movie star in no time. Here you'll find upscale properties like the newly renovated Viceroy Santa Monica, historic Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, or the iconic Hotel Casa del Mar.

From the central intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue it's just a 15-minute stroll along the promenade to the famed **Santa Monica Pier**, known for its picturesque Ferris wheel, neon lights and stunning sunset views. Or grab a hotel bike and pedal 15 minutes south along the waterfront to iconic **Venice Beach** where mimes, musicians and jugglers perform alongside bodybuilders working out at Muscle Beach and artists selling their works in boho-chic boutiques.

Those who prefer driving to pedalling will want to head north along the scenic Pacific Coast Highway towards **Malibu**, just 25 minutes away. Along the drive, make a stop at **Will Rogers State Beach** where many of the famous lifeguard tower sequences were shot for Baywatch, or stop for a quick bite at The Malibu Farm Café located at the end of the **Malibu Pier**.

For shoppers, Santa Monica's **3rd Street Promenade** provides plenty of shopping and dining options, although the truly dedicated will undoubtedly head to **Rodeo Drive**, conveniently located less than 25 minutes away in **Beverly Hills**.



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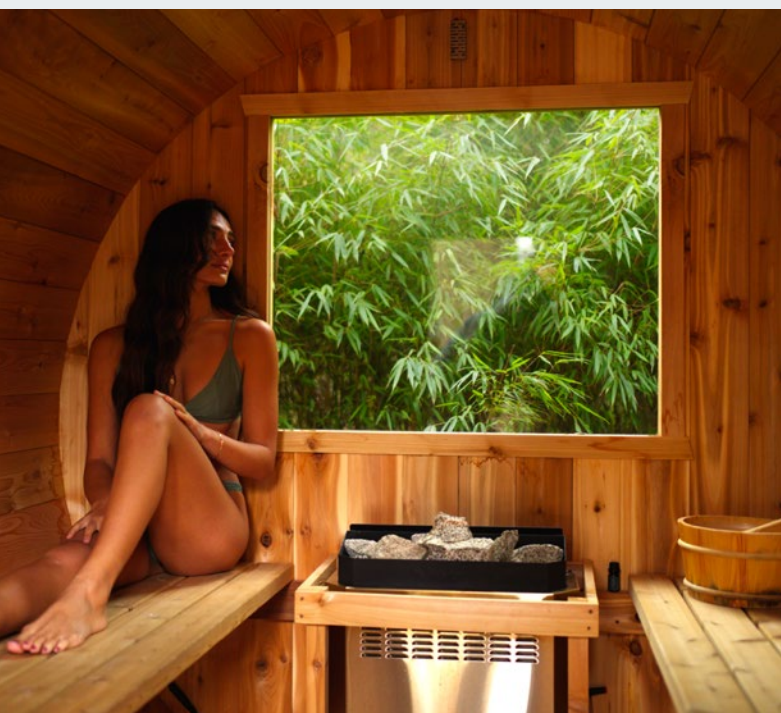
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Connect with nature along Vancouver Island's east coast

While city escapes can be exhilarating, there's nothing quite like slowing things down and reconnecting with nature to rejuvenate and refresh the soul. Vancouver Island's east coast provides just the right mix of fresh ocean breezes and a slower pace of life to clear the mind and gain oft-needed perspective.

It's an easy 30-minute drive from Helijet's Nanaimo terminal to the aptly named city of **Parksville** where the sun shines 2,000-plus hours per year and wide sandy beaches extend more than a kilometre during low tides revealing pools teeming with hermit crabs and sand dollars.

After a day of beachcombing, add some pampering to your mini-vacay at **Tigh-Na-Mara Resort** where the newly renovated Grotto Spa offers "The Grotto", an indoor/outdoor self-paced experience complete with a sauna garden, mineral pool, cool splash waterfalls and relaxation lounge.

To cap off your day, dine at the **Bayside Restaurant & Lounge** for delightful local cuisine and sunset views perched high on the bluff above Parksville Beach.

On day two, head inland to check out the beautifully cascading waterfalls at **Englishman River Falls Park**, the famed goats on the roof at the Old Country Market in **Coombs** or stands of towering old-growth Douglas Firs and ancient Western Red Cedar at **Cathedral Grove**. Animal enthusiasts also won't want to miss



Enjoy glistening ocean views from the Salish Sea Vintage RV at Port Browning Marina Resort.

Errington's North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre, where rescued eagles, owls, bears and more are rehabilitated and eventually released back to the wild.

To go up-island, skip Highway 19 and instead opt for the more scenic Oceanside Route along Highway 19A. Known as the Old Island Highway, this road hugs the coast from quaint **Qualicum** to **Courtenay and Comox** where you'll find spots to rent a kayak or paddle board, or book a local fishing charter.

It's another 40-minute drive up the coast to **Campbell River**, the perfect launching spot for whale watching tours or to use as a base for exploring **Strathcona Provincial Park** with its stunning snow-capped peaks and crystal-clear lakes and waterfalls.

Go glamping

Let's face it, camping can be fun, memorable, and frankly, exhausting.

Rediscover the joys of outdoor living by letting someone else take care of the prep and cleanup while you enjoy a luxe bed, resort-style linens, spectacular settings and every comfort of home. This isn't just camping, it's glamping.

At the **Port Browning Marina Resort** on **North Pender Island**, AdventureCo. Destinations kicks the idea of glamping up to a whole new level by adding unique experiences such as kayaking, Tall Ship Cruises, and Saturna Island Wine Tours. After a full day of exploring, choose from one of four spacious canopy style tents



or their Salish Sea Vintage RV. The one-room Arbutus and Sea Star tents feature queen-size and sofa beds, while the Orca and Eagles Nest Tents can accommodate up to six people with additional twin bunks. Or go retro and stay in their vintage RV featuring a fully stocked kitchen, beds for four and an outdoor picnic table. Resort amenities include an outdoor pool, pub, bistro and convenient marina moorage.

A weekend of glamping in **Clayoquot Sound** is definitely bucket-list worthy. It's a 45-minute seaplane flight from Vancouver to the dock at **Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge** where 25 luxury canvas guest tents provide homebase for both relaxing and adventuring. All-inclusive stays include three nights accommodation (guests arrive Thursday and depart Sunday), gourmet meals and a wide selection of activities from bear watching to horseback riding and yoga classes. Tents here feature king beds, gas heaters, spacious bathrooms and generous living areas opening to outdoor verandahs to enjoy the rainforest wildlife.

Along the Sunshine Coast, travel time to **Rock Water Secret Cove Resort** in **Halfmoon Bay** includes a 40-minute ferry sailing from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale followed by a scenic drive through Gibsons and Sechelt before heading down to resort's seaside location. A forest boardwalk through the Arbutus trees leads to 13 secluded tenthouse suites, all with incredible ocean views, king beds, jacuzzi bathtubs, fireplaces and heated floors. **H**

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| 2. Stanley Park | 18. Moresby Island |
| 3. English Bay | 19. Sidney |
| 4. University of British Columbia | 20. Victoria Airport |
| 5. Vancouver Airport | 21. James Island |
| 6. Point Roberts | 22. Sydney Island |
| 7. Nanaimo Heliport | 23. Turn Point Light Station |
| 8. Gabriola Island | 24. Waldron Island |
| 9. Valdes Island | 25. Orcas Island |
| 10. Galiano Island | 26. Roche Harbor |
| 11. Mayne Island | 27. San Juan Island |
| 12. Saturna Island | 28. Chatham Islands |
| 13. North Pender Island | 29. Discovery Island |
| 14. South Pender Island | 30. Trial Islands |
| 15. Ganges | 31. Victoria Harbour Heliport |
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