



## **The West Coast Trail Hike** (North - South)



*This itinerary is subject to change - the exact schedule including daily distances hiked will be dictated by factors such as weather and safety, as well as group strength and preferences*

### **Day 1: *Victoria - Bamfield***

We will offer pickup at your choice of 3 different locations in Victoria between 7:30 - 8:00am to start our trip. The ***Inn at Laurel Point (680 Montreal Street – 7:30am)***, ***Days Inn Victoria on the Harbor (427 Belleville Street – 7:45am)***, or ***The Red Lion Inn & Suites (3366 Douglas Street – 8:00am)***. From here we will depart to the town of Bamfield to take part in the Parks Canada WCT orientation at 2:00pm at the Pachena Bay Trailhead before checking into our accommodation for the evening in Bamfield. Upon checking into your accommodation there will be a group dinner where your guides will debrief the group about the schedule, distribute rented gear and food and answer any questions. Accommodation is included as part of your package tonight \*(based on double occupancy), dinner at your own cost.

*\*single room options available for an additional cost of \$149/person*

### **Day 2: *Pachena Bay Trailhead - Michigan Creek (12 kms hiked)***

Departing from our accommodation we will be up bright and early for a last breakfast of eggs, bacon and coffee (at your own cost) and after that to begin our hike. We will have 12kms of easy-moderate terrain to cover as a warm-up today. After a rest stop at the Pachena Lighthouse, we will arrive at our first night's camp early evening and enjoy a fire-cooked meal before turning in to rest for a more challenging day tomorrow.

### **Day 3: *Michigan Creek - Tsusiat Falls (13 kms hiked)***



After eating breakfast and packing up camp we will depart Michigan Creek at 9:00 am. Today we will cover 13 kms of more rugged and challenging terrain on our way to our next camp at Tsusiat Falls Campground. Today's hike is full of exciting features like ropes, ladders, and cable cars crossing rivers! This is a fun and eventful day with plenty of photo opportunities at beautiful locations like Tsusiat Waterfalls.

#### **Day 4: *Tsusiat Falls - Cribs Creek (17 kms hiked)***

This morning we will spend some time exploring the area around the Tsusiat Falls before packing up camp and setting out for a 17km day of hiking. Today's distance is the longest of the trip, but the terrain is fairly moderate and will be far less strenuous than yesterday. Highlights of this portion of the hike include a boat ride across a waterway (fee included in package price) and a walk on the boardwalk around Nitanit Narrows.

#### **Day 5: *Cribs Creek - Walbran Creek (11 kms hiked)***

Today's route will be dependent on the ocean tides and will be determined by the guides early in the morning. Both options are beautiful and rewarding in their own way - next to the ocean or deep in the rainforest - either option will provide stunning views and wildlife sightings. Our destination for camp tonight is Walbran Creek; on our way we will pass Carmanah Lighthouse where the Pacific Ocean meets the Strait of Juan de Fuca, another amazing point of exploration!

#### **Day 6: *Walbran Creek - Campers Bay (9 kms hiked)***

Are you ready to get muddy? Today may be the most difficult portion of the hike, but will also be the most rewarding! Due to the difficulty level of today's hike, the distance covered will be considerably shorter than the last few days. This portion of the trail includes multiple ladders, suspension bridges, and another cable car crossing! A campfire dinner in front of a west coast sunset will taste especially good after this rigorous day!

#### **Day 7: *Campers Bay - Thrasher Cove (8 kms hiked)***

The trail today will climb around Owens Point, maneuver around driftwood, beach boulders, and sandstone bluffs! Our campsite at Thrasher Cove is a starting point for many hikers who will be tackling the trail in the opposite direction of us. Tonight will be an opportunity to share stories of the trails with other hikers, and enjoy our final dinner on the trail. Feel free to eat whatever is left in your pack and lighten your load for the last day of hiking tomorrow!

#### **Day 8: *Thrasher Cove - Gordon River Trailhead - Port Renfrew (6 kms hiked) - Victoria***

An exciting end to the journey, today's trail includes several more ladders and lots of up and down climbing! The distance is short however, so we will take our time and enjoy the scenery of our final hike. After catching a ferry crossing over to Port Renfrew (fee included in package price), an Irie Adventure Tours bus will meet us at the trails' end and transport us back to Victoria. Congratulations! This afternoon after getting off the trail we will celebrate our accomplishment by a hearty lunch and a few cold drinks in Port Renfrew before departing back to Victoria (accommodation not included).

*Thanks for joining BCA Tours on this amazing journey of the West Coast Trail. We'd love to hear your feedback, and hope to see you back in BC for another one of our hiking adventures!*



## **The West Coast Trail Hike** (South - North)



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### **Day 1:** *Victoria - Port Renfrew*

We will offer pickup at your choice of 3 different locations in Victoria between 11:00-11:30am to start our trip. The ***Inn at Laurel Point (680 Montreal Street – 11:00am)***, ***Days Inn Victoria on the Harbor (427 Belleville Street – 11:15am)***, or ***The Red Lion Inn & Suites (3366 Douglas Street – 11:30am)***. From here we will depart to the town of Port Renfrew to take part in the Parks Canada WCT orientation at 2:00pm at the Gordon River Trailhead before checking into our accommodation for the evening in Port Renfrew. Upon checking into your accommodation there will be a group dinner where your guides will debrief the group about the schedule, distribute rented gear and food, and answer any questions. Accommodation is included as part of your package tonight (based on double occupancy)\*, meal is at your own cost.

*\*single room options available for an additional cost of \$149/person*

### **Day 2:** *Port Renfrew - Gordon River Trailhead - Thrashers Cove (6 kms hiked)*

We will start bright and early this morning to have a quick eggs, bacon and coffee breakfast (at your own cost) before catching the 8:30 am ferry over to the Gordon River trailhead and the start of the West Coast Trail. The distance is short, however it is tough and slow, so we will take our time and enjoy the scenery of our first day of hiking. Our



campsite at Thrasher Cove is a starting and finishing point for many hikers who will be tackling the trail. Tonight will be an opportunity to share stories of the trails with other hikers, and enjoy our first dinner together on the trail

### **Day 3:** *Thrasher Cove - Campers Bay (8 kms hiked)*

The trail today will climb around Owens Point, maneuver around driftwood, beach boulders, and sandstone bluffs while reading and being aware of tide levels. This is a very interesting day and will get our trip started on the right foot with some stunning views and some technical terrain.

### **Day 4:** *Campers Bay - Walbran Creek (9 kms hiked)*

Are you ready to get muddy? Today may be the most difficult portion of the hike, but will also be the most rewarding! Due to the difficulty level of today's hike, the *distance* covered will be considerably shorter than some of the upcoming days, however you can expect it to be one of the longest days of the trip. This portion of the trail includes multiple ladders, suspension bridges, and a cable car crossing! A campfire dinner in front of a west coast sunset will taste especially good after this rigorous day!

### **Day 5:** *Walbran Creek - Cribs Creek (11 kms hiked)*

Today's route will be dependent on the ocean tides and will be determined by the guides early in the morning. Both options are beautiful and rewarding in their own way - next to the ocean or deep in the rainforest - either option will provide stunning views and wildlife sightings. Our destination for camp tonight is Cribs Creek; on our way we will pass Carmanah Lighthouse where the Pacific Ocean meets the Strait of Juan de Fuca, another amazing point of exploration!

### **Day 6:** *Cribs Creek - Tsusiat Falls (17 kms hiked)*

This morning we will rise and shine bright and early to get ready for a 17km day of hiking. Today's distance is the longest of the trip, but the terrain is fairly moderate and will be far less strenuous than the previous 4 days. Highlights of this portion of the hike include a boat ride across a waterway (fee included in package price) and a walk on the boardwalk around Nitanit Narrows.

### **Day 7:** *Tsusiat Falls - Michigan Creek (13 kms hiked)*

After eating breakfast and packing up camp we will depart Tsusiat Falls after spending some time to snap some photos and enjoy the sunrise. Today we will cover 13 kms of some tough forest terrain, including more ladders and bridges, on our way to our final camp at Michigan Creek Campground. Today's hike is full of exciting features like ropes, ladders, and cable cars crossing rivers! This is a fun and eventful day with plenty of photo opportunities at beautiful locations. Feel free to eat whatever is left in your pack and lighten your load for the last day of hiking tomorrow!

### **Day 8:** *Michigan Creek - Pachena Bay Trailhead - Bamfield - Victoria (12 kms hiked)*

We will have 12kms of easy-moderate terrain to cover as a finale today. After a rest stop at the Pachena Lighthouse and a viewpoint where we will hopefully see some sea lions, we will hike out to Pachena Bay Trailhead around lunchtime. At Pachena Bay the van will be waiting for us to go into Bamfield for a celebration meal and drink. Lunch at the pub is included in the package price (drinks on your own). After our celebration meal we will load back into the van and drive back to Victoria and drop guests off at 1 of the 3 listed locations of their choice. Congratulations! You have now finished the West Coast Trail.



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