

A scenic photograph of a rocky coastline on Vancouver Island. The foreground shows dark, wet rocks. The middle ground features a calm blue sea with some rocks protruding. The background is a dense forest of evergreen trees on a hillside under a blue sky with light clouds.

Vancouver Island

the idyllic sanctuary for outdoor enthusiasts

Vancouver Island offers students the opportunity to explore one of Canada's most unique ecosystems and breathtaking coastlines. Also home to B.C.'s provincial parliament, Victoria is the place to see civic engagement in action!

Students will have the chance to visit BC's legislative buildings and learn about the provincial politics as well as visit smaller community groups working to amplify minority voices in government. Students will be invited to enjoy the natural beauty of Vancouver Island from Victoria to Tofino while learning about sustainability, leadership, activism, and adventure tourism.

Potential Program Themes

- Sustainability & Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity, Geology & Earth Sciences
- Canadian History & Government
- Activism, Advocacy & Student Leadership
- Outdoor Education, Ecotourism & Adventure

Sample Itinerary

DAY 1

Head to Tsawwassen and hop on a ferry to BC's capital city: Victoria. Take a tour of BC's beautiful Legislative Building and attend a live debate from the public gallery.

DAY 2

Participate in a city tour highlighting Victoria's historic buildings and take part in an interactive workshop from ICA Victoria about local activism.

DAY 3

Sail across the ocean to Tofino where you will explore stunning hiking trails and gain leadership and team building skills while engaging in a beach clean-up.

DAY 4

Learn from the Raincoast Education Society about local ecology and then participate in an indigenous-led canoe tour with T'ashii paddle school.

DAY 5

Wind down your Island experience with some fun activities: whale watching, surf lessons, or ice cream at Coombs Market, before heading back home.

Program Details

LENGTH

4-6 days

INTENDED GRADES

Grade 6-12

PROGRAM SIZE

12-24 students