

PACIFIC RIM NAVIGATORS



THE GARDEN TOUR

Whether you're needing one way transportation or wanting a multi day customized Island experience, PRN is your choice for fun reliable luxury transportation. Let one of our experienced local guides take you for a day of exciting adventure

through the back roads of Vanc Island in style and comfort. All tours can be customized to suit. Whether you're a couple on a weekend getaway or a 20 person group, we can keep you smiling.

Let us take you on a scenic tour of Vancouver Islands many lush and beautiful gardens. Available in one, two, or three day tours. One day tours are perfect for people trying to get one way on Vancouver Island and can offer a nice pace to the day.

- › Butchart Gardens
- › Milner Gardens
- › Kitty Colman Woodland Gardens
- › Tofino Botanical Garden*
- › Providence Farms
- › Butterfly Gardens
- › Ronnings Garden*
- › Victorian Garden Gate Manor*

*These gardens are very remote and depending on pick-up and drop-off points, might not be possible for one day tours
Tour includes all transportation and entrance fees.
Additional 12% HST and 15% grat will be added.
Not included are lunches, accommodation or additional stops, but can be added to your tour at an additional cost of \$95.00 per hour.

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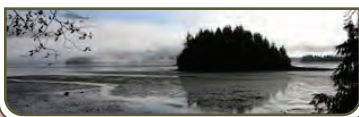
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WILDLY WEST GARDEN TOUR

Located in one of tofino's stunning inlets, tucked in a cove only the birds know about, is Catherine and Waynes amazing floating garden. A 1/2 hour scenic boat ride brings you to one of the most magical places one could discover, offering a quaint setting to meander through a plethora of recycled treasures turned garden pots. This is truly a unique experience that only a lucky few will get to explore. And don't forget all the wildlife you'll see along the way!

Trip duration: 5 hours

Snacks and non alcoholic beverages provided.

Float plane transportation available at additional costs.

Can accommodate up to 6 ppl per trip.

Trip cost: \$1195 plus tax and 15% grat.

2 people

4 people

6 people

1 day tour

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2 day tour

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BUTCHART GARDENS

In 1888, near his birthplace of Owen Sound, Ontario, the former dry goods merchant, Robert Pim Butchart, began manufacturing Portland cement. By the turn of the century he had become a highly successful pioneer in this thriving North American industry. Attracted to the West Coast of Canada by rich limestone deposits vital for cement production, he built a factory at Tod Inlet, on Vancouver Island. There, in 1904, he and his family established their home.

As Mr. Butchart exhausted the limestone in the quarry near their house, his enterprising wife, Jennie, conceived an unprecedented plan for refurbishing the bleak pit. From farmland nearby she requisitioned tons of top soil, had it brought to Tod Inlet by horse and cart, and used it to line the floor of the abandoned quarry. Little by little, under Jennie Butchart's supervision, the abandoned

quarry blossomed into the spectacular Sunken Garden. By the 1920s more than fifty thousand people came each year to see her creation. In a gesture toward all their visitors, the hospitable Butcharts christened their estate "Benvenuto", the Italian word for "Welcome".

The Butchart Gardens remains a family business and has grown to become a premier West Coast display garden. Today the Gardens have established an international reputation for their year round display of flowering plants.

Throughout the seasons there is always something of interest in the various gardens: from the fragrant, winter blooming shrubs, to the fresh delights of spring, to the abundance of summer colour, to the grand finale of autumn. Always stunning, this is an excellent place to carelessly wander no matter what time of year.

BUTTERFLY GARDENS

Victoria Butterfly Gardens were designed and built specifically to showcase the life cycle and free flight of tropical butterflies and moths. The 12,000 sq ft enclosure is a riot of tropical colour, aroma's and personalities. Stars of the show are the butterflies themselves - 3000 of them fluttering amongst the flora!

Enjoy up close the stunning beauty and colour of exotic butterflies, tropical ducks, flamingos, other rare tropical birds and Koi swimming in the stream and pond.

Experience this living, breathing visual feast and enjoy a voyage of discovery, into the life of the inhabitants and the tropical habitat.

KITTY COLEMAN WOODLAND GARDENS

"Woodland Gardens is a feast for the senses, and nature's healing powers contained in this serene beauty bring a calmness and tranquility to the soul."

Woodland Gardens has one of the largest rhododendron collections in Western Canada with over 3000 varieties. It is also home to a multitude of native plants, birds and wildflowers. Its 24 wooded acres are covered with bark mulch paths and many water features. It is recognized as one of the world's finest informal show gardens. The beauty of the gardens is that most of the forests natural finery has been left alone, embellished, but not overwhelmed by cultivation. The gardens are especially designed to showcase the most beautiful of all shrubs: the rhododendron. Bryan, the man with a plan, has planted over 3000 rhododendrons of different

and sizes as well as companion plants and cultivated trees, all blending into the breathtakingly beautiful natural surroundings.

To take a walk through this woodland garden gives one a feeling of peace and well-being. In the upper area he's used the land contours to his advantage in the placing of several ponds. The serenity draws one to follow the soft cedar bark paths, and the enticing trails that disappear into the woodlands. Granite rocks from the valley mountains line the pathways. The filtered sunlight sparkling through the trees in an endless array of patterns lift your spirits.

Visitor amenities include resting benches, gazebo, picnic area and tea room. Good walking shoes and comfortable clothing are recommended.

MILNER GARDENS

Milner Gardens, Voted "One of the Ten Best Gardens in Canada" by Canadian Geographic Travel, is located in gorgeous Qualicum Beach, on 28 magical hectares (70 acres) of unspoiled natural beauty overlooking the Strait of Georgia. Find peace and tranquility as you meander 4 hectares (10 acres) of woodland gardens. Stroll the winding pathways and magical surroundings of an ancient coastal Douglas

Fir forest or check out plants from many different temperate zones of the world, including a significant collection of Rhododendrons, Cyclamen and Trilliums. Enjoy a traditional English tea service, which is held in historic Milner House from 1 to 4 pm, while you contemplate the history of the house where the Queen once stayed.

PROVODENCE FARM

Provodence Farm is a working organic farm dedicated to restoring the spirit and skills of those with physical, mental and emotional challenges. Their farm provides innovative programs in horticultural therapy and vocational training. They believe that caring for the land together is, by nature, healing and therapeutic.

Take a deep breath and you'll find the air is healthy; the

work, worthy; the place, happy.

Visitors are always welcome at Providence Farms and upon arrival one will see why this farm is such an inspirational place.

They are open Monday to Friday 9-4. They offer a free map so one can enjoy a self guided tour of the farm, and if you're hungry you can stay for a lovely lunch.

RONNINGS GARDEN

Ronnings Garden is situated in the forests near Holberg, British Columbia, Canada. The gardens originated in 1910 and is a product of the earliest settlers in the region. Brent Ronning, the gardens architect, was attracted to the region because of a promise by the local government to build a road connecting Port Hardy with Cape Scott. No such road materialized, causing many settlers to leave the area. While others left Brent Ronning stayed and continued to live on the property until the early 1960s.

During the earliest years, Brent Ronning cleared over 5 acres of land to plant his own wilderness garden of his dreams. A garden created from seeds and clippings of exotic plants and trees he ordered from all around the world.

He earned his living working as a fisherman and trapper, even sometimes as a camp cook. But his passion was his

garden which later became named Ronnings Garden. As the years past, the garden continued to grow in size and variety. Often people would stop in to visit while on route to Cape Scott or Raft Cove.

In the 1970s, after Brent left this world, the garden was left temporarily unattended. Years of neglect enabled the west coast brush and trees to grow over the gardens. Eventually the hundreds of flowers shriveled away and Ronnings Garden showed signs of disappearing.

With efforts of some of the locals, after seeing this treasure beginning to decay, stepped up as a group and began to bring the gardens back to life. One of the highlights of Ronnings Garden is the twisted Monkey Trees. The trees mark the entrance to Brent Ronnings home. The trails are cleared and zig-zag throughout the historic homestead.

TOFINO BOTANICAL GARDENS

Tofino Botanical Gardens are twelve acres of gardens, forest, and shoreline that explore the relationship between culture and nature. Tofino Botanical Gardens Foundation, a non-profit registered Canadian charity operates educational programs and provides information about temperate rainforest conservation.

A network of paths and boardwalks will take you from the café and gift shop around the flower, herb and kitchen gardens, the duck pond, and children's garden into the forest, where clearings have been transformed into a series of pocket gardens, art installations and garden buildings.

Some of the pocket gardens display plants that once thrived in other coastal temperate rainforests around the world. Garden buildings include the "historic" Bernardo O'Higgins homestead, the storytelling hut made by acclaimed local artist, Jan Janzen and two bird blinds overlooking the Tofino Mudflats Wildlife Management Area. The art installations are all made to survive or weather in the rain, and provide a cultural counterpoint to the surrounding natural beauty.

With an on site café, accommodations for up to 30 people, and eco-retreats for groups of all ages, Tofino Botanical Gardens is a stunning atmosphere for any age group.

VICTORIAN GARDEN GATE MANOR

This new home takes on an old Victorian charm and was hand-built by the owner Karl Huber and his family. Darlene has carefully and lovingly created many beautiful gardens which surround this elegant home, tucked warmly beneath the flower-filled hillside. This forty-acre haven in the country brings a feeling of

restfulness and peace to those who experience its beauty and tranquility. Wander the many paths of the ever-expanding gardens, or rest upon a garden bench to enjoy a summer's day, read a book, or just escape the daily chaos of life.

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