BRITISH COLUMBIA AND BEYOND

YOUR GUIDE TO DESIGNING THE IDEAL YACHT ITINERARY
British Columbia

Create an impeccable experience cruising along the 27,200 kilometers of coastline that British Columbia, Canada has to offer. Immerse yourself in idyllic scenery as you voyage to the untouched reaches of this natural paradise, enjoying glimpses of wildlife while exploring the great expanse of ocean shoreline.

Let this be your guide for designing an unparalleled cruising itinerary for Yacht Owners, Charter Guests, and Yacht Enthusiasts looking to explore the peaceful waterways and harbours nestled along the shores of British Columbia.
As you enter the glimmering harbour in Victoria, take in the iconic architecture of the Fairmont Empress in the background. Watch the seaplanes take off as you walk toward the Parliament House enjoying the lively capital city. Begin cruising North towards Sidney, rightfully nicknamed Sidney by the Sea. Choose to spend your afternoon walking along the waterfront or continue towards Saanich Inlet. From there you can cruise further into Tod Inlet, a quaint anchorage destination that cradles The Butchart Gardens. This can’t miss stop along your journey offers magnificent colors and aromas along with a tranquil environment to indulge in afternoon tea. A short distance away is Brentwood, a small village home to the Brentwood Bay Resort.
Vancouver

Wake up onboard before being treated to a decadent breakfast on the aft deck. Savor the natural and rugged scenery as your Captain chooses which pass to navigate through. Sail past the Active Pass Lighthouse or continue through the Gulf Islands to Porlier Pass or wait until Gabriola Pass before heading East towards Vancouver. Don’t forget a stop in Nanaimo, where you can ignite your bravery while bungy jumping off a nearby bridge. The inviting waterfront and distinct white sails of Canada Place near Coal Harbour gives a wealth of options for your afternoon. Sip on espresso at one of the local cafés or bistro before visiting the Jack Poole Plaza home to the 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games and grab a quick cocktail at the H Tasting Lounge before returning to your yacht.
Keep an eye out for whales as you sail through the Georgia Strait to Pender Harbour. Located on the Sunshine Coast the quaint town is a yachtsman’s dream with multiple marinas and anchorages to choose from. Cruise North through the Jervis Inlet to Princess Louisa Inlet a popular fjord framed by rugged snow-capped mountains and dramatic waterfalls like Chatterbox Falls where you can choose to extend your stay by anchoring for the evening. Continue cruising past Savary Island exploring Desolation Sound towards Pendrell Sound or the privately-owned Island. Part of the Discovery Islands, Stuart Island features exclusive lodges and offers outstanding fishing with local guides.
From Stuart Island cruise through Big Bay towards Dent Island. Make your way to Dent Island Lodge an ideal destination offering luxury accommodations with fine dining, guided fishing charters, and much more. Spend your day fishing for the abundance of salmon that swim through these waters. Your chef will be delighted to prepare an exquisite dinner using your catch of the day. From Dent Island, you can choose to cruise back South about 100 miles to Vancouver or prolong your adventures by cruising further North through the Cordero Channel to Forward Harbour. Stop in at the little shack on the corner where you can purchase some of the finest fresh crab, prawns, and oysters. As you continue through the Johnstone Strait keep an eye out for Killer Whales that rub their bellies on the smooth rocks near the Robson Bight, it is the only place in the world where you can see it happen.
Savory the simplicity and peaceful tranquility of the waters along the shores of the inlets, channels, and fjords ready to be explored. Take time to navigate through the Chathan Channel to Minstrel Island, a popular stop in history for steamships on their way to Alaska. Stop in Echo Bay where you can enjoy the newly reclaimed Kwikwəsut'inuxw Echo Bay Marina before continuing to the Broughton Archipelago. Watch for sightings of the various wildlife including bears, harbour seals, marine birds, and more. Sullivan Bay, one of the oldest and most picturesque destinations, is built entirely on floats. Be sure to say hi to the town’s pet seal as you head inland to explore.
Sailing alongside pods of Pacific White-sided dolphins is a treat you can experience during your yachting adventure. As you cruise along Cape Scott, you'll be met by a plethora of fishing vessels and a charming lighthouse on your way to Quatsino Sound. This rugged anchorage destination is immersed in history. Walk along the soft sandy beach on Grant Bay or attempt to surf the Pacific waves at the edge of Raft Cove. The Westside of Vancouver Island displays different scenery and wildlife to discover. As your Captain navigates to Kyuquot Sound get ready to fish for halibut, chinook salmon, coho salmon, and even albacore tuna. Anchor for the evening off of Walters Cove Resort and savor the brilliant hues of the setting sun.
As you wrap up your time onboard exploring beautiful British Columbia by yacht finish your adventure in the Broken Group located in the Barkley Sound. One of the most popular destinations on West Vancouver Island there is much to discover between the scattered islands rightfully named the Broken Group. Take one last paddleboard expedition in Vernon Bay next to the Eagle Nook Resort, which is located between two inlets and an adorable backdrop. Appreciate your last moments sipping on a specialty cocktail as you prepare to disembark with the pristine scenery in the background.
PLAN YOUR TRIP

TIME ZONE
Pacific Standard Time

CURRENCY
Canadian Dollar $ (CAD)

CLIMATE
The climate in British Columbia is mild, making it possible for year-round yachting. Nicknamed the Sunshine Coast you’ll experience warm dry summer months and damp winters.

WHAT TO PACK
It’s best to bring lots of layered clothing for the cool evenings and a sensible hat for varying activities. Don’t forget your passport!