



Randonnée Tours

Gulf Islands Multisport 5 Days

Summary

Length

5 days/4 nights, with 3½ days of activities

Dates

Start any date between April 1 and October 31

Level

Cycling: 40 km (25 miles) daily average
 Walking: 4 to 7 hours
 Kayaking: 4 hour

The terrain is hilly and there are moderate and more challenging hills every day

The price includes:

- 4 nights hotels
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner
- Use of a top quality 21-speed hybrid bike complete with handlebar bag, pump, and all the necessary accessories for changing flats. We recommend that you bring your own helmet for safety and hygiene reasons
- Kayak rental and guide
- Detailed route instructions and map
- Luggage transfers (We enlist your help getting the luggage onto and off the ferry)
- Area Manager available throughout the tour
- Ferry not included

Get away from it all! Journey to a place where lush forests meet the deep blue sea. Experience the charm of Victoria, then sail away to the beauty and tranquility of the Gulf Islands. Pedal along quiet roads, past orchards and farms, to unspoiled coves. Browse in artists' galleries and studios, offering everything from baskets to pottery to stained glass. Fill your days with experiences you'll treasure forever.

Itinerary



Day 1

Your tour starts at Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island where you take the ferry to Mayne Island, the smallest of

the inhabited southern Gulf Islands. Once a stop over for rowdy miners with Gold Rush fever, the island is now a quiet getaway of farms and orchards, sandy beaches and deep bays. Explore some of the island before arriving at tonight's accommodation on Mayne Island, where you settle in for two nights.

Day 2

You have many options today. Explore Miners Bay and learn about the history of the area in the museum, which was once the jail. Bike along meandering roads to tree-lined shores, picnic at Georgina Point Lighthouse, which has overlooked Active Pass since 1885, and watch seals and Orcas gambol in the waves while seabirds glide overhead. Take some time to hike through the forests of Mount Parke Regional Park, the highest point on the island.

Day 3

Enjoy a whole new perspective of the islands as you take to the sea in your kayak. You'll receive everything you need at Blue

Vista Resort, including a lesson to get you started and a guide, who'll accompany you today. Paddle to Winter Cover Marine Provincial Park, once a quarry and now meadows and wetlands sheltering migratory waterbirds. Head into Boot Cove below steep hills descending to the water and arrive at Lyall Harbour on Saturna Island, which will be your home for the next two nights.



Day 4

Start with a transfer to the end of Narvaez Road, where today's walk begins. Follow old logging roads and goat trails to the top of Mount Warburton Pike, then descend to the Saturna Winery, in a spectacular setting near the water, and the pebbly beach at Thomson Park. Then it's back to your comfortable hotel or B&B for a relaxing evening.

Day 5

Catch a ferry back to the mainland, where you depart for home or set off on a new adventure.



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How to get there?

Salt Spring Island is located in the Gulf Islands.

You can reach Salt Spring Island directly from Vancouver (Tsawwassen ferry terminal) or from Victoria (Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal) on Vancouver Island. Please visit

www.bcferries.com for Schedules and Fares.

Major Airlines from Vancouver and Seattle to Victoria.

For Americans, you may choose to fly into Seattle and take the high speed catamaran from the harbour in downtown Seattle to Victoria harbour. From here a shuttle can transfer you to Swartz Bay.

"We were in Gulf Islands Heaven! ... [the area managers] were wonderful - very accommodating and helpful - and our kayaking experience was superior."

- Janie, California

Accommodation

Classic



Oceanwood Inn, Mayne Island

This secluded Inn boasts an idyllic location on its own private cove with beautiful gardens and peaceful surroundings. Relax in the outdoor hot tub, cozy library, or classical music lounge before savouring a meal in the award winning restaurant.



Saturna Lodge, Saturna Island

This elegant yet casual island inn boasts views over Boot Cove. The 7-room property includes extensive gardens and there is an outdoor hot tub to relax in after your day of hiking or biking. The restaurant here serves inspired cuisine in a lovely setting.

B & B



The Tinkerers, Mayne Island

Comfortable rooms in a charming waterfront home with delicious breakfasts. Enjoy the magnificent views from spacious decks or relax in the hammocks in the garden.



Lyll Harbour B&B, Saturna Island

Enjoy spectacular ocean views in a park-like setting. The property features post and beam construction, hardwood floors, a main floor lounge with soapstone fireplace and comfortable guest rooms, each with a private ocean-view deck or balcony.