

How to Get To Nanaimo

Getting there

Option 1: Island Link Express (Bus)

Fare: One way \$24.99 (On-line special)

Departs: Sandman Hotel, 2852 Douglas St. (at the Gorge) in Victoria daily at 8:10am, and 4:20pm (4:40pm on Saturdays and Sundays).

Arrives: Departure Bay Ferry Terminal, in Nanaimo

Estimated travel time: 1 hour 55 minutes

www.islandlinkbus.com or 1-250-954-8257

To make a booking on the Islandlink Bus On-Line system, you will be required to become a member of the system or to log into your existing membership account. You can view departure/arrival times as well as pricing, but actual booking requires a free membership.

You can also call and reserve by phone the day of travel between 7am - 7pm. Doing so means you will have to pay the driver in cash at the time of travel. Passengers without a reservation travel on standby basis and must pay by cash.

Option 2: Greyhound (Bus)

Fare: One way \$14 - \$19, Round trip \$27 - \$37

Estimated travel time: 2 - 2.5 hours

Departs: Victoria Bus Depot (700 Douglas St.)

Arrives: Nanaimo Bus Depot (1 Terminal Ave)

Info: 388-5248 or toll-free 1-800-661-TRIP (8747) / www.greyhound.ca / Hours: daily 5:45am-7pm

Option 3: Via Rail (Train)

Fare: One way \$17 - \$26, Round trip \$34 - \$52

Departs: 450 Pandora Ave in Victoria at 8am (10am on Sundays)

Arrives: 336 Prideaux St. in Nanaimo

Estimated travel time: 2.5 hours

www.viarail.ca or 1.888.842.7245 (toll-free)

Victoria to Nanaimo schedule: www.viarail.ca/pdf/2008/timetable/VICT-NANAI-COURT-WESTERN-5MAI08.pdf

The train is by far the most comfortable way to get there and the views are absolutely amazing. Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery!

Accommodation:

Cambie International Hotel - 63 Victoria Crescent
Info: (250) 754-5323 or toll-free 1-877-754-5323 / nanaimobc@cambiehostels.com / www.thecambie.com/v2/nanaimo/

Nanaimo International Hostel - 65 Nicol Street
Info: (250) 753-1188 / info@nanaimohostel.com / www.nanaimohostel.com

Painted Turtle Guesthouse - 121 Bastion Street
Info: (250) 753-4432 or toll-free 1-866-309-4432 / stay@paintedturtle.ca / www.paintedturtle.ca

After you've seen Nanaimo

Nanaimo to West Vancouver via BC Ferries (Departure Bay – Horseshoe Bay)
Fare: approx. \$14 (Adult foot passenger)
Schedule: www.bcferreries.com/schedules/

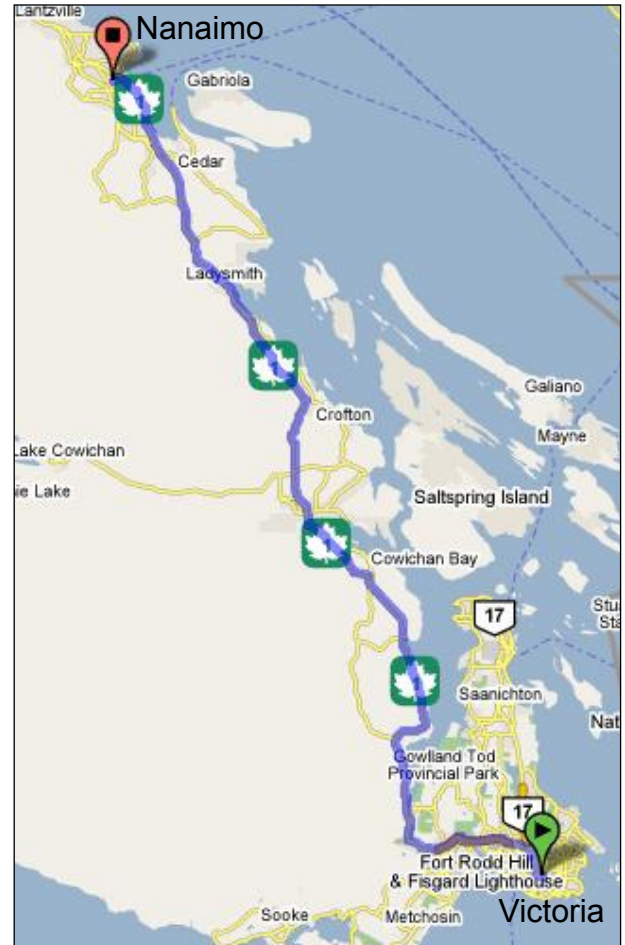
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Estimated crossing time: 1 hour 35 minutes
Info: Toll-free 1-888-BC FERRY (1-888-223-3779) / www.bcferreries.com

Nanaimo to Courtenay by train

Get on the train and travel to Courtenay, in the Comox Valley to explore the Valley or Strathcona Park. Or get off at Buckley Bay and catch a ferry to BEAUTIFUL Denman and Hornby Islands. (Hornby Island has the most amazing white sandy beaches!)

Estimated travel time: 2 hours

Fare: One way \$17 - \$26, Round trip \$34 - \$52





**Information compiled by the Ocean Island Marketing Team to the best of their knowledge. Information on contact details, prices, times, etc. is subject to change at any time.
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