



Canada BC 2018

Vancouver Island



Hunting on Vancouver Island

Vancouver Island is probably well known to most people. On the island, which stretches off the coast of British Columbia, is where the capital of BC is located, Victoria. In stark contrast to the peaceful hustle of the metropolis, untouched nature can still be found in vast areas of the rest of the island.

The island is more than 450km long and about 100km wide. It encompasses an area of ca. 32,000km².

Separated by a mountain range, the island is characterized by two opposites. On the west side the climate is a bit harsher and on the east side, which faces the mainland, the climate is moderate, which remarkably affects the lush vegetation. Huge conifers covered with beard lichen are found in extensive forests vegetated with thick moss cushions. This coastal rainforest is characteristic for the island and stretches until the rugged shores. Partially, the sea is calm like a lake and fjord-like bays cut far inland. When sitting at one of these fjords and enjoying the unbelievable silence, which is sometimes disturbed by the characteristic call of a loon, or it might happen that the huge body of a humpback whale parts the calm sea.

With some luck, a school of orcas can be observed hunting. However, since you are traveling by boat, you will certainly have the opportunity to watch seals and sea otters.



The flora and fauna is truly overwhelming. Of the beaten path you encounter Whitetail Deer and Mule Deer, but also Elk, Black Bears and Pumas leave their tracks.

In spring, Black Bears and Pumas stroll these routes. The Black Bears leave their wintering grounds and search for fresh greens, and along the rugged coastlines they look for protein rich seafood. In autumn, during salmon spawning season, numerous Black Bears congregate at the streams and eat the salmon to gain weight and store fat for the winter.



Journey

Flights to Vancouver depart on a daily basis from most major airports in Germany. Usually it is necessary to book a night in this extraordinarily beautiful and atmospheric city. The following day you will fly from Vancouver to Campbell River Airport on the east coast of Vancouver Island. You will be picked up from there and usually drive with the big, specifically equipped motor yacht to the hunting camps. We prepare the Firearm Declaration for you.

Upon entry, the respective documents are signed by you on site and in the presence of a toll keeper. The import of weapons is always arranged quickly and without any problems. Prior to your departure you will receive respective journey plans from us.

Flights

Due to our experience from previous years, we would like to advise you that journeys to the far north are frequently subject to rescheduling or rebooking caused by the weather. Please make sure that your ticket is flexible already when booking the flight.

Please note that rebooking involves costs that the ticket owner has to bear.

If the flight booking is not arranged by Blaser Safaris, we cannot be of any assistance due to airline regulations.

Partner

We cooperate with **Fraser River Outfitters LTD**, who hunt an area of 3,000 square miles. Thanks to their many years of experience the professional hunters know exactly, where the bears will show up to forage for foods.

Since many areas that are attractive for hunting are hardly or not at all accessible, these areas are approached by big boats. This allows high flexibility. Depending on which hunting ground is most promising in terms of hunting success, quad bikes are also used to advance into the hunting grounds overland. When Black Bears are spotted, they are stalked.

The Black Bears on Vancouver Island belong to the strongest in Canada, since they always find enough food due to the moderate climate and the favorable biotope conditions. Trophy sizes lie between 6.5 and 7.5 feet, but bigger bears are regularly shot as well.





Caliber and gear For Black Bear hunting a minimum caliber of .30-06 is recommended, if possible you should take a larger caliber. Prior to the hunt you should internalize the physiology of the bear and have fired a few test shots at long distance. The shooting distances lie between 50 and 180 meters. Prior to the hunt the professional hunter will inform you in detail where the shot should be placed. Test shots should be made in any case on site prior to the hunt.

Since the weather on Vancouver Island can be quite variable, you should be prepared for anything, especially for a sudden rain showers. Sturdy, nonslip shoes with soles that grip even on slippery coastal rocks are a necessity.

In addition, clothes that are windproof and very breathable are recommended. For a stalking hunt with quad bike, you should carry a backpack containing the essentials. You will receive a detailed gear list with your travel documents.

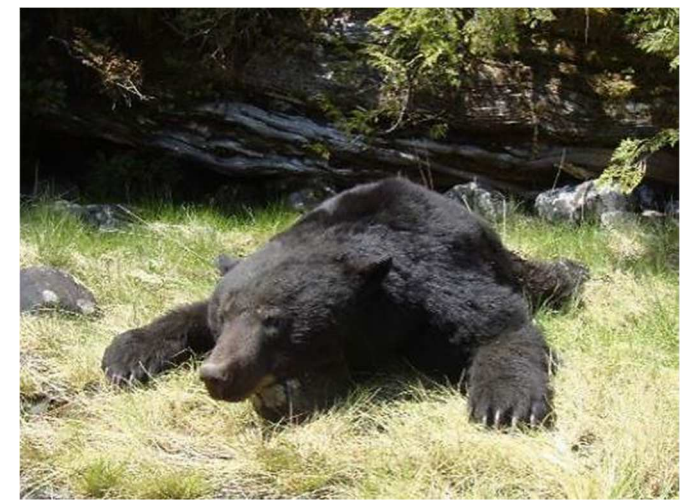




Prices 2018

5 days hunting per hunter, hunt guidance 1:1 incl. Black Bear Accommodation and hunt on land or boat	USD	8,000 –
2,5 % GST	USD	200 –
Tag, License & Fee's	USD	800 –
5 days hunting per hunter, hunt guidance 2:1 incl. Black Bear Accommodation and hunt only on land	USD	4,200 –
2,5 % GST	USD	105 –
Tag, License & Fees	USD	800 –
Add a further trophy		
2 nd Black Bear (trophy fee)	USD	4,200 –
Tag	USD	250 –

- **Term: Spring hunt: April 15. – June 15.**
Fall hunt: October 01. – October 31.



Included in hunting costs	Full board accommodation during the hunt
	Hunt guidance with a guide
	Transfer from Campbell River to and from the hunting ground
	Trophy fee for first Black Bear
	Field preparation of trophies

Additional costs	Accompanying person incl. GST	USD 325 – / day
	Flights - we are happy to organize flights to Canada	On request
	Travel Insurance	On request
	Rifle rental	USD 300 –
	HPF (Hunter Preservation Fee)	USD 205 –
	Licenses, Tags, Fee's	see list
	Wounded game is considered shot and thus is charged for	
	Transport of trophies to taxidermist in BC for shipping, rugs or mounts	
	Taxidermy work	On request
	Spirits, beverages	On request
	Suggested tips	USD 500 –/ USD 1,000 –
	Accommodation and board before / after the hunt	On request
	Organization fee per hunter	USD 300 –
	Organization fee per accompanying person	USD 150 –

- Since licenses for hunts in BC are always booked up well in advance, we would like to ask you to make your reservation in time, so that we can still offer you an ideal date.



**Recommended
equipmentlist:**

- 1 pair of good hiking boots (well broken-in and waterproof)
- 1 pair of rubber boots
- 1 hunting jacket, best is Loden
- Hat and warm hat with ear flaps
- 2 pairs of warm gloves (Gore-Tex)
- 1 pair of house shoes or sneakers (for the camp)
- Lightweight rainwear
- 2 pairs of hard-wearing long trousers
- Warm socks
- Warm underwear
- Warm sweaters
- Comfortable shirts or T-shirts
- Toiletries
- Mosquito repellent (Autan-spray and pin are suitable)
- Personal medicines
- Own first aid kit
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- 2 knives: 1 convertible and 1 fixed knife with about 10 cm long blade (on flight not in your hand luggage) and a small whetstone
- Waterproof packed matches or lighter
- Survival film
- Compass (not essential) and GPS (if you can handle it)
- Photographic equipment and film equipment with sufficient films (or digital camera) and batteries, etc.
- Lightweight binoculars (8x30 or 10x40) for wildlife watching
- Sleeping bag (can also be provided. Nevertheless, the own sleeping bag is your own)
- Backpack (light and quiet for the daily stalking)
- Lightweight cushion
- Shooting stick (folding), if you are used to it
- Rifle with scope and gun case
- mind. 40 rounds ammunition
- Passport, European Firearms pass (EFP), Hunting and weapons license, driver's license, credit card, traveler's checks, airline tickets, etc.

Entry requirements

Please note the entry requirements for the respective country. Information can be obtained at the responsible consulate. In case a visa is needed, please be advised, that the acquisition is your own responsibility.

Vaccination requirements:

Please note the vaccination requirements for the respective country. Information can be obtained at the responsible tropical institute. In case a vaccination is needed, please be advised, that the adherence is your own responsibility.

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