

CANADA VANCOUVER ISLAND 2023



STALKING BLACK BEAR

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The focus of the black bear hunt in Canada (British Columbia) is on Vancouver Island. This area has the biggest population of black bears worldwide. We cooperate with Fraser River Outfitters LTD, who hunt an area of 3,000 square miles.

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EXPERIENCE 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 450 km long and about 100 km wide. It encompasses an area of approx. 32,000 km².

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.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION



CURRENCY

1 Canadian dollar (CAD) = 100 cents



TIME DIFFERENCE

Multiple time zones

The difference ranges from CET -9h (West Coast) to CET -5h (East Coast)

Newfoundland Standard Time (NST) CET -4.5h (St. John)

Atlantic Standard Time (AST) CET -5h (Halifax)

Eastern Standard Time (EST) CET -6h (Toronto, Montreal)

Central Standard Time (CST) CET -7h (Winnipeg, Regina)

Mountain Standard Time (MST) CET -8h (Edmonton, Calgary)

Pacific Standard Time (PST) CET -9h (Vancouver)

Canadian Summer Time (standard time plus one hour) applies from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November.

Saskatchewan (Regina) is the only province in Canada that does not have daylight saving time.



CLIMATE

There are large differences because of the size of the country. There is a humid Pacific climate on the west coast, a dry continental climate in the Prairie Provinces and an Atlantic climate influenced by the Gulf Stream in the east. The temperate climate zone is relatively narrow, and the arctic climate extends into the inhabited areas.

Average temperatures range from -20°C to +25°C, while extreme temperatures range from -40°C to +40°C. In the cold season, you need appropriate equipment.



ELECTRICITY

110/120 Volt alternating current, flat plug, adapter required



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please note the entry rules for each country. You can obtain this information from the relevant consulate. Since 2016, a visa is required for entering Canada. You can apply for the visa online at www.gotocanada.online/



HEALTH

Vaccinations

Please note the vaccination requirements for each country. This information is provided by the relevant institute of tropical medicine. If vaccinations are required, please note that you are personally responsible for complying with the rules. No vaccinations are required on entry, except when entering via an infected area (smallpox).



INSURANCE

You are strongly advised to take out travel insurance for illness and ambulance services (there are extremely high hospital costs as well as long waiting periods for treatment in Canada).

HUNTING AREA ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

ARRIVAL

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. 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.



ACCOMMODATION



GREY ROCK LODGE

DATES: April 15 –June 15

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. 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. In addition, clothes that are windproof and very breathable are recommended. For a stalking hunt with quad bike, you should carry a daypack containing the essentials.

HUNTING COSTS

	Price (USD)
5 days hunting per hunter; hunt guidance 1:1 incl. black bear, accommodation and hunt on land or boat	9,000,—
5 % GST	450,—
Tag, License & Fee's	800,—
Add a further trophy 2nd black bear (trophy fee)	4,500,—
Tag	200,—
Full board accommodation during the hunt	Included in the hunting costs
Hunt guidance with a guide	Included in the hunting costs
Transfer from Campbell River to and from the hunting ground	Included in the hunting costs
Trophy fee for first black bear	Included in the hunting costs
Field preparation of trophies	Included in the hunting costs

	Price (USD)
Accompanying person incl. GST	450,— /day
Flights – we are happy to organize flights to Canada	On request
Travel insurance	On request
Rifle rental	300,—
HPF (Hunter Preservation Fee)	205,—
License Wolf	1,500,—
Wolf trophy fee	100,—
License, Tags, Fee's	See list
Royalty fee will apply to each bear harvested	75,—
Wounded game is considered shot and thus is charged for	
Transport of trophies to taxidermist in BC for shipping	On request
Taxidermy work	On request
Spirits, beverages	On request
Accommodation and board before / after the hunt	On request
Suggested tips	500,— / 1,000,—
Organization fee per hunter	300,—
Organization fee per accompanying person	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.



HUNTING AREA NEAR VANCOUVER

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ARRIVAL

OKANAGAN/BOUNDARY: Airport pick up in Kelowna BC. Approx. 90 minutes car ride into base camp.

LILLOOET/CASCADES: Airport pick up in Kamloops BC or rental car from Vancouver. Approx. 2 hours car ride from Kamloops or 4 hours rental car drive from Vancouver.

HUNT

Fraser River Outfitters proudly operates 2 of British Columbia's top trophy producing mountain (interior) Black Bear concessions. On average, our interior bears will square between 6' and 6'5" with skulls ranging from 17" to 19". Hide quality is excellent during both our spring and fall hunting seasons.

Hunts are conducted using 4x4 vehicles, hounds (upon request) and ATV's to access the many clear cuts, avalanche chutes and meadows where bears feed during the spring hunting season. Fall hunts combo well with Mule Deer or Mountain Goat when bears have moved up into the high country to forage on sugar rich berry crops.

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HUNTING COSTS

Dates: 1. May – 15. June	Price (USD)
5 days hunting per hunter; hunt guidance 1:1 incl. black bear, accommodation and hunt on land	6,500,–
5 days hunting per hunter; hunt guidance 2:1 incl. black bear, accommodation and hunt on land	5,500,–
5 % GST, hunt guidance 1:1	325,–
Tag, License & Fee's	800,–
Add a further trophy 2nd black bear (trophy fee)	2,800,–
Tag	200,–
Full board accommodation during the hunt	Included in the hunting costs
Hunt guidance with a guide 1:1 or 2:1	Included in the hunting costs
Transportation in field	Included in the hunting costs
Trophy fee for first black bear	Included in the hunting costs
Field preparation of trophies	Included in the hunting costs

	Price (USD)
Accompanying person incl. GST	350,– /das
Flights – we are happy to organize flights to Canada	On request
Travel insurance	On request
Transport from/to airport to camp	On request
Rifle rental	300,–
HPF (Hunter Preservation Fee)	205,–
Licenses, Tags, Fee's	See list
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Transport of trophies to taxidermist in BC for shipping, rugs or mounts	On request
Taxidermy work	On request
Spirits, beverages	On request
Accommodation and board before / after the hunt	On request
Suggested tips	500,– / 1,000,–
Organization fee per hunter	300,–
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RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Clothing and equipment will vary depending on time of year and type of hunt. It is important to always think in terms of layering, loose fitting, quiet quality material such as Gore-Tex or wool.

For those items listed as optional, please contact us prior to your hunt start. It's not the personal clothing items that add extra weight to your packs; it's all the items like snacks, extra batteries and gadgets. Our guides have everything in the way of optics, etc. More often than not clients optional equipment never leaves the base camp.

There are no clothing color requirements to legally hunt in British Columbia and camouflage clothing is not necessary.

Recommended

1× Scoped rifle .30 caliber rifle recommended

2× Boxes heavy grained ammunition

1× Pair binoculars

1× Medium weight jacket (quiet material)

2× Light hunting shirts

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1× Suit of light weight underwear (spring hunts)

1× Suit of medium weight underwear (fall hunts)

3× Pair of cotton underwear

3× Pair of medium weight socks

1× Vest (optional)

1× Ball cap (waxed) or wool beanie

1× Pair gloves medium weight

1× Pair worked in leather boots with vibram sole (Meindl or Kennetrek ex.)

1× Pair rubber boots (knee high)

1× Pair hip or chest waders (Fall bear hunts)

1× Pair camp shoes

1× Set quality rain gear with hood (natural colors)

1× Day pack

1× Head lamp or flash light

1× Soft gun case (boat & ATV travel)

Camera

Personal toiletries

Wet wipes

Aspirin

Chap Stick

Sunscreen (Spring hunts)

Prescription meds (If necessary)

Sun glasses

Refillable water bottle

Optional

Range finder

Satellite phone

Knife and sharpener

Compact gun cleaning kit

Lighter

Extra batteries

NOTES



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