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Sointula Oceanfront Home

Custom-built 2948sqft 8-year-old home, featuring local woodwork and thoughtful design, on a generous 0.45 acre lot with 188 feet of walk-on beachfront. Outstanding views across Broughton Strait and over to Vancouver Island. Ready for new owners looking for a west coast island lifestyle! There is regular ferry service to Sointula (Malcolm Island).

\$1,100,000



DL363 Read Island

152 undeveloped acres on the shores of Read Island in Hoskyn Channel and just outside the entrance of Whiterock Pass. Approx. 3000ft of ocean frontage with a number of small bays along the rocky shoreline. Subdivision potential or develop as a stunning oceanfront trophy property. Popular boat access region in the Discovery Islands.

\$1,500,000



Campbell River Development Property

0.78 acre cleared lot zoned multi-residential in a mixed-residential neighbourhood. Quick access to main transportation routes into town. Close to schools, rec centre, college, shopping and park trails. Surrounded by stunning natural beauty, Campbell River is a growing, active city with a need for all types of housing.

\$849,000



Oceanfront Family Home, Haida Gwaii

2457sqft 4 bedroom home on the shores of Bearskin Bay in the Village of Daajing Giids. Lots of recent upgrades, large oceanside deck, walk-on beachfront with flat lawn. 10x24 workshop/shed and additional under-deck storage. Zoning allows for short-term rentals and secondary suites. Experience the natural beauty of Haida Gwaii!

\$695,000



Dick Island

22 acre private island with fabulous views, easy access from Texada Island on BC's Sunshine Coast, and the benefit of being connected to the provincial power utility (BC Hydro). Two small cabins, large cedar and fir as well as arbutus trees, stunning natural surroundings with mossy bluffs, oyster beach, walk-on sandy beach and small rock bays.

\$2,350,000



Section 8 Kewquodie Creek

Undeveloped 57 acres encompassing the estuary of Kewquodie Creek. On the south-east shoreline of Quatsino Sound, approximately halfway along the inlet to the Pacific Ocean. Mainly forested, the property was logged and replanted 12 years ago. Great opportunity to establish an off-grid residence, summer property or homestead.

\$349,000



Tahsis Residence

1689sqft 2 story home with 3 bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room and a bathroom on the upper floor, and a one bedroom suite on the ground level. Baseboard heating throughout, with mini splits added recently. The Village of Tahsis, a popular west coast fishing destination, is accessible by gravel road from Gold River.

\$262,500



Campbell River Industrial Property

0.5 acre level lot with ocean views in the Middle Point Industrial Park. Large 32x51ft metal frame shop, with heat, power and a 2 piece bathroom. Additional buildings include a 45x32ft metal frame shelter open at the ends and two small residences, currently tenanted. Industrial 2 zoning provides great versatility.

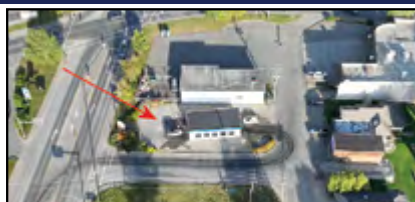
\$775,000



Island Homestead Property

20 acre property with a 1316sqft home built in 2020 on beautiful Lasqueti Island. Additional buildings include a 500sqft shop with power, a tiny house and a bunkie. A mooring buoy in False Bay and pick up truck on the island are included. Bring your boat - this is a great package and a well-built, easy care island residence!

\$750,000



Carwash Business and Property

Popular and lucrative 24/7 touchless car wash business and the high visibility corner lot it sits on in Campbell River. New system installed in 2021, along with major renovations on the building. Exceptional location on the corner of major highways and in a light industrial and commercial service area. Ready for a new owner!

\$1,900,000



Discovery Islands Property

1.62 acres on the protected inside tidal waters of Busby Island, across from Owen Bay on Sonora Island, with approx. 219ft oceanfront. Water access, with internal roads on Busby. Beautiful and popular coastal recreation area with great access to some of the best fishing and wildlife viewing this region has to offer.

\$99,000



Jackson Bay

Oceanfront lodge property, private estate or group purchase opportunity! 33.7 acres on the BC mainland coast in Johnstone Strait. Multiple dwellings, workshop, moorage and substantial infrastructure in place, zoned for residential and commercial use. Beautiful views in this appealing coastal location with easy access to miles of Crown land to explore.

\$1,345,000

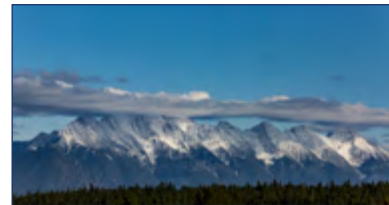
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PEAK SUMMER FUN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Here we are at the peak of the summer season! August is our busiest month, followed by the shoulder month of September. For many, this is the perfect time for a long-awaited trip. For others, it's the season of spontaneous, last-minute adventures. Whether you are a regular passenger or flying with us for the first time, we are truly happy to be part of your journey.

On August 3, we celebrate BC Day! As a proudly Canadian airline rooted in British Columbia, we are deeply connected to our province and the communities we serve. On this day, we celebrate the history, culture, people, skies, and lands we are privileged to call home.

This summer, we deepened our community involvement by donating a retired SAAB 340 fuselage to YVR's Fire and Rescue Department. With safety as our top priority, we wanted to ensure that the rescue team has access to realistic training conditions that benefit the safety of our entire community.

This September, we are participating in the Haul for Hope challenge at YVR, where our team will pull a 67,000lb aircraft 100 meters down the tarmac in support of Canadians seeking medical care far from home. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$3,500, with all proceeds going directly toward Hope Air's mission of ensuring no Canadian is left behind when it comes to accessing healthcare, regardless of where they live or their

financial situation. If you would like to support our team and the cause, please scan the QR code!

On September 30, we commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day. As an airline that operates across the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples throughout British Columbia, we are reminded every day of our responsibility to listen, learn, and walk the path of reconciliation with intention and respect.

Thank you for flying with us this summer season. We hope your summer is filled with fun, laughter, and joy!

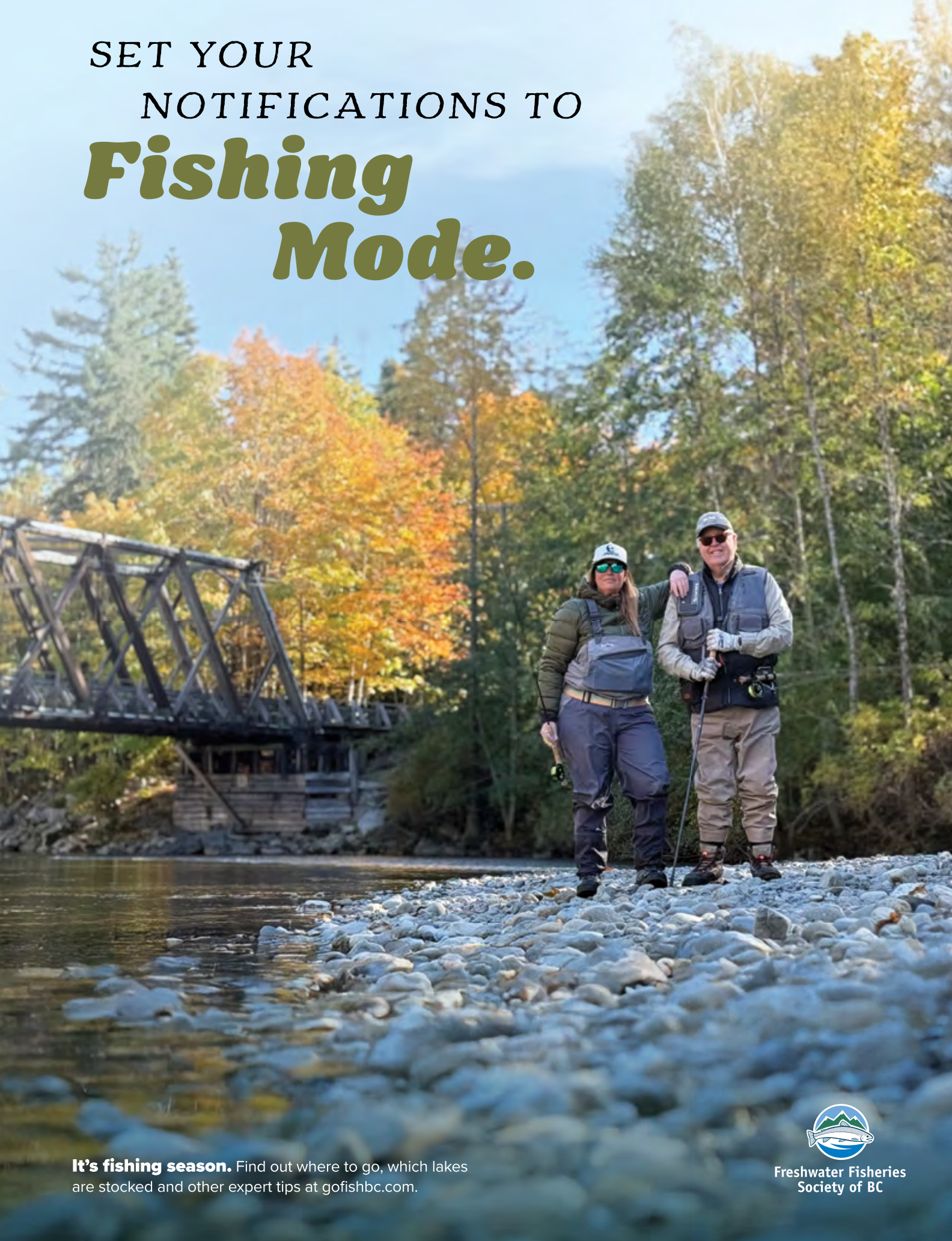
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MEET A PACIFIC COASTAL EMPLOYEE: SHAUN



Location: *Vancouver*

Time with PCA: *21 years*

Position: *Maintenance Manager*

Job description:

I oversee the maintenance of the Pacific Coastal Airlines fleet and lead a team of aircraft maintenance professionals at both our YVR and YYC maintenance bases. I am also responsible for personnel scheduling and workforce planning to ensure adequate maintenance coverage across all shifts and operational requirements.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Surrey but grew up in Revelstoke B.C.

Who is your family?

My lovely wife Saskia, our daughter Alaura and son Kian.

What path did you take to get to this job?

In high school, I participated in a career preparation class and was placed with a helicopter company in Revelstoke, where I was first exposed to the aviation industry. After graduating, I enrolled in the Aircraft Maintenance Engineer program at SAIT. After completing the program, I joined Pacific Coastal Airlines as an apprentice Aircraft Maintenance Engineer.

During my time with Pacific Coastal Airlines, I successfully completed my apprenticeship, obtained my Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) Licence, and progressed through roles of increasing responsibility.

What do you like best about this job?

The variety of work which always keeps me on my toes. The people I work with are great and I've made lifelong friendships over the years.

What are your hobbies outside of the job?

I like spending time and travelling with my family. I also build Lego as a stress relief.

What is your favorite thing to do in your city?

Explore the surrounding areas. Being in the lower mainland allows us so much opportunity to visit beaches, the mountains and much more. 🏔️

KIMBERLEY



Charming Kimberley

*Words by Lauren Kramer
Photos courtesy of KootenayRockies.com*

Kimberley's Catholic church
and Rocky Mountain.
PHOTO BY KARI MEDIG



St. Mary Lake Regional Park.
PHOTO BY MITCH WINTON

A charming alpine mountain town with a rich, fascinating history, Kimberley is known as an outdoor playground where hikers, bikers and golfers can celebrate the outdoors with a plethora of invigorating choices. Ensconced in the East Kootenays, Kimberley is a destination with draw-dropping mountain views, inspiring nature trails and a peacefulness that will fill your soul with calm. These are our top choices for a riveting visit to Kimberley and its neighbouring town of Cranbrook.

FORESTS OF GOLD

A fall hike in the mountains around Kimberley transports you through a forest exploding with yellow and gold, as the alpine and western larch trees change colour. Head to Kimberley Nature Park, where over 50km of hiking trails for hikers and bikers weave through 840 hectares, traversing ponds and streams and leading to heart-stopping vistas of the Purcell and Rocky Mountains at high elevations. The park is home to open grasslands, shaded gullies, moss bogs and forests of ponderosa pines. Look out for moose, elk and western painted turtles along the way, and prepare to be inspired by the magnitude and ecological diversity of BC's largest municipal park. kimberleynaturepark.ca



TWO-CITY TRAIL

The North Star Rails to Trails is a 26km, fully paved trail connecting Kimberley to Cranbrook. A one-way route by bike is easily done in 90 minutes, and bikers can take the Kimberley-Cranbrook commuter bus back, or complete the full, 52km there-and-back circuit. The topography is stunning. The alpine city of Kimberley offers views of the Purcell Mountains. Bikers traverse a shady forest floor before crossing the St. Mary River. Then the route traverses rocky outcrops and open valleys where deer graze in the fields. Approaching Cranbrook, trail weaves through farmland, with spectacular vistas of the Rocky Mountains. Northstartrail.com

DOWNTOWN MEANDER

The Platzl is Kimberley's pedestrian-only main street and the retail and hospitality heartbeat of the community. Home to stores selling hand-crafted artisanal products, gift shops, boutiques, cafes and art galleries, the Platzl is a great place to spend a leisurely afternoon. Don't miss the town's free-standing cuckoo clock, where you can meet 'happy hans' by putting a dollar in the box. Learn about the town's mining history, especially the historic Sullivan Mine, at the Kimberley Heritage Museum, above the museum. And don't miss a visit to Sprout Market, where you can explore locally made products, select a nourishing grab-and-go meal and take a seat at the coffee bar for a Kickturn coffee.

The Platzl at the Stonefire Pizzeria restaurant.
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IN AWE OF ORE

The Kimberley Heritage Museum, located above the community library, documents the town's mining heritage and tells a compelling story of the historic Sullivan Mine, which closed in 2001 after operating for 92 years. The mine, which began operating in 1909, was one of the world's largest underground zinc, lead and silver mines. It produced 160 million tons of ore over its lifetime, with a collective value of over \$20 billion. Beneath the ground, the Sullivan Mine had a network of underground tunnels spanning 500 km. The museum depicts the life of mining families, explores the mining company Cominco's influence on the town, with photographic collections of the mine's history. 105 Spokane St.



Kimberley Underground
Mining Railway
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A vertical advertisement for Bon Macaron Patisserie. The background is light blue with scattered colorful macarons. At the top, the text "Bon Macaron Patisserie" is written in a blue serif font. Below this, a row of seven colorful macarons (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and pink) is displayed. Underneath the macarons, the text "Providing exquisite, hand-made macarons to suit every occasion for over a decade!" is written in a smaller font. Below this, the text "WORKSHOPS + WEDDINGS + CORPORATE" and "CUSTOM PRINTED MACARONS" is shown. At the bottom, there is a circular logo featuring a smiling macaron character wearing a black beret. To the right of the logo, the text "Shipping Available Across Canada!" is written. Below this, the website "www.bonmacaron.com" and the address "1012 Broad St, Downtown Victoria & Granville Island Public Market, Vancouver" are listed.

A vertical advertisement for Tamara Davidson, MLA for North Coast-Haida Gwaii. The background is a collage of photos showing various scenes: a large log, a woman in a hat, a woman in a yellow jacket, a group of people, a boat, and a yellow excavator. The text "YOUR VOICE FOR THE CENTRAL COAST & HAIDA GWAI" is prominently displayed in white capital letters. At the bottom, the name "Tamara Davidson" is written in a large, bold font, followed by "MLA (NORTH COAST-HAIDA GWAI)". To the right, the phone number "1-866-624-7734" and the email address "Tamara.Davidson.MLA@leg.bc.ca" are listed.

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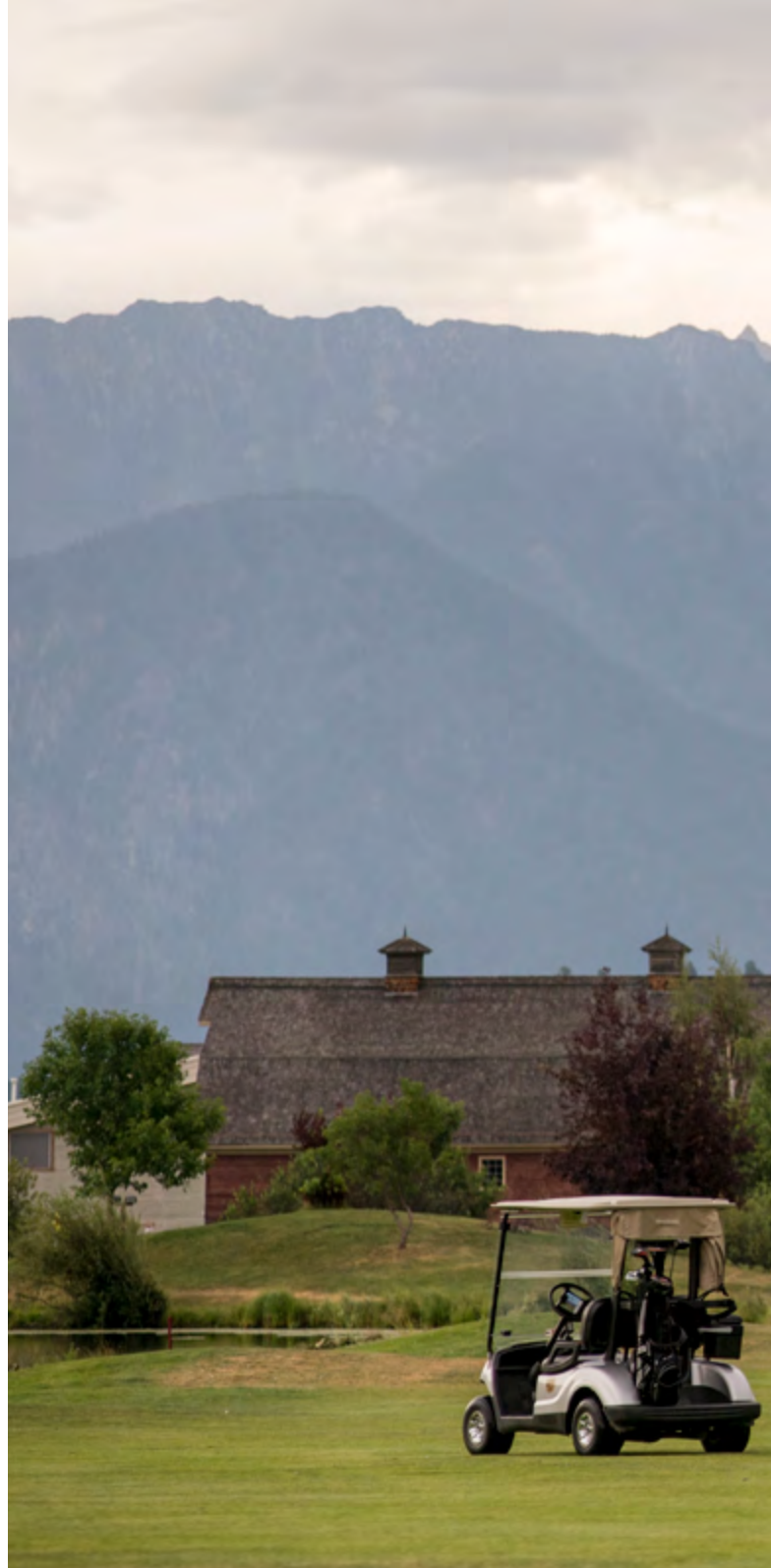
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GOLF KIMBERLEY CRANBROOK

With seven golf courses less than 24 minutes apart between Kimberley and Cranbrook, there are lots of choices for avid golfers. Challenge yourself with the deep ravines and narrow fairways of the Trickle Creek Golf Resort, or pick the manicured fairways and easy walking routes at the Cranbrook Golf Club. The courses between Kimberley and Cranbrook stand out as much for their mountain vistas as for their sheer affordability.



St. Eugene Golf Resort
PHOTO BY KARI MEDIG

WHERE HISTORY MEETS HOSPITALITY

St Eugene Resort is 20 minutes from Kimberley, but as the only residential school resort in the country, it's well worth a visit. The property, owned by the four Ktunaxa communities, features a hotel, golf resort, restaurants, an RV Resort and an interpretive centre that tells the Ktunaxa people's story. The history of the St. Eugene Mission School, which operated 1890 to

1970, is told in a film presentation, and visitors can take a tour of the property with a Ktunaxa elder who attended the school. The goal of the residential school system was to force indigenous children to assimilate by cutting them off from their family, language and culture. The abuse suffered at these schools is staggering, but this interpretive centre offers visitors insights into Ktunaxa culture, traditions and history, telling a story of this nation's strength and resilience. Steugene.ca 



AUTUMN HIKE IN JUMBO PASS
IN THE KOOTENAY ROCKIES.
📷 Ben Westerik

THE BIRTHPLACE OF ADVENTURE AWAITS

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WOMEN-OWNED BACKCOUNTRY LODGES LEAD THE WAY

In the legendary Birthplace of Adventure in BC, women are shaping adventure through experience, sustainability and a deep connection to the mountains they call home. At Valhalla Mountain Touring, owner Jasmin Caton—who oversees operations, is a rock guide, and teaches ACMG rock and ski guide courses—organizes guided ski tours that encourage guests to focus on the journey, not the logistics. Valkyr Adventures, co-owned by Shelly Glasheen, offers access to three remote lodges on guided or self-guided adventures, all within a framework of ecological stewardship and low-impact exploration. At Selkirk Mountain Experience, Nicoline Beglinger leads small groups through glacial terrain and high-alpine meadows, where summer treks pass more than 100 varieties of wildflowers. In the Canadian Rockies, Talus Lodge—co-owned by Olympic medalist Sarah Renner—invites guests to unplug and tune into the mountains, through winter ski tours and summer hikes.

DISCOVER THE STORIES OF THE KTUNAXA PEOPLE

The Ktunaxa Interpretive Centre, located within St. Eugene Resort, invites visitors to step into this living history of the Ktunaxa People who have stewarded the lands for over 10,000 years. The centre stands on the grounds of a former residential school, where Ktunaxa youth were once forced from their families and culture.

Today, this place of trauma has been transformed into a space of remembrance and renewal. Guests can hear directly from Elders and Knowledge Holders, discover archival photographs and artefacts, and watch an emotional documentary sharing survivors' stories. Tours immerse visitors in both the history and living culture of the Ktunaxa. By reclaiming St. Eugene, the Ktunaxa have built a space dedicated to cultural pride while ensuring economic sovereignty for generations to come.



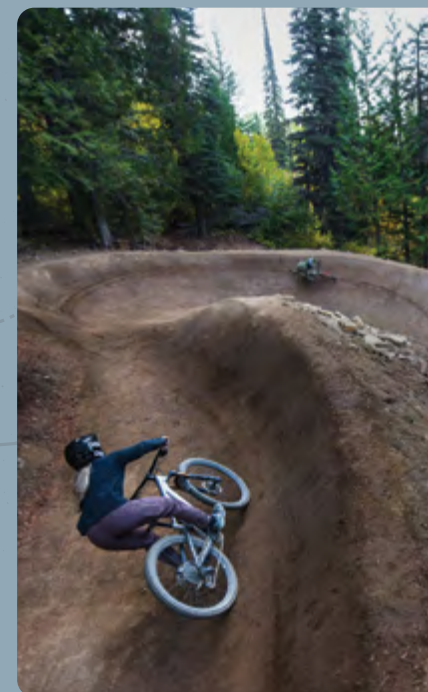
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 📸 Ashley Voykin



THE HIGHEST VIA FERRATA IN CANADA AWAITS IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

Adventure reaches new heights on the Mt. Nimbus Via Ferrata, the tallest of its kind in Canada.

Suspended nearly 600 metres (1,970 feet) above the valley floor, the bucket-list climb delivers unparalleled alpine views alongside a rush of adrenaline. Accessible by helicopter only from CMH's Bobbie Burns Lodge, the journey pairs the luxury of a modern mountain retreat with raw, vertical adventure. Guests spend their days navigating in a landscape of towering granite arêtes, ice-carved valleys, and old-growth forests. By nightfall, they return to spacious accommodations for mountain-view cocktails and fireside stories.

SUMMER ADVENTURE AT MOUNTAIN RESORTS IN BC

Ski resorts may be built for snow, but these alpine playgrounds are inviting travellers to recreate with no snow required. In Rossland, RED Mountain Bike Park, developed with world-renowned designers Gravity Logic, welcomes riders to test their skills on flowing trails and singletrack. It's the gateway to over 200 kilometres (124 miles) of trails maintained by the Kootenay Columbia Trails Society—a mecca for mountain bikers. The new Revelstoke Skywalk at Revelstoke Mountain Resort leads adventurers across a 75.5-metre (247-foot) suspension bridge towards panoramic views of Mt. Begbie and the Columbia Valley. Visitors to Golden can meet Boo, a rescued grizzly roaming an 8-hectare (20-acre) mountainside refuge at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. Through guided interpretation, guests gain a glimpse of grizzly conservation and the challenges facing this blue-listed species.

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Cranbrook

Basecamp of the Kootenays

Often overlooked, Cranbrook reveals
a side well worth discovering

Words by Natalie Bruckner





Canadian Rockies International Airport
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Cranbrook Firehall Kitchen & Tap.
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With more than 2,200 hours of sunshine each year, Cranbrook is among British Columbia's brightest destinations, yet it remains one of the Kootenays' lesser-known treasures. Many travelers pass through the region en route to renowned mountain towns such as Fernie and Nelson, but those who take the time to explore Cranbrook discover a place with a very distinct East Kootenay identity.

From the air, Cranbrook appears as a green, gridded urban oasis resting in a broad valley framed by the jagged, snow-dusted peaks of the Rocky Mountains to the east and the forested ridges of the Purcell Mountains to the west. For outdoor enthusiasts, this setting makes Cranbrook an ideal base for exploration, placing the region's trails, lakes and mountain landscapes within an easy 20-minute drive.

Cranbrook's modern origins trace back to the late 19th century, when the arrival of the Crowsnest Railway in 1898 redirected the region's development. Yet the story of this place begins much earlier with the Ktunaxa people, who have lived throughout the region since time immemorial. The area known as ʔakisqakʔit (two valleys coming together) was named for its abundant natural resources, including freshwater creeks, rich grazing lands for horses and livestock, and, notably, an unusu-

ally small mosquito population.

For visitors drawn to Cranbrook's rich local history, the Cranbrook History Centre offers a fascinating glimpse into the people, industries and landscapes that have shaped the region. Its rail collection is among the largest of its kind in North America. Housed within a historic 1898 freight shed, the museum brings together Indigenous histories, early settler artefacts and exhibits exploring the wildlife and natural history of the surrounding region.

To truly immerse yourself in the character of Cranbrook's industrial past, a visit to Fort Steele Heritage Town is a must as you step into the world of the late 19th-century boomtown. Its preserved and restored buildings set the scene perfectly, while costumed interpreters bring the stories of the early settlement years to life.

DINING DELIGHTS

Back in Cranbrook (and back to the present day), the city centre, and in particular historic Baker Street, offers a vibrant yet unheralded district packed with architecture and stores. Here, Cranbrook's culinary scene punches well above its weight, with everything from small, independently run kitchens to lively



KTUNAXA ELDER IN REGALIA

PHOTO BY KARI MEDIG

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brewpubs pouring locally crafted beer.

Ask locals where to eat, and The Heid Out & Fisher Peak Brewing Company is likely to be near the top of the list. A long-time community favourite, this lively spot pairs award-winning house-brewed beers and beer cocktails with a menu that moves from European comfort food such as Jäger schnitzel to local favourites like the Heid Out Burger, featuring a hand-pressed charbroiled patty, Gwinner's salami and Fisher Peak Brewing's own Soggy Otter Brown Ale BBQ sauce.

A few blocks away, the Fire Hall Kitchen & Tap occupies a restored 1929 fire hall complete with its original fire pole. Everything is made from scratch, from the buns to the sauces, with a menu that balances familiar favourites with more unexpected choices, including its Coca-Cola Fried Chicken Sandwich.

For a slower afternoon, the Cranbrook area offers several scenic golf courses, with the championship course at St. Eugene Golf Resort & Casino standing out for its sweeping views toward Fisher Peak, the highest and most visually striking summit in the southern Rocky Mountains. Afterwards, Numa provides a fitting end to the day with dishes such as bison meatballs and barbecue cedar plank salmon. Beyond its scenery and hospitality, St. Eugene also offers visitors an opportunity to learn about Ktunaxa culture and history. Originally built as a regional hospital in the late 1890s, the property later became a residential school in 1910 and has since been reclaimed and is proudly owned by the Ktunaxa Nation.

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OUTDOOR MECCA

For those drawn to adventure, Cranbrook is an outdoor playground, offering year-round opportunities to explore its trails, waterways and mountain landscapes. From the edge of the city, routes quickly lead into a vast network of quiet wilderness where hikers, cyclists, skiers and explorers can experience the beauty of the East Kootenays without the crowds.

The beauty of Cranbrook's outdoor access is how quickly the city gives way to wilderness. Some of the region's most rewarding experiences begin just minutes from town.

The Cranbrook Community Forest is the perfect example, with more than 200 kilometres of multi-use trails across 2,000 hectares that wind through the landscape surrounding the city. Used year-round by hikers, cyclists and winter adventurers, it offers an extensive network of routes without ever feeling far removed from town. Nearby, Elizabeth Lake provides a peaceful setting for birdwatchers and nature lovers, while just beyond the airport near Wycliffe, a resident elk herd can often be spotted moving between open fields and forest.

For those looking for a quick reward, the surrounding hills offer several accessible climbs. Wycliffe Buttes rises in a steady 20-minute ascent to a stunning overlook, while Perry Creek Falls follows a short 1.5-kilometre trail to a narrow cascade framed by moss and rock.

Beyond the city limits, the landscape opens into a broader playground of lakes, valleys and mountain terrain. Jimsmith Lake and Norbury Lake Provincial Park offer easy access to the water,



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Rafting on the St Mary River.
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The true appeal of Cranbrook lies in the freedom to choose your own pace, with something to inspire every kind of traveller, no matter what the season.

with open views toward the Steeples and plenty of space for a relaxed afternoon outdoors. During the warmer months, Moyie Lake draws visitors to its long sandy shoreline and water that is just perfect for swimming, canoeing and fishing.

For those willing to venture a little farther, Moyie Falls offers a more rugged experience, tucked into a narrow canyon shaped by water over time. The short but uneven approach, including a river crossing, adds a true sense of discovery.

Water is central to the East Kootenay experience. The St. Mary River provides an approachable introduction to rafting, with calm stretches building into manageable Class II and III sections, while the Bull River offers a more technical run during spring melt. Local outfitters help visitors experience these waterways through guided trips and introductory courses, making it easy to discover a new adventure.

Come winter, Cranbrook transforms into something quite spectacular. The South Star Recreation Area, maintained by local volunteers, becomes a hub for cross-country skiing, fat biking and snowshoeing, while nearby resorts along the Powder Highway provide access to downhill terrain.

The true appeal of Cranbrook lies in the freedom to choose your own pace, with something to inspire every kind of traveller, no matter what the season. Even if you manage to fit all this in, you can be certain you've only just begun to uncover the possibilities waiting for you in Cranbrook. 

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Flying for Family Care

Marg is retired and lives in Williams Lake, BC, where family is at the center of her daily life.

When she talks about what matters most, she doesn't hesitate: she's proud of raising her grandchildren. That pride is tied to responsibility, and the steady, practical kind of love that shows up when a child needs care that isn't available close to home.



Medical care was needed for her granddaughter, 8-year-old Rylee who required eye surgery. Even though the surgery itself was the focus, logistics quickly became part of the story. The appointment meant leaving Williams Lake and travelling to Vancouver, 550 km away.

Marg remembers how it felt when she learned they would have to travel. Her worry wasn't about unfamiliar cities or airports, it was about cost, and whether they could make it happen at all. When medical travel comes with flights and time away from home, it can quickly become a barrier that feels impossible to climb.

Marg found Hope Air while searching online for help and shares the impact of what could have happened if she didn't

find Hope Air "We would have had to postpone Rylee's surgery date." For families, postponing doesn't just mean rescheduling. It can mean more time worrying, more time watching a child struggle, and more time feeling stuck by circumstances outside their control.

Hope Air arranged for Marg and Rylee to fly to their appointment in Vancouver with Pacific Coastal Airlines "The staff both at the airport and on the plane were wonderful. Very caring, respectful and kind individuals. Their professionalism was incredible. Thank you to everyone at Pacific Coastal for everything you have done."

Marg speaks about the impact in a way that makes the moment feel close. She points out what so many Canadians understand: "Most Canadians do not

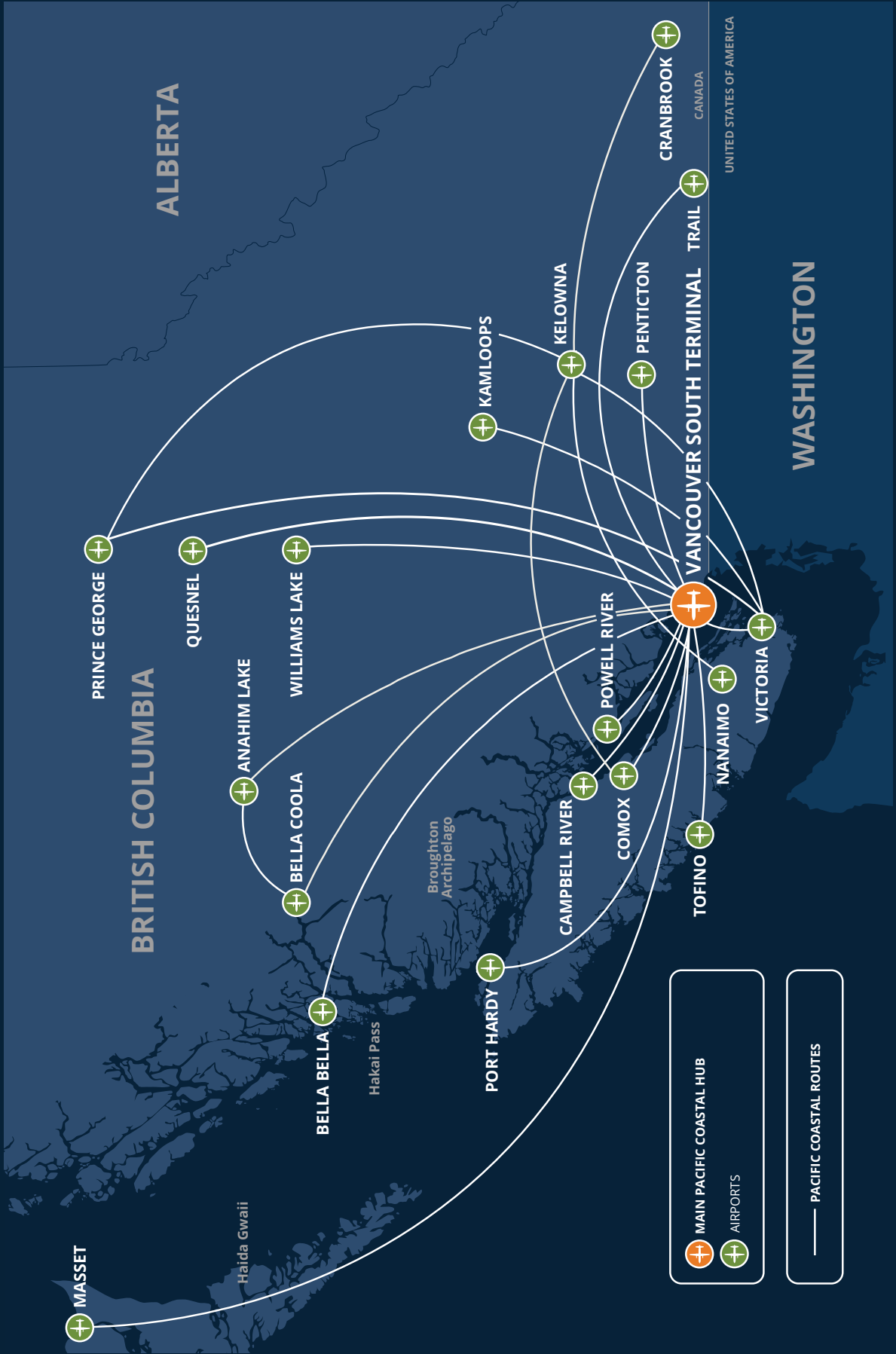
live in big cities. In order to get surgery you need to travel out of town. In our case we needed to fly down and stay in a hotel."

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