

THE COMOX VALLEY

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Travelling north from Nanaimo on the Inland Island Highway, there's a stretch of wilderness before you reach the Comox Valley. It's so easy to tell when you arrive in the first metropolitan area on the northern part of Vancouver Island. On your left are the snow-capped Beaufort Mountains and the Comox Glacier defining the western edge of the valley. The salty sea of the Georgia Strait to your right defines the eastern edge of the valley. Rocky snow covered peaks roll gently down to the valleys below.



Spectacular Comox Glacier

Forests, alpine meadows, crystal clear rivers, sandy beaches and bucolic farmland make up the beautiful Comox Valley. The Comox Valley extends from Fanny Bay in the South to Saratoga Beach in the North, a distance of about 30 miles or 50 kilometers. It is the Recreation Capital of Vancouver Island. Only in the Comox Valley can you ski, golf, fish, kayak and scuba dive all on the same day. Choose a vacation filled with outdoor adventures or check out the incredible artistic and cultural community - the four museums, the live theatre performances, the many local festivals and attractions - or you can go shopping in the many boutique-style stores.

We arrived at our beautiful accommodations at the historic "Ship's Point Inn" near Fanny Bay. This distinguished Inn is a serene Bed and Breakfast nestled on the shore of Ships Point. The manicured gardens and flower-covered arbour entry greet you as you drive into the parking area. The Inn has a garden gazebo, a covered hot tub and a deck overlooking miles of ocean scenery. In the distance you can hear the sea lions discussing their day.



Scenic Ships Point Inn B&B
Photo by Ron Kirstein

The Inn has six elegantly appointed rooms, with views of the Baynes Sound and Georgia Strait.



A Room at Ships Point Inn B&B
Photo by Ron Kirstein

The Inn is at the end of Ships Point Road and is well away from the Oceanside Route Highway into Courtenay and Comox. From the spacious deck you can see snow-capped mountains, sea lions, eagles, the Denman Island ferry dock and ocean cruise ships traveling to and from Alaska.



Beautiful Sunsets at Ships Point Inn B&B
Photo by Ron Kirstein

It's so peaceful and the sunsets are very special indeed. This 4 Star Inn is a great romantic retreat or just a great place to get away and relax. The area is perfect for "antiquing", visiting art galleries, beach-walking, cycling, bird-watching, fishing, golfing, hiking and kayaking.



Oceanview Room at Ships Point
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