# Vancouver Island Whale Watch - Whale Watching Nanaimo Open Boat Tour

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| **Location:** Nanaimo, Canada  **Language:** English  **Duration:** 4.0 hours | **Magpie Product Code:** KQNZLC  **Company Website:** vancouverislandwhalewatch.com  **Primary Contact:** Vancouver Island Whale Watch |

**Highlights:**

- Your day begins by checking in at our office 45 minutes before your departure time and then you'll head down to the boat as a group.
You'll then be introduced to the Salish Sea ecosystem and wildlife as you cruise through the Gulf Islands archipelago in search of whales and other marine life. You'll learn about the different types of whales that use the Salish Sea, including their natural history, and their roles in the marine food web.
Throughout your adventure, your captain will be in touch with other whale watching companies over VHF radio and will plan your route to maximize the area covered between vessels.
You'll spend a full hour viewing whales, and your marine naturalist will provide real-time insights into their behaviors. Onboard catalogues are used to identify individual whales, and this data will be collected throughout the season and sent to the Centre for Whale Research, Keta Coastal Conservation, and the BC Cetacean Sightings Network.
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**Description:**
Immerse yourself in BC's coastal wildlife as you travel through the gulf islands archipelago in search of killer whales (orcas), humpbacks, sea lions, porpoises, eagles, and more. Your guide has an academic background in biology and a passion for marine life! Whale sightings are guaranteed or your next trip is FREE. Hop onboard our 12-passenger zodiac style vessel and you'll experience whales and other marine life right at water level! We'll fit you for an anti-exposure suits that will keep you warm and help protect you from the elements.

**Inclusions:**

Professional guide with academic background in marine biology

Captain is certified by Transport Canada

Toilets onboard

Anti-expusure suit provided

Sunscreen available

Binoculars onboard (shared between guests)

**Exclusions:**

The listed price does not include parking, which costs around 7-8 dollars CAD for the day.

Lunch is not included.

Gratuities

Transportation to/from office

**Know Before You Book:**

- Duration: 4h

- Mobile tickets accepted

- Instant confirmation

**Health:**

Masks are required for all guests in the office and on the boats.
Proof of vaccination is needed for our tours. For BC residents we accept paper and digital vaccine cards until Sept 24th and then only your digital card will be accepted. For ppl outside BC all forms of vaccine documentation are ok.

**Health items:**

Regularly sanitized high-traffic areas, Hand sanitizer available to travelers and staff, Face masks required for guides in public areas

### Locations:

**Pickup:**
none

**Starts Notes:**
90 Front St #5, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5H7, Canada
Our office is located on Front Street, the seawall along downtown Nanaimo's waterfront.

**Instant Confirmation:**
Yes

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
24
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
For a full refund, cancel at least 24 hours in advance of the start date of the experience.

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