



It's not difficult to reach us...

Come over from Vancouver via BC Ferries to Nanaimo. We're 4-hours north on scenic Highway 19, then a short 45-minute ferry ride from Port McNeill. If you live on the south end of Vancouver Island we're 6-hours from Victoria, then the same convenient 6-times per day ferry ride over to Cormorant Island. If you want to fly in, we have our own 890-meter paved airstrip, or you can get a scheduled commercial flight to nearby Port Hardy, and rent a car or taxi for the 35-kilometer trip south. For the adventurous, come by boat via the famed Inside Passage... showers available upon arrival at our new Marine Gateway Centre.



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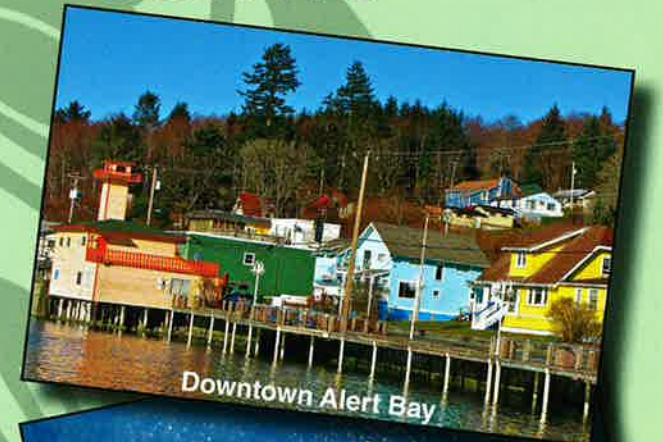
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Cormorant Island

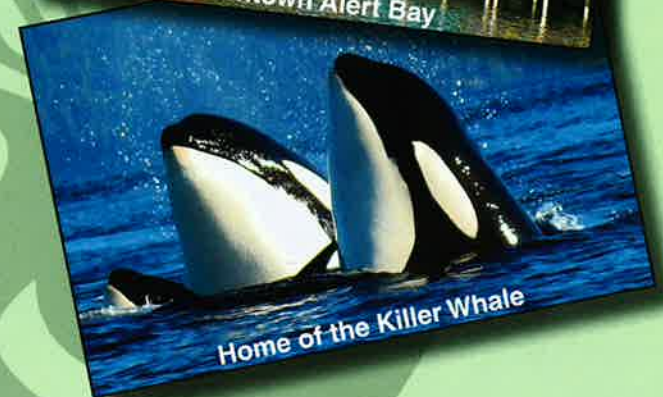
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COME DISCOVER OUR WORLD!



Downtown Alert Bay



Home of the Killer Whale

There are so many wonderful things to do here:

- U'mista Cultural Centre (with gift shop)
- First Nation and Fine Art Galleries
- Bighouse Traditional Dancing (July/August)
- Whale Watching Tours
- Alert Bay Library-Museum
- Hiking, Biking and Kayaking
- Photography
- Beach Combing
- Camping Alert Bay Campground
- Festivals in June (June Sports) and July (Sea Fest, Music Fest), Aug (Alert Bay 360 Kayak Race)
- Totem Pole and Heritage Building Walking Tours



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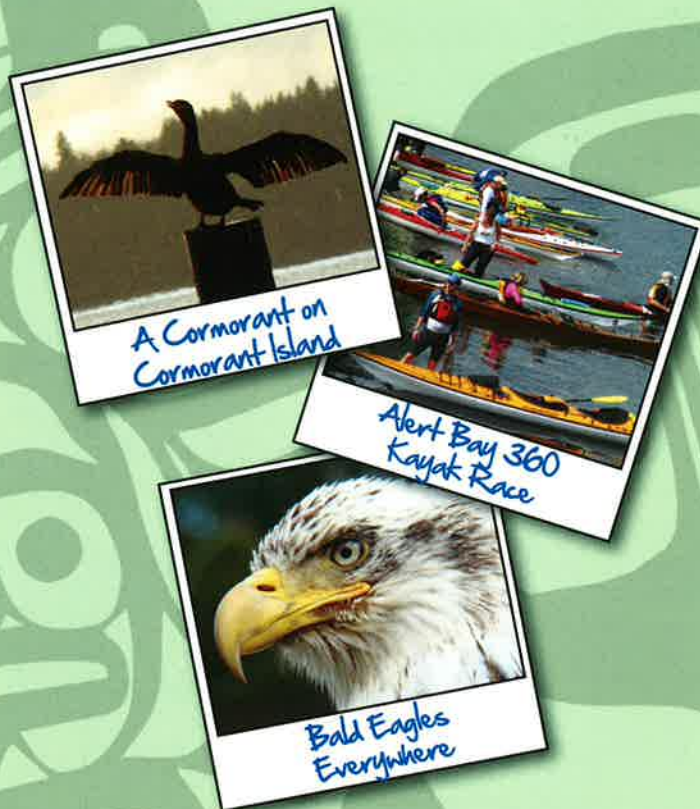
Have you ever dreamed of visiting an authentic fishing community located on a small island off the wilderness coast of British Columbia? Have you ever imagined walking the boardwalks of a busy working coastal town that proudly celebrates its First Nation and Pioneer heritage? Would you like to see a community where memorial and other totem poles and modern hospital, school and other facilities comfortably share the skyline? Can you picture a jumping-off place to explore the 500 nearby islands of the Broughton Archipelago, or to see wild orca, humpback, minke whales and more? The 'Namgis First Nation and the Village of Alert Bay invite you to just such a place...Alert Bay on Cormorant Island.



U'mista Cultural Centre

When you get here...

Everyone remarks about our friendliness and the pride we have in our community. We are home to the world renowned U'mista Cultural Centre, First Nation cultural demonstration in the famed 'Namgis Bighouse, and the world's tallest totem (and 23 other totems). We've carved 16 kilometers of accessible trails out on the 'wild side' of our island...no resident bears, cougars or wolves guaranteed. Then there's our historic downtown, main street boardwalks and two boat harbours to explore. Rent a bike, visit a gallery, hike our beaches or trails, drink the best water in the world... or just relax and soak up our extraordinary wilderness setting and unique island culture. We would be very happy to be your hosts!



From earliest memory...

Cormorant Island has been a traditional home of the 'Namgis First Nation from time out of mind. From 1870 onward Alert Bay became the dominant trading and service centre for residents of scores of nearby logging camps and First Nation communities in the North Vancouver Island region. As North Vancouver Island's oldest municipality, Alert Bay continues to honour its past, while at the same time maintaining a full range of modern services. Today, Cormorant Island is home to a diverse population of 1,300 who share a vibrant and unique cultural environment.

