Visitor's Information

Alert Bay

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Emergency Numbers

Fire	911
Police (non emergency 974-5544)	911
Ambulance	911
Poison Control	(250) 974-5585

Alert Bay like a small jewel lies cradled in the arms of Cormorant Island. This crescent shaped island is situated just off the Northeast coast of Vancouver Island and is approximately 180 miles by water from the City of Vancouver. Both Alert Bay and Cormorant Island were named after two British war ships H.M.S. Alert and H.M.S. Cormorant while they were engaged in surveying the coastal waters of British Columbia between the years of 1846 and 1861. The Captains of those two ships were Captain Malcolm (Malcolm Island) and Captain Pearse (Pearse Islands).

In 1870, a small saltery was established in Alert Bay to preserve salmon and with the introduction of a new Church Mission, the ónamgis were persuaded to move to Alert Bay to provide the necessary work force for the saltery and later the cannery, thus, establishing the basis of the present-day community.

Alert Bay has a population of approximately 1,500 and is comprised of the Village of Alert Bay, ónamgis First Nation, Whe-la-la-u Area Council and Regional District of Mount Waddington. Cormorant Island is 3 miles long and a half mile wide. The average rainfall is 60 inches per year and the temperature averages 75 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer and 35 in winter.

From humble beginnings, Alert Bay has since become an important centre of commerce and services while still retaining its quaint fishing village atmosphere and unique lifestyle. This rare combination of embracing the past while planning for the future has enabled Alert Bay to make major contributions to the development of the British Columbia coast. Visitors from around the world come to enjoy the Historic First Nation culture, friendly community, quite magnificent scenery and the superb fishing. Within easy reach of Alert Bay are hundreds of lakes and miles of tranquil inlets awaiting the vacationers whether arriving by airplane or by boat.

How to get to Alert Bay, BC

Drive North on Hwy 1 from Victoria turns into Hwy 19 at Nanaimo passing Parksville, Courtenay, Campbell River and Sayward to Port McNeill - a scenic drive on a modern highway that takes about 4 hours from Nanaimo to Port McNeill. From Port McNeill, there is BC Ferries running to Alert Bay and Sointula continuously form 8:40 AM-9:30 PM daily.

By bus	Scheduled bus services depart daily from all points on Vancouver Island to Port McNeill where connection is made by ferry to Alert Bay.
By air	Scheduled air flights depart daily from Vancouver to Port Hardy and a limousine service is available to Port McNeill where connection is made by ferry to Alert Bay.

Visitor Attractions

Alert Bay Visitor Centre	-	offers a large selection of brochures, maps, etc
118 Fir Street	-	public washroom
Bag Service 2800	-	Art Gallery features the original collection of water colours by Chris Nancarrow, depicting a year in the daily life on Fir and Front Streets.
Alert Bay, BC		
(250) 974-5024	-	January-June, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00 PM unless otherwise posted Closed stat holidays
Fax: (250) 974-5026		
info@alertbay.ca		
http://www.alertbay.ca	-	July-August, Daily 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
	-	September-December, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00 PM unless otherwise posted. Closed stat holidays

Visitor Attractions

Uômista Cultural Centre
Box 253
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-5403
Fax: (250) 974-5499
info@umista.ca
http://www.umista.org

The ceremonial regalia, including coppers, masks, rattles and whistles, were confiscated in 1922 and distributed amongst museums and private collections throughout North America. Returned in 1980, much of the repatriated collection is now on display at the Cultural Centre. Also featured are travelling exhibits, and a collection of videos dealing with Potlatch prohibition and cultural survival. The gift shop boasts a wide variety of outstanding works by Kwakwakaôwakw artists, many of whom are world renowned. Cultural Tours can be pre-arranged for guided tours of the Potlatch Collection, Island Walking Tours Special Dance Performances, Seafood Feasts and specially designed tours. Please call for details of these special tours and participate minimums apply.

Winter Hours September to June Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Summer Hours: July-August, Daily 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Alert Bay Library-Museum
Box 440
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
(250) 974-5721
Fax: (250) 974-5026
abplb@island.net
http://alertbay.bc.libraries.coop/

Featured at this Museum are Kwakwakaôwakw and other artifacts and an archival collection of over 9,000 photographs of Alert Bay, surrounding area and people dating back as far as the 1880ôs. Public internet access available.

Hours: Monday, Friday and Saturday,
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Wednesday ONLY
1:00 PM -5:00 PM

Ts̓asałla Cultural Group
Traditional Dance Performance
Andrea Cranmer
Phone: (250) 974-5475
AndreaCranmer@hotmail.com
http://www.tsasalaculturalgroup.com/

Performance is approximately 1 Hour. Cost: $20.00 per adult and $10.00 per child under 12 years. Thursdays-Saturdays, 1:15 PM, (July-August 3rd week) in our Big House. This is the only time you will ever get to see the inside of our Big House as it is closed to public viewing. There have been special performances for groups of 25 or more - call to make arrangements.

Traditional Big House

Completed in May 1966, the Big House is modeled on the traditional residences of the Kwakwakaôwakw. This building is primarily used for Potlatches. The house was enlarged and repainted in 1987, at which time óNamgis artist Doug Cranmer designed the extended house front. The original building burnt down August 1997. The Big House re-opened May 28, 1999

Worldôs Tallest Totem Pole

173 ft. carved by six Kwakwakaôwakw. This pole represents a carved history of some of the Kwakwakaôwakw. The figures are acquired through marriage. The figures represented are the Sun man-Gusgimukw, Kulus (Thunderbirds cousin) Kwagu'ğ Whale- Gwaôsala-'Nak̓waxda'xw, Old Man- Ğawit̓sis, Wolf-Dzawadaʼenux , Thunderbird-óNamgis, Dzunuk̓wa, Sisiyutł- Mamalilikala, Bear holding a Salmon, Raven, and a Dzunuk̓wa holding a copper. During a Nimpkish Wind November 2007 the top of the Totem Pole fell to the ground. No charge to see. Stop by Alert Bay Visitor Centre for Totem Poles Brochure

Original óNamgis Burial Grounds

This cemetery is the site of numerous memorial and other totem poles created by some of the best carvers in the area. Visit the Alert Bay Visitor Centre and ask for the Totem Poles brochure. **No Trespassing in the Cemetery**

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Visitor Attractions

Alert Bay Ecological Park	The Park is a small flooded forest that serves as a home to ravens, eagles and migratory birds, located near the picnic area and campground. It is about a 25-minute walk through three trails and a boardwalk. Stop at the Alert Bay Visitor Centre for brochure on the Ecological Park.
Anglican Church	Was built in 1892, of BC cedar that was milled here in our small saw mill. There are several stained-glass windows revealing a unique blend of Native and European cultures.

Stores and Giftshops

Alert Bay Artloft Gallery 60 Fir Street Beth Dunlop (250) 974-2787 alertbayartists@gmail.com http://www.alertbayartists.com	Showcasing Alert Bay Artists. Alert Bay Artists Society hosts the Annual Alert Bay Artfest during Bay Days weekend. Holds numerous community driven workshops and shows which change monthly. Cards, prints, jewelry, small carvings and other goodies for sale. February to June: Saturdays and Sundays 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. July-August: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11:00 PM-3:00 PM. September to December: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12:00 PM-3:00 PM. **January Closed**
Alert Bay Drugs 90 Fir Street Paul Fletcher (250) 974-5712	Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-6:00 PM, Saturday, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM Lotto, post cards, jewelry, stationary, gift items, toys, etc **24 Hour ATM exterior of building.**
Alert Bay Visitor Centre 118 Fir Street Norine Smith (250) 974-5024 Fax: (250) 974-5026 info@alertbay.ca http://www.alertbay.ca	January-June, Mondays to Fridays, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Closed lunch from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, unless otherwise posted and closed stat holidays July-August, Daily, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM September-December Mondays to Fridays 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Closed lunch from 1:00 PM -2:00 PM unless otherwise posted and closed stat holidays Prints, posters, note cards, pins, BC Road map, etc.
Alert Bay Library-Museum 116 Fir Street Joyce Wilby, Steven Wong (250) 974-5721 abplb@island.net http://alertbay.bc.libraries.coop/	Monday, Friday and Saturday, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Wednesday ONLY 1:00 PM-5:00 PM Post cards, small carvings, books, etc.
Culture Shock Interactive Gallery 010 A Front Street Barb Cranmer, Donna Cranmer and Andrea Cranmer (250) 974-2484 Summer: July 1 to Labour Day in September Daily 9:30 AM-6:00 PM Winter: September Tuesday to Saturday 12:00 AM-5:00 PM info@cultureshockgallery.ca http://www.cultureshockgallery.ca	Experience ôNamgis Roots. An interactive Gallery, share, create, connect, soul. Two-minute walk from the ferry. Package times: 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM #1 Cedar Weaving: Hands on experience making your own Cedar Bracelet with Donna Cranmer. $75.00 per person minimum of 6 people #2 Traditional Salmon Barbeque: Put your own individual piece of wild Sockeye salmon on cedar barbeque sticks$75.00 per person, minimum of 6 people. #3 Nusa ñStory Tellingò: Hear the stories as she heard it from her Grandmother. Ada-Vera Newman will share history, legends which have been passed down through many generations. $60.00 per person, minimum of 6 people

https://www.facebook.com/Culture-Shock-Interactive-Gallery-237303022960790/?fref=ts

Stores and Giftshops

Shop Rite Stores and Rona 99 Fir Street (250) 974-2777	Shop Rite: Monday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Sunday, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM Rona: Monday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Sunday CLOSED Grocery, deli, Rona, Fishing Licenses can be purchased for a small fee at (upstairs in Shop Rite Stores). Rona also sells fishing tackle.
Uômista Cultural Centre Sarah Holland (250) 974-5403 Fax: (250) 974-5499 info@umista.ca	Summer: July 1 to Labour Day (September) Daily 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Winter: September to June Tuesdays to Saturdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM First Nation Art Gallery: masks, jewelry, clothes, jewelry boxes, first nation books, drums, small carvings, etc

Restaurants

Bayside Grill (250) 974-3101	Daily 8:00 AM-8:00 PM
Shop Rite Deli (250) 974-2777	Monday to Saturday 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Passn Thyme Inn (250) 974-2670	Tuesday to Saturday-11:00 AM-8:00 PM
Cook Shack (250) 974-0004	Wednesday to Saturday 11:30 AM to 8:00 PM

Accommodations

Alert Bay Accommodations Box 483 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 Phone: (250) 974-2226 kindheartmt@gmail.com http://www.alertbayaccommodations.com	On the Beach 66 Fir Street, a unique suite over the ocean' setting featuring a large deck and garden area. An open plan suite with two queen beds + hide-a-bed Rates: $100.00 - $150.00 Above the Bay 60 Spruce Street, an elegant two bedroom house a large deck overlooking the Bay. Includes a Jaquzzi tub in the main bathroom, two queens + hide-a-bed. Rates: $130.00 - $175.00 Above the Bay 60 Spruce Street, a spacious two bedroom suite with garden seating overlooking the Bay. One queen and one double bed + hide-a-bed. Rates: $110.00 - $135.00. All rates: $10.00 per person extra. Sleeping up to six people they all include: wifi/tv, full kitchen and bathroom, superb ocean and mountain views, located within a few minutes walk to restaurants, shops and ferry. After a day of whale watching, fishing, bird watching, kayaking, walking or cycling the numerous trails on Cormorant Island and experiencing its cultural heritage, sit back and relax outside on deck and quietly observe and be mesmerized!

Accommodations

Alert Bay Cabins 390 Poplar Road Box 470 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-5457 Fax: (250) 974-2275 1-877-97 4-5457 alertbaycabins@gmail.com	Rate: $135.00 to deluxe $175.00 per night All Single cabins and Double bedroom cabins have kitchens. Standard cabins are pet friendly additional $20.00 per night. Ask about the upgrades and the muffins! http://www.alertbaycabins.net
Alert Bay Campground 101 Alder Bag Service 2800 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 June-September Cell: (250) 974-7028 Village Office (off season) October-May (250) 974-5213 campground@alertbay.ca	14 fully serviced sites, 6 other sites services include water, sewer and electricity rates include access to shower house. rates are $22.00 per night (GST included) for campers and RVôs (includes all services). rates are $13.00 per (GST included) night for tenters, coin shower available. Serviced sites monthly rate $450.00 pay in advance requires an application process, inquire at the Village of Alert Bay Office Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Phone: (250) 974-5213. Campground is near Ecological Park, picnic area and nature trails. Shower takes Loonies: one last 3 minutes. **Seasonal: April to September** http://www.alertbay.ca
Alert Bay Lodge 549 Fir Street Alert Bay, BC (250) 974-2410 or 1-800-255-5057 tours@midnightsuntravel.com	Phone for Availability. Rate: $130.00-$140.00 per night. Includes Breakfast Situated on one wooded acre and a ten minute walk from the Village, youôll find our inn is more than a place to stay. Relax in our comfortable common room and take in panoramic views of Johnstone Strait and the Vancouver Island Mountain Range. Trade stories with fellow travellers, enjoy our genuine hospitality Destination BC approved. At Alert Bay Lodge, the coffeeôs always on! http://www.alertbaylodge.com
Bayside Inn 81 Fir Street Box 270 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-5858	Rate: $55.00-$125.00 per night all rooms have cable TV all rooms have showers Pub open daily **24 H ATM exterior of building**
Janet Boonôs Guest House 667 Fir Street Box 229 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-5947 janetboon25@gmail.com	Whole house Rate: $200.00 per night $1,100.00 per week rates include tax http://www.alertbayvacationrental.com/
Nimpkish Hotel 318 Fir Street Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 Phone: 1-888-503-8610 info@thenimpkishhotel.com	Rate: $90-$185 per night. http://www.thenimpkishhotel.com

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Accommodations

Orca Inn 291 Fir Street Box 69 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 667-6260 killerwhaleinn@gmail.com	$85.00 per night (based on single $8.00 per extra person) includes continental breakfast (coffee/tea toast, cereal, eggs some fruit) $135.00 per night self-contained (furnished) suite. 3 bedrooms, full kitchen (does not include breakfast) https://www.facebook.com/TheOrcaInn/
Passn Thyme Inn 4 Maple Road Box 376 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-2670 passnthyme@gmail.com	$125.00-$145.00 per night, double occupancy, $15.00 per extra person per night includes breakfast. Sleeps up to 4 people, both have private bathrooms http://www.passnthyme.com/
Sea Glass Cabin 26 Birch Road Box 35 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 Phone: (250) 949-0327 info@seaglasscabin.com	Ocean View. Hot Tub. Private http://seaglasscabin.com
Sea Glass Suite 26 Birch Road Box 35 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 Phone: (250) 949-0327 info@seaglasssuite.com	Ocean View. Hot Tub. Private. http://seaglasssuite.com
Stay in the Bay 71B Orca Way Alert Bay, BC (250) 974-8456 stayinthebay@gmail.com	Spacious one bedroom apartment; fully furnished Two bedroom apartment with office. Bright southern exposure with water view. Well equipped kitchen, near ecological park and trails, cable TV, wireless Internet, Laundry Facilities available. Daily, weekly, monthly rates http://www.stayinalertbay.com/
The Artist Cottage 661 Fir Street Box 229 Alert Bay V0N 1A0 (250) 974 5947 janetboon25@gmail.com	Whole House $120.00-$175.00 http://www.alertbayvacationrental.com
The Old Customs House 119 Fir Street Box 8 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-5869	$125.00, $750.00, $2,250.00 Daily, weekly and monthly rate, based on Double occupancy, $25.00 per extra person per night. Pets welcome at $25.00 fee. Enjoy your stay in this quaint, fully equipped two bed room suite overlooking beautiful Johnstone Straits. http://www.staycustomshouse.com/

A c c o m m d a t I o n s

The Seine Boat Inn
60 Fir Street
Box 252
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
1- 877-334-9465
seineboatinn@gmail.com

$125.00-$210.00 per night, Queen size beds, satellite TV, free WIFI, Water front, Outside Deck, Kitchen Units, middle of Downtown, close to BC Ferry Rustic Seaside Charm and Comfort

http://www.seineboatinn.com

S e r v i c e s

Village of Alert Bay
Lyle McNish-CAO
cao@alertbay.ca
Connie Larson-Deputy CAO
deputy@alertbay.ca
(250) 974-5213
Fax: (250) 974-5470
http://www.alertbay.ca

Municipal Hall, Property taxes and utilities, Photocopying and fax services
Village Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

ICBC: Autoplan, Driver Licensing, BCID, BC Service Card
ICBC Hours: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM Open Monday to Friday
Patricia Lawson-ICBC Lead
Email: autoplandl@alertbay.ca

Village of Alert Bay
Dave Leslie-Public Works Foreman
foreman@alertbay.ca
(250) 974-7091

Public Works and after hour emergencies

Vancity
30 Maple Road
(250) 974-3165

Tuesday to Wednesday 10:00 AM-3:30 PM
Friday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
24 H ATM

Cormorant Island Community Health Centre (Hospital) (250) 974-5585

4 beds, Laboratory and X-ray Services, 10 bed multi-level care unit.

Dr. Dan Cutfeet
48 School Road (250) 974-5520

Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Closed for Lunch 12 PM to 1 PM

Dr. Franklin Clarke
48 School Road (250) 974-5520

Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Closed for Lunch 12 PM to 1PM

Dr. John Fitzgerald
74 Fir Street (250) 974-3106

Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Closed for Lunch 12 PM to 1 PM

ôNamgis Dental Clinic
(250) 974-5205

Monday to Thursday 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM, Closed for Lunch 12 PM to 1PM

Alert Bay Drugstore
(250) 974-5712

Pharmacy, Medicines, Medical Equipment, Gift-ware, Greeting cards, Phone cards, Tobacco, Lottery, Stationary and Jewelry. Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-6:00 PM, Saturday, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM. **24 H ATM exterior of building**

IôKila Therapyôs
Christina Cook
22 Front Street
(250) 974-81282
hamumu52@gmail.com

Offering Traditional Chinese Medicine based modalities of bodywork. Shiatsu or Reiki $50.00 per hour. Hot Stone or Swedish $60.00 per hour. Also, Ariculotherapy and Iridology. IôKila (Healing to make one feel good)

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Services

Cormorant Island Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop 5 Birch Road	Tuesday 10 AM-12 PM, Saturday 1PM-3 PM 2000 Square ft of items. Large selection of clothes, books, electronics, tapes, cds, sporting goods & much more. Located in the Blueline Building at corner of Fir Street & Birch Road.
ôNamgis Gas Station 33 School Road (250) 974-5556 ext 3113	Open Daily 11:00 AM-2:00 PM Cash, Debit, MasterCard and Visa accepted
Liquor Store-Government 21 Maple Road (250) 974-5450	Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30 AM-6:00 PM Closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00 PM Closed Statutory Holidays
Bayside Inn (250) 974-5858	Cold Beer & Wine and Liquor Store Daily, 11:00 AM-11:00 PM. **24 H ATM** exterior of building
Municipal Dock Stephen Bruce Sr-Manager (250) 974-5727 boatharbour@alertbay.ca	Mainly used for loading and unloading http://www.alertbay.ca
Boat Harbour Stephen Bruce Sr-Manager (250) 974-5727 boatharbour@alertbay.ca	Moorage facilities available Sheltered dock VHF 66A http://www.alertbay.ca
Free Boat Launch	Fir Street next to Municipal Dock and across from Harmony Repair
Aircraft landing strip	2,900 ft. paved runway
40 K Taxi and Charters (250) 974-5525 or 974-5526	Monday-Saturday, 6:30 AM-1:00 AM Sunday, 6:30 AM-12:00 AM Charters available
Hair by Natasha Pittman (250) 974-8530	Tuesday to Saturday 12:00 PM-8:00 PM located as in ñBillôs Placeò 001 Front Street
Anglican Christ Church (250) 974-5844	Sunday Service 10:00 AM
Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church (250) 974-5426 or (250) 974-5371	Mass held the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM
House of Prayer (250) 974-2677	Andrew Speck Sunday Services 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM, Wednesday Service 7:30 PM, Friday Service 7:30 PM
Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church (250) 974-8585	Rick & Poula Ivens Sunday Service 1:00 PM

Charters

Whale watching season is mid June-mid October

Sea Smoke Whale Watching
Box 483
Alert Bay, BC
V0N 1A0
Phone: (250) 974-5225
1-800-668-6722
seaorca@cablerocket.com
http://www.seaorca.com

A true Eco-tour viewing killer (orcas), humpback and minke whales and numerous other marine mammals including dolphins, porpoises, seals and sea lions; all while touring through the protected waters of Johnstone Strait & the Broughton Archipelago near Alert Bay and Alder Bay. Licensed skipper and deckhand and Transport Canada approved Passenger Vessel with weatherproof clothing provided for comfort Daily departures are from the Government Dock in Alert Bay and from the Alder Bay Resort on Vancouver Island. Our 4-5 hr 'Sail with the Whales' tour offers exceptional service & value and includes the serving of beverages along with fresh baked organic muffins & our traditional Devonshire Tea. If you are looking for a unique and Eco-friendly experience, join us, our carbon footprint is very small. There is no other whale watching tour like it on the BC coast! Rates: adult $119.00 child under 12 years old $99.00 both plus gst.

Things to do

Lloyd's Lanes: Bowling alley (6 lanes) to book bowling alley **Edgar Colcol:250-974-4466**
-Treatment Centre Monday 1:00 PM-3:00 PM -Drop in Bowling Friday 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Alley Rental: Regular Bowling $30.00 per hour, Cosmic Bowling $40.00 per hour

Bicycling — Ride your bike from one end of the town to the other, stopping along the way for a picnic. For more of a challenge, ride your bike up and down some of our hills, or try out our new biking trails all over the island. Stop by the Alert Bay Visitor Centre to pick up a Trail Guide.

Skate Board Park — Designed by Spectrum Skate parks opened March 2013. The park houses a half pipe, stairs, quarter pipe rails, good for beginners & advanced, concrete, fenced in with an amazing view of Johnstone Strait. Located 185 Cedar Street, next to the Alert Bay Community Hall.

Walk — Walk around the island. It is only 8 miles around along the beach. Please be aware that the tide comes right up to the tree line, so be aware of the tide. Try our new hiking trails throughout the whole island. Stop by the Alert Bay Visitor Centre to pick up a Trail Guide.

Beachcomb — Take a walk on our beaches and look for lost ñtreasuresò washed ashore by Pacific currents. Look for eagle feathers, periwinkles and driftwood polished smooth by gentle ocean waves.

Tennis — Spend a few hours playing tennis at the tennis courts adjacent to the Community Hall.

Breakwater — For an interesting experience, take a walk down to the rock breakwater (boat harbour) View and watch the fishermen at work. Learn the difference between a seiner, gillnetter, troller and watch them mend their nets.

Picnic — Plan a picnic or outdoor barbecue in our picnic area located near the Alert Bay Campground and Ecological Park. Watch for soaring eagles, noisy ravens and dragonflies. There are other Picnic areas located along Fir and Front Streets.

Fishing — Off the Fishing Pier (near the Nimpkish Hotel) or the Municipal Dock or other docks with a rod and reel. Fishing Licenses can be purchased at Rona (upstairs in Shop Rite Stores). Rona also sells fishing tackle.

Ferry Ride — Take a 70-minute scenic ferry ride to Sointula on Malcolm Island via Port McNeill and visit Sointula, originally established by Finnish settlers in hopes of creating a utopian community. Bring your bike and camera.

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BC Ferry Schedule
Alert Bay-Sointula-Port McNeill
Capacity 30 Vehicles 143 Passengers

Alert Bay	Sointula	Port McNeill
6:40		
		7:25
	7:55	
		8:40
9:35		
		10:25
	11:00	
		11:35 * DC
12:20		
		1:10
	1:45	
		2:20
3:15		
		4:05
	4:35	
		5:10
DC * 5:55		
		6:40
	7:10	
		7:40
8:25		
	9:00	
		9:30
	10:00	
10:40		

Note: ***Sunday's*** **only**, Quadra Queen II will depart Alert Bay at 6:40 AM taking 15 vehicles only from Alert Bay and go to Sointula and depart at 7:10 AM

For more Information, call: 250-956-4533

* DC-Dangerous Cargo days **no passengers are permitted on the Ferry**

DC Runs that affect Alert Bay every other Tuesday:

2019:	**Jan**	**1, 15, 29**	**2019: Jul**	**2, 16, 30**	**2020: Jan**	**14, 28**
	Feb	**12, 26**	**Aug**	**13, 27**	**Feb**	**11, 25**
	Mar	**12, 26**	**Sep**	**10, 24**	**Mar**	**10, 24**
	Apr	**9, 23**	**Oct**	**8, 22**	**Apr**	**7, 21**
	May	**7, 21**	**Nov**	**5, 19**	**May**	**5, 19**
	Jun	**4, 18**	**Dec**	**3, 17, 31**	**Jun**	**2, 16, 30**

Alert Bay 2019 Events Calendar

61st Annual June Sports

June 13-16, 2019
Thursday-Sunday

First Nation Soccer Tournament, Salmon Prince & Princess, Pageant, Parade, Crowning of Salmon Prince & Princess, Kids races etc.
ÓNamgis First Nation (250) 974-5556 https://www.facebook.com/namgisnation/

T'sasała Cultural Group

July 4-August 24, 2019
Thursdays-Saturdays
1:15 PM-2:15 PM

Traditional Native Dance Performance in our Big House. Admission: $20 per Adult, $10 per child under 12 years. Special performances for groupôs 25 or more Andrea Cranmer (250) 974-5475
AndreaCranmer@hotmail.com http://www.tsasalaculturalgroup.com/

Cultural Experiences

July 4-August 24, 2019
Thursdays-Saturdays
10:00 AM & 3:00 PM

Culture Shock Interactive Gallery. Come experience ÓNamgis Roots: Cedar Bark weaving with Donna Cranmer, Tłubukw Traditional BBQ Sockeye Salmon Nusa-Story Telling with Ada Vera Newman. Two times per day.
For pricing or to book call 250-974-2484

U'mista Cultural Centre Summer Programs

July-August 2019
Tuesdays to Fridays
10 AM-12 PM & 1 PM-3 PM

Programs change weekly. Check https://www.facebook.com/Umista.Cultural.Society/ the end of June 2018 for dates and programs offered.
Phone: 250-974-5403 email: info@umista.ca

12th Annual Alert Bay Artfest

TBA

Showcasing Alert Bay Artists. Net loft, Government Dock
Beth Dunlop (250) 974-8147
alertbayartists@gmail.com http://www.alertbayartists.org

Salmon Run

July 27, 2019
Saturday
10:00 AM

Sue Bell (250) 974-8456
info@salmonrun.ca http://www.salmonrun.ca/

11th Annual Alert Bay 360 Eco Paddle

August 4, 2019
Sunday,
11:00 AM

Kayak Race around Cormorant Island. Registration 8:00 AM
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Historic Background of Alert Bay

It was in the late 1700's, when Captain George Vancouver anchored his vessel, the H.M.S. Discover, at Xwalkw (mouth of the 'Namgis River). While Captain Vancouver visited the 'Namgis, the Island now known as Cormorant Island, lay just a short distance away. The 'Namgis First Nation used Cormorant Island as a place to bring their people who had passed on. They also lived on the Island on a seasonal basis.

In 1846, the Island was named for the coastal cruiser, the H.M.S. Cormorant and later, about 1858, the Bay was named after the H.M.S. Alert which was then stationed on the Northwest coast.

The period of 1865-1870, saw the beginning of active settlement on Cormorant Island and the nucleus of the formation of the Village of Alert Bay. Two explorers and entrepreneurs named Wesley Spencer and Aulden Huson examined the possibilities of resource development at Suquash and Gwa'ni (the 'Namgis River) before establishing on Cormorant Island. In 1870, they built a small saltery, where local salmon was salted and mildcured before being sent to Victoria. At that time Spencer and Huson leased Cormorant Island from the Government.

As their business grew, Spencer and Huson became aware of the need to establish a permanent work force on the Island. To this end the partners approached the Reverend James Hall, a missionary of the Church Missionary Society, who had just established a mission at Fort Rupert in 1877. They persuaded the Reverend to relocate to Alert Bay and in 1878, a mission house was built to school the first nation boys and girls.

By 1887, the settlement was beginning to show significant signs of progress. In 1881, a store and cannery were built. Reverend Hall supervises the construction of the "Christ Church," which was to achieve several goals such as: the learning of new trades to the first nations and the provision of construction material. A saw mill was established between 1886-1887. The saw mill eventually produced lumber to be used in the construction of homes and a new school for boys.

Government recognition of the growing community came during the 1890's, with the relocation of the Indian Agency from Fort Rupert to Alert Bay. That same year saw the arrival of law and order when the first Provincial Police Constable- Philip Woolacott was stationed in the community.

Education was of prime concern in those early days and in 1894, W.A. Corker was established as Principal of the newly constructed Residential School for boys. The school was situated on approximately 4-5 acres of land and was primarily established to teach the skills of carpentry, furniture making, boat building, animal husbandry, as well as regular academic school work, to first nation boys.

Water transportation has always been an important ingredient of Alert Bay's history. In 1896, the Union Steamship "Comox", made its first regular call while en-route to Rivers Inlet lying to the North. Many other ships representing a variety of purposes ranging from the transportation of goods, to the delivery of visitors who have come to our Island over the years. In more recent years, when the community was at its peak as the centre of the region, regular access was provided by ferry from Kelsey Bay via Beaver Cove. Regular ferry service is now provided from Port McNeill with direct runs to Alert Bay interspersed by trips to neighbouring Malcolm Island. 1902, saw British Columbia Packers Association purchase the cannery from its founders.

A giant step was taken during 1911-1912, when the Dominion Government established the first communications system to link Alert Bay and other now-established communities in the region, also to the Southern centres of Vancouver and Victoria. The system comprised a very crude telegraph service but proved a useful tool to the local industry. In 1912, the Dominion Government built a wireless station in Alert Bay. The station operated principally as an aid to navigation, although was used in other capacities from time to time

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In 1909, the first St. George's Hospital was opened. Despite this trend Alert Bay continued to develop and in 1925, a new St. George's Hospital was opened to replace the original building which suffered fire damage during 1923. That same year a beautiful chapel was built next to the hospital as a memorial to Mrs. Paterson Hall, who, upon her retirement as president of the Womenôs Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada, was given an honorarium, which she in turn gave to the Columbia Coast Mission for the erection of the Memorial Chapel. The furnishings were the gift of Mrs. Georgina M. Pennell, also of the Montreal Diocesan Womenôs Auxiliary. The Toronto Womenôs Auxiliary, Babiesô Branch, donated the baptismal font. The chapel is now located next to the century old Anglican Church. On June 10, 2004 St. Georgeôs Hospital was lost to fire.

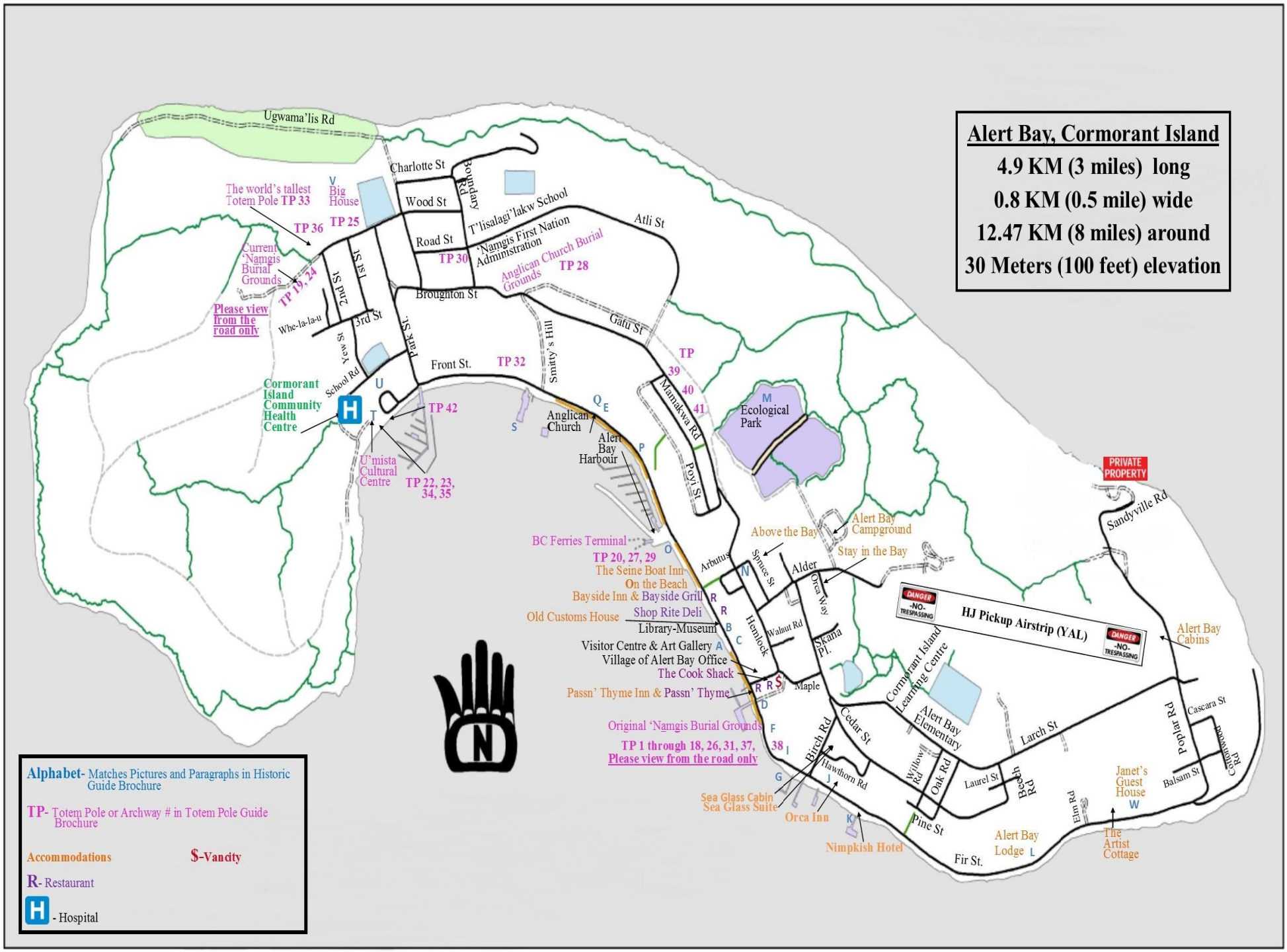
During 1929, the St. Michael's Residential School, now the ôNamgis House, was constructed to serve, educate and house native children from outlying areas in the region. The school was solidly built of brick and designed to accommodate 200 children aged from seven to fifteen years old. Our Residential School was one of the last ones to close in the early 1970's. The building was given to the 'Namgis First Nation April 1973. February 15, 2015 was the beginning of the demolition of this building.

Years passed and the community continued to diversify its activities to include dairy farming, raising of poultry, growing of vegetables, etc. The Nimpkish Hotel became an established part of the community providing accommodation for the traveler and entertainment for the local people.

In 1946, the Village of Alert Bay became incorporated. At the same time the region was commencing a new era of prosperity which would see profitable growth in the fishing and logging industries. Alert Bay flourished as the supply centre for necessary life-sustaining goods and provided the desired recreation and entertainment to the many people employed in fishing and logging. A community hall was built, electricity came to the community, a taxi service was established, a bus service operated on a limited scale and the volunteer firemen of Alert Bay received a shipment of their new fire engine.

Air transportation now began to serve an important role in the development of the community. By 1948, the first elements of an air transportation service had been established to serve the development of the area's natural resources. Until recently only float planes could operate from the Island but during 1972, a landing strip of wheeled aircraft was constructed. The runway which was paved during 1979 is approximately 2,900 feet long.

The present countenance of the Alert Bay community reflects much of its past history. Visitors to the area will be fascinated by the mixing and contrasting of the cultures. The native art forms are represented by their carving, paintings weaving and metal crafting. Artifacts and events of the past can be viewed in the community's U'mista Cultural Centre and the Library-Museum. Above all a casual stroll from one end of the community to the other instills one with an appreciation for the efforts of the early pioneers who carved themselves a place to live, work and created the roots of the village which now exists on Cormorant Island.


Alert Bay, Cormorant Island
4.9 KM (3 miles) long
0.8 KM (0.5 mile) wide
12.47 KM (8 miles) around
30 Meters (100 feet) elevation
Ugwama'lis Rd
Charlotte St
Boundary Rd
Wood St
Road St
T'lisalagi'lakw School
'Namgis First Nation Administration
Atli St
The world's tallest Totem Pole TP 33
V Big House
TP 36
TP 25
Current 'Namgis Burial Grounds
TP 19, 24
Please view from the road only
1st St
2nd St
3rd St
Whe-la-la-u
View St
TP 30
Anglican Church Burial Grounds
TP 28
Broughton St
Park St.
Smitty's Hill
Gatu St
Front St.
TP 32
School Rd
Cormorant Island Community Health Centre
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TP 42
U'mista Cultural Centre
TP 22, 23, 34, 35
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Anglican Church
Q E
Alert Bay Harbour
P
TP 39
40
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Mamakwa Rd
Poyt St
M Ecological Park
PRIVATE PROPERTY
Sandyville Rd
Alert Bay Campground
Above the Bay
Stay in the Bay
BC Ferries Terminal
O
TP 20, 27, 29
The Seine Boat Inn
On the Beach
Bayside Inn & Bayside Grill
R
Arbutus
Spruce St
N
Alder
Orca Way
Old Customs House
Shop Rite Deli
Library-Museum
B
C
Hemlock
Walnut Rd
Skana Pl.
DANGER -NO- TRESPASSING
HJ Pickup Airstrip (YAL)
Alert Bay Cabins
Visitor Centre & Art Gallery A
Village of Alert Bay Office
The Cook Shack
Passn' Thyme Inn & Passn' Thyme
D
Maple
Cormorant Island Learning Centre
Alert Bay Elementary
Original 'Namgis Burial Grounds
TP 1 through 18, 26, 31, 37,
Please view from the road only
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Birch Rd
Cedar St
Larch St
Pod|ar Rd
Cascara St
Cottonwood Rd
Hawthorn Rd
J
Willow Rd
Oak Rd
Laurel St
Beech Rd
Balsam St
Elm Rd
Janet's Guest House W
G
Sea Glass Cabin
Sea Glass Suite
Orca Inn
K
Nimpkish Hotel
Pine St
Alert Bay Lodge L
The Artist Cottage
Fir St.
Alphabet- Matches Pictures and Paragraphs in Historic Guide Brochure
TP- Totem Pole or Archway # in Totem Pole Guide Brochure
Accommodations
$-Vancity
R- Restaurant
H - Hospital