

# Experience

From West Vancouver, just a 40 minute scenic ferry excursion starts your journey. With over 100 miles of rural ocean coast line connecting deep fjords, rivers, mountains, islands and beaches from Howe Sound to Desolation Sound nature paints multicolored hues from mountain to sea. We invite you to explore the areas of the Sunshine Coast – Gibsons, Sechelt, Pender Harbour, Powell River & Lund.

## the Sunshine Coast

Visit for a short getaway or an extended voyage of discovery.



www.bcferries.com

## Creative Naturally

Immerse yourself in a variety of cultural and educational experiences. *Artesia Tours & Retreats*

presents 1000+ artists, and a myriad of arts enrichment & leisure learning opportunities! If you are interested in the arts, nature, wellness or rest & relaxation we design tour options especially for you. **Featuring:** The Malibu Arts Retreat –



4 days of workshops, boat cruises, accommodation, meals, relaxation and spectacular scenery on Princess Louisa Inlet. May 9-12, or Sept. 19-22 — \$580 (\$395 US). When exploring Gibsons visit the Artesia Gallery and pick up for our art studio tour map & tour



brochures. 1-800-690-7887 [www.suncoastarts.com](http://www.suncoastarts.com)

## Gibsons Landing

Our scenic seaside village is located on the shores of Howe Sound beneath the stunning vistas of the coastal mountains. Enjoy over 100

businesses and services including restaurants, bed & breakfasts and motel accommodation, recreation, tour companies, art galleries, retail & specialty shops. **Explore the waters of Howe Sound...** *Sunstar Charters* offers foot passenger ferry service from downtown Vancouver, scheduled sightseeing cruises & customized charters. Call us toll free at 1-866-886-6699 or visit us on the web [www.sunstararters.com](http://www.sunstararters.com).

**Kayakers** of all levels can paddle in sheltered inlets and bays while observing an array of wildlife with *Sunshine Kayaking*. Rentals, lessons and guided tours. (604) 886-9760 [www.sunshinekayaking.com](http://www.sunshinekayaking.com)



**Bed & Breakfast and Cottage Accommodation** From rustic to luxury...something for everyone. All the details at [www.bbsunshinecoast.com](http://www.bbsunshinecoast.com)

**Ruby Lake Resort – the gem of the Sunshine Coast!** • Beautiful lakeside accommodation nestled in the mountainside on a fully-landscaped bird sanctuary. Authentic Italian cuisine, Giorgio and Aldo welcome you. 1-800-717-6611 [www.rubylakeresort.com](http://www.rubylakeresort.com)

**Shawtalk** • Enjoy an “escorted” tour in your vehicle. **George Shaw guides you through the lower Sunshine Coast** from the time you exit the ferry with informative information on history and points of interest. Purchase a cassette or CD on BC Ferries. [www.shawtalk.com](http://www.shawtalk.com)

**Sechelt Chamber of Commerce** When in the Sechelt area drop by our visitor information centre in Trail Bay Mall or call us for information. 1-877-633-2963 [www.secheltchamber.bc.ca](http://www.secheltchamber.bc.ca)

## Powell River

Powell River is a year round vacation destination with something to offer all ages and interests.

Located 131 kilometers north of Vancouver at the top of the Sunshine Coast. Powell River offers world class diving, boating, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, history, arts and culture. The 180 km Sunshine Coast Trail, the Powell River Canoe Route, Desolation Sound, the Recreation Complex, Lund, Savary Island, the Historical Townsite, Texada Island, International Choral Kathaumixw are just a few reasons to



visit our coastal paradise. A wonderful lifestyle and affordable housing awaits those retiring in the Powell River area. **1-877-817-8669 [www.discoverpowellriver.com](http://www.discoverpowellriver.com)**

## Artworks Tours

Personally guided tours for individuals and groups to artist studios & galleries and other places of interest on the Sunshine Coast.

Day tours or overnight excursions personalized to suit your individual or groups needs. **Contact Cindy Buis (604) 886-1200 or visit on line [www.artworkstours.com](http://www.artworkstours.com)**



## Jazz Festival Gibsons

The 7th Annual Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival on June 7, 8 & 9th, is an amazing getaway for a day or a weekend.

Enjoy some of our finest artisans, delectable culinary artists, and a line-up of music with a variety of outstanding local performers combined with exciting acts from Vancouver and beyond! **(604) 740-5825 [www.coastjazz.com](http://www.coastjazz.com)**



## Tours & Transport



### Sunshine Coast Tours

Venture out into the wilderness areas of our salt water inlets. Your boat operator will provide commentary along the way to feature and explain the high points. Departures are scheduled daily. **1-800-870-9055 [www.SunshineCoastTours.bc.ca](http://www.SunshineCoastTours.bc.ca)**

## Venice of the North

There's always something happening in "the Harbour" !

Come and visit our stunningly gorgeous corner of the planet. Year round boating, hiking, parks, wildlife, arts and culture. **1-877-873-6337 (1-877-8pender) [www.penderharbour.org](http://www.penderharbour.org)**

# Pender Harbour

### FESTIVALS & EVENTS

**Wood Duck Festival** May 5, 1-800-717-6611 [www.rubylakeresort.com](http://www.rubylakeresort.com)

**Pender Harbour May Day** Saturday of May long weekend, 1-877-873-6337, [www.penderharbour.org](http://www.penderharbour.org)

**Spring Malibu Arts Retreat** May 9-12 1-800-690-7887 [www.suncoastarts.com](http://www.suncoastarts.com)

**Gibsons Jazz Festival** June 7-9, 604-740-5825 [www.coastjazz.com](http://www.coastjazz.com)

**Artwalk & Celebration of the Arts** June all month, 604 886-4278 [www.suncoastarts.com](http://www.suncoastarts.com)

**International Choral Kathaumixw** July 2-6, 604 485-9633 [www.kathaumixw.org](http://www.kathaumixw.org)

**Howe Sound Outrigger Race** July 13-14, 604 886-2325 [www.clippercanoes.com/outriggerrace.htm](http://www.clippercanoes.com/outriggerrace.htm)

**Gibsons Sea Cavalcade & Family Street Dance** July 26-28, 604 886-2325 [www.suncoastarts.com/seacav](http://www.suncoastarts.com/seacav)

**Festival of the Written Arts** August 8-11, 1-800-565-9631 [www.sunshine.net/rockwood](http://www.sunshine.net/rockwood)

**Sunshine Coast Arts Council Hackett Park Craft Fair** August 10-11, 604 885-5412

**Gibsons Landing Fibre Arts Festival & Workshops** August 14-18, 604 886-7888 [www.gibsonslandingfibrearts.com](http://www.gibsonslandingfibrearts.com)

**Powell River Blackberry Festival & Street Dance** August 17-23, 604 485-2511 email [synergyframe@shaw.ca](mailto:synergyframe@shaw.ca)

**Sunshine Music Festival** August/September 31 & 1, 604 487-4107 [sunfolk@yahoo.ca](mailto:sunfolk@yahoo.ca)

**Fall Malibu Arts Retreat** September 19-22, 1-800-690-7887 [www.suncoastarts.com](http://www.suncoastarts.com)

**Pender Harbour Jazz Festival** September 20-22, 1-877-883-2456 [www.phjazz.ca](http://www.phjazz.ca)