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West Coast Fishing Club

For a quarter of a century, The West Coast Fishing Club has lured outdoor adventurers with the promise of some of the finest fishing on the planet. It's simply a bonus that all three lodges are situated in the remote Haida Gwaii, and are also in the business of luxury.

This winning combination has served the family-run outdoor-adventure crew well, ensuring casters routinely return to one of the club's three properties for a chance to reel in prime catches of salmon and halibut. And this celebratory season, adventurers can expect a few added touches, like deliveries of hot Dungeness crab and wine to boats on their final day of fishing.

There's plenty more to tempt at the Clubhouse, West Coast Fishing's flagship property on the southern tip of Langara Island. Here, culinary retreats are legend, attracting kitchen heavyweights that include mainstay David Hawksworth, who hosts his annual David Hawksworth & Friends Culinary Adventure each summer.

This July, The West Coast Fishing Club pairs the innovative chef with Edward Lee of Louisville's 610 Magnolia for a weekend of gourmet dinners, hands-on cooking classes and wine seminars. You can bet fish will be on the menu, too. www.westcoastfishingclub.com

Four B.C. fishing resorts offer the ultimate in outdoor adventure and luxurious accommodation.





SONORA RESORT

Sonora Island is located within the Discovery Islands at the mouth of Bute Inlet, one of the deepest inlets in North America. A Relais & Châteaux property, Sonora is unique in the world because of its secluded location, abundance of natural beauty and wildlife, with luxury accommodations and gourmet cuisine.

Open from May to October, guests reach the resort by boat or air, approximately 50 minutes by helicopter from Vancouver.

Guests can choose from a number of activities while at Sonora Resort. These include guided grizzly bear tours from August to October at the nearby Orford River offered in partnership with the Homalco First Nation; guided fishing tours, including fly fishing and salt water fishing; hikes to view some of the province's oldest growth forests; raft and snorkel with salmon in Campbell River; kayaking; canoeing at Florence Lake; and ocean safari eco-tours, where Pacific white-sided dolphins, sea lions, and transient orcas have been spotted. Sonora Resort also tailors activities at guests' requests, such as helicoptering to the glaciers for caviar and champagne or a private dining experience on a boat. Sonora Resort is all-inclusive and celebrates the region by sourcing some of the finest and freshest ingredients for guests. The resort's Island Currents Spa offers another way to unwind.

Sonora Resort welcomes guests from all over the world and is a member of Virtuoso Hotels & Resorts, Conde Nast Johansens and a TripAdvisor 2013 Travelers' Choice multiple-award winner.



CLAYOQUOT WILDERNESS RESORT

Surrounded by glacial mountains and lush rain forest, Clayoquot Wilderness Resort is located in British Columbia's fragile Clayoquot Sound Biosphere reserve, right at the mouth of the Bedwell River, approximately 40 minutes outside of Tofino, B.C.

An all inclusive eco-resort open annually from June to September, it offers three-, four- and seven-night packages including safari-style tent accommodation (many now with ensuite washrooms) gourmet culinary experiences and the Healing Ground spa. Activities include hiking, horseback riding, ocean and fresh-water fishing, whale and bear watching, a Wild Side First Nations Interpretive Trail, a natural rock climbing wall, archery range, 10-stand sporting clays course, kayaking, canoeing and more. Access is typically via floatplane from Vancouver's International Airport or water taxi from the docks at Tofino. For more information, visit www.wildretreat.com.

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NIMMO BAY WILDERNESS RESORT

Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort is an exclusive fly-fishing and wilderness adventure destination, set at the foothills of Mount Stephens along the Great Bear Rainforest coastline of British Columbia. Family-owned and operated for more than 30 years, the resort is a mecca for anglers and adventurers alike, thanks in part to the on-site A-Star helicopters and customized experiences.

Accolades include *Forbes Magazine* naming Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort as one of the top 10 eco-resorts in the world. All guests to Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort also enjoy luxurious accommodation and amenities that include: a floating fire dock with Adirondack chairs and warm blankets; two cedar hot tubs

next to the cascading waterfall; a water fall plunge pool; a yoga studio; and, a games room with a poker table, billiards table, satellite television, woodstove, comfortable couches and a complimentary self-serve mini-bar.

Additional services: master masseurs; a photo program so each guest receives a memory stick with photos of their trip taken by Nimmo Bay staff; and, the provision of all adventure and fishing gear.

From Vancouver (YVR), via Pacific Coastal Airlines it is a one-hour flight to Port Hardy (YZT). From Port Hardy, guests may reach Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort via boat or helicopter. Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort is happy to arrange transportation from Vancouver or Port Hardy for guests.

For more information: www.nimmobay.com.



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