



# Community Profile

## NANAIMO BRITISH COLUMBIA

www.nanaimo.ca  
www.tourismnanaimo.com

### *the Region:*

## Vancouver Island

### The Island with Everything

Just off the coast of mainland British Columbia and a ferry-ride from Vancouver lies Vancouver Island, known for its mild climate and scenic beauty. Marine parks with abundant sealife, alpine lakes and top notch mountain ski resorts offer visitors endless recreational opportunities combined with safe and peaceful community living.

#### Location: off southern BC mainland

**Outdoor Sports:** Boating • Canoeing • Cross-Country Skiing • Cycling • Diving • Fishing • Fly Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horesback Riding • Kayaking • Mountain Biking • Roller-blading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Whale Watching • White Water Rafting

#### Recreation for students:

• Aboriginal Heritage • Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

#### Why Vancouver Island?

- Beautiful region - mountains and ocean views
- Excellent recreation - skiing/ snowboarding, wildlife viewing etc.
- No where does climate allow you to you to ski and kayak in the same day!

#### COMMUNITIES IN THIS REGION:

- Victoria
- Comox / Courtenay
- Ladysmith / Nanaimo
- Parksville / Qualicum Beach
- Saanich / Sooke

[www.vancouverisland.travel](http://www.vancouverisland.travel)

City / Suburb

## "The Gateway to Vancouver"

With breathtaking views, exciting attractions, and friendly people, Nanaimo, located on the eastern coast of Vancouver Island, is the premier gateway to Vancouver Island. Its excellent deep harbour has made it an important distribution and regional centre. Nanaimo is the third oldest city in British Columbia and the second largest on Vancouver Island. Nanaimo offers world-class recreational facilities for diving, hiking, biking, kayaking, golf, shopping and much more.

- Located on Vancouver Island
- Population: approx. 78,000
- 113 km north from Victoria

#### Notable features:

- Bowen Park recreation park features a petting zoo, a nature centre, swimming and wading pools, hiking trails and more
- The four-kilometre Harbourside Walkway extends from the downtown harbour, to the BC Ferries Terminal. The promenade is dotted with vibrant art galleries featuring First Nations and Canadian crafts and great restaurants.
- Mainland Vancouver is accessible by BC Ferry - (1 h 35 min) - from Departure Bay (Nanaimo) to Horseshoe Bay (North Vancouver)
- Minor League Hockey, Football and Lacrosse
- Shares a school board with Ladysmith, so students may be placed in either community

#### Main Attractions:

- Nanaimo District Museum & Bastion: [www.nanaimomuseum.ca/bastionpage.htm](http://www.nanaimomuseum.ca/bastionpage.htm)
- The Nanaimo Art Gallery: [www.nanaimoartgallery.com](http://www.nanaimoartgallery.com)
- The Scotch Bakery (home of the Nanaimo Bar)
- Harbourfront Walkway
- Nanaimo Courthouse: [www.cymc.ca](http://www.cymc.ca)
- Palace Hotel (1889): [www.crownisle.com](http://www.crownisle.com)
- Downtown Farmers' Market: [www.NanaimoFarmersMarket.com](http://www.NanaimoFarmersMarket.com)

**Libraries:** 2 public library branches

**Shopping Malls:** 6-7 malls and shopping centres - including clothing and music shops, fast food outlets, and more

**Movie Theatres:** 2 multiplex

**Public Transit:** Public bus system servicing all Nanaimo, and connecting to Qualicum Beach and Parksville / Direct Ferry from Nanaimo to Vancouver

**Transit to school may include:** Public bus / School Bus / Walking

#### Average Temperatures: [ ° c ]

Ave	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
High	6	8	11	13	17	21	24	24	21	14	9	6
Low	-2	-1	1	3	6	9	11	11	8	4	1	-1