

ROADTRIP #1 : MAVERICK MISSION

While touring and exploring the beautiful, fun and forest-filled route along Canada's Surf Highway, you may happen upon some classic West Coast festivals and events, like the [Pacific Rim Summer Festival](#), [Otalith Music Festival](#), [Carving on the Edge Festival](#), [Alberni District Fall Fair](#), or any of the other coastal culture and surf celebrations in the area – don't be shy, come eat, drink, dance, learn, and see how we throw a party on the Real West Coast! Make sure to pull up a stool at one of our neighborhood hangouts and chat up some new friends over a local brew or signature cocktail - see if they can direct you to some of the more hidden roadside gems, like the actual "end of the road" sign in Tofino, or the ship wreck at Big Beach in Ukee. Don't miss any iconic stops either, like the [Ucluelet Aquarium](#), [Cathedral Grove](#) or the K^wisitit Visitor Centre In [Pacific Rim National Park Reserve](#). And whatever you do, be sure to get out on the water for a 'seafari', a surf, a SUP or sunset cruise.

When tagging your free-spirited roadtrip with #therealwestcoast, don't miss these photo-worthy stops:

- [Cathedral Grove \(MacMillan Provincial Park\)](#)
- [Harbour Quay](#)
- Wally Creek Love Locks
- [West Coast Wild Zipline in Haa-Uukmin Tribal Park](#)
- Pacific Rim Visitor Center aka The Junction
- [Amphitrite Lighthouse on the Wild Pacific Trail](#)
- [Ucluelet Aquarium](#)
- [Big Beach Shipwreck](#)
- [Rainforest Trail in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve](#)
- Incinerator Rock at Long Beach
- Radar Hill Viewing Platform
- [Tonquin Trail Lookout](#)
- Pacific Terminus of the Trans Canada Highway sign
- Carving Shed at North Chesterman Beach



NOTES FOR A SMOOTH ROADTRIP

You may spot some furry friends or regal eagles roadside... while it may be tempting to stop for a photo, this is highly dangerous as you are in the middle of a Highway. If you must stop to take a photo of the scenery, please ensure you are pulled off the road entirely, in a spot that is safe to do so!

No road rage allowed on the Real West Coast... did you know, legally, you must pull over at a designated pullouts if you have more than 4 cars behind you? Please also keep in mind, this road can sometimes be a leisurely drive for new or even experienced drivers, especially for the first time; please give slower drivers room and patience, and wait to pass until it is appropriate.

Pack it in, pack it out! Keep BC beautiful, please! Good roadtrips always include snacks, water and treats. Plan to pack a trash bag with you to keep all litter

(including cigarette butts!) and recyclables together and dispose of them properly when you arrive at a designated receptacle.

Take only photos, leave only footprints.... You may come across some pretty cool treasures on your way. Everything plays a critical role in the area's biodiversity: shells, sanddollars, beach glass and other treasures should be left where they belong. (But feel free to pick up trash and dispose of it properly if you come across it!)

Straws are for suckers! Many regional businesses are moving away from single-use plastics like straws, plastic bags, and drink lids, because of the potential to make their way into the coastal ocean ecosystem. Please consider bringing your own reusable water bottle, coffee mug and tote bag with you to cut down on your plastic consumption while on your roadtrip. You'll fit right in!