



Port Alberni, British Columbia

<http://www.portalberni.ca/>

Port Alberni is an affordable waterfront community at the heart of the west coast of Vancouver Island. It is situated at the end of a 48 kilometer-long inlet and offers access to amazing wilderness.

The City of Port Alberni offers a deep sea port, beautiful waterfront quays, an airport, a new hospital, shopping mall, casino, and a well-developed array of recreational facilities and a vast supporting infrastructure often found in larger cities. In 2011, the population of Port Alberni was 25,465.



Port Alberni is close to many of Vancouver Island's premier tourist attractions including Tofino and Pacific Rim National Park. The area is known for excellent fishing. Its waters contain five different species of salmon and yearly runs of steelhead trout. Halibut can also be found in the saltwater inlets near the city. Port Alberni also has some of the best hiking and mountain biking on Vancouver Island, with over 100 trails in and around the Alberni Valley.



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Weather

Port Alberni enjoys a mild west coast climate. It is rarely too hot or too cold. Pack a raincoat though. It rains a lot.

Average Yearly Precipitation

Average Days with Rain per Year: 171.8
Average Days with Snow per Year: 20.5

Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)

January: 2.1°
April: 8.4°
July: 17.3°
October: 9.9°

Additional Information

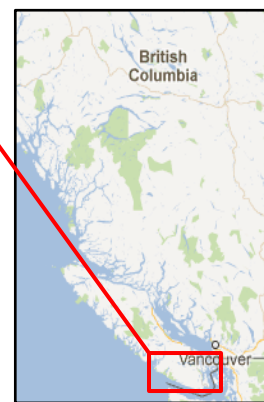


For further information about annual climate data for Port Alberni, please visit The [Weather Network](http://www.theweathernetwork.com/) or [Environment Canada](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html) using the links below:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>
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Location

The City of Port Alberni is located in central Vancouver Island, approximately 85 kilometers driving distance west of Nanaimo.



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Driving Distances

Nanaimo.....	45.5km (approx. 44 minutes)
Victoria.....	196km (approx. 3 hours)
Mt Washington.....	128km (approx. 2 hours)
Vancouver	167km (approx. 4.5 hours including ferry)
Tofino.....	126km (approx. 2.5 hours)

Transportation

Road Access

The main highway to Port Alberni is Highway 4, which starts in Parksville and ends in Tofino. The section between Parksville and Port Alberni is known as the *Alberni Highway* and the section between Port Alberni and Tofino is known as the *Pacific Rim Highway*.

Public Transit

BC Transit operates four bus routes that connect the entire city:

<http://www.transitbc.com/regions/pta/>

Taxis

Taxi service is available.

Airport

The closest major airport is the [Nanaimo Airport \(YCD\)](http://www.nanaimoairport.com/), which serves flights to Vancouver, Victoria, and Abbotsford. It is a 90 minute drive from Port Alberni. (Link: <http://www.nanaimoairport.com/>)



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Health Services

West Coast General Hospital

3949 Port Alberni Highway
Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 4S1
250-731-1370

Port Alberni Child, Youth & Family Health Unit

4227 6th Avenue
Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 4N1
250.731.1315

For more information on healthcare services in Port Alberni, visit [Central Island Healthcare Facilities](#) or [HealthLink BC](#):

http://www.viha.ca/finding_care/facilities/central_island.htm
<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/servicesresources/?WT.svl=TopNav>

For information on provincial health insurance (required for all permanent residents in B.C.), visit [Medical Services Plan of B.C.](#):

<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/index.html>

Education

Schools

Public education (grades K-12) is offered by [School District 70 - Alberni](#), which operates 11 schools in Port Alberni. Click on the link below to visit the Alberni School District website:

<http://www.sd70.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

College

North Island College offers both classroom instruction and distance learning in academic, developmental, trades, technology, vocational and continuing education programs.



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North Island College – Port Alberni Campus

3699 Roger Street

Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8E3

250-724-8711

Website: <http://www.nic.bc.ca/community/campus/pa/>

Accommodation

Two-bedroom apartments in Port Alberni can be rented for as little as \$650/month. The average cost of a two-bedroom house in Port Alberni is \$140,000.00.

The following links can be used for real estate and rental information:

[RE/Max - Mid Island Realty](http://www.midislandrealty.com/contact-port-alberni/) (<http://www.midislandrealty.com/contact-port-alberni/>)

[Coast Realty Group](http://www.coastrealty.com/new/public/office_221.php) (http://www.coastrealty.com/new/public/office_221.php)

Amenities

Port Alberni is a world-class destination for fishing and hiking. The city is also within three hours driving distance to top-quality beaches (Tofino), mountain biking (Parksville), and Skiing (Mt. Washington).

Besides being a hub for outdoor activity on Vancouver Island, Port Alberni is also home to museums, recreation centres, a movie theatre, and a variety of bars and restaurants.

Industry

The primary driver of Port Alberni's economy is the forest industry, although it has shrank in recent years due to pine beetle infestation, a slow U.S. housing market, and other factors. The city has promoted tourism in order to supplement the shrinking forest industry; taking advantage of its amazing wilderness and close proximity to Victoria and Vancouver.



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Taxes

British Columbia has some of the lowest tax rates among Canadian provinces. To see how taxes compare across Canadian provinces and territories, visit:

<http://www.taxtips.ca/taxrates/taxcomparison/taxcomparison2012.htm>

For detailed information on taxes in BC, visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/theme.page?id=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD4824>



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