

Nanaimo, British Columbia



[Nanaimo Official Website](#)

Nanaimo is a city of approximately 84,000 people on the southeast side of Vancouver Island. It is a very livable city with friendly residents, strong infrastructure, access to world-class wilderness activities, and a full array of amenities. Nanaimo is also known as the bathtub racing capital of the world and is the namesake of the Nanaimo bar.

Want to see what Nanaimo and surrounding area looks like from the sky? Check out this video: <http://vimeo.com/53986934>

Weather

Burns Lake enjoys a cool continental climate, with very cold winters and cool to normal summers.

Average Yearly Precipitation

Average Days with Rainfall per Year: 167
Average Days with Snowfall per Year: 12.9

Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)

January: 2.7°
April: 8.8°



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July: 17.9°
October: 9.7°

Additional Information

For further information about annual climate data for Nanaimo, please visit The [Weather Network](#) or [Environment Canada](#) using the links below:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>
http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html

Transportation

Nanaimo has a full public transportation system operated by BC Transit. To view maps and schedules, visit their website at:

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

Nanaimo has a small airport (YCD) that offers direct flights to Abbotsford, Vancouver, and Victoria. Visit their website at:

<http://www.nanaimoairport.com/>

Nanaimo has a ferry terminal that offers trips to and from Vancouver. To see the schedule, visit here:

<http://www.bcferries.com/schedules/mainland/hbna-current.php>

Location

The city of Nanaimo is situated on the lower east side of Vancouver Island. It is approximately 110 kilometers north of Victoria and enjoys easy ferry access to Vancouver.



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Driving Distances

Victoria..... 111km (approx. 1.5 hours)
Vancouver (requires ferry)..... 86km (approx. 3 hours)
Campbell River155km (approx. 11.5 hours)

Health Services

As the regional service centre for central Vancouver Island, Nanaimo the full array of medical services. Healthcare services in Nanaimo are provided by the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA).

To view healthcare facilities in and around Nanaimo, click on the following link:

http://www.viha.ca/finding_care/facilities/central_island.htm

Education

Nanaimo has over 30 elementary and secondary schools, most of which are operated by [British Columbia's School District 68](#). For a list of schools in and around Nanaimo, click on this link:

<http://www.sd68.bc.ca/Education/schools.asp>

Nanaimo is also home to the main campus of [Vancouver Island University](#), which offers a variety of certificate, diploma, and degree programs.

Nanaimo is also home to a campus of [Sprott Shaw College](#).



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Accommodation

As of October 2012, the average price of a single-family dwelling in Nanaimo is approximately \$360,000.00.

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

<http://remaxofnanaimo.com/>
<http://royallepagenanaimo.ca/>

<http://nanaimo.en.craigslist.ca/apa/>
<http://nanaimo.kijiji.ca/f-real-estate-apartments-condos-W0QQCatIdZ37>

Amenities

Nanaimo offers all the comforts of a large city and access to world-class wilderness activities. Whether you want movie theatres and casinos or whale watching tours and world-class mountain biking trails, Nanaimo will not disappoint.

The city has all the typical retailers, recreation centres, museums, art galleries, theatres, parks, and shops that you would expect from an urban centre. It also offers easy access to activities such as golf, fishing, mountain biking, skiing, boating, and camping. The mountain biking trails in nearby Parksville are some of the best in the world. Nanaimo also boasts many restaurants and an unusually high number of bars and pubs.

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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