

Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

Vancouver Island's "Hub City" delivers an authentic Pacific Northwest harbour day — stroll the waterfront to a 170-year-old fort, hunt down the world's best Nanaimo Bar, and ferry over to a car-free island park.

 Pier (dedicated cruise berth)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Canadian Dollar (CAD)

 English

 Wildlife: orcas, seals, eagles

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Dedicated floating pontoon pier — no tendering

Best For: Easy walking, local food & sweets, island day-trip, whale watching

Walk to center: ~15-20 min (1.2 km) along flat waterfront path; free shuttle often available

Don't Miss: The Nanaimo Bar Trail and the noon cannon firing at The Bastion

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  CAD \$3.90 flag + ~\$2.72/km ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Nanaimo Bar Trail** — Pick up the self-guided map at the pier and hit 30+ stops around town — classic bars, lattes, martinis, cheesecake, and...
- Saysutshun (Newcastle Island) Ferry** — A 10-minute foot-passenger ferry from Maffeo Sutton Park drops you on a car-free island provincial park with Snuneymuxw...
- Whale Watching** — Operators depart directly from Nanaimo harbour.
- The Bastion & Nanaimo Museum** — Built in 1853 by the Hudson's Bay Company, The Bastion is Nanaimo's most iconic landmark — free to view outside, small...
- WildPlay Element Park** — Ziplining, high-ropes courses, and a 150-foot bungee jump over the Nanaimo River.

BEST WALKS

- Harbourfront Walkway to The Bastion** 2.5 km | ~35 min one-way | Flat, paved — Follow the waterfront path north from the Assembly Wharf past Maffeo Sutton Park, the Sno'uyuth Welcome Pole, and the marina to...
- Old City Quarter & Downtown Loop** 3 km | ~45 min | One uphill section — From the Boat Basin, head up the hill into the Old City Quarter's heritage buildings and boutiques, then loop back down through...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	54°	42°	14d
Jun	68°	55°	9d
Aug	74°	61°	5d
Sep	66°	55°	12d
Oct	56°	47°	15d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:23AM–8:08PM · Jun 5:10AM–9:22PM · Aug 6:08AM–8:30PM · Sep 6:53AM–7:27PM · Oct 7:37AM–6:24PM

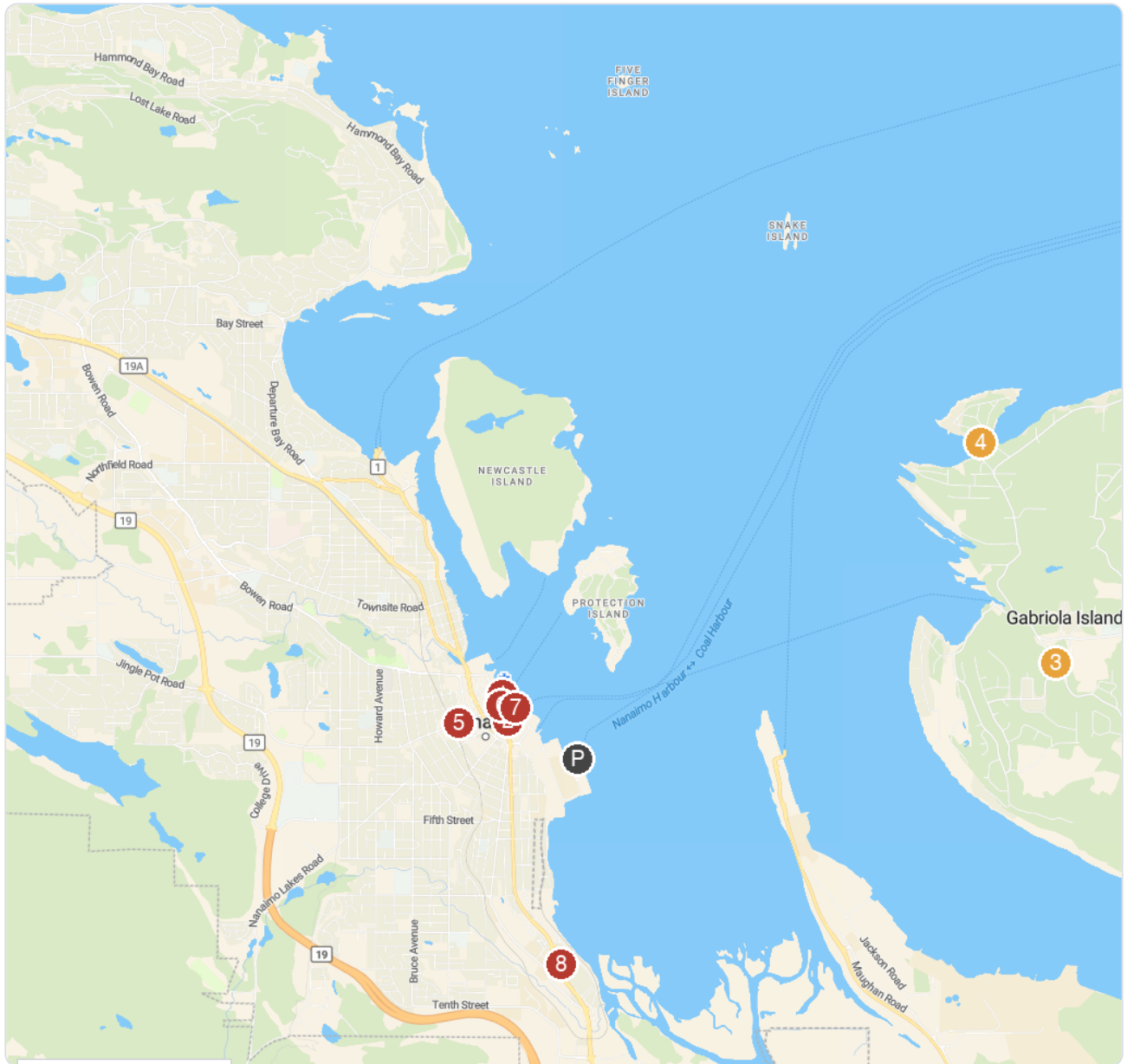
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Grab a trail map at the pier: the Nanaimo Bar Trail is self-guided and free — just show up hungry.
- Newcastle Island ferry timing: the foot-passenger ferry runs roughly every 30-60 min in season. Check the last departure before you board — you don't want to miss your ship.

Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Harbour Air - Nanaimo | Seaplane terminal offering scenic flights and transport to Vancouver. | 2 Vancouver Island Military Museum | Museum showcasing Vancouver Island's military history and artifacts. |
| 3 Gabriola Museum | Small museum preserving Gabriola Island's local history and culture. | 4 Gabriola Sands Provincial Park | Provincial park on Gabriola Island with unique twin beaches. |
| 5 Old City Quarter | Historic district with unique shops, restaurants, and heritage buildings. | 6 The Bastion | Historic wooden fort, Nanaimo's oldest standing structure. |
| 7 McGregor Park | Waterfront park with green space, playground, and ocean views. | 8 Petroglyph Provincial Park | Park preserving ancient Indigenous rock carvings (petroglyphs) in nature. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |