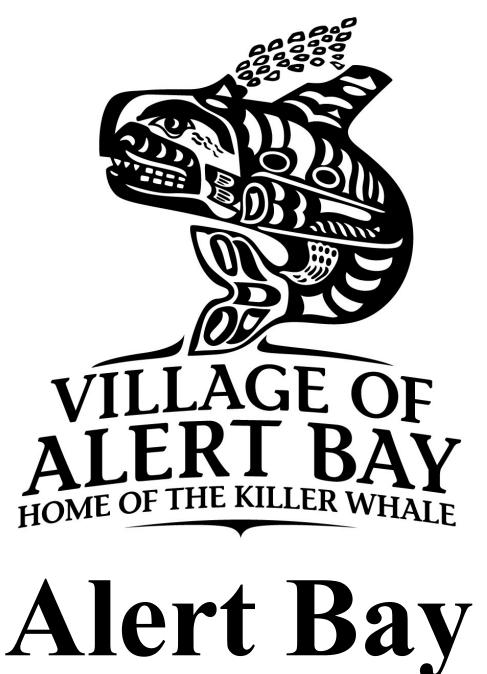
Visitor's Information



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Emergency Numbers

Fire	911
Police (non emergency 974-5544)	911
Ambulance	911
Poison Control	(250) 974-5585

Alert Bay like a small jewel lies cradled in the arms of Cormorant Island. This crescent shaped island is situated just off the Northeast coast of Vancouver Island and is approximately 180 miles by water from the City of Vancouver. Both Alert Bay and Cormorant Island were named after two British war ships H.M.S. Alert and H.M.S. Cormorant while they were engaged in surveying the coastal waters of British Columbia between the years of 1846 and 1861. The Captains of those two ships were Captain Malcolm (Malcolm Island) and Captain Pearse (Pearse Islands).

In 1870, a small saltery was established in Alert Bay to preserve salmon and with the introduction of a new Church Mission, the 'Namgis were persuaded to move to Alert Bay to provide the necessary work force for the saltery and later the cannery, thus, establishing the basis of the present-day community.

Cormorant Island is comprised of the Village of Alert Bay, 'Namgis First Nation, Whe-la-la-u Area Council and Regional District of Mount Waddington. Cormorant Island is 3 miles long and a half mile wide. The average rainfall is 60 inches per year and the temperature averages 75 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer and 35 in winter.

From humble beginnings, Alert Bay has since become an important centre of commerce and services while still retaining its quaint fishing village atmosphere and unique lifestyle. This rare combination of embracing the past while planning for the future has enabled Alert Bay to make major contributions to the development of the British Columbia coast. Visitors from around the world come to enjoy the Historic First Nation culture, friendly community, quite magnificent scenery and the superb fishing. Within easy reach of Alert Bay are hundreds of lakes and miles of tranquil inlets awaiting the vacationers whether arriving by airplane or by boat.

How to get to Alert Bay, BC

Drive North on Hwy 1 from Victoria turns into Hwy 19 at Nanaimo passing Parksville, Courtenay, Campbell River and Sayward to Port McNeill - a scenic drive on a modern highway that takes about 4 hours from Nanaimo to Port McNeill. From Port McNeill, there is BC Ferries running to Alert Bay and Sointula continuously from 8:40 AM-9:30 PM daily.

- By bus Scheduled bus service depart certain days from all points on Vancouver Island to Port McNeill waiving Flags Taxi/Bus 250 956-2355 where connection is made by ferry to Alert Bay.
- By airScheduled air flights depart daily from Vancouver to Port Hardy and a limousine service is
available to Port McNeill where connection is made by ferry to Alert Bay.

Visitor Attractions

Alert Bay Visitor Centre	-	offers a large selection of brochures, maps, etc
118 Fir Street	-	public washroom
Bag Service 2800	-	Art Gallery features the original collection of water colours by Chris
Alert Bay, BC		Nancarrow, depicting a year in the daily life on Fir and Front Streets.
(250) 974-5024	-	January-June, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, closed for lunch
Fax: (250) 974-5026		1:00 PM-2:00 PM unless otherwise posted
info@alertbay.ca		Closed stat holidays
http://www.alertbay.ca	-	July-August, Daily 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
		Closed for lunch 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM unless otherwise posted
	-	September-December, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM closed for
		lunch 1:00 PM-2:00 PM unless otherwise posted.
		Closed stat holidays

U'mista Cultural Centre Box 253 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-5403 Fax: (250) 974-5499 info@umista.ca http://www.umista.org

Alert Bay Library-Museum Box 440 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-5721

Fax: (250) 974-5026 abplb@shaw.ca http://alertbay.bc.libraries.coop/

Tsasała Cultural Group Traditional Dance Performance Andrea Cranmer Phone: (250) 974-8097 AndreaCranmer@hotmail.com https://www.tsasalaculturalgroup.ca/

Traditional Big House Completed in May 1966, the Big House is modeled on the traditional residences of the Kwakwaka'wakw. This building is primarily used for Potlatches. The house was enlarged and repainted in 1987, at which time 'Namgis artist Doug Cranmer designed the extended house front. The original building burnt down August 1997. The Big House re-opened May 28, 1999 World's Tallest Totem Pole 173 ft. carved by six Kwakwaka'wakw. This pole represents a carved history of some of the Kwakwaka'wakw. The figures are acquired through marriage. The figures represented are the Sun man-Gusgimukw, Kulus (Thunderbirds cousin) Kwagu'ł, Whale- Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw, Old Man- Ławitsis, Wolf-Dzawada'enux, Thunderbird-'Namgis, Dzunukwa, Sisiyutl- Mamalilikala, Bear holding a Salmon, Raven, and a Dzunukwa holding a copper. During a Nimpkish Wind November 2007 the top of the Totem Pole fell to the ground. No charge to see. Stop by Alert Bay Visitor Centre for Totem Poles Brochure This cemetery is the site of numerous memorial and other totem poles created Original 'Namgis Burial Grounds by some of the best carvers in the area. Visit the Alert Bay Visitor Centre and ask for the Totem Poles brochure. No Trespassing in the Cemetery

Visitor Attractions

The ceremonial regalia, including coppers, masks, rattles and whistles, were confiscated in 1922 and distributed amongst museums and private collections throughout North America. Returned in 1980, much of the repatriated collection is now on display at the Cultural Centre. Also featured are travelling exhibits, and a collection of videos dealing with Potlatch prohibition and cultural survival. The gift shop boasts a wide variety of outstanding works by Kwakwaka'wakw artists, many of whom are world renowned. Cultural Tours can be pre-arranged for guided tours of the Potlatch Collection, Island Walking Tours Special Dance Performances, Seafood Feasts and specially designed tours. Please call for details of these special tours and participate minimums apply.

Summer 3rd week May to August Hours: Daily 9 AM-5 PM Winter September to 3rd week May Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Featured at this Museum are Kwakw<u>a</u>k<u>a</u>'wakw and other artifacts and an archival collection of over 9,000 photographs of Alert Bay, surrounding area and people dating back as far as the 1880's. Public internet access available.

Hours: Winter: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

1:00 PM-4:00 PM Summer: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Performance is approximately 1 Hour. Cost: \$30.00 per adult and \$15 per child under 12 years. Saturdays, 1:00 PM, July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025 and August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025. 'Namgis Big House

Visitor Attractions

Alert Bay Ecological Park	The Park is a small flooded forest that serves as a home to ravens, eagles and migratory birds, located near the picnic area and campground. It is about a 25-minute walk through three trails and a boardwalk. Stop at the Alert Bay Visitor Centre for brochure on the Ecological Park.
Anglican Church	Was built in 1892, of BC cedar that was milled here in our small sawmill. There are several stained-glass windows revealing a unique blend of Native and European cultures.
	<u>Stores and Giftshops</u>
Alert Bay Drugs 90 Fir Street Paul Fletcher	Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-6:00 PM, Saturday, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM Lotto, post cards, jewelry, stationary, gift items, toys, etc
(250) 974-5712	24 Hour ATM exterior of building.
Alert Bay Visitor Centre 118 Fir Street Norine Smith (250) 974-5024 Fax: (250) 974-5026 info@alertbay.ca http://www.alertbay.ca	January-June, Mondays to Fridays, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Closed lunch from 1:00 PM -2:00 PM, unless otherwise posted and closed stat holidays July-August, Daily, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM closed Lunch 1:00 PM-2:00 PM unless otherwise posted September-December Mondays to Fridays 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Closed lunch from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM unless otherwise posted and closed stat holidays
Alert Bay Library-Museum 116 Fir Street Joyce Wilby (250) 974-5721 abplb@shaw.ca http://alertbay.bc.libraries.co	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 1 PM-4 PM
Culture Shock 010 A Front Street Donna Cranmer and Andrea Cranmer (250) 974-2484 info@cultureshocklife.ca https://www.cultureshocklife	Wednesday to Sunday 12:00 PM-4:30 PM First Nation gift shop, Shock style java, smoothies, etc .com/
Shop Rite Stores and Rona 99 Fir Street (250) 974-2777	Shop Rite: Mon 9 am-5 pm, Tues-Sat 9 AM-7 PM, Sun 10 AM-5 PM Grocery, deli, Rona: Monday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Sunday CLOSED
U'mista Cultural Centre 1 Front Street (250) 974-5403 Fax: (250) 974-5499 info@umista.ca	Winter Hours September to 3 rd week May: Monday to Friday 9 AM to 5 PM Summer Hours 3 rd week May to August: Daily 9 AM to 5 PM First Nation Art Gallery: masks, jewelry, clothes, jewelry boxes, first nation books, drums, small carvings, etc

<u>Restaurants</u> Hours may change without notice. Please contact them directly

Alert Bay Pizza (250) 974-4188	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8 AM-2 PM and 4 PM to 8 PM Sunday 4 PM to 8 PM. Wednesday CLOSED
Shop Rite Deli (250) 974-2777	Closed renovations until possible mid May
Gordie's Restaurant & Lou (250) 974-2670	Inge Closed until further notice
Orca Inn (250) 228-4959	Wednesday to Saturday 5 PM to 9 PM
Nimpkish Hotel & Restaur (250) 974-3534	ant Tuesday to Saturday 11:30 PM to 2:30 PM & 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Duchess' Bannock & Dess (250) 974-8216	erts Stay tuned for new hours at new location
Alert Bay Lodge (250) 974-4188	Brunch: Friday to Sunday 9 AM to 2 PM Dinner: Friday to Monday 5 PM to 8 PM
Culture Shock (250) 974 2484	Wednesday to Sunday 12 PM to 4:30 PM Shock Style Java & Smoothies (drinks only)
Alert Bay Accommodation Box 483 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 Phone: (250) 974-2226 kindheartmt@gmail.com	A c c o m m o d a t i o n s On the Beach 66 Fir Street, a unique suite over the ocean' setting featuring a large deck and garden area. An open plan suite with two queen beds + hide-a- bed
Alert Bay Campground 101 Alder Bag Service 2800 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0	14 fully serviced sites, 6 other sites services include water, sewer and electricity rates include access to shower house. rates are \$35.00 per night (GST included) for campers and RV's (includes all services). \$20.00 per night for tents Village Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Village Office (250) 974-5213 officeclerk@alertbay.ca	Campground is near Ecological Park, picnic area and nature trails. book and pay online: https://letscamp.ca/camps/alert-bay-campground http://www.alertbay.ca
Alert Bay Lodge 549 Fir Street Alert Bay, BC (250) 974-2410 or 1-800-255-5057 tours@midnightsuntravel.c	 Phone for Availability. Includes Breakfast Situated on one wooded acre and a ten-minute walk from the Village, you'll find our inn is more than a place to stay. Relax in our comfortable common room and take in panoramic views of Johnstone Strait and the Vancouver Island Mountain Range. Trade stories with fellow travellers, enjoy our genuine hospitality Destination BC approved. At Alert Bay Lodge, the coffee's always on! http://www.alertbaylodge.com
Alert Bay Sweet Home 61 Sycamore Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0	on booking.com

Phone: 250-688-0220 rv2120@gmail.com

Bayside Inn 81 Fir Street Box 270 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-4188

Gordie's 4 Maple Road Box 376 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-2670

Janet Boon's Guest House 667 Fir Street Box 229 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-5947 janetboon25@gmail.com

Nimpkish Hotel & Restaurant 318 Fir Street Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 Phone: 1-888-503-8610 info@thenimpkishhotel.com

Ocean's Edge 88 Fir Street Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 Phone: 604 836 9735 ritchie matt@hotmail.com

Orca Inn 291 Fir Street Box 69 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-4760 killerwhaleinn@gmail.com

Stay in the Bay 71B Orca Way Alert Bay, BC (250) 974-8456 $\frac{A c c o m m o d a t i o n s}{all rooms have cable TV}$ all rooms have showers

24 H ATM exterior of building

Sleeps up to 4 people, both have private bathrooms

https://www.gordiesrestaurant.com/

Whole House

http://www.thenimpkishhotel.com

is on www.airbnb.ca

includes continental breakfast (coffee/tea toast, cereal, eggs some fruit)

self-contained (furnished) suite. 3 bedrooms, full kitchen (does not include breakfast)

https://www.facebook.com/TheOrcaInn/

Spacious one-bedroom apartment; fully furnished Two bedroom apartment with office. Bright southern exposure with water view. Well equipped kitchen, near ecological park and trails, cable TV, wireless Internet, Laundry Facilities available.

$\frac{A c c o m m o d a t i o n s}{Whole House}$

The Artist Cottage 661 Fir Street Box 229 Alert Bay V0N 1A0 (250) 974 5947 janetboon25@gmail.com

The Cabins at Alert Bay 390 Poplar Road Box 470 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 (250) 974-7900 Fax: (250) 974-2275 1-877-97 4-5457 alertbaycabins@gmail.com

The Seine Boat Inn 60 Fir Street Box 252 Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 1- 877-334-9465 seineboatinn@gmail.com All Single cabins and Double bedroom cabins have kitchens. Standard cabins are pet friendly additional \$20.00 per night. Ask about the upgrades and the muffins!

http://www.thecabinsatalertbay.ca

Queen size beds, satellite TV, free WIFI, Water front, Outside Deck, Kitchen Units, middle of Downtown, close to BC Ferry Rustic Seaside Charm and Comfort

Municipal Hall, Property taxes and utilities, Photocopying and fax services

http://www.seineboatinn.com

Services

Village of Alert Bay Lyle McNish-CAO cao@alertbay.ca Connie Larson-Deputy CAO deputy@alertbay.ca (250) 974-5213 Fax: (250) 974-5470 http://www.alertbay.ca

Village of Alert Bay Dave Leslie-Public Works Foreman foreman@alertbay.ca (250) 974-7091

VanCity 30 Maple Road (250) 974-3165

Cormorant Island Community 4 beds, Laboratory and X-ray Services, 10 bed multi-level care unit. Health Centre (Hospital) (250) 974-5585

Dr. Troy Mcleod School Road (250) 974-5520 Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Closed for Lunch 12 PM to 1 PM 48

Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays ICBC: Autoplan, Driver Licensing, BCID, BC Service Card

Village Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

ICBC: Autoplan, Driver Licensing, BCID, BC Service Card ICBC Hours: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM Open Monday to Friday Patricia Lawson-ICBC Lead Email: autoplan-dl@alertbay.ca

Public Works and after hour emergencies

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

24 H ATM

Services

Dr. David Cutfeet 48 School Road (250) 974-5520	Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Closed for Lunch 12 PM to 1 PM		
'Namgis Dental Clinic (250) 974-5522	Available periodically. Appointments a must.		
Alert Bay Drugstore (250) 974-5712	Pharmacy, Medicines, Medical Equipment, Giftware, Greeting cards, Phone cards, Tobacco, Lottery, Stationery and Jewelry. Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-6:00 PM, Saturday, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM. 24 H ATM exterior of building		
I'Kila Therapy's Christina Cook 22 Front Street (250) 974-81282 hamumu52@gmail.com	Offering Traditional Chinese Medicine based modalities of bodywork. Shiatsu or Reiki, Hot Stone or Swedish. Also, Auriculotherapy and Iridology. I'Kila (Healing to make one feel good)		
Cormorant Island Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop Located in the 5 Birch Road	Saturday 12 PM-3 PM, Tuesday 10 AM-12 PM 2000 Square ft of items. Large selection of clothes, books, electronics, tapes, cds, sporting goods & much more. Blueline Building at corner of Fir Street & Birch Road.		
'N <u>a</u> mgis Gas Station 33 School Road (250) 974-5556 ext 3113	Open Daily 11:00 AM-2:00 PM Cash, Debit, MasterCard and Visa accepted		
Liquor Store-Government 21 Maple Road (250) 974-5450	Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30 AM-6:00 PM Closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00 PM Closed Statutory Holidays		
Bayside Inn (250) 974-5858	Cold Beer & Wine and Liquor Store Daily, 11:00 AM-11:00 PM. 24 H ATM exterior of building		
Municipal Dock Stephen Bruce Sr-Manager	Mainly used for loading and unloading		
(250) 974-5727 boatharbour@alertbay.ca	http://www.alertbay.ca		
Boat Harbour Stephen Bruce Sr-Manager (250) 974-5727 boatharbour@alertbay.ca	Moorage facilities available Sheltered dock VHF 66A http://www.alertbay.ca		
Free Boat Launch	Fir Street next to Municipal Dock and across from Harmony Repair		
Aircraft landing strip	2,900 ft. paved runway		
40 K Taxi and Charters (250) 974-5525	Monday-Saturday, 6:30 AM-1:00 AM Sunday, 6:30 AM-12:00 AM Charters available		
Anglican Christ Church (250) 974-5844	Sunday Service 10:00 AM9		

Services

Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church (250) 974-5426 or (250) 974-5371	Mass held the 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM
House of Prayer (250) 974-2677	Andrew Speck Sunday Services 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM, Wednesday Service 7:30 PM, Friday Service 7:30 PM
Glad Tidings Church (250) 619-1572	Reverend Jose Kim Sunday Service 1:00 PM

<u>Charters</u>

Whale watching season is mid June-mid October

Sea Smoke Whale Watching 60 Fir Street Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0 Phone: (250) 974-5225 1-800-668-6722 seasmokewhalewatching@gmail.com

http://www.seasmokewhalewatching.com

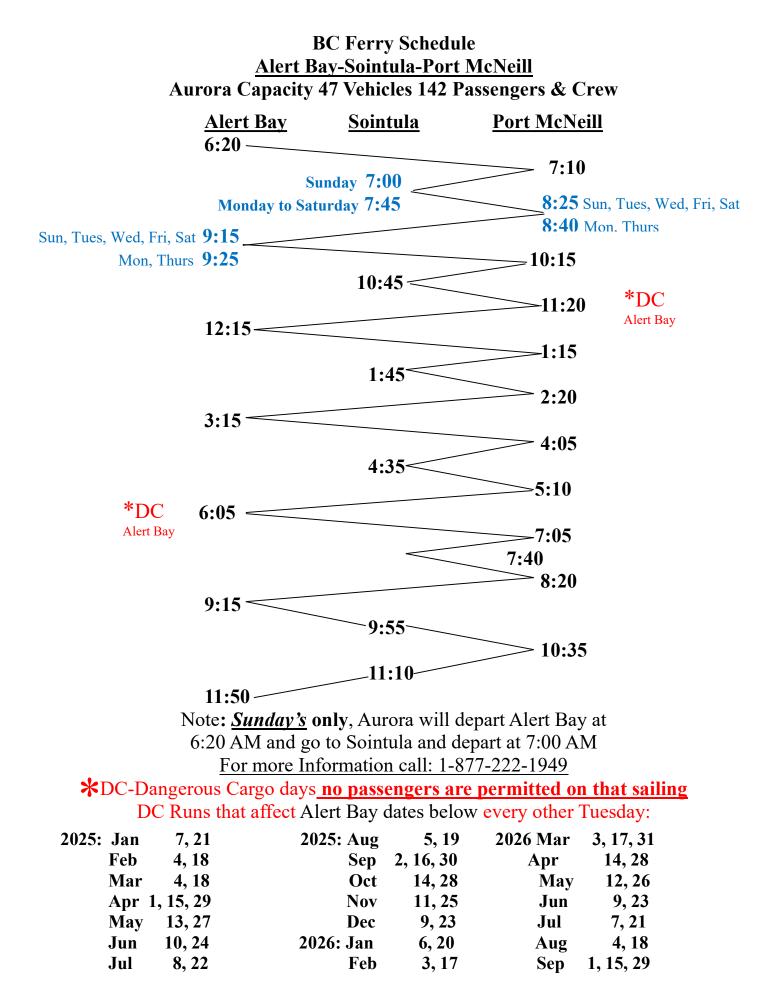
A true Eco-tour viewing killer (orcas), humpback and minke whales and numerous other marine mammals including dolphins, porpoises, seals and sea lions; all while touring through the protected waters of Johnstone Strait & the Broughton Archipelago near Alert Bay and Alder Bay. Licensed skipper and deckhand and Transport Canada approved Passenger Vessel with weatherproof clothing provided for comfort. Daily departures are from the Government Dock in Alert Bay and from the Alder Bay Resort on Vancouver Island. Our 4-5 hr 'Sail with the Whales' tour offers exceptional service & value and includes the serving of beverages along with fresh baked organic muffins & our traditional Devonshire Tea. If you are looking for a unique and Eco-friendly experience, join us, our carbon footprint is very small. There is no other whale watching tour like it on the BC coast! Call for Rates

Things to do

Lloyd's Lanes: Bowling alley (6 lanes) to book bowling alley			Edgar Co	Edgar Colcol:250-974-4466		
-Treatment Ce Alley Rental: 1		1:00 PM-3:00 PM 00 per hour, Cosmic Bo	-Drop in Bowling wling \$40.00 per hour	Friday	7:00 PM-9:00 PM	
Bicycling	Ride your bike from one end of the town to the other, stopping along the way for a picnic. For more of a challenge, ride your bike up and down some of our hills, or try out our new biking trails all over the island. Stop by the Alert Bay Visitor Centre to pick up a Trail Guide.					
Skateboard Park	Designed by Spectrum Skate parks opened March 2013. The park houses a half pipe, stairs, quarter pipe rails, good for beginners & advanced, concrete, fenced in with an amazing view of Johnstone Strait. Located 185 Cedar Street, next to the Alert Bay Community Hall.					
Walk	Walk around the island. It is only 8 miles around along the beach. Please be aware that the tide comes right up to the tree line, so be aware of the tide. Try our new hiking trails throughout the whole island. Stop by the Alert Bay Visitor Centre to pick up a Trail Guide.					
Beachcomb	Take a walk on our beaches and look for lost "treasures" washed ashore by Pacific currents. Look for eagle feathers, periwinkles, sea glass and driftwood polished smooth by gentle ocean waves.					
Tennis	Spend a few hours playing tennis at the tennis courts adjacent to the Community Hall.				Hall.	
Breakwater		perience, take a walk do Learn the difference bet		· ·	our) View and watch the vatch them mend their	

<u>Things to do</u>

- Picnic Plan a picnic or outdoor barbecue in our picnic area located near the Alert Bay Campground and Ecological Park. Watch for soaring eagles, noisy ravens and dragonflies. There are other Picnic areas located along Fir and Front Streets.
- FishingOff the Fishing Pier (near the Nimpkish Hotel) or the Municipal Dock or other docks with a rod and reel.Fishing Licenses can be purchased for a small fee at Rona. Rona also sells fishing tackle.
- Ferry Ride Take a 70-minute scenic ferry ride to Sointula on Malcolm Island via Port McNeill and visit Sointula, originally established by Finnish settlers in hopes of creating a utopian community. Bring your bike and camera.



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Alert Bay 2025 Events Calendar

Summer Market

Art, crafts, baked goods, produce, collectables, jewelry, and more Gilbert Popovich Memorial Town Square Vendor queries contact via email djselkie@telus.net Cheryl

65th Annual June Sports

First Nation Soccer Tournament, Salmon Prince & Princess, Pageant, Parade, Crowning of Salmon Prince & Princess, Kids races etc. 'Namgis First Nation Phone: 250 974 5556 http://www.facebook.com/June-sports.com

Aboriginal Day

Schedule posted closer to date

Tsasala Cultural Group

Traditional Native Dance Performance in our Big House. Admission: \$30 per adult, \$15 per child under 12 years. Special performances for group's 25 or more Andrea Cranmer (250) 974-8097 AndreaCranmer@hotmail.com http://tsasalaculturalgroup.ca

U'mista Cultural Centre

Summer Programs

Programs change weekly. Check posted on their Facebook site https://www.facebook.com/Umista.Cultural.Society/

15th Annual Alert Bay 360

Eco Paddle

Kayak Race around Cormorant Island. Registration 8:00 AM Luke Lessard (250) 527-0244 http://www.alertbay360.com/ June 1-September 7, 2025 Sunday's (every)

June 12-15, 2025 Thursday-Sunday

June 21, 2025

July 5, 12, 19, 26 to August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025 Saturdays ONLY 1:00 PM

July-August 2025

Tuesdays to Fridays 10 AM-12 PM & Schedule is

August 3, 2025

Sunday 11:00 AM

1 PM-3 PM

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