Travel to Port Alberni

By Air

National airports - the closest airports are the following:

- Comox, BC WestJet flies to Comox
- Nanaimo, BC Air Canada flies to Nanaimo; WestJet will commence flights to Nanaimo June 2013

Both Air Canada and WestJet offer attractive fare options from across Canada. The above airports are approximately 1 to 1.25 hours by car away from Port Alberni.

Local airport – From Vancouver to Qualicum Beach It is possible to fly from the South Terminal of Vancouver Airport via KDAir to Qualicum Beach and they provide a shuttle bus service to Port Alberni: <u>http://www.kdair.com/flights/winter_schedule_eng.html</u>

By Ground

BC Ferries - two routes are available from Vancouver to Vancouver Island:

- Horseshoe Bay (north of Vancouver) to Departure Bay (downtown Nanaimo) <u>http://www.bcferries.com/schedules/mainland/hbna-current.php</u>
- Tsawassen (south of Vancouver Airport) to Duke Point (south of Nanaimo) <u>http://www.bcferries.com/schedules/mainland/tsdp-current.php</u>

Driving

From Nanaimo:

From south of Nanaimo, take Highway #1north in the direction of Campbell River and to avoid driving through downtown Nanaimo, follow the by-pass signs to Campbell River by following Highway 19. Highway 19 takes you north on Vancouver Island, exit at Qualicum Beach and take Highway 4 to Port Alberni. Highway 4 goes to Ucluelet / Tofino / Pacific Rim National Park on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Port Alberni is located in the centre of Vancouver Island – see maps attached.

From Comox:

Take Highway 19 south in the direction of Nanaimo and exit at Qualicum Beach and take Highway 4 to Port Alberni.

Accommodations in Port Alberni

Bed and Breakfast

The Cedar Wood Lodge B&B has a 4-star rating, luxurious rooms, full breakfast, large exterior back yard with trees, shrubs, and gazebo. It is not accessible as all rooms are located on second floor, and there is no elevator, so if accessibility is a requirement, then this is not the place to stay. This facility is located on a flood plain, and it legally cannot have rooms on the ground floor. Toll free telephone: 1-877-314-6800 Web: http://www.cedarwood.bc.ca/

The Hummingbird B&B is located just "down the road" from the Cedar Wood Lodge. It too is described as having beautiful grounds, gazebo covered hot tub on backyard deck, and games room. Accessibility at this B&B will be the same as the one indicated above. Toll free telephone: 1-888-720-2114 Web: <u>http://www.hummingbirdguesthouse.com/</u>

The Roses B&B, a BC Ministry of Tourism approved accommodation with over 22 years in business. Telephone: 250-723-3507 Web: <u>http://www.bbexpo.com/theroses/default.html</u>

Hotels

The Best Western Barclay is a 3-star chain hotel, the largest full facility hotel in Port Alberni. There is a sports bar and grill, sauna and pool and complimentary high-speed internet. Toll free telephone: 1-800-563-6590 Web: <u>http://www.bestwesternbarclay.com/</u>

The other chain hotel is the Howard Johnson, which is a 2-star hotel, and has a restaurant on site. They are a SuperNatural BC approved hotel and offer BCAA member discounts. Toll free telephone: 1-800-446-4656 Web: <u>http://www.hojoalberni.com/</u>

The Hospitality Inn has a restaurant and pub on site. They have a heated saltwater pool and hot tub, and complimentary high-speed internet. Telephone: 250-723-8111 Web: <u>http://www.hospitalityinnportalberni.com/</u>

Other websites

Port Alberni Chamber of Commerce website where there is a full listing of accommodations, as well as local attractions: http://www.avcoc.com/cms/modules/visitor/index.php?id=1

The following is a Travel BC website that provides a listing of hotels, motels, bed and breakfast facilities, and camping and RV parks in the Port Alberni area. Web: <u>http://port-alberni.travel.bc.ca/accommodations/</u>

There is also the following Hello BC website: <u>http://www.hellobc.com/british-columbia/accommodations/port-</u> alberni/all.aspx?KWDS=&STP=BOOKING&SDIR=ASC&NBY=False&FLID=3&PN=1

Accommodations in Oceanside

If you would like to stay overlooking the ocean and don't mind a 40-minute commute to Port Alberni each day, there are many places to stay in "Oceanside", which consists of the Parksville / Qualicum Beach area.

Accommodations in Parksville

For a listing of accommodations in Parksville, please visit the website at: http://www.visitparksvillegualicumbeach.com/cms.asp?wpID=358

Accommodations in Qualicum Beach

For a listing of accommodations in Qualicum, please visit the website at: http://www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com/cms.asp?wpID=359

Things to do and see in Oceanside

Golf

If you are a golfing aficionado, there are six golf courses in the area. Please see website for further details at: <u>http://www.visitparksvillegualicumbeach.com/cms.asp?wpID=31</u>

Parks

http://www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com/cms.asp?wpID=105

Beaches

http://www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com/cms.asp?wpID=47

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please feel free to contact us at any time.

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