

# 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

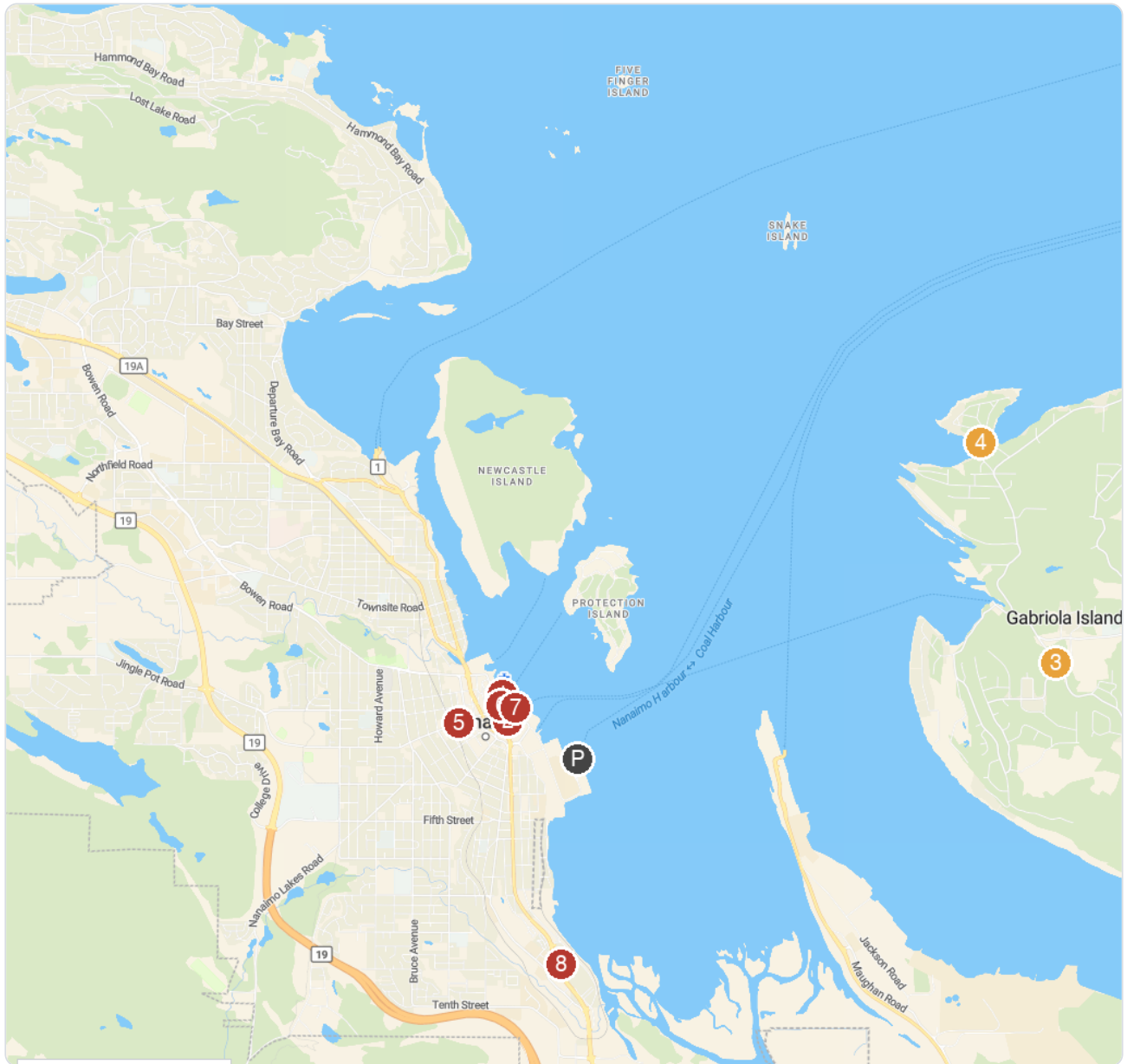
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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