



PACIFIC CONTACT CONFERENCE - BC TOURING COUNCIL 2026

ATTACHMENT B

Tourism Nanaimo
Venues and Incentives Document

October 1-3, 2026



WELCOME TO NANAIMO

Nanaimo, British Columbia is centrally located on the east coast of Vancouver Island, 113 km north of Victoria, and 55 km across the Strait of Georgia from Vancouver. The Coast Salish people call Nanaimo “the gathering place,” and the community of 101,000 is warm and welcoming to visitors from near or far. A classic west coast community, Nanaimo offers natural beauty at every turn. With one of the longest shorelines in Canada, and a forested mountain backdrop just outside downtown, visitors can go from shopping to wilderness hiking or biking trails in just a few minutes.

Do you prefer counting sea stars at the shoreline, or the adrenaline rush of ziplining over the Nanaimo River? Walk or roll from a downtown hotel along the harbourfront, try kayaking or stand-up paddle boarding or maybe you'd like to meet the locals on a whale watching tour. Spend a leisurely afternoon sampling local craft breweries and distilleries or take a short water taxi and explore Saysutshun Island with a local Snuneymuxw knowledge keeper. From hiking Mount Benson to petting baby goats, and diving historic wrecks to artisan tours, Nanaimo offers layers of adventure. (And of course, those famous Nanaimo Bars!)



WHY GATHER IN NANAIMO?

- State of the art conference centre for 1,350 people
- Indoor & Outdoor off-site event facilities
- When you host in Nanaimo, our community fully supports!
- Only one big event in our city at one time
- Direct Flights from Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto
- Easily accessible from Vancouver via BC Ferries, seaplane, Helijet Service & Hullo Fast Ferry
- Rich in Snuneymuxw First Nation History
- Vancouver Island University campus
- Quality hotels within walking distance to the Vancouver Island Conference Centre
- Iconic West coast activities – Wildlife viewing, kayaking, hiking, & mountain biking
- A wide variety of breweries, distilleries, wineries and cafes at your finger tips!
- A cost effective, unique choice for your next event



HOW TO GET HERE

Air Canada/Westjet

- Vancouver (YVR) - 20 minutes
- Calgary (YYC) - 1 Hour 25 Minutes

Pacific Coastal Air

- Kelowna & Vancouver

BC Ferries

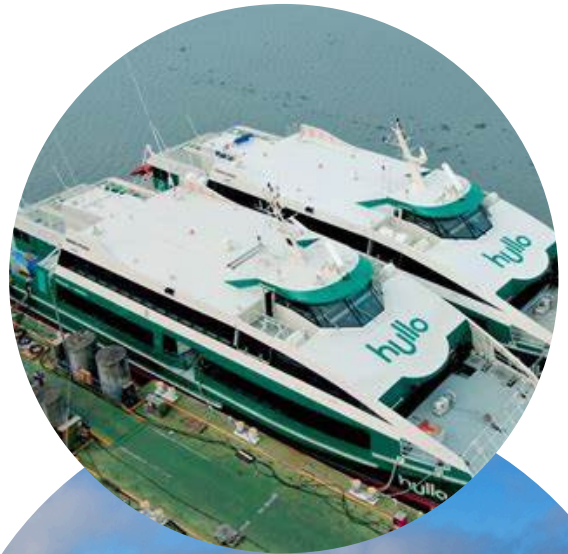
- 8+ Sailings a day, 2 Nanaimo terminals
- 1.5 to 2 hour travel time

Harbour Air, Sea Air & Helijet

- Daily flights direct from Downtown & YVR
- Group and charter rates available
- 18 Minute Flight

HULLO Fast Ferry

- Downtown Vancouver to Downtown Nanaimo
- 70 Minute sailing time





VENUE SPACE

VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE

Just steps away from the scenic Nanaimo Harbour in the heart of a walkable downtown, The Vancouver Island Conference Centre is Vancouver Island's finest full-service conference centre.

Room Rental	Meeting/Event	Size/Cost
Thursday October 1 & Friday October 2, 2026		
Newcastle Island Lobby	Registration/Tradeshow	\$430.00/day
Mt Benson AB	Tradeshow	\$2,042.00/Day
Mt Benson C	Reception Area	\$2,042.00/Day
Lantzville Room	Breakout Room #1	\$430.00/Day
Millstone River Room	Breakout Room #2	\$332.00/Day
Departure Bay Room A	Breakout Room #3	\$332.00/Day

Room Rental	Meeting/Event	Size/Cost
Saturday October 3, 2026		
Newcastle Island Lobby	Registration/Tradeshow	\$430.00/Day
Mt Benson Ballroom AB	Tradeshow	\$2,042.00/Day
Mt Benson Ballroom C	Gala & Reception	\$2,042.00/Day
Lantzville Room	Breakout Room #1	\$430.00/Day
Millstone River Room	Breakout Room #2	\$332.00/Day
Departutre Bay Room A	Breakout Room #3	\$332.00/Day
Duke Point Room	Dressing Room	\$430.00/Day
Meeting Room Subtotal: \$17,254.00 50% Discount on Meeting Spaces based on \$10,000 minimum F&B Spend Total Meeting Room Rental with Discount=\$8,627.00 GST 5% - \$431.35 Admin Fee 2% - \$172.54 Total Room Rate = \$9,230.89		

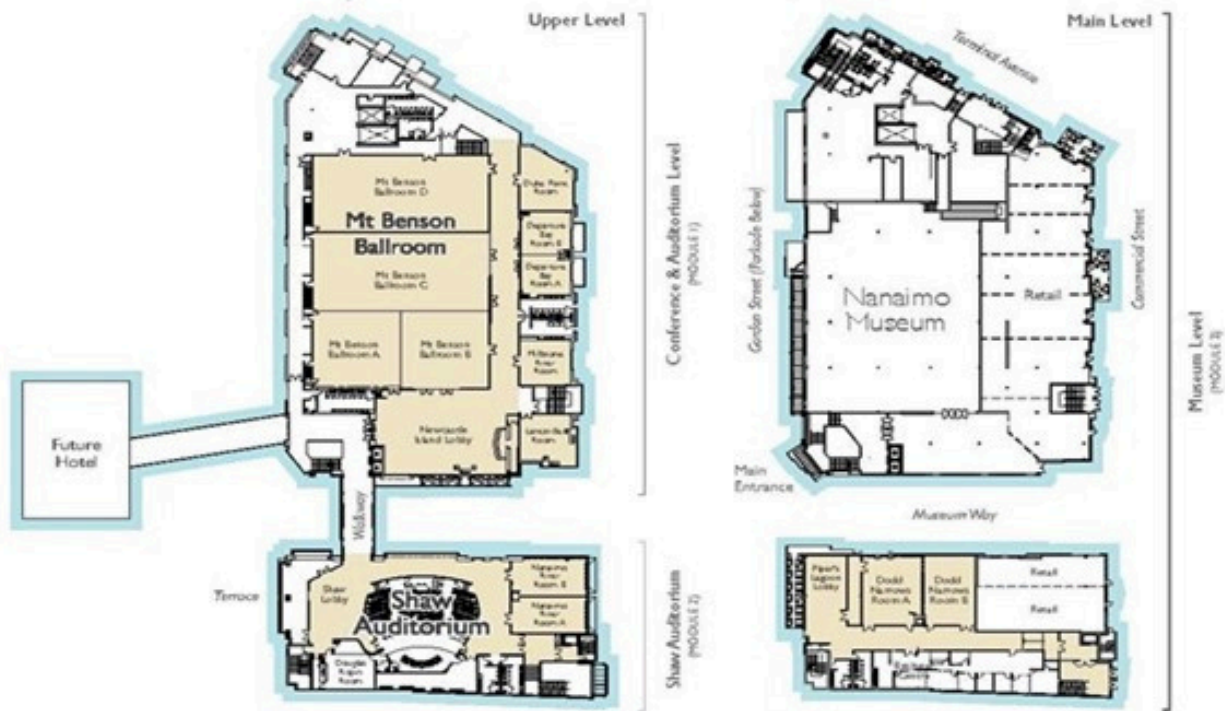


Floor plans



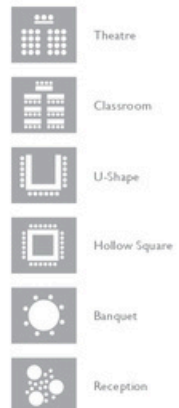
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Capacities

Conference & Auditorium Level	MODULE 1	Area Sq. Feet	Area Sq. Metres	Dimensions Feet length x width	Theatre	Classroom	Hollow Square	U-Shape	Banquet	Reception	Exhibits 8'x10'
	Mt Benson Ballroom	13,697	1,272	142.5 x 95.5	1,200	640			960	1,340	84
	Ballroom A	2,275	211	47.5 x 47.5	180	88	68	72	140	220	14
	Ballroom B	2,269	210	39.5 x 47	180	88	68	72	140	220	14
	Ballroom A/B	4,544	422	87 x 94.5	380	192			320	440	28
	Ballroom C	4,623	429	48 x 95.5	400	200			320	450	28
	Ballroom D	4,530	420	47 x 95.5	400	192			320	450	28
	Lantzville Room	921	85	38 x 37.5	76	32	30	22	50	80	5
	Milestone River Room	770	71	26.5 x 27.5	65	36	26	20	50	50	4
	Departure Bay Room	1,337	124	53 x 66.5	112	60	48	42	80	100	6
	Departure Bay A	668	62	26 x 28	56	30	24	18	40	50	3
	Departure Bay B	668	62	26 x 28	56	30	24	18	40	50	3
	Duke Point Room	1,004	93	39.5 x 29	76	32	30	22	60	80	3
	Newcastle Island Lobby	7,368	684	53 x 66.5						400	20



Shaw Auditorium	MODULE 2	Area Sq. Feet	Area Sq. Metres	Dimensions Feet length x width	Theatre	Classroom	Hollow Square	U-Shape	Banquet	Reception	Exhibits 8'x10'
	Shaw Auditorium*	2,598	241								
	Nanaimo River Room	1,868	173	44.5 x 40.5	120	84	66	60	120	180	11
	Nanaimo River A	955	88	23 x 40.5	64	42	34	28	60	90	6
	Nanaimo River B	913	84	21.5 x 40.5	60	39	32	25	50	88	5
	Shaw Lobby	3,715	345							200	7
	Douglas Rispin Room										

Permanent Boardroom Set-up for 10 people

Museum Level	MODULE 2	Area Sq. Feet	Area Sq. Metres	Dimensions Feet length x width	Theatre	Classroom	Hollow Square	U-Shape	Banquet	Reception	Exhibits 8'x10'
	Dodd Narrows Room	2,658	246	42.5 x 61	143	132	80	64	143	143	16
	Dodd Narrows A	1,421	132	42.5 x 33	130	63	44	36	80	135	8
	Dodd Narrows B	1,237	114	42.5 x 28	120	54	40	32	70	125	7
	Piper's Lagoon Lobby	1,686	156							143	4

Port Theatre*

Contains tiered seating for 800

* Tiered / Fixed Seating

Maximum room capacities are listed. Room set-up requirements may reduce capacities.

Classroom capacities based on 8' x 18" tables - seating 4 persons per table.

Maximum Banquet capacities are based on 60" round tables seating 10 persons per table - no allowance for head table, buffet tables or dance floor.



OFF-SITE RECEPTION

NANAIMO MUSEUM

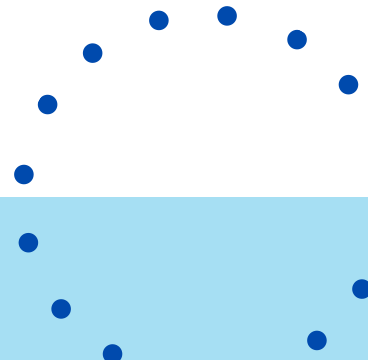
Large or small, for a reception, meeting, or for a workshop? Consider the Nanaimo Museum for a unique experience. The museum is the perfect venue for many different types of events, is centrally located with plenty of parking, and is wheelchair accessible. As a non-profit, proceeds from venue rentals go towards our exhibit and educational programming.

Room Rental	Meeting/Event	Size/Cost
Total Venue Rental: approx \$650 (evening rental)		

Website



- In-house audio visual or
- Located directly in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre
- Outside catering allowed in venue OR the Vancouver Island Conference Centre will cater and provide bar service
- Unique, educational & beautiful option for an off-site event such as reception, break-out session or seminar



HOTEL ROOMS

Nanaimo has over 750 quality hotel room available within 12 kilometers of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre with a large amount of those rooms are located within 1 kilometer of our front door. We are proud to say that we work very closely with all of the hotels in Nanaimo to find the most appropriate accommodations for all our guests.

The Coast Bastion Hotel & Conference Centre - 100 Room Block

Mix of 2 Queens & Kinds - \$259.00/Night + parking

- 1:40 complimentary rooms
- 1 room complimentary upgrade every 20 rooms booked
- 2 comp room nights for pre-planning
- Complimentary internet in all spaces
- Rates offered 3 days pre/post
- Minnoz Resturant on site
- Fitness Centre
- All rooms have Juliette balcony and ocean view
- Coast Hotel rewards or Aeroplan

Courtyard by Marriott - 130 Room Block

Run of House - Mix of Kings & 2 Queens \$209.00/Night + parking

- Bonvoy Marriott Points to convener
- Discounted rates for event team
- Complimentary internet in all spaces
- Rates offered 3 days pre/post
- Indoor Pool & Fitness Centre
- Bistro on site
- Bonvoy membership points

Best Western Dorchester Hotel - 40 Room Block

Run of House - Mix of Kings & 2 Queens \$174.00/Night

- Complimentary internet in all spaces
- Rates offered 3 days pre/post
- Free Parking
- 2 Restaurants on site
- Best Western Rewards



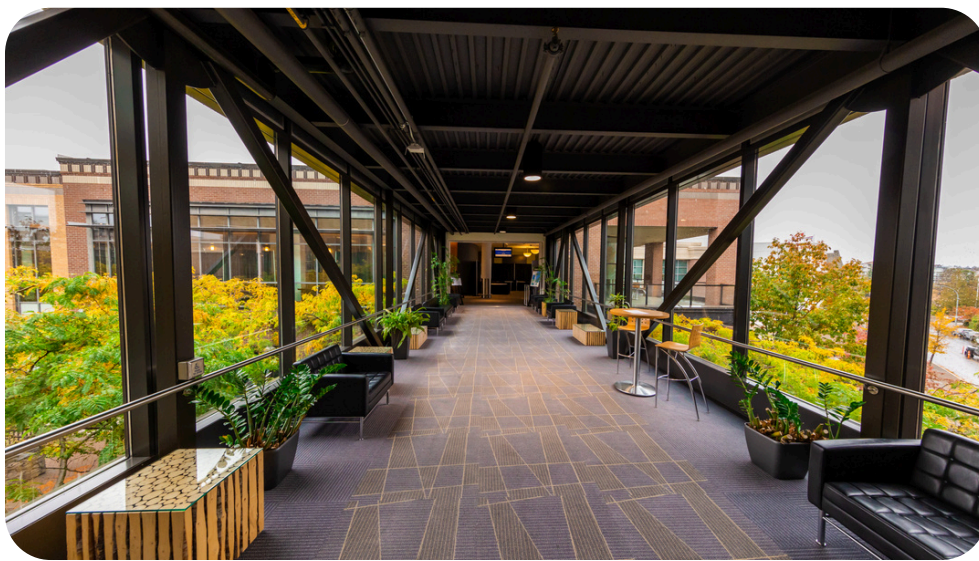
NANAIMO EXPERIENCES & ACTIVITIES

Experience Saysutshun Newcastle Island

Saysutshun is rich with stories and teachings that help us remember the past and prepare for the future. They offer exciting and immersive ways to experience the unique culture and history of the Snuneymuxw people. Saysutshun Interpretative walking tours with a local elder takes visitors on a cultural tour of the island

- Vancouver Island Whale Watching Tours
- Sea kayaking, stand up paddle or canoe tours
- Nanaimo Craft Beer & Distillery Tour
- Nanaimo Bar Trail - Self-guided scavenger hunt
- Wildplay Treetop Course & Bungee Jumping
- Axe & Grind Team Building
- Escape Rooms
- Island Hopping tours (Gabriola Island, Protection Island)
- Milner Gardens Tour in Qualicum
- Deep Bay Marine Field Station
- Nanaimo Museum
- Nanaimo Art Gallery Workshops
- Vancouver Island University Tours (Graphic Design Department)
- Port Theatre Show or local live bands
- Golfing (all year round)





Incentives/Concessions:

- Book and host your meeting 400+ total room nights and receive a \$10,000 incentive
- If group books in Nanaimo, Kamloops + Penticton within 7 years - receive \$10 back on every hotel room booked (paid out after each annual conference)
- 50% off meeting space based on minimum F&B spend
- Site Visit/FAM tour for organized hosted by Tourism Nanaimo
- Guest room rate offered 3 days pre and 3 days post
- Tourism Nanaimo information booth at your conference or meeting
- Group rates on Harbour Air Seaplanes, Helijet & Hullo Ferries
- Brand new fast ferry downtown Vancouver to downtown Nanaimo

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