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BC FERRIES ADDS MORE THAN 90 EXTRA SAILINGS FOR THE MAY LONG WEEKEND

Follow our travel tips for smooth sailing on this busy long weekend

VICTORIA – BC residents and visitors have places to go and people to see over the May long weekend, and BC Ferries wants the journey to be as enjoyable as possible. We are adding more than 90 extra sailings, scheduling extra staff, and offering travel tips to ensure smooth sailing.

From May 16 to 20, we have scheduled 92 extra sailings on the most popular routes linking Metro Vancouver with Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast.

Vancouver – Victoria route:

- 66 extra sailings on the Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay route, including 6 a.m. sailings on May 16, 17, 18 and 21. This is our most popular route.

West Vancouver – Nanaimo/Sunshine Coast routes:

- 15 extra sailings on the Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay route
- 11 extra sailings on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route

The most popular travel times are generally Thursday and Friday afternoon, as well as Saturday morning, with lots of travellers departing from Tsawwassen and Horseshoe Bay terminals. Historically, Monday afternoon is the most popular time for people to return from Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. To avoid sailing waits, we recommend you reserve, or travel outside these times. Popular sailing time information is available on our [Travel Planning](#) pages at bcferries.com.

May Long Weekend Travel Tips

- Book in advance – Reserve early to secure a spot on the sailing time of your choice. Customers with flexibility can travel at off-peak times to avoid the rush. Book online at bcferries.com. Reserved customers have no sailing waits, even when multiple waits are reported.
- Check-in – Follow traffic control flaggers, have your booking reference number ready upon arrival at the ticket booth to expedite the check-in process.
- Arrive early – Customers with advance bookings should plan to arrive at the terminal 45-60 minutes before their scheduled departure. Walk-on passengers should arrive 45 minutes early for their anticipated sailing.

- Be prepared for sailing waits if you are travelling without a reservation. Non-reserved vehicle traffic can experience sailing waits at peak times. Check our the best times to travel at bcferries.com.
- Consider parking options – Parking lots at the major terminals fill up quickly on long weekends. If possible, choose public transit or arrange to be dropped off at the terminal to avoid traffic congestion. When parking lots fill up, BC Ferries informs customers via Twitter @BCFerries and on our website.
- Ride-share, if possible – Customers are encouraged to car-pool or travel as a foot passenger. Vehicle deck space fills up quickly.
- Have fun! – We’ll have activities to keep you and the kids entertained while you wait for the ferry. At all major terminals there will be bubble machines, sidewalk chalk, and water stations with pet bowls.

For full schedule information, current conditions and reservations, please visit bcferries.com. For the most up-to-date travel information, follow @BCFerries on Twitter.

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