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TRAVEL

British Columbia's Sonora Resort Offering Five Star Experiences in a Five Star Setting

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Sonora's five star accommodations offer floor to ceiling windows with breath-taking ocean views.



Five star luxury and wilderness adventures meet at Sonora Resort Canada, on British Columbia's coast. Sonora has become heaven for outdoor adventurers and wilderness enthusiasts who don't want to sacrifice the comforts of luxury living.

This Relais & Chateaux resort offers world class Eco-adventure tours, Kayaking, White Water Rafting, Grizzly Bear Tours, Cultural tours of the Phillips River Estuary, Glacier Helicopter Tours, Ocean Fishing, Fly-fishing, a Spa and Wellness Centre, and Cooking Classes.

Just a short 50 minute private helicopter tour from Vancouver, you'll comfortably hover above the Pacific Ocean, along the famous Inside Passage.

Nestled away in an otherwise road-less paradise, Sonora offers adventures in a part of the world that very few ever have the opportunity to experience. Partnering with the local Homalco First Nation, Sonora offers guided Grizzly Bear viewings on the Orford River. The voyage to the bears begins with a 30 minute eco tour aboard a Polaris vessel. You'll pass through the Yuculta Rapids, stopping to see the Stellar Sea Lions. The underwater hydro phones will give you the opportunity to enjoy the sounds of killer whales and other marine wildlife. Although there are many viewing towers, you'll have the opportunity to quietly wait right down on the bank of the river and before long, these focused, elusive Grizzlies will appear before you, sometimes just meters away. For only a few months a year these magnificent animals visit the Orford River to feed on salmon before retuning to hibernation.

If you really want to get away from it all, Sonora's helicopter glacier tours will take you to the top of a local glacier. With a never ending view of white, untouched snow and bright blue glacier lakes, you will literally be on top of the world. This day wouldn't be complete without a tour of the area, where you will see a family of white Billy Goats gracefully balance on what seem like inch-thick shelves on the side of a steep, icy, glacier mountain.

Landing on a local rocky river bed, you'll suit up in fishing waders, and enjoy fly fishing country. These rarely fished secluded streams are teeming with salmon, and your guide will be sure to give you the pointers you need to hook your very own.

The Resort's Tye Restaurant offers 5 star cuisine by Executive Chef Matthew Stowe. Chef Stowe prepares Avant Garde cuisine with a focus on local products, modern techniques and the traditional systems of the kitchens of France. Be sure to pick up his cookbook, "The Tastes of Sonora Resort," if you'd like to learn a few of his tips! Every night Stowe devises tasting menus all paired with fine wines from British Columbia and the major wine regions of the world. Menu highlights include Pemberton beef cooked sous vide, and butter poached lobster with black truffles. The sea air and spectacular sunsets add to an unforgettable dining experience.

Sonora's Island Currents Spa was inspired by the nearby Arran Rapids, which has been named one of the fastest moving bodies of water in the world. Island Currents also offers a local, natural spin on luxury. The spa features a Therapeutic Circuit, taking advantage of the resort's outdoor warm and cool mineral pools, and indoor hydrotherapy tub. Signature spa treatments such as the Sea Salt and Kelp body scrub complement your private treatment room's view of the Pacific Ocean.

With a state-of-the-art conference centre and a cedar built traditional longhouse, Sonora also offers a unique and exciting destination for business retreats. The resort is able to accommodate groups of 10 to 150, and provides team building activities such as cooking classes, and fishing tournaments. The business centre offers the full amenities and conveniences of your own corporate office, but in a much more inspiring atmosphere. Simply put, there is no place like Sonora for meeting planning, incentive travel, or executive retreats.

The resort attracts international travelers as far as Germany, England and Japan, but many locals from the mainland also take pleasure in visiting Sonora Resort for a quick, relaxing get away.

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