



### Sonora Resort, DESOLATION SOUND, BRITISH COLUMBIA



Only an hour by air from Vancouver, this escapist haven situated in the heart of British Columbia's vast expanse of unspoiled wilderness ranks among the most unique upscale getaways in North America. Here you are just a short walk away from the natural habitat of a host of land and sea creatures, including grizzly bears, killer whales, dolphins and sea lions. Accompanied by expert guides, you hike the wilderness, fish for salmon in a nearby stream, and go kayaking in the calm water of the Outer Discovery islands. You may encounter otters, seals, mink, whales and schools of dolphins, while bald eagles and kingfishers soar overhead. You can also watch grizzlies catch salmon from special eco tour boats, or take a spectacular once-in-a-lifetime helicopter ride to a mountain glacier, where you can enjoy a picnic prepared by Sonora's gourmet chef, Terry Pichor. Back at the resort you can play tennis on all-weather courts, swim in the outdoor pool, or work out in the gym. The resort is also within a short drive of some of the best golf courses in Western Canada.

If you prefer to stay indoors, you can relax and rejuvenate in the serenity of the 5,000-square-foot Island Currents Spa, where you can indulge in a mellow massage, refreshing facial or a soothing soak in a hot mineral pool, while looking out over the Pacific Ocean. Each of the resort's uniquely-themed lodges features spacious, tastefully furnished rooms

with ocean views. Each contain queen- or king-sized beds, top quality linens and goose-down duvets.

\$500-725 per night; for reservations call 1-888-576-6672. [www.sonoraresort.com](http://www.sonoraresort.com)