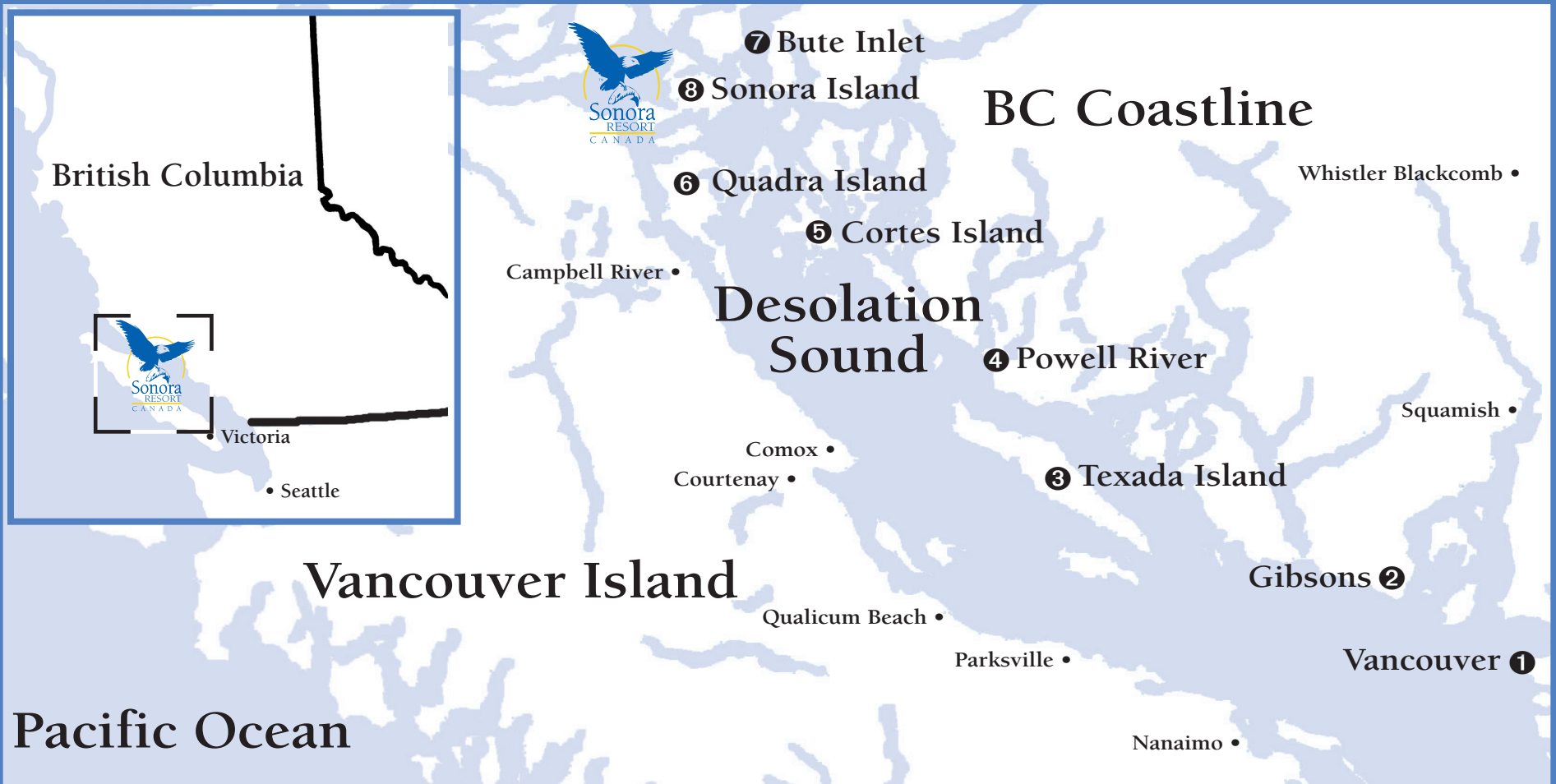


Sonora Flight Map



Welcome to the beginning of your Sonora adventure. Over the next 50 minutes you will be flying along British Columbia's beautiful coastline enjoying a bird's eye view of our natural wilderness. As you soar through the Inside Passage up to Sonora Island there are a number of points of interest that are indicated on this map, each with a brief history noted on the reverse side. Enjoy your flight and we'll look forward to seeing you on the docks!

The Inside Passage

- 1 **Vancouver** - Originally discovered in 1592 by explorer Apostolos Valerianos, commonly known as Juan de Fuca. He was sent north in the Pacific to seek the Straits of Anian, a supposed Northwest Passage. The entrance to the passage was therefore named the "Strait of Juan de Fuca" in 1787, by Capt. Charles W. Barkley. The name "Vancouver" although came from Capt. George Vancouver, the first European to explore the inner waters of the Burrard Inlet, on June 12, 1792.
- 2 **Gibsons** - This majestic coastal range serves as a backdrop for the lush green islands that fill the Howe Sound. Originally called "Gibson's Landing" after George William Gibson who staked his claim to the land in May 1886.
- 3 **Texada Island** - Lt. Don Francisco Eliza had discovered the single largest island within the Inside Passage in 1791 marking it on his charts as Texada. Texada's first iron mine was opened in 1876. As a wealth of other minerals like copper, gold and zinc were discovered, the island became a major source of minerals for industrial purposes.
- 4 **Powell River** - Travel up the Sunshine Coast to find the second smallest river in North America and one of the world's largest pulp mills. This area was named after Dr. Israel Wood Powell, who came to BC, attracted by the Cariboo gold rush, in 1862.
- 5 **Cortes Island** - The islands of Cortes and Hemando were named in 1792 by Capt. Dionisio Alcala Galiano after Spanish conquistador Hernando Cortez. The island's first inhabitants were the Klahoose Indians who moved here during the late 1800's.
- 6 **Quadra Island** - Named after Don Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra, commander-in-chief of the Spanish marine at San Blas, Mexico. He took part in the exploratory voyages off the BC Coast and later met in 1792 with Capt. Vancouver to negotiate the land settlement dispute between Spain and the British during the Nootka Conventions. The two named Vancouver Island "The Island of Quadra and Vancouver", as a symbol of their friendship. Both agreed to let their mother countries decide upon the sovereignty of the land. Spain eventually ceded her interests to Britain.
- 7 **Bute Inlet** - Capt. Vancouver named the inlet after John Stuart, the third Earl of Bute, Scotland. The inlet had first been explored by Galiano and Valdés on their travels through the passage to the Queen Charlotte Strait. The natives at the mouth of the Quantano (Bute Inlet) had warned the Spanish against this route, although they persisted crossing the Arran rapids where they almost met with disaster. There's legend that others who have explored the Inside Passage had met their fate by sinking vessels that may have been loaded with gold.
- 8 **Sonora Island and Resort** - The east side of Sonora was discovered by Capt. George Vancouver in July 1792, sailing the *Discovery* accompanied by Lt. William R. Broughton in the *Chatham*. The island was named in 1903 to commemorate Capt. Quadra's Schooner the *Sonora*, named after a province in California.

