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Cortes Craft Shop Co-op

Work by local artisans
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Open all summer
11 am - 4 pm

Located in Squirrel Cove
www.cortescrafts.ca

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Kayak Adventures and Rentals!
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Getting Here...

Cortes Island can be reached via a 45 minute ferry ride from Quadra Island which in turn is accessed by a shorter 10 minute ferry crossing from Campbell River on Vancouver Island. Visit www.bcferries.com for the schedules.

Mansons Landing

Map showing roads (Rexford Rd, Beasley Rd, Seaford Rd, etc.), lakes (Hague Lake, Mansons Lagoon), and various points of interest (PARKING, Cemetery Rd, etc.).

Dreaming of Island Life?
Choose your dream... I'll help you make it happen!

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Trails

- Stay on trails ~ Keep dogs on leash ~ Pack out what you pack in
- Ha'thayim Marine Provincial Park (Von Donop) 1
 - Carrington Bay Regional Park 2
 - Whaletown Commons 3
 - Kw'as Regional Park 4
 - Mansons Landing Provincial Park 5
 - Hank's Beach Forest Conservation Park 6
 - Whale's Rest Regional Park 7
 - Siskin Forest Park 8
 - Green Mountain 9
 - Gnat Park 10
 - Moon Park 11
 - Seascope Park 12
 - Smelt Bay Provincial Park 13
 - Easter Bluff 14
 - Hayes Road 15
- No trail sign = NO ENTRY (private driveways)
Trail maps available at stores & Museum

Community

- Gorge Hall A
- Mansons Hall B
- Klahoose Multipurpose Building C
- Linnaea Farm/Library/Wild Cortes D
- Church E
- Fire Hall 1 F
- Fire Hall 2 G
- Skate Park H
- Cortes Island School I
- Public Docks J
- Vancouver Yacht Club K
- Seattle Yacht Club L
- Art Gallery M
- Health Centre +

Enjoy Your Stay!

Playing children, joggers and hikers are on the road and people are exploring the island by bicycle. Please slow down and share the roads

Fire Bans are an important part of island safety and are in effect all summer.

Welcome to Cortes!

Taking the ferry is a big part of the journey to our beautiful island and hopefully you are spending your time on the ferry watching the water for a **whale's welcoming wave**, and dreaming about your time on Cortes Island.

Do you just need to take a break and relax? Enjoy a walk in the cool morning forest, followed by combing the beach for treasures. Or find the perfect, private spot for yoga. You will find the quiet you need to hear the eagle's cry or the whale's gentle blow.

Did you come to explore? Pack a lunch and take in one of our many great hikes. Wander the forest paths or trek up to Easter Bluff for a view you will never forget. Pick up the self-guided tour when you visit the Museum and learn the history of our island while you look around and discover some hidden gems of the island. You might find an icecream stand or little library along the way. While exploring, tune into **CKTZ 89.5 fm** and let Cortes Community Radio provide a unique soundtrack to your days in paradise.

How about sailing or kayaking into the world-famous Desolation Sound? Or exploring the petroglyphs in the entrance of the Gorge? Book a sailing trip or go on a bioluminescence kayak tour and see Cortes from the water. Did you bring your own kayak? Our many public boat launches provide easy access to stunning scenery.

And if that wasn't enough play for you, **how about a day at the beach?** Pick one; we have plenty and each has its own secrets. Paddle board from the sandy beach of Hague Lake and jump from the rocks of Turtle Island. Or maybe shooting through the mouth of Manson's Lagoon is more your speed?

At the end of a fun day, visit a grocery store and find everything you need to make a delicious meal. Or get pampered and nourished at one of our cafés or restaurants.

And if you really want a **taste of Cortes culture**, don't miss our weekend markets, they are the best! We have a Friday market at Mansons and a Saturday market at the Gorge. If you want a little piece of Cortes to **take home with you**, visit the Craft Shop and stop at the little road stands scattered all over the island. You will find that special something to keep your Cortes vacation in your memory and close to your heart until next time!

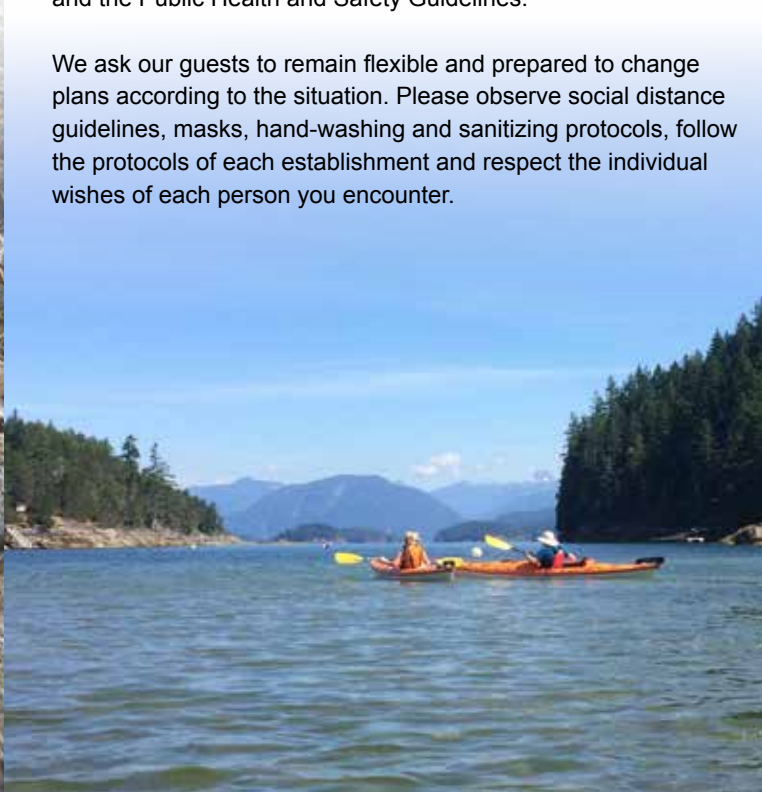
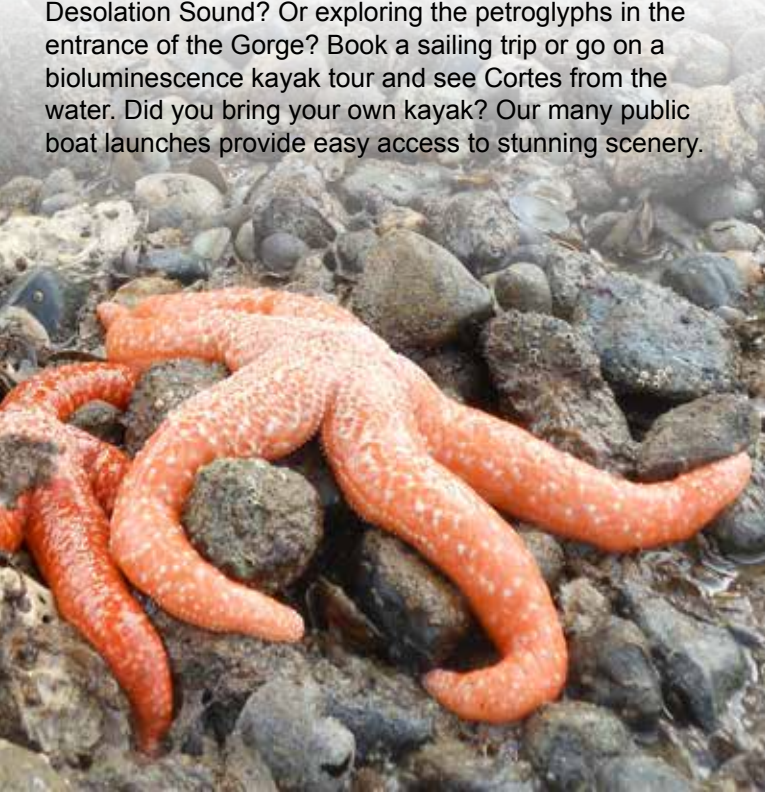
Covid 19 & Cortes Island

The current COVID-19 situation remains fluid, with government regulations and health guidelines changing often. Our community will be following the government's BC Restart Plan and the Public Health and Safety Guidelines.

We ask our guests to remain flexible and prepared to change plans according to the situation. Please observe social distance guidelines, masks, hand-washing and sanitizing protocols, follow the protocols of each establishment and respect the individual wishes of each person you encounter.

Cortes

ISLAND 2021



Not to miss...

- 1 Museum**
Tourist information booth & locally curated exhibits. Heritage garden.
- 2 Craft Shop Co-op**
More than 40 local artists sell their wares in this beautiful shop.
- 3 Siskin Lane Trails**
Diverse trails. Some suitable for bikes & sturdy strollers.
- 4 Whaletown Commons**
Maple tree heaven. Lush, cool forest on the hottest days. Great trails.
- 5 Mansons Lagoon**
Swimming at high tide, exploring at low. Picnic, hike, lagoon dive & sun tan.
- 6 Smelt Bay**
The most popular sunset spot. Great sand flats at low tide.
- 7 Hague Lake Public Beach**
White sand, clear water, perfect for families. No gas motors.
- 8 Live Entertainment**
Free live music at the Gorge Harbour Marina.



Shops & Groceries

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- 19 Cortes Natural Food Co-op**
250.935.8577 ~ www.cortescoop.ca
The Co-op brings Cortes Island farmers, fishers and foodies straight to your table! We feature fresh, local, and organic products, including produce, dairy, meat, seafood, and a full selection of other eco-friendly food items. Everyone welcome!
- 20 Fairhaven Gardens Nursery and Landscaping**
250.935.6559 ~ laura.fairhaven@gmail.com
Visit us for local knowledge, plants, and supplies. Open every Friday & Saturday 10 to 4, April through October.
- 21 Gorge Harbour Marina Resort ext 3**
250.935.6433 ~ www.gorgeharbour.com
Open daily. Full service grocery store. Liquor, propane & gas. Lodging, camping and Marina. Restaurant. Internet.
- 22 Squirrel Cove General Store**
250.935.6327 ~ www.squirrelcove.com
Everything you need: full service grocery store, coffee & pastries, fresh meat & produce, baking, dry goods, in store post office, laundromat, wifi, showers, Marine fuel at high tide, gas, ATM, propane, hardware & marine supplies, Liquor agent.

Services

- 23 Royal LePage Advance Realty**
250.203.7747 ~ www.marthaabelson.com
Martha Abelson REALTOR® for 12+ years specializing in Cortes Island properties. Finding your island special home/place.
- Twincomm**
1.866.446.6004 ~ www.twincomm.ca
Twincomm is a locally-based internet service provider (ISP), serving Cortes Island for over 15 years, with close to 400 Cortes customers in the communities of Manson's Landing, Squirrel Cove, Whaletown, and Klahoose First Nation.

Community

- 24 FOCI ~ Friends of Cortes Island**
250.935.0087 ~ www.friendsofcortes.org
Environmental charity undertaking stewardship and education programs; keeping Cortes wild and beautiful.
- 25 HACI ~ Harbour Authority of Cortes Island**
250.935.0263 ~ www.cortesharbours.ca
HACI manages 5 docks on Cortes, providing safe, well-maintained moorage for a diverse group of marine users year round.

Restaurants & Cafes

- 26 Cortes Natural Food Co-op Bakery & Cafe**
250.935.6505 ~ www.cortescoop.ca
Meet up, hang out, and get food! We offer espresso drinks, breakfast, and lunch along with fresh bread and baked treats using local and natural ingredients. Call for hours as they vary with the seasons.
- 27 Floathouse Restaurant**
250.935.6433 ~ www.gorgeharbour.com ext 2
Come in for a drink on our deck overlooking the marina. Open 2 - 8 pm July and August. Open for dinner the rest of the year. Call for times.
- 28 Hollyhock**
250.935.6576 ~ www.hollyhock.ca
Enjoy garden-fresh and globally inspired seasonal meals! Breakfast 8:30 am | Lunch 12:30 pm | Dinner 6:30 pm

Crafts/Museum

- 29 Cortes Craft Shop Co-op**
250.935.6635 ~ www.cortescrafts.ca
Gifts & treasures created by 40+ local island artists and artisans. Open 11 am - 4 pm.
- 30 Cortes Island Museum & Archives**
250.935.6340 ~ www.cortesmuseum.com
Exhibition Gallery, Public Archives, Heritage Garden, Museum Gift Shop & Visitor Information Booth. Summer: June to mid-Sept, Tue to Sun, 10 am to 4 pm. Winter: Fri & Sat, 12 to 4 pm. Wild Cortes satellite Natural History Exhibit at Linnaea Farm – check with Museum for opening hours.
- 31 Nzuri Baskets**
250-935-0007 ~ www.nzuribaskets.com
Working one-on-one with women in Kenya, Nzuri Baskets offers a beautiful, ethically made collection of handwoven and fairly-purchased baskets and bags.

Tours & Retreats

- Cortes Kayaks**
250-202-6374 ~ www.corteskayaks.com
Sea Kayak Adventures & Rentals! Bioluminescence, Sunset & Day tours. See wildlife and explore the coastline!
- 32 Hollyhock**
250.935.6576 ~ www.hollyhock.ca
Gift store, retreats, garden-fresh meals, ocean-side and forest accommodations, massage, and more!
- Misty Isles Adventures**
250.935.6756 ~ www.mistyislesadventures.com
Wilderness exploration on 43 ft schooner to Desolation Sound and Mittenatch Island. Mothership kayaking trips.

Accommodation

- 16 Cortes Island Boathouse**
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Waterfront accommodation at the high tide line. Stunning mountain/ocean views. Perfect honeymoon or family holiday!
- 17 Gorge Harbour Marina Resort**
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