

Welcome to Cortes!

Hopefully, you spent some time on the ferry breathing the lovely fresh air, watching the water for a whale's welcoming wave, and dreaming about your time here. Check out the Tideline for island info and upcoming events. www.cortesisland.com

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. Looking for trails that have both ocean and forest? We've got those, too.

Love gardening like we do? Enjoy the gardens that are open to the public or pick up the self-guided tour from 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 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.

You can also rent a kayak and see Cortes from the water. Did you bring your own kayaks? 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, take-out or restaurant.

Whatever you do, don't miss our Craft Shop and our weekend markets, they are the best! The craft store is open all summer and we have a Friday market at Mansons and a Saturday market at the Gorge: our local artists create all sorts of beautiful treasures.

If you really want a taste of Cortes culture, don't miss the Free Store. There are also many little road stands scattered all over the island to find that special something to keep your Cortes vacation in your memory and close to your heart until next time!

Dear Visitors: Please note – there is no RV dump station available on Cortes Island. The nearest sani-dump for your RV is in Campbell River. To find the closest sani-dump station near you, check www.sanidumps.com



Accommodation/Moorage

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Cortes Island Boathouse

250.203.7747 ~ www.cortesislandboathouse.com Waterfront accommodation at the high tide line. Stunning mountain/ocean views. Perfect honeymoon or family holiday!

Gorge Harbour Marina Resort 250.935.6433 ext 4 ~ www.thegorgeharbour.com Open year-round 1800 ft of protect docks. The marina provides power, fuel dock, general store, liquor, propane, WiFi, laundry and showers.

Shops & Groceries

Cortes Market

250.935.6626 ~ www.cortesmarket.com

Located in uptown Manson's. Largest selection on the island for groceries and produce. Coffee bar with deli. High speed Wifi. Liquor and Lottery Agent. Free delivery on minimum order. Home of the Burger Barn Take-out. Publisher of the weekly Cortes Marketer. Open 7 days a week.

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!

Fairhaven Gardens Nursery and Landscaping 250.935.6559 ~ www.fairhavengarden.com

Visit us for local knowledge, plants, and supplies. Open every Friday & Saturday 10 to 4, April through October.

Gorge Harbour Marina Resort

250.935.6433 ~ www.thegorgeharbour.com

Open daily, year-round full-service grocery and liquor

store. Other service includes propane, fuel and WiFi and laundry.

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, showers, wifi, Marine fuel at high tide, gas, propane, hardware & marine supplies, Liquor agent.

Community

FOCI ~ Friends of Cortes Island 250.935.0087 ~ www.friendsofcortes.org Environmental charity undertaking stewardship and education programs; keeping Cortes wild and beautiful.

HACI ~ Harbour Authority of Cortes Island 250.935.0263 ~ www.cortesharbours.ca

HACI manages 5 docks on Cortes, providing safe, wellmaintained moorage for a diverse group of marine users year round.

Services

Royal LePage Advance Realty 250.203.7747 ~ www.marthaabelson.com

Martha Abelson REALTOR® for 17+ years specializing in Cortes Island properties. Finding your island special home/place.

Sotheby's Realty Victoria 250.935.6915 ~ www.jellingsen.com Jeramie Ellingsen, Cortes Island REALTOR®

1.866.446.6004 ~ www.twincomm.ca Twincomm is a locally-based internet service provider (ISP), serving the Cortes Island communities of Klahoose First Nation, Mansons Landing, Squirrel Cove and Whaletown since

Food & Drinks

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.

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

250-935-0452

Burger Barn

Take-out Burgers, Fries, Slushies, Ice cream cones & more.

Tours & Retreats

Cortes Kayaks

250-202-6374 ~ www.corteskayaks.com Sea Kayak Adventures & Rentals! Bioluminescence,

Sunset & Day tours. See wildlife and explore the coastline!

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 Mitlenatch Island. Mothership kayaking trips.

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Crafts/Gallery/Museum

Cortes Craft Shop Co-op

250.935.6635 ~ www.cortescrafts.ca

Gifts & treasures created by 40+ local island artists and artisans. Open every day during the summer from 11 am to 4 pm.

Cortes Island Museum & Archives 250.935.6340 ~ www.cortesmuseum.com

Exhibit Gallery, Archives, Gift Shop, Heritage Garden, Tourist/visitor Info Booth, 957 Beasley Rd. Summer: 10 to 4pm (closed Mon) Winter: Fri & Sat, 12 to 4pm.

Wild Cortes Natural History Centre, 1255 Seaford Rd

Summer: 10 to 4pm (closed Sun/Mon) Winter: Fri & Sat, 12 to 4pm.

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.

Old SchoolHouse Art Gallery 250.935.6339 ~ schoolhouseartgallery@gmail.com

Open June 9 - September 10. Friday 6 pm to 9 pm. Saturday & Sunday 2 pm to 6 pm. Current schedule at www.oldschoolhouseartgallery.ca

Not to miss...



Museum

Tourist info booth & island history. Heritage garden.

Craft Shop Co-op

More than 40 local artists sell their wares in this beautiful shop.



Old Schoolhouse Art Gallery Great variety of diverse Art Shows all summer long.





Natural History Centre and EcoLab! Exhibit & Discovery Boxes.



Smelt Bay

The most popular sunset spot. Great sand flats at low tide.



Easter Bluff Spectacular views from this popular



