



# GIBSONS

BRITISH COLUMBIA > SUNSHINE COAST

- [www.gibsons.ca](http://www.gibsons.ca)
- Located on the Pacific coast, across Horseshoe Bay from Vancouver
- 47 km northwest of Vancouver
- Population: approximately 4,200

Small Town

## GATEWAY TO THE SUNSHINE COAST

Located just 40 minutes ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay, northwest of Greater Vancouver, Gibsons was named in 2009 as the World's Most Liveable Community (with a population of less than 20,000) by the United Nations-endorsed International Awards for Liveable Communities. The town features a beautiful and lively harbour, and the inlets and islands around Gibsons and up into Howe Sound are perfect for kayaking, sailing or pleasure cruising. The fresh air, small town ambience and casual lifestyle make this an easy and relaxed community in which to live

### Notable features:

- Bedroom community for Greater Vancouver, residents enjoy a great natural living environment; many commute to Vancouver for work
- Voted the World's Most Livable Town in 2009
- Large network of walking and cycling paths linking upper and lower Gibsons, neighbourhoods, parks, schools, shopping areas and regional open spaces to each other.
- The pulp-and-paper industry, forestry and fishing are primary sources of revenue
- Most famously known as the location for the longtime hit TV show *The Beachcombers*, which first aired in 1972 and ran until 1990

### Main Attractions:

- Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival: [www.coastjazz.com](http://www.coastjazz.com)
- Gibsons Landing Fibre Arts Festival: [www.gibsonslandingfibrearts.com](http://www.gibsonslandingfibrearts.com)
- Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts: [www.writersfestival.ca](http://www.writersfestival.ca)
- Sunshine Coast Arts Centre
- Gibsons Public Art Gallery: [www.gibsonspublicartgallery.ca](http://www.gibsonspublicartgallery.ca)
- Sunshine Coast Museum: [www.sunshinecoastmuseum.ca](http://www.sunshinecoastmuseum.ca)
- Skookumchuck Provincial Park

**Libraries:** 1 public library

**Shopping Malls:** 1 mall (Sunnycrest) including clothing and music stores and fast food eateries

**Movie Theatres:** 1 Twin-Screen with more in Vancouver, North Vancouver, or West Vancouver

**High Schools:** 1 Public High School

**Public Transit:** Public bus service in Gibsons and other communities on the Sunshine Coast + BC Ferries to Vancouver Island

**Transit to school may include:** Public bus / School bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [ ° c ]

Ave	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
High	6	8	9	12	16	19	22	22	18	13	9	6
Low	0	1	2	4	8	11	12	13	10	6	3	1

# Discover: SUNSHINE COAST

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AMAZING NATURAL BEAUTY



EASY AND RELAXED LIFESTYLE



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GOOD SCHOOLS WITH FEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



VANCOUVER: 50 km across Horseshoe Bay

Sunshine Coast ... A little piece of paradise!  
[www.sunshinecoast-bc.com](http://www.sunshinecoast-bc.com)

For more than a century, the Sunshine Coast of British Columbia has captured the hearts of both local residents and visitors. Located just north of Vancouver, and accessed by ferry, this region boasts more than 20 provincial parks, lakes, beaches, talented artisans, great food and a lifestyle that make this a great escape from city life. It is said that the people, scenery and temperate climate make this a magical place. Everyone seems to find a little piece of paradise here. Once you have visited, it can be very hard to leave!

**Location:** southwestern British Columbia

**Outdoor Sports:** Boating • Canoeing • Cross-Country Skiing • Cycling • Diving • Fishing • Fly Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Kayaking • Mountain Biking • Rollerblading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Whale & Dolphin Watching • White Water Rafting

**Recreation for students:** Aboriginal Heritage • Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

**Why Sunshine Coast?**

- Beautiful region - mountains and ocean views with relaxed atmosphere
- Amazing natural scenery and outdoor activity
- Mild climate year-round
- Great location for students interested in local art and artisan works
- Small town charm with access to major cosmopolitan city

