

Autumn Family Experience Program Suggestions and Sample Itinerary  
Painted Boat Resort and Marina  
Madeira Park, Pender Harbour, Sunshine Coast

Friday (afternoon/evening)

- Depart Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal (please ensure that you are looking at the fall schedule).
- Possible departures are 3:30/5:30/7:30
- <http://www.bcferries.com/schedules/mainland/vasc-current.html>
- Return ferry reservations are highly recommended to allow for maximum time on Sunshine Coast.
- Depending on timing, dinner may be had on Ferry, en route, or at Painted Boat. (reservations recommended)
- Drive Highway 101 to Painted Boat Resort and Marina (approx 1 hour driving time from Langdale Ferry Terminal)
- Arrive Painted Boat, check in

Saturday

- Breakfast on own in room
- Explore Painted Boat Resort

Activities available at resort include:

Kayak the sheltered waters of Pender Harbour (hourly rental)

Fitness Facility

Infinity Pool (Pool closing for fall and winter seasons September 30<sup>th</sup>)

Hot Tub

Grassy playing field

Kids Playground across the street at the local school

Nature boardwalk adjacent to property

Fall Colour Viewing Activities Nearby include

Arbutus Grove Picnic

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Take the time to explore Francis Point Marine Park at the foot of Merrill Road. From Painted Boat, take Lagoon Road to Francis Peninsula Road. Turn right on Francis Peninsula Rd. for five minutes till you reach Merrill Rd. take a left and follow till the end and you'll see a sign for the park. The grove is about ½ hour to 45 minute hike on an ocean side single track hiking trail to arbutus grove and lighthouse or short easy walk to beach  
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/library/documents/treebook/arbutus.htm>



Tour the Local Galleries of Madeira Park

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Harbour Gallery  
Original Local art, paintings, stained glass, etc.  
Open daily in July and Aug  
Weekends in Sept-October

Copper Sky Gallery and Café  
Downtown Madeira Park in Pender Harbour

FibreWorks Studio and Gallery  
12889 Sunshine Coast Hwy, Madeira Park  
<http://www.gunboatbaylodge.com/fibreworks.html>

Motoko's Original Art  
Fine art studio and Gallery with contemporary art, original paintings, and limited edition prints  
June – Sept 10 – 5 pm  
Closed Tuesday  
Oct-Dec and March-May  
Weekends noon-5 pm  
4590 Sinclair Bay Road, Pender Harbour  
[www.motokoart.com](http://www.motokoart.com)



#### Slocat Tour of Pender Harbour

Daily departures at 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm from the government wharf 5 min walk from Painted Boat. (small groups may be picked up from Painted Boat marina with prior reservations)  
<http://www.slocat.ca/>



#### Saturday evening at Painted Boat

Make reservations for a memorable dinner at The Restaurant at Painted Boat 604-883-3000



## Sunday

- Breakfast on own in room and depart Painted Boat

### Salmon and fall colours viewing on Sunshine Coast

For salmon viewing in the fall, the best place is **Porpoise Bay Provincial Park**.

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/porpoise/>

There is a large, sandy spit where you can see the salmon jumping in the inlet. Also, great walking trails (very easy for families) with bridges to view the large salmon in the streams.

Follow highway 101 30 minutes south until you reach the town of Sechelt. Turn left at the main lights of Wharf Ave and follow to East Porpoise Bay Road. This will turn into Sechelt Inlet Road. Follow to Porpoise Bay Provincial Park (approx 4 kms).

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Allow about an hour at the Provincial Park.

Caretaker John Swens 604-885-3714



Go Back to Highway 101 and continue 1 km south to a Neighbourhood called Selma Park, turn East on Selma Park road and continue to top. Here is a beautiful **Dahlia garden at Gardener's Paradise**. 604-885-9820  
Open Sun/Mon from 1-6 pm and Tues-Sat 9-6.

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The other place to view salmon in the fall is the Salmonoid enhancement Society

Lacated at the **Chapman Creek Fish hatchery** off of Field Road about another km further south. Turn north on Field Road at Wilson Creek Plaza and follow up. Turn left onto 4381 Parkway Drive.

Contact Bob Anstead

[www.scsalmon.org](http://www.scsalmon.org) Open 9-3 pm

Trout fishing \$3 per fish, free tours guided and self guided, salmon viewing platform October 18<sup>th</sup> is Rivers Day event with approx 300-500 participants.

(please note this place is not open on Sundays)

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Continue on south Highway 101 to town of Gibsons for free time to explore quaint seaside village, cafes, and shops.

Return to Langdale, Horseshoe Bay and Vancouver (4:30, 6:30 or 8:20 pm fall sailings)

Reservations recommended

<http://www.bcf ferries.com/schedules/mainland/vasc-current.html>

For extended stays, there is excellent hiking, mountain biking, and excursions to famous Princess Louise Inlet and Sckookumchuck narrows in Sechart Inlet.