

TRIP OVERVIEW

The 2026 55+ Road Trip is headed to Parksville and Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island in May. Two 24-seater coaches will be rented once again, since this is the most economical option.

Tuesday will feature 3 different activity options:

- #1 A daytrip sailing along the majestic Alberni Inlet to historic Bamfield on the heritage MV Frances Barkley
- #2 Coombs, known for its Old Country Market (also known as Goats on the Roof, which features a family of goats living on the roof) and a whale watching tour.
- #3 Coombs, Qualicum Beach, shopping, golfing

Wednesday will feature:

- Wildlife Recovery Centre
- Cathedral Grove
- Little Qualicum Falls
- Picnic at Rathtrevor Park
- French Creek Harbour Tour
- Supper at French Creek Pub

Thursday, on the way home, a lunch stop will be made at beautiful Bridal Falls.

REGISTRATION

Please see either Ruth Bunn or Carmen Vanosch to register and sign up for the various options. Registration with a minimum deposit of \$200 is required by March 1 to secure your spot. Balance of payment due by April 26.

Ways to Pay: cheque, cash or e-transfer

Note:

- Do not put payment in offering box.
- Do not make a payment to the office without first registering.



MV Frances Barkley



Coombs Old Country Market



Commercial fishing vessel to French Creek Harbour

55+ CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE:

Pastor Dave & Ruth Bunn
Gordon & Donna Reeve
Cliff & Orma Bowering
Gary & Joanne Sedlick
Carmen Vanosch

55+ CONNECTIONS 2026 Road Trip

**Parksville
Qualicum Beach
Vancouver Island**



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**Monday - Thursday
May 25 - 28, 2026**

COST BREAKDOWN

****Note: all pricing is per person****

Travel (bus, fuel, ferry):

cost per person (65+):	\$160
add \$40 per person (ferry) if under 65	

Hotel Options:

#1 - double occupancy - 1 king bed	
cost per person:	\$310
#2 - double occupancy - 2 queen beds	
cost per person:	\$315
#3 - single occupancy - 1 king bed	
cost for single occupant:	\$620

Tuesday Excursions:

Option #1	
cost per person:	\$100
Option #2	
cost per person:	\$200

Option #3	your own cost
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Wednesday:

• Wildlife Recovery Centre:	\$ 14
• Picnic Lunch	\$ 5
• French Creek Harbour Tour	

Thursday:

• Picnic Lunch on way home	\$ 5
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Additionally, each person is responsible to pay for 3 suppers (Mon, Tue & Wed) and 2 lunches (Mon & Tue). You may bring a picnic lunch for the first day of travel.

Please see Carmen Vanosch or Ruth Bunn to calculate, fill out & pay for registration.

PROPOSED ITINERARY

May 25 - Monday

8:30	Depart Church
10:45	Merritt - coffee/bathroom break
12:30	Rest Stop for picnic
4:00	Ferry to Nanaimo (it is suggested to eat supper on the ferry)
6:15	Check in to hotel
	Evening Free time to explore - beach walk, mini golf, etc.

May 26 - Tuesday

OPTION #1 (maximum 24 people)

6:00	Breakfast at hotel
6:30	Leave for Port Alberni
7:30	MV Lady Rose to Bamfield
5:15	Head to Parksville
6:15	Supper at the Shady Rest Restaurant
	Evening free time

OPTION #2 (minimum 12 people for pricing)

	Breakfast at hotel
10:00	Coombs (optional)
12:00	Back to hotel - find lunch and get ready for whale watching
1:00	Whale Watching Tour
6:15	Supper at the Shady Rest Restaurant
	Evening free time

OPTION #3

	Breakfast at hotel
10:00	Head to Coombs
12:00	Head to Qualicum Beach for lunch on your own and visit shops or hit Qualicum Beach golf course
4:30	Return to hotel
6:15	Supper at the Shady Rest Restaurant
	Evening free time

PROPOSED ITINERARY

May 27 - Wednesday

6:00-8:30	Breakfast at hotel
9:00	Leave for Wildlife Recovery Centre, Cathedral Grove and Little Qualicum Falls
12:30	Picnic at Rathtrevor
1:45	Return to hotel
2:15	First group leaves for French Creek boat ride on commercial fishing boat
3:15	Second group leaves for French Creek boat ride on commercial fishing boat
4:30	French Creek Harbour and Tour
5:30	Supper at French Creek Pub
7:00	Return to hotel
	Evening free time

Thursday - May 28th

- Breakfast at hotel
- leave hotel
- Ferry to Tsawwassen
- Stop at Bridal Falls for lunch
- Merrit - coffee/bathroom break
- Arrive back at Church

****Please note** that some details and times may be subject to change slightly as details are finalized.**