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Sonora Resort

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SONORA RESORT INVITES guests to design the vacation of their dreams in a Canadian wilderness setting — whether an action-packed adventure or a relaxing spa retreat. Long known as a luxury destination on British Columbia's Inside Passage, the all-inclusive Relais & Chateaux member resort also offers eco-tours for viewing orcas, grizzly bear tours on the

Orford River and salmon fishing adventures. The resort's twin-engine executive Agusta helicopter will whisk up to 15 guests at a time to golf courses, glaciers, ski adventures and hiking anywhere within a 100-mile radius. It also provides first-class transportation to and from Vancouver's airport.

While racquet fans play on the resort's tennis court, golfers travel by heli or Grady-White boat to nearby Storey Creek Golf Course — a consistent presence on *Golf Digest's* Places to Play list. A golf simulator also allows virtual games at 33 top-rated courses. Nine Grady-Whites — including Canada's first 36-foot Grady-White — host salmon-fishing excursions accompanied by expert fishing guides and state-of-the-art fish finders.

Island Currents, the Spa at Sonora, offers 5,300 square feet of unadulterated bliss where

massage rooms and outdoor warm and cool mineral pools overlook the Ocean Rapids. New signature treatments are locally inspired and include such delights as the body-purifying Therapeutic Circuit.

Serenity in the resort's themed lodges takes the form of private suites, cozy common areas, inviting hot tubs and breathtaking views. The decor ranges in theme from Hamptons to Alpine wilderness, accompanied by luxurious linens, goose-down pillows and Serta pillow-top mattresses.

Eagle Rock Lodge, an exclusive four-bedroom retreat, caters to VIPs and small groups with its own executive kitchen, office space and theater. The round glass-enclosed living room, grand piano and stone fireplace make this an exceptional temporary residence.

For larger gatherings, the two-story Innes Conference Centre has meeting rooms,

a boardroom and a full complement of computer equipment. Team-building programs run the gamut from sea kayaking to the Culinary Challenge.

As the day winds down, guests stop by the outdoor grill to watch the sunset. Sheltered for day and night use, the grill hosts specialty cooking events, including visits by Iron Chef America title winner Rob Feenie. At the ocean-view dining room, guests choose from a changing five-course menu of local organic produce and seasonal specialties.

After-dinner hours may find guests lingering over conversation in the piano lounge, playing in the games room or watching movies in the THX theater with surround-sound.

Peruse the gift shop for the resort's own line of clothing, paintings and sculptures by local artists — exquisite one-of-a-kind pieces.



Resort Facts

Location

50 minutes by seaplane or helicopter from Vancouver International Airport, on Sonora Island, British Columbia, Canada

Accommodations

88 rooms and suites

Meeting space

10,000 square feet

Rates

\$400-\$2,000 (all-inclusive, pp/night)

Reservations

604-233-0460; in the U.S. and Canada 888-576-6672; fax 604-233-0465

Dining

The Tye Lodge: All-Inclusive Buffet breakfast, a la carte lunch, a la carte dinner and nightly tasting menus

Amenities

Island Currents Spa and Wellness Center, fitness center, mineral pools, swimming pool, tennis court, games room, movie theater, hiking, kayaking, trout pond, fishing, heli-tours, eco-tours, grizzly bear tours, and nearby golf and whale-watching

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