



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Bear Watching in Tofino and Ucluelet BC

**Q: When is the best time of year for bear sightings?**

A: We see bears from April through October.

**Q: How long does the tour take?**

A: The tour is typically between 2 and 2.5 hours.

**Q: Is there a better time of day for bear sightings?**

A: We set our departure times according to low tide, as that is when the bears come out onto the beaches to find crabs, etc.

**Q: What species of bear will we see? Will we see grizzly bears?**

A: It is very rare to see any grizzlies on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. You will likely see black bears, which are smaller than grizzlies.

**Q: Are the bears aggressive? Is this trip safe?**

A: Yes, this trip is perfectly safe. Black bears are typically shy animals and would rather run than face confrontation. That being said, they can be potentially dangerous if encountered on foot in the wild, especially if they feel threatened. However, we view the bears from a boat and we maintain enough distance so the bears do not feel threatened.

**Q: How close do we get to the bears?**

A: We stay far enough away so as not to bother the bears while they are eating and playing. It is the aim of our professional boat crews to respect these regulations & give the bears plenty of space so that they will return for many years to come. It is our intention that our children's children will be able to view these magnificent animals.

**Q: What should we wear/bring on the tours?**

A: On our larger vessels, layered clothing is recommended. It is always cooler on the water, even in the warm days of summer. For those going on the zodiac, we provide a full length cruiser suit that provides warmth and floatation. It is a good idea to wear a fleece under these suits, a tight fitting hat and enclosed shoes with socks. Also bring your camera, binoculars, sunscreen, gloves, hat, raingear if raining and your good spirits. We are all here to have fun!

**Q: Where are you located?**

A: We're located on the beautiful West Coast of Vancouver Island in the towns of Tofino and Ucluelet. We tour Clayoquot Sound and Barkley Sound. Our address in Tofino is 606 Campbell Street. In Ucluelet, our address is 168 Fraser Lane.

**Q: How much does Bear Watching cost?**

A: Bear watching tour prices vary based on which tour you choose as well your age. Please refer back to the website for more details <http://canadianoutback.com/tofino-bear-watching-tours.php>.

**Q: What time do tours depart?**

A: Departure times vary according to low tides. Please call us directly to check availability 1 800 565 8735 ext 2.