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**BC FERRIES ADDS 90 EXTRA SAILINGS FOR
THANKSGIVING LONG WEEKEND
6 a.m. and midnight departures on select days on Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay route**

VICTORIA – BC Ferries is adding 90 extra sailings for the upcoming Thanksgiving long weekend. Crews on the ships and at the terminals are ready to offer customers a great travel experience.

Between today through Tues., Oct. 10, BC Ferries will provide 82 extra sailings on the Metro Vancouver – Victoria route (Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay), which is the most popular route in the fleet. These extra sailings include 6 a.m. departures on Oct. 6, 7, 9 and 10, as well as midnight departures on Oct. 6 and 9 from both terminals.

BC Ferries has added extra sailings on the Metro Vancouver – Nanaimo route (Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay) at peak times. The company will provide an extra round trip on the Metro Vancouver – Sunshine Coast route (Horseshoe Bay – Langdale) in the evenings of Oct. 6 and 9.

The most popular travel times are expected to be Thursday and Friday afternoons, and Saturday morning for traffic moving from the Tsawwassen and Horseshoe Bay terminals to Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. The busiest day of the long weekend will be Monday, with traffic returning from the Departure Bay, Swartz Bay and Langdale terminals. Duke Point terminal tends to be less congested than Departure Bay, so customers returning to Metro Vancouver from the Nanaimo area may want to consider travelling through the Duke Point terminal.

BC Ferries is working to make popular sailings more accessible during this period. From today through Tues., BC Ferries is offering customers the opportunity to save significantly on more than 100 select early morning and late evening sailings on routes between Metro Vancouver – Vancouver Island and Metro Vancouver – Sunshine Coast over the Thanksgiving long weekend. Standard passenger vehicle and driver fares start as low as \$39 on select sailings between Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay, Tsawwassen – Duke Point and Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay, and \$39 for a return-trip between Horseshoe Bay – Langdale. Sailing schedule details for this promotion can be viewed [here](#).

“The holiday Monday of the Thanksgiving long weekend is traditionally the most popular day of the year for foot passengers,” said Corrine Storey, BC Ferries’ Vice President of Customer Services. “Our teams will be ready to welcome foot passengers at the terminals well in advance of their desired sailing. Passengers with the flexibility may wish to consider travelling before noon on the holiday Monday.”

Parking lots at the major terminals may reach capacity at the height of the weekend so public transit is a popular option for foot passengers.

Southern Gulf Island customers (Salt Spring, Pender, Mayne, Galiano and Saturna Islands) are reminded the holiday Monday schedule will be in effect after 2 p.m. on Oct. 9. Passengers travelling from Tsawwassen to the Southern Gulf Islands also have the option of sailing via Swartz Bay terminal.

BC Ferries recommends that travellers check the website for current conditions before heading to the terminals on the Thanksgiving long weekend and suggests reservations for travellers with a specific sailing time in mind or who want to avoid sailing waits. For customers with vehicle reservations, please inform the ticket agent as this self-identification helps expedite the ticketing process. Foot passenger reservations are also available for customers travelling from Tsawwassen to the Southern Gulf Islands. For schedule details and reservations, visit bcferries.com.

For customers looking to get away this Thanksgiving long weekend, BC Ferries Vacations offers packages that include ferry travel, hotel accommodation and extras. To find out more, visit bcferriesvacations.com or drop by the BC Ferries Vacations Centre in downtown Vancouver at 1010 Canada Place.

BC Ferries looks forward to welcoming you onboard.

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