



World's fastest flowing rapids, the Skookumchuck Narrows, Egmont. Photo: Tourism BC/Dannielle Hayes.

10 degrees Celsius, and summer varies from 18-30 degrees Celsius. The safety and security of a small town with the infrastructure of a major city make it an ideal location to work, live or vacation. Its history as a prosperous forestry community is honoured each year at the Powell River Loggers' Sports Competition with events such as chainsaw carving, axe throwing, and tree-climbing.

Lund

The Pan American highway (the world's longest, also named Highway 101 in parts of the US and Canada), begins in Castro on Chile's south coast and stretches 14,973 kilometres to the public boat ramp beside the fêted Lund Hotel — the end of the road for BC's Highway 101 on the Sunshine Coast. Twenty minutes north of Powell River, Lund offers salmon sport fishing right off the breakwater, as well as a boardwalk, craft shops, cafes and restaurants overlooking the harbour. Founding Swedes Fred and Charles Thulin named the village Lund after the university town in Sweden and built the first licensed hotel north of Vancouver in 1889; today it remains the heart of the hamlet and the gateway to Desolation Sound. Take a water-taxi to Savary Island and don't miss kayaking the Copeland Islands Marine Park, a few miles north of Lund. Locally known as the Ragged Islands, this cluster of islands is an oasis of fertile marine gardens with a diverse range of wildlife. The Raggeds are excellent for day trips, overnights, or as a stopover enroute to Desolation Sound or Cortes Island.



Map: Vancouver, Coast & Mountains Tourism

Desolation Sound

Beyond the end of Highway 101, Desolation Sound Marine Park is BC's largest marine park, with more than 60 kilometres of shoreline and several small islands, bays, and coves. The Sound exceeds 28 degrees Celsius claiming the warmest waters in North America north of the Gulf of Mexico, perfect to swim and scuba dive, while the forested upland offers trails and hidden lakes. Okeover Inlet is quickly becoming one of the premier destinations in Desolation Sound; visit the Laughing Oyster for a dynamite dish of gunpowder



The Laughing Oyster, Okeover Inlet, Desolation Sound. Photo: Tracey Rayson.

prawns and take the secret ingredient home with a pack of Garden Gate gourmet herb & spices by chef Dave Bowes.

The Sunshine Coast is only accessible from the Lower Mainland by water or air. Served by BC Ferries from Horseshoe Bay in West Vancouver, journey 40 minutes to Langdale on the Sechart Peninsula where Highway 101 links Langdale with Garden Bay. For more information please visit:

Sunshine Coast Tourism:

www.sunshinecoastcanada.com

Tourism Powell River:

www.discoverpowellriver.com

Sechart & District Visitor Info Centre:

www.sechartvisitorinfo.com

Vancouver Coast & Mountain Tourism:

www.vcmhc.com

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