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## Bear Mountain

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### The Westin Bear Mountain

On the sunny southern tip of Vancouver Island sits the historic Canadian capital city of Victoria, British Columbia, consistently one of Condé Nast Traveler's most livable places. Truly, the place is fantastic due to its magnificent natural beauty and its allure as a cosmopolitan, yet quaintly historic cultural destination.

Only 20 minutes from downtown Victoria, those in-the-know have discovered the gem of Vancouver Island, Bear Mountain Resort. Rugged, yet pristine, Bear Mountain is on course to become one of the world's finest luxury mountainside resort communities. Not only is the resort Vancouver Island's first Westin Hotel property, it is additionally the only resort in Canada to feature two golf courses of Nicklaus Design.

Rounding out the complete lifestyle experience of this master-planned location are the exquisite restaurants, a premier fitness club, a luxurious spa and a vibrant village, not to mention the wide range of properties and individual housing styles offered for sale. Truly, this destination defines resort living.

### The Westin Bear Mountain

Visitors to Bear Mountain have the opportunity to lodge at Starwood Hotels & Resorts first Westin Hotel property on Vancouver Island. The resort is centered around a village where coffee houses, specialty shops, art galleries, boutiques, bistros, natural open spaces, landscaped parks and an outdoor plaza with year-round activities catering to a vacationer's every whim.

Upon arrival, each guest steps into the Clubhouse, the oasis-style lobby with its towering timber beams, massive stone fireplace and two-story waterfall. Each of the 156 elegantly appointed guestrooms—traditional, one- or two-bedroom suites or a penthouse—features Westin's signature Heavenly Bed and Heavenly Bath with a deep soaker tub, a natural slate floor, Internet access and an amazing view. Traditional rooms enjoy kitchenettes, while suites offer a full kitchen, dining room and separate living area.

### “Haute Cuisine”

If spending time in the kitchen is not your idea of a vacation, never fear. The Westin Bear Mountain has the perfect dining option no matter the time of day. Executive Chef Iain Rennie leads a talented staff dispersed between five fabulous restaurants:

Copper Rock Grill – West Coast fare in a casual dining experience

Panache – a chophouse, affording a more elegant and exclusive option along with a daily dinner menu, showcasing only the highest quality ingredients and best steak you've ever put in your mouth

The Cellar – intimate and private, completing Bear Mountain Resort as one of British Columbia's top culinary destinations and home to over 12,500 bottles of the world's finest wines.

Kuma Sushi – authentic sushi with a modern twist

Jack's Pub – an adults-only sports venue

### **Santé Spa Bear Mountain**

“A votré santé” or “To your health!” is a phrase that conveys the essence of wellbeing and vitality greeting guests at Santé Spa, the Westin Bear Mountain's luxurious relaxing escape. Here visitors select from an extensive menu of spa and esthetic treatments, each of which will soothe the senses, rejuvenate the body and relax the soul. Signature treatments celebrating the bounty of local ingredients and products indigenous to Victoria's coastal waters include a seaweed body wrap using locally harvested seaweed. The elegant Amyris duet suite allows guests to enjoy side-by-side treatments as well as a private fireplace and soaker tub.

A relaxing lounge and fireplace provide a place to sit and read or enjoy a nap. A labyrinth allows a place to wander and quietly meditate. The outdoor mineral pool is the place to have a leisurely soak while you watch the sun set on the surrounding hills.

### **Nicklaus Design Golf**

First and foremost, Bear Mountain Resort is a premiere golf experience—offering guests not just one, but two courses of Nicklaus Design golf. The Mountain Course, co-designed by Jack Nicklaus and his son Steve, and the Valley Course, a Nicklaus Design, together strike the perfect balance between playability and a truly challenging year-round experience for golfers of any skill level.

The Mountain Course is a masterpiece of challenging terrain and spectacular natural beauty. The par-72 course, playing at 7,212 yards, takes full advantage of its setting atop a 1,100-foot mountain as it displays dramatic elevation changes and awe-inspiring views. The Valley course (par 71) plays at a lower elevation and spans approximately 6,807 yards. Together these courses assure Bear Mountain Golf & Country Club its status among the most prestigious golf destinations in the world.

### **Living at Bear Mountain Resort**

Real estate options abound for both residential and vacation ownership. But don't wait long—the project's first 10 phases have already sold out. The high design standards of the community promote a cohesive feel, preserve the integrity of the resort and protect the investment of its buyers. Design guidelines, including height and set back restrictions, exterior finishes, colors and landscaping, encourage creativity so each home feels uniquely special while remaining unified to the community atmosphere.

Real estate offerings at Bear Mountain Resort include great places to call home:

- Gated estate homes – spectacular views, exclusive and grand
- Townhomes – beautifully crafted homes of traditional design and elegant architecture
- Single family lots – a variety of choices to build your own home
- Condominiums – perfect for a second home or a lock and leave residence
- Fractional vacation ownership – offering flexible and hassle free living with a world renowned brand—Westin Hotels & Resorts.

With health and wellness at its heart, this Victorian gem offers a lifestyle with a variety of activities to be enjoyed year-round. Bear Mountain Resort is not just another vacation destination—this is in fact a community nestled on a celebrated coastal oasis amid jutting rocks, roaring rivers, majestic valleys, lush forests and distant white-capped mountain peaks. This is a piece of paradise.

Westin Resort Reservation: toll free 1-888-533-2327; Real Estate: toll free 1-866-391-6100, ext. 1; Web site: [www.bearmountain.ca](http://www.bearmountain.ca).



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Mineral pool, Santé Spa



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