

**Bella Pacifica Resort & Campground** (400 Mackenzie Beach Rd., Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0), 3km (1¾ miles) south of Tofino on the Pacific Rim Highway (☎ 250/725-3400; www.bellapacifica.com), is privately owned. March through November, it has 165 campsites, from which you can walk to Mackenzie Beach or take the resort's private nature trails to Templar Beach. Flush toilets, hot showers, water, laundry, ice, fire pits, firewood, and full and partial hookups are available. Rates are C\$25 to C\$48 per two-person campsite. Reserve at least a month in advance for a summer weekend.

## Where to Dine

Tofino is gaining a reputation for fine dining, with new restaurants opening every year, but it's also a laid-back place where you can grab a bite with the locals. For the best handmade chocolates and gelato on Vancouver Island, visit **Chocolate Tofino** (1180 Pacific Rim Hwy.; ☎ 250/725-2526; www.chocolatetofino.com), about 3.3km (2 miles) south of town at the Live to Surf location next to Groovy Movies.

### EXPENSIVE

**The Pointe Restaurant** ★★★ PACIFIC NORTHWEST Tofino's finest restaurant is perched on the water's edge in the Wickaninnish Inn (see above) with a 280-degree view of the roaring Pacific. The Relais & Château kitchen team deliciously interprets Pacific Northwest cuisine with an array of fresh and locally organic west coast ingredients, including fish, shellfish, lamb, and rabbit; there's a daily vegetarian creation, as well. To sample the best of everything, try the value-packed tasting menu. A recent one included Dungeness crab salad with English pea *panna cotta*, seared albacore tuna with fiddlehead ferns and potato-garlic puree, smoked