

BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA



CHOCOLATE TOFINO

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- ◆ Shop
- ◆ Transport
- ◆ Cafe



The motto at this tiny chocolate maker on Vancouver Island's west coast is 'save the whales – unless they're chocolate', a fitting maxim for a region known for its migrating cetaceans and popular whale-watching excursions. Naturally, among their small-batch handmade goodies, they make whale-shaped chocolates. You can watch the production process in their deliciously aromatic shop. Owners Kim and Cam Shaw relocated from Saskatchewan to the beach town of Tofino to surf and craft chocolate. You'll be glad they did when you sample their 'Island Flavours' trio:

a blackberry buttercream made from locally foraged berries, lavender truffle and wildflower honey ganache (with island-sourced honey). The extra dark 'Midnight Marauder' gelato is perfect for recovering from your adventures on the water.

THINGS TO DO NEARBY

Chesterman Beach

Take a picnic (or your chocolate) to this 2.7-km (1.7-mile) expanse of sand, a Pacific Ocean beach that's popular with surfers. Sunsets seen from here are especially epic.
www.tourismtofino.com

The Wolf in the Fog

Sip a craft cocktail and sample anything with local seafood at this second-floor bistro that serves some of Tofino's most creative dishes.
www.wolfinthefog.com

WILD SWEETS

12191 Hammersmith Way, Unit 2145, Richmond;
www.deduby.com; +1 604-765-9507

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Dominique and Cindy Duby are husband-and-wife pastry chefs and chocolatiers who go a little 'wild' with their creations, crafting one-of-a-kind chocolate designs in their workshop, tucked into an industrial park in the Vancouver suburb of Richmond, near historical Steveston. Several times a year, they host 'Meet The Makers' experiences, where you can taste chocolate at different stages (from roasted cacao beans to cocoa liquor to single origin bars); sample pastries, ice cream, and other chocolate confections; and pair chocolates with wine, beer and spirits.

The rest of the year, they open their 'Atelier' Factory Store to visitors for limited hours (generally on Friday, Saturday and Sunday), where you can see what they're up to. Be sure to sample the bean-to-bar chocolates, crafted in-house.

THINGS TO DO NEARBY

International Buddhist Temple

Recover from your chocolate rush with a stroll through the ornate halls of worship and serene gardens at this Chinese Buddhist temple.
www.buddhisttemple.ca

Mama's Dumplings and Coffee

This Chinese eatery specialises in Shanghai-style pork buns, *xiao long bao* (soup dumplings), plus espresso drinks.
www.mamasdumpling.com