

# 2022 BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Vancouver Island Obon Tour

**Date: August 11 –14, 2022**

**Fee: \$750 per person (Nikkei Internment Survivors)**

**\$800 per person (Others)**

**(based on double occupancy)**

**Registration Deadline: June 30, 2022**

**Maximum Participants: 48 people (priority to BCJSBTF members and to Japanese Canadian Internment survivors)**



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Highlights from the trip include visiting sites in Campbell River, along with Cemetery services in Cumberland, Nanaimo, Chemainus, Duncan and Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria. We will also participate this year in a Bon Odori and fellowship dinner in Nanaimo with the Seven Potatoes Nikkei Society as well as having a fellowship gathering with members of the Cumberland Village Council and the Comox Valley Nikkei Society.

Join us for this special journey of the heart. A trip you won't want to miss.

For registration forms and detailed schedule of weekend events or for more information please contact Rev. Grant Ikuta at [rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca](mailto:rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca), or at the Steveston Buddhist Temple (604) 277-2323.

## **What's Included:**

- Transportation Expenses (Chartered bus will pick us up on Aug. 11 at the Steveston Buddhist Temple. Vehicles may be left over the weekend in our covered parkade at Wisteria Place)
- All meals included
- Hotel for 2 nights in Courtenay, and 1 night in Nanaimo (double occupancy).

(Fee is based on 48 individuals on a 56 seat chartered bus. Price may change slightly once everything is finalized).

Trip Sponsors & Supporters: BCJSBTF, BCJSBTFWF, Nikkei Internment Survivors Health and Wellness Grant, Cumberland Village, Seven Potatoes Nikkei Society, Comox Valley Nikkei Association, Victoria Nikkei Community Society, Ross Bay Old Cemetery Society

BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches Federation

2022 Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery Services

August 11 (Thursday) to August 14 (Sunday)

Date	Time	Location
Aug. 11, Thursday	8:30 AM	Meet at Steveston Buddhist Temple. Pick up and drop off will be at the temple. Chartered Bus will pick us up. Vehicles can be left in covered parkade over the weekend.
	10:15 AM	Departure from Tsawwassen
		[2 hours] Lunch on Ferry (Bento Provided)
	12:15 PM	Arrival at Duke Point (Nanaimo)
		Drive to Courtenay (1.5 hrs. from Duke Point Terminal)
	2:00 PM	Arrive in Cumberland
		Visit Cumberland Museum and Nikkei Townsite before checking in at the Best Western Westerly Hotel in Courtenay
	6:00 PM	Dinner in Courtenay. (Restaurant still to be determined)
Aug 12, Fri.	9:00 AM	Meet in Lobby to go to Campbell River. Please have breakfast finished before this time.
	10:00 AM	Visit Elk Falls in Campbell River
	11:30 AM	Lunch at Quay West Restaurant in Campbell River
	1:30 PM	Visit Campbell River Museum
	3:30 PM	Drive back to Courtenay
	4:00 PM	Free time until dinner
	6:30 PM	Fellowship dinner with Cumberland Village Council restaurant TBD.
Aug 13, Sat	9:30 AM	Please be checked out and ready to go. Breakfast is included with the stay so please eat breakfast on your own before you check out.
	10:00 AM	Cemetery visitation in Cumberland. Japanese Cemetery is located on Union Rd. just south of Cumberland Rd.
	11:30 AM	Obon Cemetery Visitation at Greenwood Cemetery: 5360 Josephine St. Port Alberni
	12:30 PM	Lunch in Port Alberni. Bare Bones Fish & Chips. Port Alberni
	4:00 PM	Obon Cemetery Visitation at Nanaimo Cemetery: 555 Bowen Rd. Nanaimo, BC
	4:30 PM	Bon Odori with Seven Potatoes Japanese-Canadian Society
	5:30 PM	Check into the Best Western Dorchester Hotel in Nanaimo
	6:30 PM	Fellowship dinner with the Seven Potatoes Society Members.
		Restaurant for fellowship dinner still to be determined. Might look into the possibility of holding it at the hotel.

Aug 14, Sun	9:00 AM	Please check out and be ready to go. Breakfast is included
	9:30 AM	Chemainus Cemetery Service 9485 Chemainus Rd.
	10:30 AM	Duncan Cemetery Service in Duncan Corner of Drinkwater Rd. & Somenos Rd.
	12:00 Noon	Lunch at Alderlea Farms at 3390 Glenora Rd. in Duncan
	3:00 PM	Obon Service at Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria 1495 Fairfield Rd.
	6:00 PM	Leave Victoria Swartz Bay back to Tsawwassen Terminal
	7:35 PM	Arrive at Tsawwassen Terminal
	8:10 PM	Arrive back at the Steveston Buddhist Temple

✓ We will try to clean up the memorial monument at each cemetery before or after the service.

Prepared by Rev. Grant Ikuta

As of May 16, 2022

Thursday, August 11      Lunch on Ferry  
Dinner in Courtenay

Friday, August 12      Breakfast at Westerly Hotel  
Lunch at Quay West restaurant in Campbell River  
Dinner with Cumberland Village Council and Nikkei Community  
leaders at TBD.

Saturday, August 13      Breakfast at Hotel  
Lunch at Bare Bones Fish & Chips Port Alberni  
Dinner in Nanaimo with Seven Potatoes Society TBD.

Sunday, August 14      Breakfast at Dorchester Hotel  
Lunch at Alderlea Farms in Duncan  
Dinner on the Ferry

All meals to be provided as part of registration fee.



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### Registration Form

**Registration Fee:** \$750 per person for Nikkei Internment Survivors and \$800 for others (based on double occupancy and 48 people registration. Price may fluctuate slightly depending on final number of participants)

- Included in the fee: Return Bus Fare from Steveston Temple, Ferry Fees, 3 nights hotel accommodations, all meals, and entrance fees at the museums.
- Maximum number of participants will be 48 people and priority will be given to BCJSBTF members and to Nikkei Internment Survivors.
- Proof of vaccination will be requested prior to boarding the bus.
- Detailed schedule for the weekend is printed on the second page of this application form.
- Vehicles may be left over the weekend in our gated parkade at Wisteria Place.

Registrants (Names): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Temple: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for receiving applications will be June 30, 2022. Please send form to Steveston Buddhist Temple, Attn: Rev. Grant Ikuta (604) 273-0313) or email: [rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca](mailto:rev.ikuta@steveston-temple.ca). Cheque payable to Steveston Buddhist Temple, 4360 Garry Street, Richmond, BC, V7E 2V2, Tel: (604) 277-2323 by June 30, 2022.

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