



**TOP AND MIDDLE LEFT:** Tofino's rustic-chic style is evident at the restaurant Wolf in the Fog, which includes a wolf sculpture made from driftwood. **MIDDLE:** Kuma, a restaurant that serves modern Japanese comfort food in an equally modern setting, opened earlier this year. **BOTTOM:** Caravan Beach Shop specializes in hip beach and camping gear.



**TOFINO,  
VANCOUVER ISLAND,  
BRITISH COLUMBIA**



"Tofino is about as far west as you can go in Canada. It's at the end of the highway on Vancouver Island's west coast, on the edge of one of the world's largest tracts of temperate rainforest. And there is definitely an end-of-the-road culture here. I spent summers in Tofino a dozen years ago as a 20-something, and since I moved here full-time in 2010, there's been an influx of young creative folks who are launching the town's current restaurant and retail boom. **Caravan Beach Shop** is a little place with great beach and camp-inspired lifestyle stuff. A contemporary shop called **Merge** just opened, featuring the work of local artisans. New restaurants such as **Kuma**—which I designed with a pared-down Japanese aesthetic but with coastal warmth (see page 98 for more)—and the **Fish Store and Oyster Bar** have a clean, minimal look. **Wolf in the Fog** restaurant has artfully detailed lighting, and a lot of the building's materials are reclaimed.

There are standout architectural spots here. Instead of the standard saltbox house on the water, people add cool, modern touches. **Cougar Annie's** has a beautiful garden and outbuildings for which the owner hand-milled every plank. I designed our own cabin, **Lucky Eagle Guest Lodge**, utilizing reclaimed materials throughout—an old dock became the house's stilts and bedframes, for example. We rent it out on Airbnb so people can experience Tofino's amazing cabin culture for themselves."

—LAUREN AIKENS, FOUNDER, FLO DESIGN



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