



Monuments to Cultural Heritage

Totem poles, like these at Alert Bay on Cormorant Island, are significant cultural and historical symbols for the Indigenous peoples of Canada's Pacific Coast. These totem poles can depict myths, legends, and important community events, as well as the social status and power of a family or clan. Alert Bay is also home to the world's tallest totem pole, which stands an impressive 173 feet (53 meters) in height (above).