

Ports & Excursions



Victoria, British Columbia

Victoria exudes old-world charm and fragrant and colorful flowers are everywhere. Founded in 1843 by James Douglas of the Hudson's Bay Company, the city was first known as Fort Victoria. By 1848, Vancouver Island was a British colony and Victoria was its capital.

In 1858, Victoria was a tent city and the base for some 25,000 prospectors on their way to the Fraser River gold fields. When Vancouver Island was incorporated with mainland British Columbia in 1868, Victoria became the capital of the entire province.

Although it's a port city, Victoria is not as industrially oriented as Vancouver. The harbors, especially Inner Harbour, are dotted with pleasure craft, ferries and floatplanes. The city is renowned for its beautiful gardens, charming houses and very British feel.

Points of Interest

1 Butchart Gardens

Victoria's most popular attraction, this 55-acre floral wonderland features themed botanical gardens, meandering pathways, refreshing fountains, exquisite foliage, and magnificent bronze statues.

2 Legislative Buildings

Home to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, these magnificent buildings, constructed in 1893, honor Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In the evening, they are illuminated by 3,000 light bulbs.

3 Fairmont Empress Hotel

Situated over the Inner Harbour, this National Historic Site of Canada is one of Victoria's oldest and most famous hotels and has become an iconic symbol for the city itself.

4 Beacon Hill Park

This lush, 62-acre oasis is the crowning jewel in Victoria's park system. A haven for wildlife, birds, and outdoor enthusiasts, the grounds are a combination of landscaped and natural beauty.

5 Victoria Butterfly Gardens

This 12,000-square-foot enclosure is a tropical paradise filled with a multitude of free-flying butterflies. Discover life in this lush habitat, home to rare birds, koi ponds, and breathtaking jungle foliage.

6 Craigdarroch Castle

A Canadian National Historic Site, this Victorian-era castle was built between 1887-1890. Explore this restored estate, marvel at the antiques and furnishings, and stroll the opulent grounds.

7 Victoria Pubs

Pubs are a popular place to relax and hoist a few, and downtown Victoria boasts a number of them. Take your pick, from the traditional English-style to those with a uniquely Canadian atmosphere.

8 Whale Watching

See killer whales in their natural habitat! During a thrilling harbor cruise, you'll be on the look out for these majestic creatures, as well as be able to spot seals, sea lions and porpoises.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Special Interests



High Tea at the Empress Hotel & City Highlights
YYJ-300 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit:

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You will see:

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2.5 hours

from \$99.95

Admire Victoria's scenic splendor on a guided driving tour celebrating its most treasured sights. Stop for photographs at a variety of viewpoints and soak up the old world charm of this historical city. Then, experience the luxury and tradition of "taking tea" at the renowned Fairmont Empress Hotel.



West Coast Dining at the Empress Hotel
YYJ-303 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit:

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You will see:

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2.75 hours

from \$115.95

Bring your appetite for food and history to the elegant Empress Hotel, one of the city's oldest and most famous hotels. As you dine over a West-Coast inspired meal, enjoy hearing stories about the famous and the infamous who have walked the halls of this treasured landmark.



Off the Beaten Path
Olive the Senses Tasting & City Highlights Tour
YYJ-305 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will see:

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2.5 hours

from \$59.95

Take a scenic tour of Victoria and see some of the city's most popular landmarks. Then enjoy a tasty twist on the humble olive with a trip to Olive the Senses. Try olive oil ice cream, sample aged balsamic vinegar "caviar" pearls and indulge in dark chocolate balsamic vinegar.



Most Popular
Enchanting Butchart Gardens
YYJ-310 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit:

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3.5 hours

from \$69.95

An extraordinary world emerges at dusk as hundreds of hidden lights transform famous Butchart Gardens into a fairyland scented with summer blooms. A guided city tour transports you to this wonderland of themed gardens, spacious lawns and meandering pathways, gracefully illuminated with a variety of colored lights and magical effects.



Butchart & Butterfly Gardens
YYJ-330 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit:

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4 hours

from \$85.95

Visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens, one of Victoria's most popular sights and marvel at this celebrated attraction, a 55-acre nature lover's paradise with themed gardens, spacious lawns. Also featured is the exotic Victoria Butterfly Gardens a spectacular, color-drenched habitat that houses a multitude of butterflies, tropical flowers, birds and fish in a warm, lush setting.



English Tea at Butchart Gardens
YYJ-340 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit:

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4 hours

from \$119.95

Travel to Butchart Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada, through the lovely Saanich Peninsula on this scenic, guided tour. Explore the magnificent 55 acres of fragrant blossoms, lush foliage, meandering paths and waterways. Then, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea served in the original Butchart family home.



Discovery Exclusive: Butchart Gardens, Wine, Chocolate & Edible Petals
YYJ-355 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit:

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You will see:



4 hours

from \$159.95

Indulge your senses in an unforgettable journey of sight, scent and taste with a visit to Butchart Gardens. After feasting your eyes on the beauty of Victoria's most interesting sights you'll travel to the famed gardens for a self-guided tour followed by scrumptious treats at the Blue Poppy Restaurant.



Secret Garden & Teahouse Experience
YYJ-360 | Victoria, British Columbia



2 hours

from \$59.95

Enjoy a peaceful escape strolling in one of the city's premier gardens. Measuring just one acre, the enchanting Abkhazi Garden is home to rhododendrons, oak trees, a flowing lawn, and flowering shrubs. Then, admire the magnificent views from the teahouse home of the Prince and Princess while relaxing with English tea and scones.



Victoria Pub Tour
YYJ-370 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit:

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3.75 hours

from \$99.95

Victoria is known for its historic buildings, and breathtaking scenery, but there is a secret treasure that only the locals know about and few visitors have had the pleasure to experience - the pubs! Tour a variety of downtown Victoria's most popular establishments on this thirst-quenching excursion. Cheers!



Discovery Exclusive: Aviation Museum & Sea Cider Tasting
YYJ-372 | Victoria, British Columbia



3.75 hours

from \$94.95

Explore Canada's aviation history and sip freshly made local organic cider in this delightful half-day tour. A scenic motorcoach ride takes you first to the British Columbia Aviation Museum and then to Sea Cider Farm and Cider House, where you will learn about cider-making and sample their wares.



Discovery Recommended: Intimate Art & Wine Event
YYJ-375 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will see:

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3 hours

from \$139.95

Have fun exploring your creative side with an exclusive art and wine event at the Robert Bateman Center, a gallery devoted to one of Canada's premier artists. After a scenic city tour, you'll head to Victoria's Inner Harbour and an evening of creating your own work of art.



A Stroll Through Victoria
YYJ-385 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit:

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You will see:

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2 hours

from \$39.95

Stretch your legs and your imagination on a guided walk blending stunning scenery with Victoria's man-made treasures. Behold the beauty of the Olympic Mountains as you stroll along the seawall. Gaze upon the Inner Harbour from Beacon Hill Park then roam past the Legislative Buildings and Royal British Columbia Museum.

Sightseeing & City Tours



Craigdarroch Castle, Mt. Tolmie & City Highlights
YYJ-100 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit:

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You will see:

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3 hours

from \$59.95

A fully narrated motorcoach tour introduces you to charming Victoria, this capital city with British style located on Vancouver Island. View the celebrated sights including a photography stop on dramatic Mt. Tolmie, overlooking the city's skyline and the Olympic Peninsula Mountains. Then, explore historic Craigdarroch Castle, completed in 1890, featuring 39-exquisitely preserved rooms.



Double-Decker City Highlights Tour
YYJ-110 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will see:

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1.5 hours

from \$39.95

Climb aboard an air-conditioned double-decker bus and experience the old-world charm of this delightful capital city. Photo opportunities abound as your tour winds through celebrated sights such as Chinatown, Old Town, Beacon Hill Park, Marine Drive, Antique Row, Fisherman's Wharf, the majestic Legislative Buildings and the lovely Inner Harbour.



Victoria by Horse-Drawn Trolley
YYJ-120 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will see:

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1 hours

from \$49.95

Experience the beauty of Victoria by horse-drawn trolley, a timeless tradition and wonderful way to view this historic city. Your fully narrated tour winds its way through the charming streets of Victoria, revealing stunning architectural monuments, gracious homes, exquisite gardens and cultural points of interest.



Parliamentary Lunch & City Highlights
YYJ-130 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit: **2**

You will see: **3**



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hours

from **\$99.95**

Enjoy a leisurely lunch in the Legislative Dining Room at Victoria's iconic Parliament Building. Following lunch, set off on a guided tour through the impressive 120-year-old Neo-Baroque building. Visit the gift shop for souvenirs and wander through the lovely gardens before rejoining your coach for a brief city tour.

Nature & Wildlife



Ocean Wildlife & Orca Exploration Cruise
YYJ-600 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will visit: **8**

You will see: **2**



3
hours

from **\$125.95**

The waters surrounding Victoria are a haven for seals, sea lions, porpoises and numerous species of marine birds. Experience the thrill of searching for marine wildlife, including killer whales, on this exhilarating high-speed boating excursion. Although nature gives no guarantees, the tour operators have a 90% whale sighting success rate.

Exploring on Your Own



Victoria Express
YYJ-999 | Victoria, British Columbia

You will see: **2** **3**



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hours

from **\$10.00**

Whether you take one of the exciting shore excursions while visiting Victoria or choose to browse the area on your own, our express service is ideal for getting to and from town.