

Activities

GOLF

With a climate that encourages golfing year-round, Victoria is a golfer's paradise. Just imagine playing on rolling coastlines, framed by stately evergreen trees, accompanied by an ocean view!

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Looking for the adventure of a lifetime? We have it all! Take a look at some of the many options we have to offer:

HIKING

Victoria offers easy access to miles of scenic hiking trails that lead you through old-growth forests, along ocean shores and up mountains. From short, hourly excursions to multi-day treks, hiking in Victoria and on the Island will challenge your physical fitness and reward your spirit.

CICLYING

The Galloping Goose Trail is an excellent paved pathway through Greater Victoria ideal for cycling. Constructed upon the old Canadian National Railroad, the trail is wide and has gradual grades suitable for all levels. Shared by pedestrians and cyclists alike, the 125 km trail connects housing districts, farm land and shopping areas.

KAYAKING AND CANOEING

One of the most peaceful ways to experience Victoria is by kayak or canoe. Whether you are new to paddling or are looking for an exciting adventure, allow our local guides to introduce you to some of the prime areas to kayak and canoe. These vessels allow you to view the Island from a unique vantage point and venture into many places inaccessible by boat or car.

DIVING

The waters of Victoria are a diver's paradise! National Geographic Magazine recognizes Vancouver Island as one of the best cold-water diving destinations in the world. From multi-day charters to equipment rentals and expert advice and resources, local dive shops and operators are available to make every dive trip a memorable one.

MARINE WILDLIFE AND WHALE WATCHING

The straits surrounding Victoria are home to three resident pods of orcas (killer whales). Whale watching tours can be taken out of Victoria's Inner Harbour as well as from several other communities on Vancouver Island. For a holiday memory that will never be forgotten, experience the mystical beauty of the wild inhabitants of Victoria's waters.

CULINARY

Using the freshest local ingredients and flavours that reflect the Pacific Northwest, a number of fine dining restaurants, hotels and specialty food shops have put Victoria on the culinary map. Embark on a culinary-themed educational tour to a herb farm, cheese factory or take part in a private cooking lesson in a local chef's kitchen. Visit our many breweries, including Canada's oldest licensed brewpub, and wet your whistle sampling award-winning ales, lagers and stouts. Vancouver Island's wineries, cideries and meaderies are internationally recognized and respected.



AFTERNOON TEA

Victoria has perfected the ritual of afternoon tea. There are dozens of fine tearooms, from grand and formal to charming and rustic, where you can raise a cup, whether at a number of fashionable hotels, cozy, parlour-sized tea spots tucked away in a quiet neighbourhood, or out in the countryside.

HERITAGE, ARTS & CULTURE

Originally established in the 1850's as a British colony, Victoria is one of the oldest cities in Western Canada. Let a local expert take your group on a walking tour to learn about the many fascinating heritage buildings and attractions that evoke Victoria's colourful past.

Full of colorful characters and enthralling tales, the city's history is carefully preserved in our many historic sites, museums and heritage buildings. Victoria has several exceptional museums, rated among the very best in North America. Whether your interest is military, maritime or aviation history, First Nations culture, pioneer stories or marine mammals, Victoria's museums will capture your imagination with exciting exhibits that bring human and natural history to life.

Victoria's Chinatown came to be in the late 1850's and is the oldest in Canada and the second oldest in North America. A tour of this neighbourhood will include stories of opium manufacturing, gambling, a stroll through the narrowest street in Canada and tall tales of secret tunnels leading to The Fairmont Empress.

You can feel the pulse of a city through its arts and entertainment. As British Columbia's capital city, Victoria is alive with culture, boasting a year-round schedule of cultural entertainment bursting with talent. Experience live theatre, art exhibits, music concerts, summer festivals and film; Victoria has a genre of entertainment to entice anyone!

GARDENS AND PARKS

With the mildest climate in Canada, Victoria and its gardens are in bloom year-round. From the perfectly-groomed grounds of The Butchart Gardens to nearly every city park and neighbourhood, it is evident why Victoria is world renowned as the City of Gardens. Victoria's parks offer visitors and residents an escape from the hustle and bustle of urban life.

SHOPPING & SPA

Browse quaint shops, local markets and major shopping malls to find your heart's desire. Victoria offers everything from antiques, to the wares of local artisans and the designs of the hippest trendsetters. The city's layout encourages strolling and exploring our many side streets, cobblestone squares and alleys at a leisurely pace.

Whether you spent your day hard at work or enjoying the many sights and activities Victoria has to offer, take time out to pamper yourself in one of Victoria's many intimate spas. With a range of services designed to rejuvenate, calm and invigorate, indulge your senses and enhance your health, while you relax, de-stress and have fun.

