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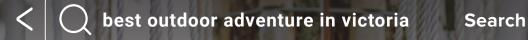
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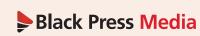
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WELCOME to Greater Victoria

On behalf of Destination Greater Victoria, the official tourism bureau of Greater Victoria, we are grateful that you have chosen to explore our destination. We are hopeful that this guide will assist you to plan, enjoy and make the most of your vacation.

Destination Greater Victoria is honoured to have our offices located on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples of the Songhees Nation and Esquimalt Nation, whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

In these pages you will find some interesting articles and themes showcasing the many different experiences on offer in Greater Victoria. In addition, there are helpful listings of our member businesses, maps and planning tips. We encourage you to explore the many neighborhoods and communities in our home as we know that connecting into a community can be immensely rewarding as a traveller. Should you wish for in-depth help or assistance, please visit Destination Greater Victoria's Visitor Centre located on the iconic Inner Harbour at 812 Wharf Street. There, our friendly, professionally trained staff and volunteers can assist you in experiencing Greater Victoria.

Finally, sustainability is at the core of everything we do in Greater Victoria. It is a core value of our community and, as citizens and businesses, how we choose to live in our beautiful home. We encourage all visitors to travel responsibly. More information, guidance, and tips on how to visit responsibly are available on our website: https://www. tourismvictoria.com/sustainable-victoria. Wishing you a wonderful visit to Greater Victoria.

Paul Nursey CEO, Destination Greater Victoria



FLOWER POWER

Your guide to the City of Gardens

BY JENNIFER BLYTH

rom the good-natured blossom counting Greater Victoria conducts each winter – who doesn't have flowers blooming in February, after all? – to the undulating cultivated beds guiding enthusiasts through destinations like The Butchart Gardens, there's no doubt about our place as "The City of Gardens."

Do we gloat about it? Maybe just a little, as others are

still digging out from the snow, but know that it's all in fun, and we truly want you to come discover the joy of the garden throughout the seasons.

In fact, no matter when you visit Greater Victoria, you'll find something interesting and inspiring. Come join us on a tour of some of the region's most beautiful spaces, along with other must-visit destinations along the way...



THE **BUTCHART** GARDENS

The world-renowned garden that virtually needs no introduction is The Butchart Gardens – 55 acres of beautifully cultivated gardens whose beauty emerged from a former gravel quarry. The National Historic Site delights gardeners and enthusiasts year-round, from January's Spring Prelude, right through its magical holiday display, the 12 Days of Christmas.

In between you'll find countless tulips, daffodils and hyacinths presenting a riot of colour and fragrance, the summer Rose Garden, Night Illuminations, Saturday night summer fireworks, robust late summer borders and autumn's magic coming alive through the Japanese maples.

Enjoy a ride on the Rose Carousel and enjoy a snack or meal at one of several restaurants on site. Visit butchartgardens.com to learn more.



GARDENS | THE SAANICH PENINSULA

VICTORIA BUTTERFLY GARDENS

Take your garden touring inside with a visit to this tropical oasis just a few minutes' drive from The Butchart Gardens and 10 minutes from the town of Sidney. Not only will you walk amid thousands of tropical butterflies, plus poison dart frogs, tortoises, iguanas, flamingos, birds and other creatures – all rescues, donations or adoptions – you'll do so amid lush tropical trees and shrubs, brightly coloured flowers, carnivorous plants and fruits of the world. Visit butterflygardens.com





The Japanese garden at the Gardens at HCP

THE GARDENS AT **HCP**

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Victoria's garden for gardeners, and home to the Pacific Horticulture College, the Gardens at the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific feature more than nine acres of cultivated gardens on a 103-acre site about 20 minutes from downtown Victoria.

Set in a conservation park with nature trails, wetlands and bird watching sites, find year-round interest in its winter garden, Japanese-style Takata garden, zen garden, rhododendron garden, heather garden and children's garden, along with perennial borders, lilies, hardy fuchsias, herbs and more.

Among the gardens' unique features is its Bonsai Garden, with more than 60 trees on display. In addition to many species native to Vancouver Island, find exotics like Japanese maple, larch and black pine, Hornbeam, Hinoki cypress and Shimpaku juniper. Plan your visit at hcp.ca

Make a day of it

The Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea – Located on the Sidney waterfront, this is Canada's only aquarium and cultural centre dedicated exclusively to the Salish Sea Bioregion, sharing the natural beauty and ecological diversity of the local ocean through 28 aquarium habitats. The Centre is also home to a rare, intact killer whale skeleton, a collection of Coast Salish art and various family-friendly attractions. Info: salishseacentre.org

Elk/Beaver Lakes – Two of the Capital Region's most popular swimming and paddling lakes are located within one regional park. Find swimming beaches at both Elk and Beaver lakes, along with playgrounds, a fishing dock and summer water equipment rentals near Hamsterley Beach. Walkers and trail runners can also enjoy a 10-kilometre loop trail. Info: crd. bc.ca/parks

BC Aviation Museum – Continue along the Saanich Peninsula toward the Victoria International Airport to this favourite destination for aviation buffs of all ages. Learn about aircraft and aviation history through aircraft dating from 1910, informative displays and hands-on activities for younger visitors. Info: bcam.net

BEACON HILL PARK

If you're only downtown for a short time, Beacon Hill Park offers a snapshot of many of the region's gardens in one 200-acre space within easy walking distance from most downtown hotels and the Inner Harbour.

Formally established in 1882, Beacon Hill Park features a mix of manicured gardens, ponds, Garry oak meadows and recreation areas, including several playgrounds and a water park. The land also holds significant cultural, historical and sacred significance for the Lekwungen People, known today as Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation.

Highlights for gardeners include the formal flower beds, the rock and alpine garden, and naturalized local ecosystems, including spring's bloom of purple camas. Near the south entrance to the park, look for the 39-metre Story Pole, carved by a team led by Kwakiutl tribal chief Mungo Martin and erected in 1956. Behind the Cameron Bandshell, on the Douglas Street side of the park, find the Moss Lady sculpture, inspired by the Mud Maiden in England's Lost Gardens of Heligan.

Make a day of it

Beacon Hill Children's Farm – Located in Beacon Hill Park, the farm has delighted generations of locals and visitors alike with their pot-bellied pigs, donkeys, alpacas and more, including the highlight for many, the baby goats born each spring. Info: beaconhillchildrensfarm.ca

Craigdarroch Castle – Built by wealthy coal baron Robert Dunsmuir, this National Historic Site is a stunning example of Victorian architecture, with its exquisite stained-glass windows, woodwork and period antiques. Climb 87 steps up the grand oak staircase to the tower for great views over Victoria, and check the calendar for special events through the year. Info: thecastle.ca

Art Gallery of Greater Victoria -

Boasting close to 20,000 works of art, the Gallery has the largest public collection in B.C., including contemporary art, significant works produced in this region, and art representing the region's histories. Enjoy rotating exhibitions throughout the year along with a variety of special events. Info: aggv.ca



THE GARDENS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

While Government House – the official residence of British Columbia's Lieutenant Governor – may not be open for public visits, the 36-acre grounds surrounding it are, and for free. Located in the Rockland neighbourhood, and featuring a beautiful mix of formal gardens and a rare Garry oak ecosystem, the gardens are open daily from dawn to dusk.

After their original design in 1911, a 1957 fire led to the gardens' reimagining in a traditional English style. Since the 1990s, they've been maintained by a committed group of volunteers, with various improvements undertaken by subsequent lieutenant governors, including a network of largely accessible paths.

No matter what season you visit, you'll find something to capture the imagination, but the late spring bloom of rhododendrons and azaleas is especially lovely, as are the rose garden, English country garden and herb garden in summer.

During the summer months you can also visit the Cary Castle Mews Interpretive Centre and Tea Room to learn more about this National Historic Site. Learn more at ltgov.bc.ca

ABKHAZI GARDEN

"The garden that love built," this urban oasis boasts a story as beautiful as its gardens.

Located in the Fernwood community, a residential neighbourhood adjacent to downtown, the one-acre heritage garden was begun in 1946 by Prince and Princess Abkhazi, cultivating a design that embraces its majestic Garry oak trees and rocky outcroppings.



Abhazi Garden

Second World Wars in Paris, where Prince Nicholas Abkhazi was living in exile following the Bolshevik Revolution. Staying in touch through the years, when war broke out, the prince enlisted with the French army and was soon captured, while Peggy Pemberton-Carter spent the time in captivity in Shanghai. With the war's end in 1945, they married and settled in Victoria.

Today, long-established Japanese maples, rhododendrons and perennials bring colour throughout the season, while newer plantings respect and enhance the Abkhazis' original vision and sophisticated design. After strolling through the garden, enjoy lunch or afternoon tea at The Teahouse at Abkhazi Garden, in the family's original home. Plan your visit at abkhaziteahouse.com

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FINNERTY GARDENS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

The 6.5-acre Finnerty Gardens, located on the UVic campus, shares one of Canada's best collections of rhododendrons among its more than 4,000 different trees and shrubs.

More than 1,500 rhododendrons and azaleas thrive amid mature coastal trees and companion plants, whose selection was carefully planned to provide year-round colour, scent, form and texture. Accessible paths weave throughout garden areas and past three tranquil ponds. Finnerty Gardens is open daily and admission is free. A map is available for download at uvic.ca/finnerty



Finnerty Gardens, at the University of Victoria

Make a day of it Mt. Tolmie - Across from

Mt. Tolmie – Across from Finnerty Gardens is Mt. Tolmie. Explore this natural park by foot, getting your steps in as you hike the 120-metre elevation to the summit, or drive up and enjoy the 360-degree views of the city from the top. Info: saanich.ca/parks

Oak Bay Village – In the heart of the municipality of Oak Bay, the walkable Village is an inviting collection of shops, restaurants and galleries perfect for browsing, or extend your walk to the waterfront and Oak Bay Marina. Info: visitoakbayvillage.ca

Cadboro Bay – Fancy a beach day? Chill out while the kids run off steam at one of the region's best! Walking distance from UVic, Cadboro-Gyro Park offers a wide sandy beach overlooking Cadboro Bay, playing fields and the most unique playground in the city, all steps from Cadboro Bay Village, with its collection of shops and restaurants. Info: saanich.ca/ parks, cadborobayvillage.ca



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Make a day of it

Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites – Between the Colwood waterfront and Esquimalt Harbour, this Parks Canada site features a 19th-century artillery fortress (on active duty from 1895 to 1956), and Fisgard Lighthouse, the oldest lighthouse on Canada's West Coast. Info: parks.canada.ca/ lhn-nhs/bc/fortroddhill

Malahat SkyWalk – Vancouver Island's newest attraction features an award-winning accessible, 600-metre tree walk through the forest to a gentle spiral ramp climbing 32 metres to a sightseeing lookout offering views of Finlayson Arm, Saanich Peninsula, Mount Baker and the distant Coast Mountains. Enjoy interpretive displays, art, special events and other features. Info: malahatskywalk.com

GARDENS | THE WEST SHORE



GARDENS AT **HATLEY PARK** NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Spring gardens at Hatley Castle, in Victoria's West Shore community.

Built by James Dunsmuir, whose parents built Craigdarroch Castle near downtown Victoria, Hatley Castle is the centrepiece of this National Historic site, currently home to Royal Roads University. Rest assured, the gardens are also spectacular. Among the finest surviving Edwardian gardens in Canada, stroll through Italian and rose gardens, enjoy the restful design of the Japanese garden, or explore 15 kilometres of walking and hiking trails through old growth forest.

At the bottom of the property is a protected migratory bird sanctuary with views across the Juan de Fuca Strait to the Olympic Mountains. Plan your visit at hatleypark.ca

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In the end, it's just a lot of fun.

"In Victoria we have a children's course for

little ones five years of age and up, and four adventure courses with increasing levels of difficulty," Craats says. "They get higher up into the trees and more exciting as you advance through the levels, but all are completely safe."

That safety is ensured by an ingenious system that combines a harness with continuous belay lines that guarantee participants' safety. "People are never unclipped from the lines, and no, they can't fall."

Beyond the lower age limit for children, and an upper weight limit of 300 pounds, Craats says that there are no limits to the adventures – they've even had 80-year-olds do the course as a birthday celebration. The Victoria location has no bungee jump, but thrill-seekers can do the 40-foot jump off a tree-top platform. (Don't worry, the belaying line slows you down for a soft landing.)

For more information, visit WildPlay.com.





EXPLORING Victoria's Chinatown

Where historic treasures and modern delights go hand in hand

BY JENNIFER BLYTH

n the heart of Victoria's Old Town is a collection of colourful streetscapes, intriguing alleyways and vibrant shops and restaurants that together form the city's Chinatown neighbourhood. A favourite destination for both locals and visitors for its historical, cultural and culinary opportunities, the community is unique in North America for several reasons: Not only is it the oldest surviving Chinatown in Canada, and second only to San Francisco, Calif. in all of North America, but it also retains its 19th century streetscape.

Designated as a National Historic Site of Canada in 1995, Chinatown's history is fully intertwined with the history of Victoria and British Columbia as a whole.

Its first Chinese residents settled in the mid-1800s as the city became a hub for fortune-seekers drawn by the prospects of the Gold Rush farther north. Victoria, previously settled as a hub for the Hudson's Bay Company, soon became a place for gold miners and others to stop on their journey north.

For Chinese immigrants, that stop was Victoria's Chinatown, a stand-alone community of homes, shops, schools and entertainment, in addition to organizations like the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. In fact, "for nearly three decades before the Canadian Pacific Railway was completed, Victoria was the first port of entry of most Chinese immigrants and remained an important enclave until after World War II," notes Parks Canada in its heritage designation.

Like newcomers from other countries, some Chinese immigrants settled in Victoria, while others stopped briefly on their way to work in railroad construction, mining or logging, for example. However long they stayed, their story is part of what makes Chinatown the community it is in 2023.



CHINATOWN TODAY

"There's something so special about Victoria's Chinatown," says Melissa Lee, CEO of the Chinese Canadian Museum, noting that British Columbia's diverse Chinese community has many links to the southern Vancouver Island community.

In 1858, 30 per cent of B.C. immigrants were Chinese. Fast forward to today, and many who come to view two exhibits in the museum's temporary Fan Tan Alley exhibit space, on the ground floor of the historic Hoy Sun Association building, share personal connections, Lee says.

Produced by Chinese Canadian Museum and the Victoria Chinatown Museum Society, First Steps: Chinese Canadian Journeys in Victoria highlights important starting points for Chinese Canadians in Victoria, with intergenerational resilience and agency shared through stories of community support, entrepreneurship and personal accomplishment.

The second exhibit, Gold Mountain Dream!, produced by the Royal BC Museum in collaboration with the Canadian Museum of History, examines the personal stories and sacrifices of early Chinese migrant workers who came to B.C. in search of prosperity during the Fraser Valley Gold Rush. Photographs share the adventure, heartbreak and social upheaval that would impact the development of British Columbia and China.

On July 1 – also Canada Day – the Chinese Canadian Museum will recognize a less auspicious, but equally important anniversary:

The 100th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act, which banned Chinese emigration to Canada until 1947. The Act meant that many who had paid the discriminatory "head tax" in place between 1885 and 1923, and saved so their families could join them in Canada, were suddenly unable to do so.

"Preserving our history gives us an opportunity to reflect back on the past and where we are now," Lee says.

Experiencing it, whether through the lens of personal family history or a shared Canadian history, can be significant for visitors. "They have a larger understanding about what Canadian identity is and what it is to be Canadian, and a large part of that is the Chinese Canadian community and the events of the mid-1800s," Lee says.

Beyond the Victoria museum space, visitors have so many more reasons to explore this unique destination.

The Gate of Harmonious Interest is an oft-photographed sculptural entry to lower Fisgard Street, installed by the City of Victoria and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association in 1981.

Standing more than 11 metres (38 feet) high at the corner of Fisgard and Government streets, the gate features two hand-carved stone lions, gifts from Victoria's twin city of Suzhou, China, guarding either side of the elaborately detailed red and gold gate. You'll also spot two inscriptions – "To work together with one heart" and "To help each other achieve harmony" – recognizing the Chinese and non-Chinese communities that came together on the project, as well as a plaque bearing the names of 61 Chinese Canadians who fought and died for Canada in the Second World War.



Other interesting artworks to watch for in Chinatown include the Bright Pearl Sculpture, opposite the gates on Government Street, the Red Dragon sculpture by Ping Tsing, on the corner of Pandora and Government streets, and several murals depicting early Chinatown scenes.

Beyond the historic buildings and artwork, Chinatown is also known for another unique feature: Fan Tan Alley – the narrowest commercial street in North America, at less than one metre (3 feet) wide at its narrowest point.

Stretching between Fisgard and Pandora streets, just steps from the Gate, the alley was originally a gambling district, and is now home to a variety of interesting shops, restaurants and galleries, along with the Chinese Canadian Museum and some terrific photo possibilities! Across Fisgard street from Fan Tan Alley is Dragon Alley, sharing a similar history and feel, but with a slightly more modern atmosphere. Look for the large dragon sign marking its entrance.

While Chinese culture and history remain at the heart of Victoria's Chinatown, still a favourite for traditional cuisine, fresh ingredients and unique shops, the community weaves a broader multi-cultural story today, reflective in many ways of that evolving tapestry that is Victoria, British Columbia and Canada.

Learn more and plan your visit victoriachinatownmuseum.com Chinesecanadianmuseum.ca tourismvictoria.com





WALK this WAY

There are few better ways to get to know a neighbourhood than by foot; exploring with a knowledgeable guide is even better!

Chinatown Walks – One of several popular walks from longstanding Victoria guides Discover the Past, their 90-minute Chinatown Walks explore the history, culture, architecture, food and more of this must-see Victoria destination. Info: discoverthepast.com

Modern Chinatown Food & History Tour – Taste the flavour of Chinatown today with Off The Eaten Track's twohour Modern Chinatown Food & History Tour, incorporating fresh multicultural flavours with fascinating stories and many of the neighbourhood's iconic landmarks. Info: offtheeatentracktours.ca

Chinatown, Old Town and Inner Harbour Food Tour – A Taste of Victoria Food Tours also takes a flavourful look at Chinatown as part of its twohour Chinatown, Old Town and Inner Harbour Food Tour. Info: atasteofvictoriafoodtours.com

Toonie Tours – Visit Chinatown as part of a broader tour with Toonie Tours. Info: toonietours.ca



The charming homes of Victoria's James Bay community.

GETTING AROUND:

While Greater Victoria is easy to navigate by vehicle or public transit, many attractions are also accessible via Sightseeing Victoria's Hop On Hop Off tours that let you explore at your own pace while someone else does the driving. They also offer convenient express shuttle service to The Butchart Gardens, with your admission included in the price of your ticket.

As Canada's premier cycling city, many visitors choose to pedal their way to their must-see spots. In addition to a well-designed network of protected bike lanes throughout downtown, you can also connect with the Galloping Goose Regional Trail to the West Shore communities, and to the Lochside Regional Trail to the Saanich Peninsula.

Rent an electric bike through Pedego, located near the Royal BC Museum, or choose from both traditional and electric bicycles at Pedaler Cycle Tours and Rentals, where you can also book a tour to see the sights or enjoy a self-guided ride all the way to The Butchart Gardens!

Sightseeing Victoria: sightseeingvictoria.com BC Transit: bctransit.com/victoria Pedaler Cycling Tours and Rentals: thepedaler.ca

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Capital Regional Bike Map: crd.bc.ca/service/commuting-cycling/bike-maps

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MORE NEIGHBOURHOODS to EXPLORE

James Bay – Steps from the Inner Harbour, James Bay was one of Victoria's first residential neighbourhoods, where each spring the blossom trees erupt in a riot of blooms. Throughout the year, James Bay bustles with people enjoying the eclectic shops and restaurants, stopping by the Saturday summer market or Fisherman's Wharf, or admiring the quaint heritage residences, including the childhood home of iconic Canadian artist Emily Carr.



Cook Street Village – On the opposite side of Beacon Hill Park from James Bay is the Cook Street Village, an inviting collection of shops and eateries serving the residential community of Fairfield. After exploring the park, settle in for a bite at a neighbourhood pub or restaurant – including Canada's first carbon-neutral fast food eatery, Big Wheel Burger – or choose from delicious to-go options and keep the adventures coming!

> **Esquimalt** – Across the Johnson Street bridge, passing through the neighbourhood of Vic West (home to Canada's oldest brewpub, Spinnakers), you'll arrive at Esquimalt. As host to Canada's naval presence on the West Coast at CFB Esquimalt, you can learn more at the onsite Naval and Military Museum. Visit esquimalt.ca or stop by the town hall or recreation centres for a Township Walking Tours booklet and enjoy a self-guided tour through the quaint town centre, the community's historic streets and on to two beautiful ocean-front parks at Macaulay and Saxe points.

Cadboro Bay Village – To the northeast of Victoria, the community of Saanich is one of the largest municipalities in the area, and home to several unique centres, including the beach-front Cadboro Bay Village. The compact business area includes a pub, several restaurants, grocery store and more – everything you need to enjoy a day at one of the region's most beloved playspaces, Cadboro-Gyro Park. Other highlights nearby include the stately homes of the elite Uplands community and the University of Victoria.



AIR, LAND & SEA

Meet some of Victoria's sustainability leaders

BY JENNIFER BLYTH

he concept of sustainable tourism is nothing new for Victoria. Destination Greater Victoria (DGV) – the publisher of this guide – in 2021 became the first destination marketing organization in North America to achieve carbon neutral designation.

Building from this, DGV is driving the Responsible Tourism Institute's destination-level Biosphere certification program for Greater Victoria, reflecting DGV's leadership in sustainable tourism and representing a commitment to continued measurable progress.

Many of the businesses featured in this guide have also joined the journey to Biosphere certification, confirming the high value our visitor economy places on sustainability best practices. Many of our hotels are paving the way in sustainable commercial accommodations, and others are well underway. Our whale watching community has long been at the forefront of responsible viewing practices and preserving the ocean ecosystem and its biodiversity. We even boast Canada's first carbon-neutral fast food restaurant

And it's not only about this gorgeous, green part of the world we're

so pleased to welcome you to. As a hub for technology, innovation and the arts, our community is inspired to look for new ways of doing things, often inspired by the practices long practiced by the Indigenous people who've made their home here for millennia. "Governments and entrepreneurial businesses alike have come together to really push the boundaries of sustainability here in Greater Victoria," Jill Doucette, founder and CEO of Synergy Enterprises, says in a Destination Greater Victoria video exploring what sustainability means to the region.

The outdoors are integral to our way of life here, and "I think it's this connection to our local environment that's really inspired businesses, our local governments and our communities to embrace sustainability," Doucette says. "While we have much more work to do, there's a real sense of energy, innovation and progress."

Whether it's how you get around the region, the experiences you enjoy while you're here or the food you savour along the way, viewing your vacation through the lens of sustainability brings big benefits.



ON THE GROUND

Think "sustainable" equals boring or bland? Greater Victoria's hoteliers, restaurateurs and hosts prove that fabulous experiences can be more than sustainable. In fact, they can give back.

Just the second carbon neutral hotel in British Columbia, The Parkside Hotel & Spa in downtown Victoria recently pushed forward to Climate Positive certification. A longtime leader in the Victoria hotel community, The Parkside has also earned Biosphere certification, created by the Responsible Tourism Institute with the support of UNESCO, and the team is now helping others follow suit. Chateau Victoria Hotel & Suites and the Oak Bay Beach Hotel have also achieved Biosphere certification.

Whether it's diverting waste from landfills or partnering with local organizations like Surfrider Foundation Vancouver Island, which works to protect local oceans and beaches, all elements of the hotel have been carefully considered with a sustainable mindset.

Many of Greater Victoria's restaurants also place sustainability at the heart of their menus and business models. 10 Acres, in downtown Victoria and Sidney, is among the many culinary teams that have embraced farm-tofork dining, for example, but they've taken it one step further by growing many of their ingredients at their own local farm and orchard. And all those vegetable trimmings from the kitchen? Right back to the farm, along with spent grains from a local brewpub, to feed some of the livestock.

At Q at the Empress, at the iconic Fairmont Empress hotel, partnerships with local farmers and artisans are augmented with their chef's own herb and vegetable garden, plus onsite beehives that help pollinate and produce nearly 700 pounds of honey every year!

Feeling like something a little more casual? Big Wheel Burger is not only Canada's first carbon neutral fast food restaurant, with fully compostable packaging, its commitment to sustainability extends to supporting food security and the greater community.

In both their kitchen and their magnificent flower beds, The Butchart Gardens is another leader in sustainable initiatives.

Over the years, the Gardens has implemented manual, mechanical and non-chemical weed control, repurposed wood waste into mulch and compost, opted for natural, reusable wood flats instead of plastic, and incorporated a variety of water-saving measures. On the food front, they source local and organic ingredients, and like many others in the region, have taken steps like using compostable plates and cutlery where possible, and eliminating the sale of single-use plastic water bottles.



9N THE AIR

Efforts to reduce environmental impact at the Victoria International Airport have been ongoing for over a decade, with emissions reduced by 22 per cent in that time. On the ground, the airport has restored more than 1,500 metres along a local waterway.

But YYJ isn't the only place innovations are happening in the air.

Harbour Air, which offers float plane service from Victoria's Inner Harbour, is embracing the electric transportation wave, and completed the first direct all-electric point-to-point test flight in its retrofitted De Havilland Beaver – a major milestone in the advancement of all-electric commercial flights.

Of course, sustainability is nothing new for Harbour Air – it was also North America's first fully carbon neutral airline in 2007. With the electrification initiative, they aim to ultimately move from carbon-neutral to carbon-zero, possible due to the smaller size of their single-engine aircrafts and the short average length of their routes, typically around 30 minutes or less.

Flights aren't the only way to take to the skies in sustainable style.

Created with the Malahat Nation, the Malahat Skywalk is Vancouver Island's newest attraction, – an accessible 600-metre TreeWalk through an arbutus forest leading to a gentle spiral ramp climbing 32 metres to a sightseeing lookout sharing spectacular views of Finlayson Arm, Saanich Peninsula, Mount Baker and the distant Coast Mountains.

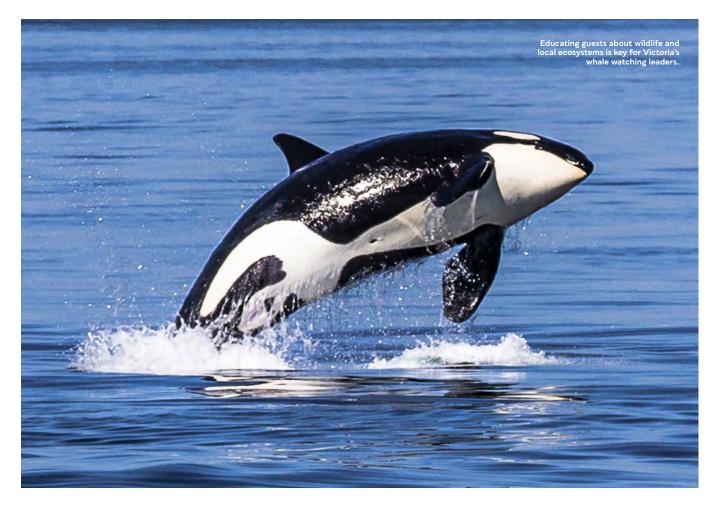
"Education and creating reverence for the natural environment was core to the development of the Malahat Skywalk," Doucette notes of the award-winning attraction. "With a small footprint, raised walkways that put visitors at the treetops, an accessible, graduated climb and engaging, educational signage, Malahat Skywalk proves you can have your head in the clouds and your feet on the ground at the same time."





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ON THE SEA

Surrounded on all sides by the ocean, not to mention numerous lakes, rivers and streams, it's no wonder that water is vital to Islanders – and no less so here in Greater Victoria.

Whether it's protecting whales and other ocean-dependent animals from the impacts of wildlife viewing or ensuring waters and beaches are safe for all to enjoy, this is the perfect example of community coming together for sustainability.

A highlight for many Vancouver Island visitors is experiencing the Salish Sea. For Greater Victoria's sustainability-focused whale watching leaders, that means helping them become stewards of the sea, through education and leading by example in their wildlife-viewing practices and commitment to sustainability.

Leaders like Prince of Whales, Offsetters-certified as a climate positive company, and Eagle Wing Whale and Wildlife Watching Tours, Canada's first Platinum-certified GreenStep Sustainable Tourism business, follow strict guidelines in their viewing practices, including voluntarily refraining from intentionally viewing the threatened southern resident killer whales.



With other leaders like Springtide Whale Watching and Eco Tours, Five Star Whale Watching, BC Whale Tours and Orca Spirit, the focus is on sharing the full breadth of wildlife making their home here, and how we can make that home better.

Educating guests about wildlife and its ecosystems is key, in addition to giving back through salmon enhancement projects, beach clean-ups through organizations like the Surfrider Foundation, and other coastal initiatives.

Other ways to gain an appreciation of the Island's waters include a kayaking or stand-up paddling tour – find operators in and around downtown Victoria and in Sidney – casting a line, or even trying your hand (and testing your balance) at surfing.

GETTING AROUND:

The city of Victoria enjoys an accessible, walkable downtown core, but taking your explorations further afield needn't weigh heavily on the environment.

Our mild climate and well-connected bike lane and trail system means cycling is second-nature to many locals and offers an opportunity to support the visitor experience in a meaningful way. From urban destinations to long, leisurely cycles through agricultural areas, over train trestles and along our spectacular coast, cycling lets you connect with the urban and rural spaces in a more personal way.

Rentals are easily available through Pedego Victoria and Pedaler Cycling Tours and Rentals.

The Capital Region also enjoys a well-connected and easy-to-navigate BC Transit system that can take you from Sooke to Sidney, and to virtually every attraction on your itinerary. In the core communities, Sightseeing Victoria's Hop On Hop Off bus is another easy way to get around.



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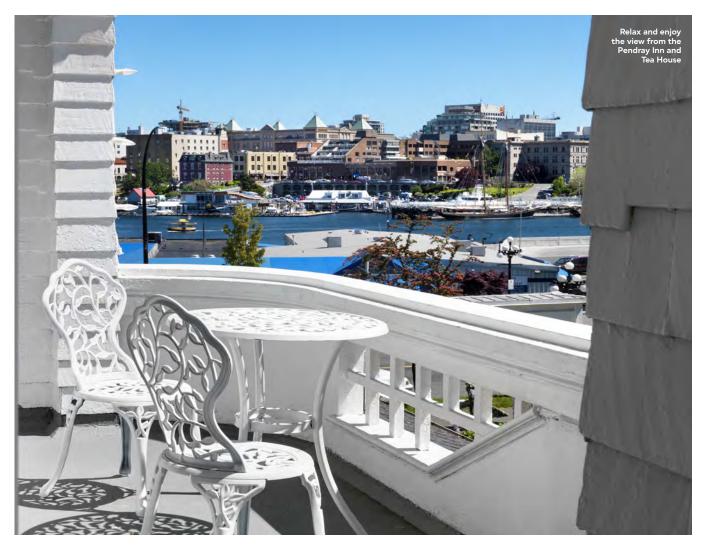
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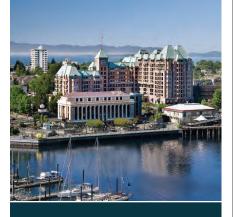
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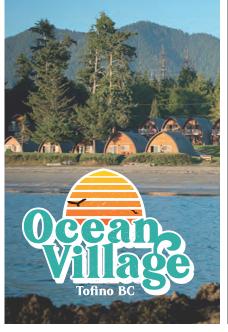
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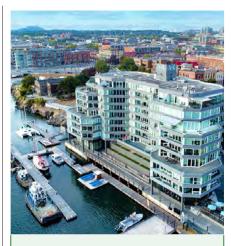
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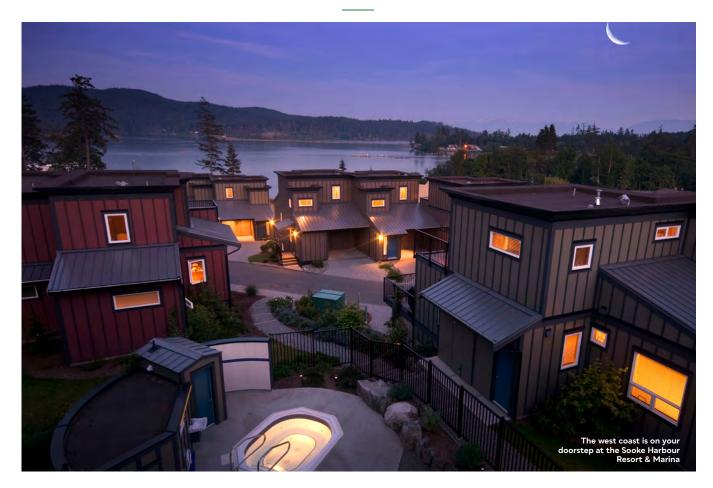
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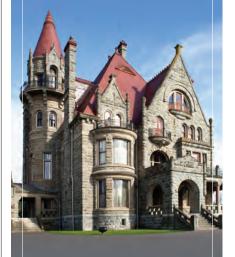


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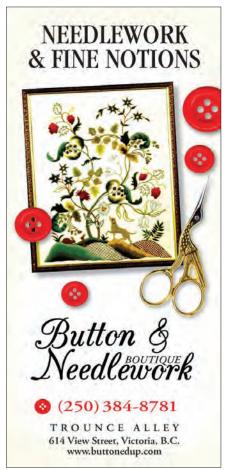


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MONTH	C°	F°		
JANUARY	7	45		
FEBRUARY	9	48		
MARCH	11	52		
APRIL	14	57		
MAY	17	63		
JUNE	19	66		
JULY	21	70		
AUGUST	21	70		
SEPTEMBER	20	68		
OCTOBER	15	59		
NOVEMBER	10	50		
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CLIMATE

Victoria has moderate temperatures yearround. The average monthly rainfall in winter is 13.5 centimetres (5.3 inches) and in the summer is less than 2.5 centimetres (1 inch). Compare that to Seattle's average monthly winter rainfall of 34.3 centimetres (13.5 inches) and 8.6 centimetres (3.39 inches) in summer. Victoria has low humidity and almost constant offshore breezes, which keep summer days from becoming too hot. Summer evenings cool off, and a sweater or light jacket is recommended. Victoria boasts an average of 2,193 hours of sunshine yearly and an eightmonth frost-free season. Although winters are mild, warmer clothing is recommended November through March.

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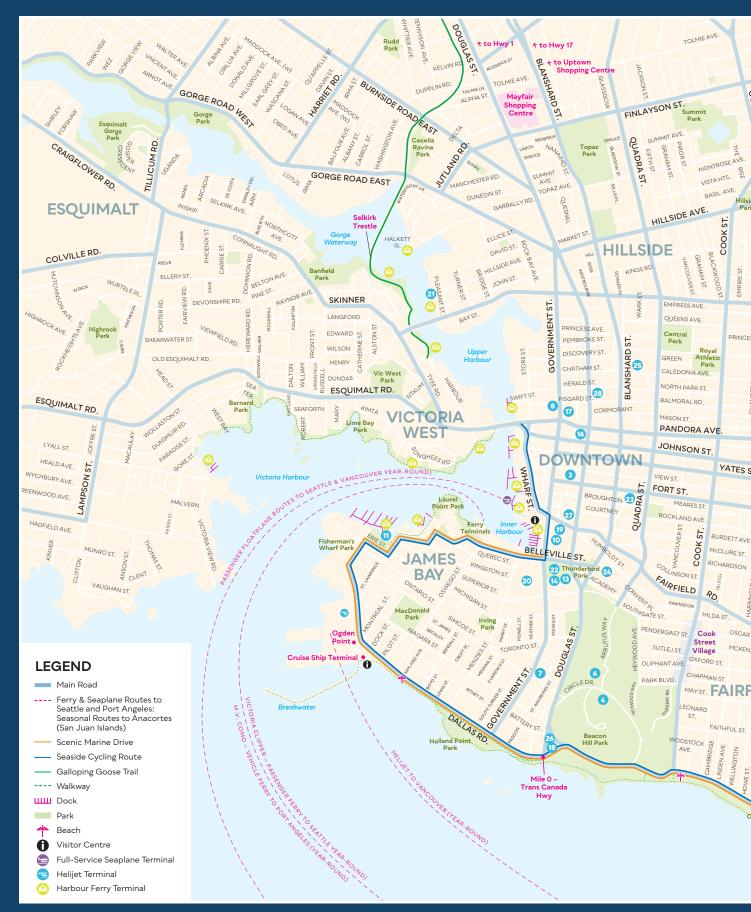
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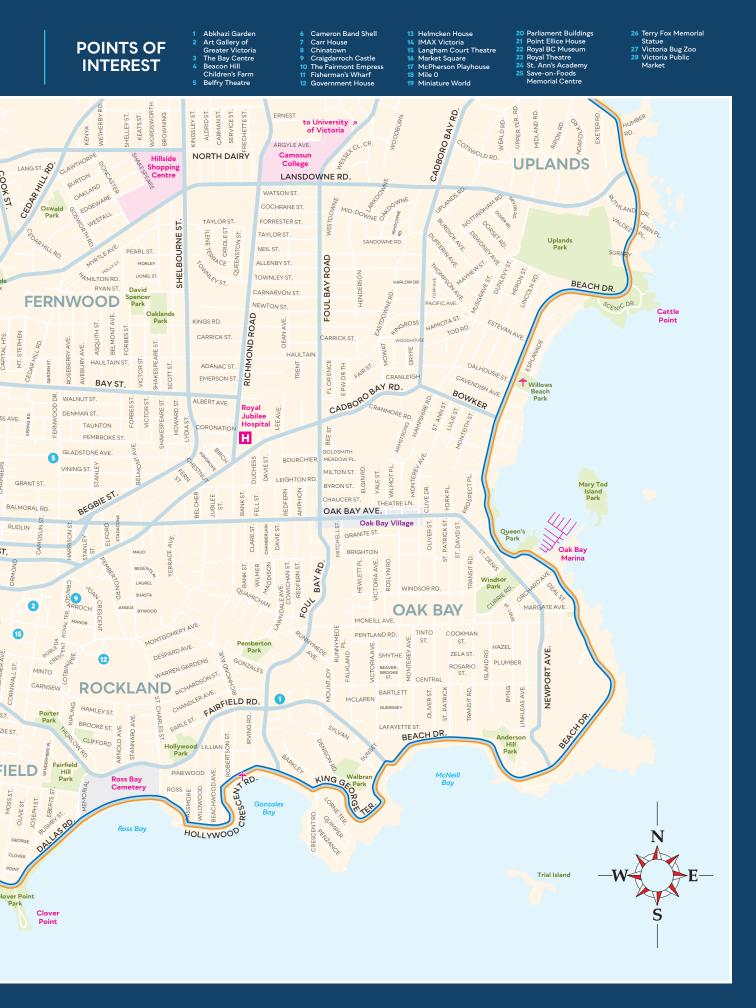
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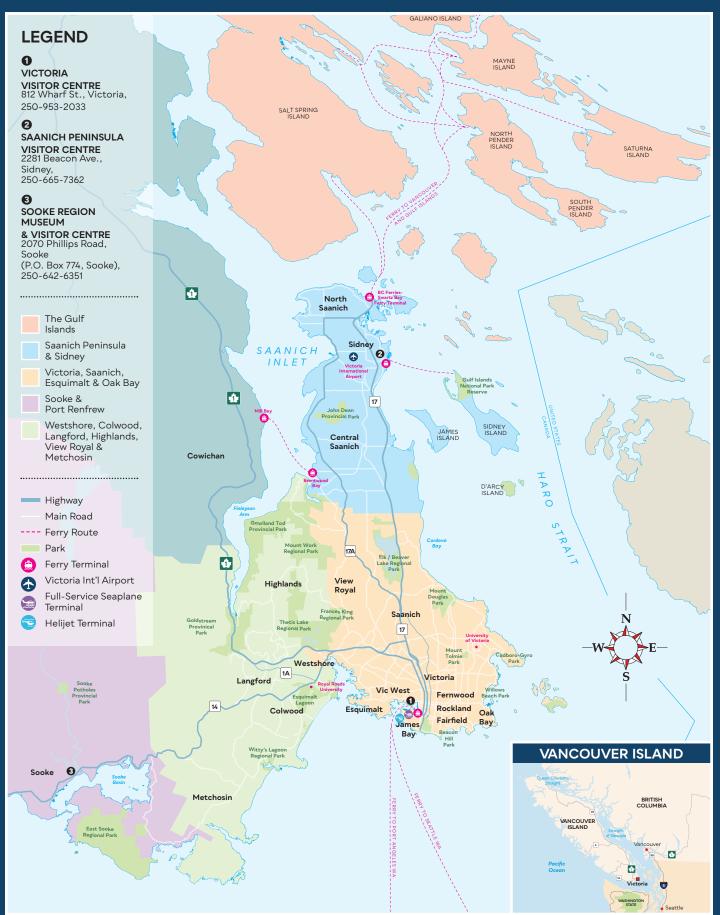
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