

Craft Culture: Wineries, Brewpubs, Cideries & Distilleries

2-Day Sample Itinerary



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Culinary tourism has taken root in Victoria and on Vancouver Island. Visit acclaimed wineries, cideries and farms. Sample the region's organic produce, artisan cheeses and locally-produced gourmet fare. Explore these on your own or join a tour for a behind-the-scenes experience.



Day 1

In Victoria, brunch is almost certainly the favourite meal of the day, so begin your first day of tastings with a stop at one of Victoria's most beloved diners, [Floyd's Diner](#). This Victoria mainstay is a must for any diner lover. You may even be tempted to try the famous Mahoney, a one of a kind creation that is different every time.



After breakfast, venture westward to [Sheringham Distillery](#). In February 2019, Sheringham Distillery's Seaside Gin was named Best Contemporary Gin in the World at the 2019 World Gin Awards. However, gin is not the only spirit on the menu at this thirst-quenching spot. While visiting the distillery, do not miss the opportunity to sample their range of products including, Akvavit, Vodka, and the recently introduced Kazuki Gin, made with Japanese cherry blossoms, and green tea leaves. Their new tasting room in Langford is a great location to taste some delicious local spirits and see their shiny stills in action.



Once you have had your fill of West Coast forests and gin, return to downtown Victoria to enjoy dinner at this "must experience" 1894 heritage building on Victoria's downtown waterfront, [CRAFT Beer Market](#). Their food runs the scope from pure comfort to globally inspired cuisine. CRAFT is the perfect place to taste beers and ciders from all over Vancouver Island, and even their own delicious [Swift Brewing](#) creations brewed on-site. In the summer, make the most of their waterfront Patio that offers great views of the upper harbour and the Johnson Street Bridge.





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Day 2

After a delicious breakfast at your restaurant of choice in downtown Victoria take a journey through the Saanich Peninsula. Just 20 minutes north of Victoria you will find yourself among rolling hills, scenic farms, and seaside communities. Make your first stop at Macaloney's Island Distillery & Twa Dogs Brewery where you can take a guided tour to learn about the single malt whiskey-making process and beer-making process, while also getting a few tasters along the way.



Next, arrive at Sea Cider Farm & Ciderhouse and enjoy the view overlooking the orchard across the Haro Strait to James Island. Sip some cider and savour a tasty artisan lunch platter. Take a tour and browse their pantry for unique gifts. Sea Cider offers a relaxing and unique experience best shared with friends and family (children welcome).



When you're on the Saanich Peninsula, be sure to enjoy Church & State Wines in Brentwood Bay, the perfect spot for almost any special occasion. Join them for a wine tasting at their wrap-around bar, peruse the gift shop for great wine accessories, cheese plates and logo wear, or enjoy a fabulous lunch on the patio prepared from fresh local ingredients by gourmet chefs. Located 20 minutes from downtown Victoria, 20 minutes from the BC Ferries terminal, and only five minutes from the renowned Butchart Gardens, this winery must be seen to be fully appreciated.



All along the Saanich Peninsula, you will have the opportunity to explore many of the region's finest agricultural produce, many of whom provide produce to Victoria's restaurants and artisanal beverage crafters. To find out more about the Saanich peninsula's agriculture scene, explore the Greater Victoria Flavour Trails.



Finish the afternoon at Victoria Distillers, the first artisan gin distillery in British Columbia. Hand made in small batches from a wood-fired still. Find a complete array of spirits including their flagship Victoria Gin.



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Have a little more time? Check out a food tour!



Off the Eaten Track

These tours truly take you off the beaten path and into some of the city's most delicious hidden gems. All the stops on their tours are small, Victoria-based businesses serving fantastic food and beverages. Off the Eaten Track also has a unique fine-dining walking tour in the evenings.



The Pedaler

Discover Victoria's culinary scene by bicycle! The Pedalers, Eat, Drink, Pedal tour and Hoppy Hour tour showcase the local food and drink culture, the regional Galloping Goose and Lochside trails, favourite scenic vistas, and the distinctive neighbourhoods that make cycling in Victoria so enjoyable. Their menu of fun culinary destinations has something for everyone!



Alset Tours

With Alset Tours, you have the opportunity to get around in style in one of their Teslas as you hop from one vineyard to the next. This private experience will allow you to customize your tour to your liking, and add scenic stops along the way. The only limitation is your gourmet imagination!

Destination Greater Victoria is honoured to be based on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples, whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

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