

DESTINATION GREATER
VICTORIA
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Shopping Getaway 2-Day Sample Itinerary



Whether you're window shopping, picking up souvenirs, or looking for a whole new wardrobe, Victoria has you covered. With everything from quaint shops and local food markets to unique boutiques and one-stop shopping centers, Victoria is the perfect destination for treating yourself to a shopping trip.



DAY 1

Government Street

Wander up Government Street from the Inner Harbour to find the perfect gift or souvenir while taking in some of Victoria's distinct architecture. Stop to sample handmade chocolates at [Rogers's Chocolates](#) or the perfect cup of tea or coffee from [Murchie's Tea & Coffee](#). Pick up a new book at [Munro's Books](#), discover Indigenous art, jewelry, fashion and a variety of specialty stores, and at [The Bay Centre](#) shopping mall along the bustling sidewalks of this iconic street.



Bastion Square

Once the site of Victoria's Court House, Law Chambers, a brothel and several hangings, [Bastion Square](#) is now animated with shops and restaurants. In the summer, take in the Bastion Square Festival of the Arts, a bustling market where vendors and local artisans sell their handmade arts and crafts.



LoJo & Market Square

Just off Government Street, Lower Johnson Street, also known as "LoJo", is a district of trendy boutique shopping with independent fashion and accessory shops like [Baggins Shoes](#) and sustainable trailblazers like [Nezza Naturals](#). Along LoJo you will also find the entrance to [Market Square](#). Once housing hotels, saloons and shops where sailors, miners and Chinese merchants worked and played, today the square offers a wonderful selection of local boutiques offering one-of-a-kind merchandise. And remember, don't forget to take a little break off your feet and enjoy [The Drake Eatery](#) or [Whistle Buoy](#) for a cold crisp local brew in Market Square.





DAY 2

Comics, Games, Play & Collectibles

Travel to colourful comic galaxies and take your favourite vintage toy down memory lane. Victoria's vibrant fan culture and a number of specialized stores draw visitors from all over the world, not surprising as the city was built on the imaginations of the most tech-savvy creative innovators. Step into a whole new digital world with VR at [Infusion Edutainment](#), play games with your friends at [Interactivity Board Game Café](#), pick up a unique toy at [Cherry Bomb Toys](#), or test your skills at [Puzzle Lab](#)! These are just some of the options for the game lovers who visit Victoria.

Chinatown

Enter Canada's oldest Chinatown through the Gate of Harmonious Interest, at the corner of Fisgard and Government Street. Shop for art, home furnishings and Asian wares and stroll down Fan Tan Alley, North America's narrowest street. At its narrowest, the alley is only 0.9 metres (3 feet) wide. Once notorious for its many opium dens and gambling houses, Fan Tan Alley is now lined with quirky shops and is home to Victoria's [Chinese Canadian Museum](#).

Fort Street

Fort Street is home to all kinds of shops and eateries! Once known for its auction houses and antiques, it's now abuzz with independent cafes, delis, bookstores, art galleries, and tech hubs. Wander through [Russell Books](#), where you will find books stacked floor to ceiling, three stories high and pick up a sweet treat at [The Dutch Bakery & Diner](#) just across the street.

Tea Shops

With deep connections to both Chinese and British culture, there are many kinds of tea available to taste or purchase at shops all throughout downtown Victoria. [Murchie's Tea & Coffee](#) is one such place, with a startling range of loose leaf options and much more throughout their large downtown store. Looking for teas from all around the world? [Silk Road Tea](#) is the place to be for all things tea and calming wellness products. [Silk Road Spa](#) is also nearby for a few hours of pampering and relaxation.





MORE TO EXPLORE Off the Beaten Path

Victoria's shopping experience extends beyond famous Government Street storefronts and the downtown core. Off the beaten path and just minutes from downtown, shoppers will find several major suburban shopping centers with hundreds of stores to browse, including [Mayfair Shopping Centre](#) and [Uptown](#).



Oak Bay Village

Stroll through Oak Bay Village and visit the many one-of-a-kind shops and art galleries, then soak up the ambience in one of the cafes, pubs or bistros. Harbour seals can often be seen in their natural habitat at the [Oak Bay Marina](#) and the whole family can enjoy Willows Beach and its adjoining playground. Tip: If you happen to be in town on the second Wednesday of the month (June-September), you can attend the [Oak Bay Night Market](#), a European-style street market that features fresh and local produce, artists, artisans, and entertainers.



Cook Street Village

Another popular place to stroll is Cook Street Village, located close to the walking trail along Dallas Road. This neighbourhood shopping area is home to shops and restaurants like, [Pizzeria Prima Strada](#), [The Beagle Pub](#) and plenty of cafes that will entice you to linger.



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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