

DESTINATION GREATER  
**VICTORIA**  
BC, CANADA

**The Garden City: 3 day  
sample Itinerary**



Welcome to the Garden City! With its mild year-round climate, Victoria makes for a perfect garden getaway at any time of year.

**DAY 1**

Begin your visit with a leisurely walk, bike, or drive along Dallas Road. Pass by Fisherman's Wharf, Ogden Point, The Mile Zero Monument, and more. The man-made landmarks provide some great sightseeing opportunities, and this waterfront pathway is a perfect place to see why Victoria is such a perfect environment for stunning gardens of all kinds.



Next, take a stroll through Abkhazi Garden and discover the epic love story between a prince and a commoner that stretched decades, continents and war. Today you will find a dynamic and evolving garden with glaciated rocky slopes, magnificent Garry Oaks and gorgeous vistas! Stay for lunch or afternoon tea in the original home, a simple but elegant space where everyone feels like a personal guest of the Abkhazis.



For your stay, keep the garden theme going with a stay at the Huntingdon Manor Hotel, this Inner Harbour property has exquisite landscaping, and even is home to a small allotment garden for locals in the community.



The Manor is also perfectly located for a short walk to one of the many delicious nearby restaurants in downtown Victoria. One such restaurant is Nourish, this vegetable-forward restaurant highlights many of the local farms in their farm-to-table menu with both land and sea being represented in delicious seasonal plates.



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## DAY 2

A visit to Victoria wouldn't be complete without a visit to [The Butchart Gardens](#). Fifty-five acres of floral finery await you as you stroll along meandering paths and expansive lawns at The Butchart Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada. From the exquisite Sunken Garden to the charming Italian Garden, this colourful show place still maintains the gracious traditions of the past, in one of the loveliest corners of the world.

Located a five minute drive away from The Butchart Gardens is [The Victoria Butterfly Gardens](#). The Gardens were designed and built specifically to showcase the life cycles and free flight of tropical butterflies and moths. Visitors can enjoy the rare, unique and up close experience of exotic butterflies, tropical ducks, stunning flamingos and other rare tropical birds, and Koi swimming in the stream and pond. Other features of interest are the carnivorous plant section, foods of the world area and one of the largest collections of orchids on Vancouver Island.

Take a break from gardens and explore the vineyards for lunch! [Church & State Wines](#). Taste some amazing local wines, or some of their Okanagan vintages, and match it with a delicious pizza topped with fresh local ingredients.

Next, enjoy a stop at the [Gardens at HCP](#). With over nine acres of gardens on a 103-acre site in Saanich, these lovely gardens are set in a conservation park with nature trails, wetlands and bird watching sites. Tour the Winter Garden, Japanese style Takata Garden, Zen Garden, rhododendron garden, heather garden and trial dahlia garden.

After a full day of garden exploration make your way back to your hotel and enjoy an evening out on the town.



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## DAY 3

After breakfast on your final day on this trip to Victoria, visit one of Canada's largest and most diverse National Historic Sites. Authentic and beautifully preserved, this 565-acre Edwardian estate is nestled on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, just 25 minutes from downtown Victoria. Echoes from the past will link you to present day adventure as you enjoy daily tours of Hatley Castle, visit the museum, gift shop, or stroll through the Japanese, Italian and Rose Gardens.



When you arrive back in downtown Victoria be sure to stroll through Beacon Hill Park. This 178-acre public park is a showpiece of Victoria's long gardening tradition. Much of the park is beautifully landscaped with many of the original trees, five man-made lakes, a medieval stone bridge, and original fountains and woodland streams. This magnificent public space is the perfect place to visit before saying goodbye to Victoria-for now.



*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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