


# Time to Travel

DGV's travel trade newsletter

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*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.*

**Hi there,**

Spring has arrived here in Victoria, BC. And with it comes flowers, whales, cruise ships and more. Here are the spring updates from Victoria, BC, Canada.



# What's Happening

## **Victoria Welcomes First Ship of the Cruise Season**

The first cruise ship of the season arrived in Victoria on Wednesday, April 3. The Norwegian Bliss, carrying more than 4,000 passengers, made the stop at The Victoria Cruise Terminal in The Breakwater District, on its way to San Francisco.

It's going to be a busy year for cruises. This season the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) is expecting 315 cruise ships and 910,000 passengers. Last year, the GVHA wrapped up the 2023 cruise season after welcoming 326 ships and 970,000 cruise visitors between April and October. Read more [here](#).

For Victoria pre and post-cruise itineraries and other themed itinerary ideas, visit our [itineraries page](#).



# Product Update

Whale Watching: Whale watching season never truly stops in Victoria, but with warmer weather and transient whales making their way North, now is the time to get out on the water. Whale Watching companies are ramping up operations for the months ahead. It's time to see some whales!

Point Ellice House: Opening May 10th, and now operated by the Métis Nation of British Columbia, this historic home and property along Gorge Waterway offers a unique insight into life in Victoria over 100 years ago.

Victoria is the Resale Capital of Canada: Secondhand savants, rejoice! According to research conducted by our team with data from Stats Canada, Greater Victoria holds the title of "Resale Capital of Canada" as a result of holding the largest number of registered resale businesses per capita in the country. Aside from its

eco-friendly nature, shopping secondhand in Victoria is a way to express your unique style with clothing items from different times and places.



Photo: Whale Watching in Victoria, BC.

## Sustainable Spotlight

The Delta Hotels by Marriott Ocean Pointe Resort, Victoria's third largest hotel, has recently become Biosphere Certified. This rigorous certification comes after an external audit of the hotel's sustainable practices as outlined by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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Upcoming

# Events & Shows

## Rendez Vous Canada

**May 14-17, 2024**

Ari, Bernard and Executive VP of Sales and Business Development, Miranda Ji will attend Rendez Vous Canada in Edmonton. The team looks forward to meeting our Travel Trade partners. If you would like to connect with the team in Edmonton, [Contact us](#).



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