



VICTORIA

*British Columbia
Canada*

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There's ALWAYS something happening in Victoria

February

Independent Film & Video Festival

March

ChocolateFest

April

Harbour Boat Show

A Celtic Celebration

Titanic: Royal BC Museum

May

Bastion Square Cycling Festival

Victoria Harbour Festival

Highland Games - Hatley Castle

Victoria Day Parade

Swiftsure Yacht Race

Titanic: Royal BC Museum

June

Jazzfest

Oak Bay Tea Party

Elk Lake Triathlon

Tall Ships Festival

Summer in the Square

Titanic: Royal BC Museum

July

Victoria Flower & Garden Show

Butchart Gardens Fireworks

(on Saturdays)

Butchart Gardens Illuminations

Shakespeare Festival

Folkfest

Jazzfest

Symphony Splash

Summer in the Square

Titanic: Royal BC Museum

August

Butchart Gardens Fireworks (Saturdays)

Butchart Gardens Illuminations

Shakespeare Festival

Fringe Theatre Festival

Dragon Boat Festival

Latin Caribbean Festival

Summer in the Square

Titanic: Royal BC Museum

September

Fringe Theatre Festival

Blues Bash

Classic Boat Festival

Summer in the Square

Titanic: Royal BC Museum

October

Royal Victoria Marathon

Titanic: Royal BC Museum

November

Great Canadian Beer Festival

Skate Canada International

Christmas craft shows

Salmon run - Goldstream Park

December

Butchart Gardens Christmas Illuminations

Craigdarroch Castle - Victorian Christmas

Christmas at Point Ellice House

Victorian Christmas Festival

Salmon run - Goldstream Park

Notes:

It could take DAYS to see all there is to do in Victoria!

Abkhazi Garden

1964 Fairfield Road
Victoria, BC V8S 1H4
Phone Number: (250) 598-8096

Art Gallery of Greater Victoria

1040 Moss Street
Victoria, BC V8V 4P1
Phone Number: (250) 384-4101

The Butchart Gardens

800 Benvenuto Avenue
Brentwood Bay, BC V8M 1J8
Phone Number: (250) 652-4422
Toll Free: (866) 652-4422

Butterfly Gardens

1461 Benvenuto Avenue
Brentwood Bay, BC V8M 1R3
Phone Number: (250) 652-3822
Toll Free: (877) 722-0272

The Carr House

207 Government Street
Victoria, BC V8V 2K3
Phone Number: (250) 383-5843

Centre of the Universe

5071 West Saanich Road
Victoria, BC V9E 2E7
Phone Number: (250) 363-8262

Beacon Hill Children's Farm

Beacon Hill Park
Victoria, BC V8V 4Z8
Phone Number: (250) 381-2532

City Passport Guidebook

409 - 1015 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 1Y5
Phone Number: (604) 694-2489
Toll Free: (877) 694-2489

Craigdarroch Castle

1050 Joan Crescent
Victoria, BC V8S 3L5
Phone Number: (250) 592-5323

Craigflower Manor & Schoolhouse

110 Island Highway
Victoria, BC V9B 1M5
Phone Number: (250) 479-8053

Fairmont Empress Hotel

721 Government St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1W5
Phone Number: (250) 384-8111

Fort Rodd Hill & Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites

603 Fort Rodd Hill Road
Victoria, BC V9C 2W8
Phone Number: 250-478-5849

Galey Farms

4150 Blenkinsop Road
Victoria, BC V8X 2C4
Phone Number: (250) 477-5713

Government House

1401 Rockland Ave.
Victoria, BC V8S 1V9

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Hatley Park National Historic Site

2005 Sooke Road
Victoria, BC V9B 5Y2
Phone Number: (250) 391-2666
Toll Free: (866) 241-0674

Maritime Museum of British Columbia

28 Bastion Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1H9
Phone Number: (250) 385-4222

Milner Gardens & Woodlands

2179 West Island Highway
Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1G1
Phone Number: (250) 752-6153

Minature World

649 Humboldt Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1A7
Phone Number: (250) 385-9731

National Geographic

IMAX Theater

675 Belleville Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1A1
Phone Number: (250) 480-4887

Pacific Undersea Gardens

490 Belleville Street
Victoria, BC V8V 1W9
Phone Number: (250) 382-5717

Parliament Buildings

Belleville Street
Downtown Inner Harbour
Victoria, BC
Phone Number (250) 387-3046

Point Ellice House

125 Skinner Street
Victoria, BC V9A 6X4
Phone Number: (250) 380-6506

Royal British Columbia Museum

675 Belleville Street
Victoria, BC V8W 9W2
Tel: 250-356-7226

Royal London Wax Museum

470 Belleville St.
Victoria, BC V8V 1W9

Victoria Bug Zoo

631 Courtney Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1B8
Phone Number: (250) 384-2847

Victoria Harbour Ferry Company

453 Head Street
Victoria, BC V9A 5S1
Phone Number: (250) 708-0201

Notes:

Choosing a Favorite Restaurant in Victoria Will be a CHALLENGE!

Abkhazi Garden and Tea Room

1964 Fairfield Rd.
Victoria, BC V8S 1H4
Phone Number: (250) 598-8096
Fax: (250) 598-8076

Adriana's Cocina Mexicana

1527 Amelia St.
Victoria, BC V8W 2K1
Phone Number: (250) 388-0800

Azuma Sushi

615 Yates St.
Victoria, BC V8V 1L1
Phone Number: (250) 382-8768

Baja Grill

1600 Bay St.
Victoria BC V8R 2B6
Phone Number: (250) 592-0027

Barb's Place

Fisherman's Wharf
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 384-6515
Toll Free: (866) 384-6515

Barkley's Steakhouse

777 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Canada V8W 2B5
Phone Number: (250) 382-7111

Bartholomews Bar & Rockefeller Grille

777 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC V8W 2B5
Phone Number: (250) 388-5111
Toll Free: (800) 663-7001

Beacon Drive In

126 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC V8V 2N9
Phone Number: (250) 385-7521

Bengal Lounge Empress Hotel

721 Government St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1W5
Phone Number: (250) 389-2727
Toll Free: (800) 441-1414

Black Olive

739 Pandora Ave.
Victoria, BC V8W 1N9
Phone Number: (250) 384-6060

Blackfish Cafe

950 Wharf St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1T3
Tel: 250-385-9996

Blue Crab Bar & Grill

146 Kingston St.
Victoria BC V8V 1V4
Phone Number: (250) 480-1999
website: <http://www.bluecrab.ca>

Brasserie L'Ecole

1715 Government St
Victoria BC V8W 1Z4
Phone Number: (250) 475-6260

Butchart Gardens

800 Benvenuto Ave.
Brentwood Bay, BC V8M 1J8
Phone Number: (250) 652-5256

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Cafe Brio

944 Fort St.
Victoria, BC V8V 3K2
Phone Number: (250) 383-0009

Caffe d'Amore

777 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC V8W 2B5
Phone: (250)386-6789

Cafe Laurel

680 Montreal St.
Victoria, BC V8V 1Z8
Phone Number: (250) 386-8721

Cafe Mexico

1425 Store St.
Victoria, BC V8W 3C6
Phone Number (250) 386-1425

Camille's

45 Bastion Sq.
Victoria, BC V8W 1J1
Phone Number: (250) 381-3433

Chandlers Seafood House

1250 Wharf St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1T8
Phone Number: (250) 385-3474

The Clubhouse

919 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC V8W 2C2
Phone Number: (250) 383-7137
Toll Free: (800) 663-7476

Da Tandoor

1010 Fort St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 384-6333

Don Mee Restaurant

538 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R4
Phone Number: (250) 383-1032

Empress Room

721 Government St.
The Fairmont Empress
Victoria, BC V8W 1W5
Phone Number: (250) 389-2727
Toll Free: (800) 441-1414

Fairmont Empress Lobby

721 Government St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1W5
Phone Number: (250) 389-2727
Toll Free: (800) 441-1414

Ferris' Oyster Bar and Grill

536 Yates St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1K8
Phone Number: (250) 360-1824

Fire & Water Fish and Chophouse

728 Humboldt St.
Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour
Victoria, BC V8W 3Z5
Phone Number: (250) 480-3828

Gatsby Mansion

309 Belleville St.
Victoria, BC V8V 1X2
Phone Number: (250) 388-9191

Gatsby Mansion Inn and Restaurant

309 Belleville St.
Victoria BC V8V 1X2
Phone Number: (250) 388-9191

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Harbour House Restaurant

607 Oswego St.
Victoria, BC, V8V 4W9
Phone Number: (250) 386-1244

Haultian Fish and Chips

1127 Haultain St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 383-8332

Herald Street Caffe

546 Herald St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1S6
Phone Number (250) 381-1441

Il Terrazzo Ristorante

555 Johnson St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1M2
Phone Number: (250) 361-0028

India Curry House

102-506 Fort St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1E6
Phone Number: (250) 361-9000

J&J Wonton Noodle House

1012 Fort St.
Victoria, BC V8V 3K4
Phone Number (250) 383-0680

James Bay Tea Room & Restaurant

270 Government St.
Victoria BC V8V 2L2
Phone Number: (250) 384-7151

Japanese Village Steak & Seafood House

734 Broughton St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1E1
Phone Number: (250) 382-5165

John's Place

723 Pandora Ave.
Victoria, BC V8W 1N9
Phone Number: (250) 389-0711

Keg at the Winery

3940 Quadra Street
Victoria, BC V8X 1J5
Phone Number: (250) 479-1651

Keg Steakhouse

500 Fort St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1E6
Phone Number: (250) 386-7789

Le Petit Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant

1010 Langley St.
Victoria BC V8W 1V8
Phone Number: (250) 386-1412

Lotus Pond

617 Johnson St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 380-9293

Lucianos Italian Restaurant

515 Yates St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1K7
Phone Number: (250) 388-5824

Lure

45 Songhees Rd.
Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort
Victoria, BC V9A 6T3
Phone Number: (250) 360-5873

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Macaroni Grill

3195 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC V8Z 3K3
Phone Number: (250) 385-2211

Marina Restaurant

1327 Beach Dr.
Victoria BC V8S 2N4
Phone Number:(250) 598-8555

The Mark

463 Belleville St.
Victoria, BC V8V 1X3
Phone Number: (250) 380-4487

Milestone's

812 Wharf St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 381-2244

Moxie's Classic Grill

1010 Yates St.
Victoria, BC V8V 3M6
Phone Number: (250) 360-1660

Nautical Nellies

1001 Wharf St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1T6
Phone Number: (250) 380-2260

Old Spagetti Factory

703 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC V8W 2B4
Phone Number: (250)381-8444

Pablos Dining Lounge

225 Quebec St.
Victoria, BC V8V 1W2
Phone Number: (250) 388-4255

Pagliacci's

1011 Broad St.
Victoria BC V8W 2A1
Phone Number: (250) 386-1662

Pescatore's Seafood + Grill

614 Humboldt St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1A4
Phone Number: (250) 385-4512

Point Ellice House

2616 Pleasant St.
Victoria, BC V8T 4V3
Phone Number: (250) 380-6506

Queen Mother Waterside Cafe

100 - 407 Swift St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1S2
Phone Number: (250) 598-4712

Sam's Deli

805 Government St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)382-8424

Siam Thai Restaurant

512 Fort St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1E6
Phone Number:(250) 383-9911

Sook Jai Thai Restaurant

839 Fort St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1H7
Phone Number: (250) 383-9945

Spinnaker's Brewpub

308 Catherine St.
Victoria BC V9A 3S8
Phone Number: (250) 386-2739

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Swans

506 Pandora Avenue
Victoria BC V8W 1N6
Phone Number: (250) 361-3310

The Noodle Box

818 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)384-1314

The Reef Restaurant

533 Yates St.
Victoria BC V8W 1K7
Phone Number: (250) 388-5375

The Tapa Bar

620 Trounce Alley
Victoria, BC V8W 1K3
Phone Number: (250)383-0013

Temple Restaurant

525 Fort St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1E8
Phone Number (250)383-2313

Terrace Patio

680 Montreal St.
Victoria, BC V8V 1Z8
Phone Number: (250) 387-8621

Vista 18

740 Burdett Ave.
Chateau Victoria Hotel
Victoria, BC V8W 1B2
Phone Number: (250) 382-9258

Wild Saffron Bistro

1605 Store St.
Victoria BC V8W 3K3
Phone Number: (250) 361-3150

Zambri's

110 - 911 Yates St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 360-1171

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What's your PLEASURE?

Victoria offers a Multitude of Experiences!!

Air Seaplanes

950 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1T3
Phone Number: (250) 384-2215
Toll Free: (800) 665-0212

Hyack Air & Marine Adventure Centre
1234 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 3H9
Phone Number: (250) 384-2499

West Coast Air
1000 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1T4
Phone Number: (250) 388-4521
Toll Free: (800) 347-2222

Boat Tours

M.Y. Northwind
Inner Harbour Docks
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 415-2522

SpringTide Charters & Tours
1207 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1T9
Phone Number: (250) 384-4444
Toll Free: (800) 470-3474

Victoria Harbour Ferry Company
1234 N Wharf St.
Victoria, BC V8W 3H9
Phone Number: (250) 708-0201

Brewery, Winery, Meadery Tours

Crush Wine Tours
1-649 Admirals Rd.
Victoria, BC V9A 2N6
Phone Number: (250) 888-5748

Starling Lane Winery
5271 Old West Saanich Rd.
Victoria, BC V9E 2A9
Phone Number: (250) 881-7422

Travel with Taste Tours
1-356 Simcoe St.
Victoria, BC V8V 1L1
Phone Number: (250) 385-1527

Vancouver Island Brewery
2330 Government St.
Victoria, BC V8T 5G5
Phone Number: (250) 361-0005

Winchester Cellars
6170 Old West Saanich Road
Victoria, BC V9E 2G8
Phone Number: (250) 544-8217

Carriage Rides

Tally Ho Horse Drawn Tours
Menzies & Belleville
Victoria, BC V8L 1L7
Phone Number: (250) 383-5067
Toll Free: (866) 383-5067

Victoria Carriage Tours
Belleville & Menzies Streets
Victoria, BC V8V 1X3
Phone Number: (250) 383-2207
Toll Free: (877) 663-2207

Garden Tours

Victorian Garden Tours
Phone Number: (250) 380-2797
Various Locations through Victoria

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Hiking (Guided Tours)

Eco BC Tours
302 Fraser Street
Victoria, BC V9A 6G5
Phone Number: (250) 386-6000
Toll Free: (866) 280-6277

Island Adventure Tours
1032 Oliphant Street
Victoria, BC V8V 2V1
Phone Number: (250) 812-7103
Toll Free: (866) 812-7103

Sailing

Tall Ship Adventure
PO Box 8206
Victoria, BC V8W 3R8
Phone Number: (250) 885-2311
Toll Free: (877) 788-4263

Blackfish Wilderness Expeditions
Phone Number: (250) 216-2389

Sail Piraeus Adventures
Inner Harbour
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 360-6184

Sightseeing

Fresh Air Tours
3925 Ansell Road
Victoria, BC V8P 4W1
Phone Number: (250) 472-3737
Toll Free: (877) 868-7790

Gray Line West
721 Government Street
Victoria, BC V8W 2B3
Phone Number: (250) 388-6539
Toll Free: (800) 663-8390

Great Day Getaways
Phone Number: (250)388-0091

Island Time Tours
101-3263 Alder St.
Victoria, BC V8X 1P3
Phone Number: (250) 477-3322
Toll Free: (866) 846-1917

Royal Blue Line Motor Tours
Belleville St.
In front of COHO Ferry Terminal
Victoria, BC V8V 1W9
Phone Number: (250) 360-2249
Toll Free: (800) 663-1128

Sea to You Eco Marine
305-948 Esquimalt Rd
Victoria, BC V9A 6V3
Phone Number: (250) 217-7759

Victoria Harbour Ferry Company
1234 N Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 3H9
Phone Number: (250) 708-0201

Wilson's Diamond Tours
109-3347 Oak Street
Victoria, BC V8X 1R2
Phone Number: (250) 475-3235
Toll Free: (800) 567-3288

Walking Tours

Ghostly Walks and Discover the Past
Phone Number: (250) 384-6698

Hidden Dragon Entertainment & Tours
541 1/2 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R3
Phone Number: (250) 920-0881
Toll Free: (866) 920-0881

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Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
Room 144 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4
Phone Number: (250) 387-3046
Toll Free: (800) 663-7867

Old Cemeteries Society of Victoria
15 - 1594 Fairfield
Victoria, BC V8S 1G1
Phone Number: (250) 598-8870

Secrets of the City
812 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1T3

Victoria Bobby Walking Tour
414-874 Fleming Street
Victoria, BC V9A 5V5
Phone Number: (250) 995-0233

Western Paradise Walking Tour
308-1630 Quadra Street
Victoria, BC V8W 3J5
Phone Number: (250) 384-8126

Whale Watching Tours

Cuda Marine Whale Watching Adventures
146 Kingston Street
Victoria, BC V8V 1V4
Phone Number: (250) 995-2832
Toll Free: (866) 995-2832

Eagle Wing Tours
1234 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 3H9
Phone Number: (250) 384-8008
Toll Free: (800) 708-9488

Eco Cruising Tours & Transport
4096 Raymond North
Victoria, BC V8Z 4L6
Phone Number: (250) 655-5211
Toll Free: (888) 634-9046

Fantasea Charters
950 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1T3
Phone Number: (250) 658-6052
Toll Free: (888) 721-1100

Five Star Whale Watching
706 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC V8W 3M6
Phone Number: (250) 386-3253

Great Pacific Adventures
811 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1T2
Phone Number: (250) 386-2277
Toll Free: (877) 733-6722

Naturally Salty Excursions
950 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1T3
Phone Number: (250) 382-9599

Ocean Explorations Whale Watching
602 Broughton Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1C7
Phone Number: (250) 383-6722

Orca Spirit Adventures
146 Kingston Street
Victoria, BC V8V 1V4
Phone Number: (250) 383-8411
Toll Free: (888) 672-6722

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Whale Watching Tours (cont.)

Prince of Whales Whale Watching
812 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1T3
Phone Number: (250) 383-4884
Toll Free: (888) 383-4884

Seacoast Expeditions
146 Kingston Street
Victoria, BC V8V 1V4
Phone Number: (250) 383-2254
Toll Free: (800) 386-1525

Seafun Safaris
950 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1T3
Phone Number: (250) 360-1200
Toll Free: (877) 360-1233

Springtide Victoria Whale Tours
1207 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1T9
Phone Number: (250) 384-4444
Toll Free: (800) 470-3474

Wildcat Adventure Tours
1234 Wharf Street
Waterlot
Victoria, BC V8W 3H9
Phone Number: (250) 384-9998

Notes:

Travel Checklist

Documentation

Keep all this information in one small secure bag, safely tucked away and keep possession of your carry-on at ALL times.

- Passport
- Eye Glass Prescription
- Drivers License
- Birth Certificate
- Medical/Dental Insurance Card
- Personal Insurance Papers

Medical

Make sure these items are properly marked and in a small, clear zip-loc bag. You'll have to show these to the security people.

- Alka Seltzer
- Vitamins
- Pain Killers (i.e. Aspirin / Tylenol)
- Pepto Bismol
- Prescription (s)
- Antacid Tablets (i.e. Tums / Roloids)

Toiletries

Be aware of new security restrictions regarding liquids. Hotels very often offer complimentary hair dryers (ask before you pack) shampoo, toothpaste and lotion. It could save you a lot of luggage space and hassle at security.

- Suntan Lotion / Sun Block
- Sun Burn Pain Relief (i.e. solar cane)
- Tooth Brush / Paste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Skin Lotion
- Comb / Hairbrush
- Hair Dryer
- Razors / Shavers
- Shaving Cream
- Gel / Mouse / Hairspray

Clothing

Bringing too much clothing can be worse than not enough. Bring clothes that pack well (don't wrinkle) and serve multiple purposes.

- Bathing Suit
- Shirts (short / long sleeve)
- Shorts
- Trousers
- Socks
- Belts
- Underwear
- Thermal Underclothing
- Bras
- Stockings
- Nightgowns
- Pajamas
- Sandals
- Sneakers
- Dresses
- Jacket
- Suit (s)
- Tie (s)
- Sweaters
- Rainwear

Miscellaneous Items

Keep your camera with you at all times. Scissors, nail files and umbrellas, will have to be checked. If you're able to do carry on only, you'll probably have to buy those items once you arrive

- Small, clear zip-loc bags
- Electric plug in converter
- Sewing Kit
- Repair Glues (quick drying)
- Scissors
- Camera
- Film/memory card
- Batteries/charger
- Umbrella
- Cell / Mobile Phone

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Travel Tips...

Planning Ahead will make your Visit to Victoria Even More Enjoyable

Emergency Phone Number:
911

Airports:

Vancouver International
3211 Grant McConachie Way
Richmond, B.C. V7B 1Y7
General inquiries line: (604) 207.7077
TTY General Information:
(604) 207.7070
<http://www.yvr.ca/contact.asp>

Abbotsford International Airport

30440 Liberator Ave.
Abbotsford BC V2T 6H5
Airport Directory (604) 855-1135
Visitor Information Centre:
(604) 859-1721
<http://www.abbotsfordairport.ca/>

Regarding Dogs and cats:

Dogs and cats from the US must be accompanied by a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian of Canada or the US certifying that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies during the preceding 36 months.

Regarding Plant Material:

Fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy products, plant material: Restrictions apply to the importation of fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy products and plant material.

Regarding Weapons:

All firearms must be declared. Revolvers, pistols, fully automatic firearms and other weapons and self-defense sprays (e.g. mace, pepper spray) are prohibited.

Weather Information

Phone Number: (250) 363-6717

Highway Road Conditions

Phone Number: 1 (900) 565-4997

Daily Newspapers:

Times-Colonist
P.O. Box 300
Victoria, B.C. V8W 2N4
Phone Number: (250) 380-5211

The Victoria News Daily

818 Broughton St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1E4
Phone Number: (250) 381 3484

Car rental companies in Victoria:

Airporter Service

767 Audley St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)386-2525

Avis Rent-A-Car

1001 Douglas St
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)386-8468

BC Transit

Gorge Road East
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)385-2551

Blue Bird Cabs

100-2659 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)382-3611

Alcohol Laws

BC's legal drinking age is 19. Photo identification is required to purchase alcoholic beverages or enter nightclubs serving alcohol. Alcohol can be purchased in government liquor stores and at privately owned cold beer & wine stores.

Travel Insurance

Visitor to Canada, should clarify what coverage your personal insurance carrier provides before you leave your home country and, if necessary, obtain additional health insurance before coming to BC. It is also a good idea to investigate missed flight / general travel insurance.

Tipping

It is customary to tip between 15% and 20% at bars and restaurants in BC. Tips are also given to tour guides, and for taxi service, spa treatments and haircuts. Porters at airports, railway stations and hotels generally expect \$1-2 (CDN) per item of luggage.

Food Markets:

Market on Yates

903 Yates St.
Victoria BC V8V 3M4
Phone Number: (250) 381-6000

Victoria Public Library

735 Broughton St.
Victoria, BC V8W 3H2
Phone Number: (250) 382-7241

Public Holidays

Banks, schools, government offices and some stores will be closed on the following days:

New Year's Day - January 1
Good Friday - April 14
Easter Monday - April 17
Victoria Day - May 22
Canada Day - July 1
BC Day - August 7
Labour Day - September 4
Canadian Thanksgiving Day -
October 9
Remembrance Day - November 11

Budget Rent a Car

757 Douglas Rd
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)953-5300

Discount Car & Truck Rentals

Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)405-5250

Empress Taxi

3520 Quadra St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)360-8490

Enterprise Car Rental

2507 Government St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)475-6900

Hertz Canada

655 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)360-2822

Island Auto Rentals

1400 Quadra St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)384-4881

Island Coach Line

700 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)385-4411

National Car Rentals

767 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)386-1213

Pacific Coach Lines

700 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)385-3348

Thrifty Car Rentals

625 Frances Ave.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)383-3659

Christmas Day - December 25
Boxing Day - December 26

Ferry Companies:

BC Ferry, 1112 Fort St.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250)386-3431

Black Ball Transport (COHO Ferry), Victoria

Inner Harbour

Victoria, BC

Phone Number (250)386-2202

Victoria Clipper

Victoria Inner Harbour

Victoria, BC

Phone Number:(250)384-8322

BC Ferry Schedules

www.bcferries.bc.ca

Victoria Weather

Via Rail

450 Pandora Avenue

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250)383-6712

Victoria Taxi

2925 Douglas St.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250)383-6123

Gas Stations

Dunsmuir Super Service

Address: 1321 Yates St.

Victoria, BC V8S 2A1

Phone: (250) 386-3217

Edge Specialties (Shell Canada)

Address: 3393 Douglas St.

Victoria, BC V8Z 3L4

Phone: (250) 475-1143

Mohawk/Husky Gasoline

Address: 2100 Quadra St.

Victoria, BC V8T 4C5

Phone: (250) 386-6422

Chamber of Commerce

20 Centennial Sq.

Victoria, BC V8W 1P7

Phone Number: (250) 386-2238

Driving Laws in British Columbia:

- Seatbelts must be worn by drivers and passengers in BC.
- Children under five must use an approved safety seat.
- Motorcyclists and cyclists must wear helmets.
- Drive on the right-hand side of the road and, if it's safe to do so, feel free to turn right at a red light after making a full stop, unless signs indicate otherwise.
- If you are involved in an accident, immediately contact the local police or RCMP, and then contact your insurance company.
- It is a criminal offense to operate or be in the care or control of a vehicle, whether in motion or not, with a blood alcohol content of more than 0.08 percent.
- Speed limits are posted in kilometres per hour.
- Out of province drivers' licences and international drivers' licences are valid in BC for a maximum of six months.

- Drivers with a non-English language licence are advised to obtain an international licence. Visit the British Columbia Automobile Association for more information.

You may or may not need to carry additional car insurance. Check with your current insurance company to determine their policy regarding rental car accident claims.

If you're flying into and staying in Canada, it would be worthwhile to check out air/hotel/car rental packages with Orbitz, Travelocity, Expedia or Priceline. Many times they can offer a better rate when you book everything together.

If you're not sure if you need a car, check with your hotel. Many times they'll offer free shuttle service from and to the airport. And getting around Victoria is very easy.

Currency Exchange:

The monetary system in Canada is based on dollars and cents. To avoid exchange problems, visitors are advised to exchange their funds to Canadian dollars at a bank or a foreign currency exchange outlet.

You can exchange currency at the following locations:

Custom House Global Foreign Exchange

Victoria Retail
815 Wharf St
Phone Number: (250) 389-6007
Toll Free: 1-800-891-8831

Victoria International Airport

1640 Electra Blvd.
Sidney BC
Phone Number: 655-0385

Victoria Bay Centre

1150 Douglas St.
Victoria BC
(250) 412-0336

Hotel Grand Pacific

463 Belleville St.
Victoria BC
Phone Number: (250) 412-0635

American Express

1203 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 385-8731

Currencies International

724 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)384-6631
231-1150 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)361-1582

Thomas Cook Foreign Exchange

G3, 1001 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 385-0088

Global Currency Corp. (Downtown)

307A-1208 Wharf St,
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 389-0520

Money Mart (Downtown)

1720 Douglas St,
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)386-3535

TD Bank & Trust (Downtown)

1080 Douglas St,
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250)356-4000

Measurements - Canada uses the metric system.

1 Canadian gallon = 4.5 litres

1 American gallon = 3.8 litres

Road distances are measured in Kilometers.

To convert to miles, multiply by 0.6 (ie) 100 Km = 60 mi.

Temperature is reported in degrees Celsius.

In the mid range multiply X 2 and add 32 to convert to Farenheight for approximate temperature.

Time Zones / Daylight Savings Time

Pacific Standard Time applies in most of BC. This is three hours behind Eastern Standard Time (Ontario/New York). BC is one hour behind Alberta, with the exception of some eastern areas which are on MST/Alberta time. Daylight Savings Time changes take place generally at the beginning of April (the clocks move forward one hour) and at the end of October (clocks move backward one hour).

Hospitals and Medical Centers

Downtown Medical Center

622 Courtney St.

Victoria, BC V8W 1C1

Phone Number: (250) 380-2210

Victoria General

1 Hospital Way

Victoria, B.C. V8Z 6R5

Phone Number: (250) 727-4212

Royal Jubilee

1900 Fort St.

Victoria, B.C. V8R 1J8

Phone Number: (250) 370-8000

Gorge Road Hospital

63 Gorge Road

Victoria, B.C. V9A 1L2

Phone Number: (250) 995-4700

Taxes:

Most purchases in British Columbia are subject to sales tax totaling 14% (7% Provincial Sales Tax and 6% Federal Tax called the GST) of the purchase price. The provincial sales tax (PST) of 7% applies to retail purchases with the exception of liquor, which is taxed at 10%. Some items, including groceries, restaurant meals, children's clothing and books, are PST exempt.

The federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 6% is applicable to most purchased goods and services.

GST Refunds:

GST TAX REBATE FOR VISITORS TO VICTORIA

If you are visiting Victoria from outside of Canada you are eligible for a tax refund.

You can obtain applications from most major downtown department stores or check with

Revenue Canada Office

910 Government St. (Monday to Friday),

If you are driving out of the country, you can stop by participating **Canadian duty-free shops** (for a cash refund up to a maximum of \$500.00 Canadian)

You qualify for a tax refund if:

You are not a resident of Canada

You have original receipts

Purchase amounts (before taxes) of short-term accommodations and goods on which you paid GST/HST total at least \$200.00 Canadian.

For goods, each individual receipt shows a minimum purchase amount (before taxes) on which you paid GST/HST of \$50.00 Canadian.

Camping

When choosing a campsite, look for things like cooking facilities , lighting for camping, tents, camping in the rain, bedding for camping, campfires and carefully dealing with insects, wild animals and your waste when camping. Contact the local Tourism office (#1 Centennial Square - Victoria, BC V8W 1P6, Phone Number: (250) 385-5711) and they can advise you on the best campsites at that particular time of year. Campfire regulations vary from region to region and from season to season. During the summer, forest fires are a very real danger and are frequently banned in dryer areas. For more information about regulations, contact the BC Forest Service Fire Information Line at 1-888-336-7378. Always check with local Tourist Info Centers, as local regulations always supersede those of the Ministry of Forests.

Churches

Churches in Victoria - Please check times by calling.

ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL

Christ Church Cathedral

Quadra at Courtney

912 Vancouver St.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 383-2714

Open daily for prayer, worship, and touring.

Services Sunday 8 A.M., 9:15 A.M.,

11 AM, and 4:00 P.M.

For weekday service times,

Phone 383-2714

The Very Reverend John van Nostrand
Wright.

Chinese Presbyterian Church

816 North Park St.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 384-4911

Services Sunday 11 A.M.

in Chinese and English.

All are welcome.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Andrew's Cathedral

740 View St,

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 388-5571

Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal

626 Blanshard St.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 383-8915

Service Times: 8:30 am:

Traditional Common Book of Prayer Service
9:30 am:

Contemporary Cafe-Style Service in the
Ministry Centre 11:00 am:

Blended Service Dr. Rod Ellis, Director.

Church of Saint John the Divine

1611 Quadra St.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 383-7169

Services Sunday 8 A.M., 9:15 A.M.,
11 A.M., 4:30 P.M.

Wednesday 7:15 A.M.

Thursday 11:30 A.M.

The Venerable Robert D. MacRae, Rector.

Centennial United Church

612 David St.

Victoria BC V8T 2E1

Phone Number: (250) 384-6424

Services: Sundays 10:55AM

Central Baptist Church

833 Pandora Ave.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 385-7786

Services - Sunday 10:30 A.M.
6:30 P.M.

Dave Marttunen, Minister,
Central Baptist Church

First Baptist Church

877 North Park St.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 383-6011

First Baptist Church study class
meets at 9:45 A.M.

Children meet at Sunday School
during the 11 A.M. worship.

Rev. Axel Schoeber

Gateway Baptist Church

898 Royal Oak Dr.

Victoria, BC

Services - Anticipated Sunday Liturgy -
Saturday 5 P.M.

Masses - Sunday 8 A.M., 9:30 A.M.,
11 A.M., 12:30 P.M. and 5 P.M.

Daily at 8 A.M. and 12 Noon.

Rev. Wes Ambeau, Rector and Rev.
Waldemar Kuchta.

Sikh Temple

1210 Topaz

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 383-5443

The Salvation Army Victoria Citadel

4030 Douglas St.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 727-3770

Services Sunday 10:30 A.M.,

Congregation Temple Emanuel

1461 Blanshard St.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 382-0615

UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC

St. Nicholas The Wonderworker
1112 Caledonia Ave.

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 384-2292

Services Sunday 9 A.M. (English)
10:30 A.M. (Ukrainian).

Confessions and Holy Hour Friday
6:30 P.M.

Very Rev. Kenneth E. Olsen, Protopresbyter.

St. Aidan's United Church

3703 St. Aidan's St.

(near Shelbourne & Cedar Hill X)

Victoria, BC V8P 2V7

Phone Number: (250) 477-2089

Sunday: 10:00am worship service
(with Sunday School program)

Rev. Karen Dickey and Rev. Paul Taylor

First Metropolitan United Church

Quadra at Balmoral

932 Balmoral Ave,

Victoria, BC

Phone Number: (250) 388-5188

Phone Number: (250) 658-5121
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Peter MacRaild

Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church
1800 Quadra St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 384-7633
Services Sunday 10:30 A.M., 6:30 P.M.
Rev Ron Michalski, Pastor.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Douglas at Broughton
680 Courtney St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 384-5734
Services Sunday 11 A.M.
Rev. Ian Victor Minister.

Services Sunday 9:15 A.M.
Worship and Sunday School 11 A.M.
Rev. Allan Saunders and Rev. Margaret Harper

James Bay United Church
511 Michigan St.
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) 384-5821
Services Sunday 11 A.M.

**Capital Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Victoria**
234 Menzies
Victoria, BC
Phone Number: (250) -658-3765
Services 10:00 a.m.

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