

Overlooking Victoria

Discovered by Captain Cook over two centuries ago, the lovely city of Victoria has successfully nurtured its English ambiance and heritage. Wonderful legacies are preserved with bright red double-decker buses and the delicious tradition of high tea. Shops brim with tartans, china, silver and antiques. From the landmark Empress Hotel to the impressive Parliament Buildings, city streets are filled with gracious architecture. A glorious profusion of colorful flowers abounds within the hanging baskets on every lamppost and at the world-famous Butchart Gardens. Victoria is an atmospheric city that brims with old-world charm.

Major Attractions

A. Royal British Columbia Museum

- This museum holds an impressive natural history exhibit and is the most visited museum in Canada.
- The First Peoples Gallery exhibits rare artifacts used in day-to-day native life, and a wonderful gallery with totem poles, masks, and artifacts.

B. Parliament Buildings

- Constructed in 1893 by a young architect of only 25 years, Francis Rattenbury, in honor of celebrating Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

- The buildings are of Neo-Baroque style and atop the central dome is a gold-covered statue of Captain George Vancouver.
- #### C. Fairmont Empress Hotel
- Considered to be the most photographed attraction on Vancouver Island, The Empress was originally designed by Francis Rattenbury and opened in 1908.
 - This Edwardian, château-style hotel has been hostess to many a famous person such as King George VI and Queen Elizabeth as well as Rudyard Kipling.

D. Chinatown

- This was the largest settlement of its kind, north of San Francisco, and the most populous in Canada until 1910 when Vancouver's Chinatown overtook it in size.
- Today it is smaller but the downtown area retains the exotic charm of the East with its vegetable markets, gift shops and restaurants.

E. Maritime Museum

- Housed in the historic 1889 provincial Law Courts building, which contains the original and considered the oldest operating elevator in the country.
- The Museum contains various themed galleries such as Early Exploration to Captain Cook, Canadian Pacific Steamships and the Royal Navy.

F. Butchart Gardens

- Created in the abandoned limestone quarry, this 50-acre property displays a variety of gardening styles from all over the world.
- To this day the gardens are still run by the Butchart family and include a Rose Garden, and both an Italian and Japanese Garden.

Note: Some of these sights are also featured in our Crystal Adventures Shore Excursions for Victoria.

Restaurants:

4. Ferris Oyster Bar & Grill

Address: 536 Yates Street

5. Sauce Restaurant

Address: 1245 Wharf Street

6. Kipling's

Address: Fairmont Empress Hotel,
721 Government Street

Geography Information/ History

The Capital city of British Columbia is situated on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, which was discovered by Captain James Cook in the late 1700's. In 1841 the British set up a trading post which subsequently named after Queen Victoria. After the discovery of gold in 1858 the city's population boomed overnight and Victoria was incorporated as a city in 1862. The city has gone on to become a popular tourist destination and nicknamed the "City of Gardens".



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Victoria at a Glance

City Population: 78, 658

Highest Elevation: 23 meters or 75 feet

Language: English and French

Currency: Canadian Dollar (CAD)

Docking Location: Crystal Symphony will be docking at Odgen Point Pier in Victoria.

Distance to Town: Approximately 2 miles to Downtown

Shuttle Service: Crystal Symphony will be operating a complimentary shuttle service to Downtown. Please check the daily *Reflections* for the shuttle schedule.

Taxis: Taxi's are available outside the terminal and are metered.

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- A** Royal BC Museum
- B** Parliament Buildings
- C** Fairmont Empress Hotel
- D** Chinatown
- E** Maritime Museum
- F** Butchart Gardens

Shops

- 1** Market Square
- 2** Antique Row
- 3** Side Street Studio

Restaurants

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- 5** Sauce Restaurant
- 6** Kiplings

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