

WHAT IS THERE TO DO IN VICTORIA?

Royal British Columbia Museum – 675 Belleville St. (5 min. walk)

The Human and Natural History of British Columbia... a world where you can experience the history of British Columbia in an afternoon. Considered one of the top museums in North America, this is an attraction not to be missed. www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

The Butchart Gardens – 800 Benvenuto Rd. (30 min. drive)

Established in 1904, this 50-acre showplace still maintains the gracious traditions of the past, from the exquisite Sunken Garden, to the charming Rose, Japanese and Italian Gardens. Seasonal daily entertainment, Night Illumination and Fireworks, as well as two restaurants and a gift shop. www.butchartgardens.com

Craigdarroch Castle – 1050 Joan Cres. (30 min. walk)

“Victoria’s Legendary Landmark” completed in 1890. Come and experience the lavish home and the fascinating yet often traumatic history of the famous Dunsmuir family. www.craigdarrochcastle.com

Royal London Wax Museum – 470 Belleville St. (5 min. walk)

Spend some time visiting the Centuries. Rub shoulders with the rich and famous. Leave your disbelief at the door and join the ageless, timeless world of wax.

Miniature World – 649 Humboldt St. (5 min. walk)

The Greatest Little Show on Earth! See the Little People’s Wonderful World of Smallness. Special effects in lighting, sound and animation are added to create this miniaturized extravaganza that continues to thrill and delight the young, and the young at heart. www.miniatureworld.com

Undersea Gardens – 490 Belleville St. (5 min. walk)

A journey down a wide gently sloping stairway to the bottom of the sea opens up an exciting vista never before possible. View, through windows to another world, the amazing and vibrant colours of underwater life.

Fort Rodd Hill & Fisgard Lighthouse – Ocean Boulevard (30 min. drive)

Stroll along the ramparts of three coastal gun batteries built a century ago. Step inside Canada’s oldest west coast working lighthouse where colourful displays tell of ships wrecked and lives saved.

Butterfly Gardens – 1461 Benvenuto Rd. (30 min. drive)

A lush, indoor tropical garden where the flowers are always blooming and the butterflies are always flying. Watch a chrysalis unfold to reveal the magic shapes and colours of exotic butterflies as they prepare for flight. (seasonal). www.butterflygardens.com

Maritime Museum – 28 Bastion Square (10 min. walk)

The first provincial courthouse, complete with the oldest continuously operating birdcage elevator in Canada, is home to the complete maritime history of the Pacific Northwest including exploration, the Royal Navy, working boats and cruise lines. www.mmbc.bc.ca

Emily Carr House – 207 Government St. (10 min. walk)

Visit the birthplace of Emily Carr, one of Canada's most famous artists and writer, which has been restored to its original beauty, and tells the history of the Carr family. (seasonal)

Victoria Bug Zoo – 631 Courtney St. (5 min. walk)

Meet over 30 species of spectacular bugs from around the world. Our friendly, knowledgeable interpreters provide visitors with a “positive bug experience” during their tour. It's fun, interactive, and it's an adventure!

Art Gallery of Greater Victoria – 1040 Moss St. (25 min. walk)

A historic mansion is the heart of one of Canada's leading art galleries. The permanent collection of 10,000 works includes Canada's finest collection of Japanese art and an impressive range of contemporary art. These and other works, including travelling exhibits, are displayed regularly.

Point Ellice House – 2616 Pleasant Rd. (10 min. drive OR 15 min. via harbour ferry)

Home to the O'Reilly family for 108 years, this beautiful heritage building has hosted some of Victoria's most distinguished guests! Point Ellice House invites you to become part of the fabled history and enjoy High Tea on the lawns. (seasonal)

Kid's Petting Farm – Beacon Hill Park (15 min. walk)

Bring your children to Beacon Hill Park and see them interact with friendly goats, pigs and rabbits, among others. Always a kids' favourite, the petting zoo takes donations as admission, and is open daily. (seasonal)

Gray Line Tours – Departure at the corner of Government St. and Belleville St.

City Tours – 1 ½ hours

Butchart Gardens Tours – 3 hours

Please see Concierge for schedules and fares. www.graylinewest.com