



## CANADA

# VICTORIA EXPERIENCE (TOUR CODE: 12300)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Vancouver

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 May 24 - 10 Oct 24

### EXPERIENCE

City Stays

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

British Columbia's capital city of Victoria celebrates a proud history, reflected in its stunning architecture, gardens, and culture.

## Highlights

- Admission to the must-see oasis that is the Butchart Gardens, with its lush greens and colourful blooms
- Cruise across Georgia Strait through the beautiful Gulf Islands with BC Ferries
- End your experience on a high with a thrilling scenic floatplane to Vancouver
- Freedom of choice day in Victoria to personalise your experience

You will begin this package with a scenic ferry from Vancouver bound for the colourful port lands of Victoria. On arrival into Victoria, enjoy an afternoon tour of the city including a visit to the magnificent Butchart Gardens.

Victoria, British Columbia, is an exquisite blend of old-world charm and modern sophistication. Known for its rich history, striking architecture, and stunning natural beauty, Victoria is a vibrant city and cultural hub. A jewel within Victoria's landscape is the world-renowned Butchart Gardens. This 55-acre botanical wonderland enchants visitors with its breathtaking array of colorful blooms, lush green spaces, and tranquil water features. Each corner of the gardens paints a different, vivid portrait: roses in the Rose Garden, fragrant and exotic plants in the Japanese Garden, and a striking display in the Sunken Garden. A visit to Butchart Gardens is a captivating journey through nature's splendor.

On your free day in Victoria, you will have a freedom of choice activity included, whether it be an exhilarating coastal whale watching tour or a foodie tour to savour the local cuisine. You will conclude the experience by boarding a floatplane for your return flight to Vancouver over the scenic waters of the Strait of Georgia



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Victoria at Inn at Laurel Point
- 5 hour guided sightseeing tour to Victoria
- Admission to the Butchart Gardens
- Floatplane from Victoria to Vancouver

Freedom of Choice Days

### Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 2

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

## ITINERARY

Day

1

Vancouver Victoria

Depart Vancouver this morning on a driver guided coach tour to Victoria. Cruise across Georgia Strait through the beautiful Gulf Islands with BC Ferries. Arriving on Vancouver Island, tour to Butchart Gardens (Admission included). A two hour stop allows time to enjoy these magnificent gardens. Tour scenic Ocean Drive, Uplands, Oak Bay, University of Victoria as well as the Victoria City Tour before being taken to your hotel.

Overnight in Victoria at the **Inn at Laurel Point** (or similar)



VICTORIA INNER HARBOUR | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / REUBEN KRABBE

Day **2**

## Victoria

It's time to explore the city! Personalize your day by choosing one of three **Freedom of Choice** options below.

Overnight in Victoria at the **Inn at Laurel Point** (or similar)

### Freedom of Choice Options

- **Whale Watch Cruise:**

Get up close with the killer whales on the Salish Sea with this guided, 3.5-hour whale-watching cruise from Victoria. Climb aboard a covered or open boat equipped with hydrophones to hear the whales and bring the underwater experience to light.

### OR

- **Eat like a Canadian Food Tour:**

Not many people can define exactly what Canadian food is. From local ingredients to historic dishes, this tour is the best way to experience Canadian culinary culture. Sip and savour local cuisine, explore the iconic Inner Harbour, and meet the chefs and owners that make Victoria such an exciting culinary hot spot.

### OR

- **High Tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel:**

Enjoy High tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel is a delightful, traditional experience. Indulge in a lavish array of tea, finger sandwiches, pastries, and scones, served in an elegant setting, enhancing the allure of this historic Victoria, British Columbia landmark.





HUMPBACK WHALE | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC

Day **3**

## Victoria Vancouver

Your morning is free to explore Victoria before departing mid afternoon on a scenic floatplane flight to return to Coal Harbour Downtown Vancouver.



CREDIT: HARBOUR AIR SEAPLANES

# ACCOMMODATION

## Inn at Laurel Point

### Victoria

Overlooking Laurel Point Park, this waterfront hotel is a 5-minute walk from the Black Ball Ferry Line and a 10-minute walk from the Royal BC Museum. Featuring private balconies with water views, the airy rooms include flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi, plus minifridges, and tea and coffeemaking equipment. There's a heated indoor pool, an exercise room and a Japanese garden, plus a Pacific Rim-inspired restaurant with a patio and harbour views.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<b>OFFICIAL LANGUAGE</b> French & English	<b>LOCAL CURRENCY</b> Canadian Dollars
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We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package