



Victoria, BC

www.tourismvictoria.com

Victoria is the capital of BC and a beautiful city that caters to all lifestyles. It has a population of approximately 345,000. It's not hard to see why Victoria is a major tourist and retirement destination. It boasts beautiful weather and scenery, friendly people, a vibrant cultural scene, limitless recreational opportunities, and a full range of amenities. Vancouver Island's outdoors have opportunities for skiing, boating, sailing, climbing, fishing, canoeing, diving, whale-watching, hunting, cycling, hiking, and more.

Weather

Victoria has a very mild climate. It is rarely too hot or too cold. Daily temperatures rise above 30°C (86°F) on an average of only two days per year and fall below -5°C (23°F) on an average of only 2 nights per year. The area receives an average of 24 inches of precipitation a year (mostly rain) – almost 37% less than Vancouver.

For more information on weather in Victoria, please visit:
<http://www.weathercity.com/ca/bc/victoria/>

Location



Victoria is located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island.

Nearby ferry terminals offer trips to the mainland, including Vancouver and Seattle (Washington, U.S.A.).

For detailed information on travel distances, times, and fuel costs in BC, [click here](#).

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Driving Distances

Nanaimo.....111km (approx. 1 hour 20 minutes)
Mt. Washington.....179km (approx. 3 hours)
Vancouver112km (approx. 3 hours including ferry)
Seattle, WA, U.S.A.....172km (approx. 4 hours 26 minutes including ferry)

Transportation

Airport

The closest major airport is the Victoria International Airport (YYJ), which serves flights to and from destinations across North America.

To visit the Victoria International Airport's website, click here:

<http://www.victoriaairport.com/>

Public Transit

BC Transit offers bus service throughout southern Vancouver Island.

To see maps and schedules for the Victoria Regional Transit System, click here:

<http://www.transitbc.com/regions/vic/>

Other

Vancouver Island is connected by a system of roads and highways. Surrounding islands and the mainland can be reached by car if you take a ferry. The primary provider of ferry service is BC Ferries. Their website can be found here: <http://www.bcferrries.com/>

Accommodation

Renting a one bedroom apartment in Victoria starts at around \$1350 CAD per month. To view rental listings in Victoria, visit:

<http://rentbc.com/victoria-apartments.html>

or

<http://www.gottarent.com/bc/victoria/>



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If you are considering buying a property in Victoria, the price of condominiums starts at around \$190,000 CAD for a one bedroom suite. The starting price for a single family house is around \$400,000 CAD.

For more information and statistics, housing prices and real estate listings in the Capital Regional district, please click on one of the links below:

- [Victoria Real Estate Board](#)
For recent home sale statistics
- [MLS® Website](#)
For real estate listings
- [Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation](#)
For analysis and research of local housing markets

Education

Public Schools

Public elementary, middle, and secondary schools are available throughout Greater Victoria. Three school boards govern public schools in Greater Victoria:

- [Greater Victoria School District #61](#)
- [Sooke School District #62](#)
- [Saanich School District #63](#)

Private Schools

Several independent schools also operate within Victoria. For more information visit the [Federation of Independent School Association's](#) website.

Universities/Colleges

[The University of Victoria](#) is one of Canada's leading universities. Known locally as UVic, it has earned a reputation for commitment to research, scholarship and work-integrated learning. Here, more than 18,000 students from around the world enjoy a campus community that offers outstanding social, cultural, artistic, environmental and athletic opportunities.

[Royal Roads University](#) was founded in 1995 and is the only public university in Canada created solely to address the knowledge needs of the global workplace through applied and professional programs. The university concentrates on its four founding themes: entrepreneurship and management; leadership; environmental sustainability; and conflict resolution.



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Camosun College is a dynamic and innovative community college serving the educational and training needs of the people of Victoria, southern Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and beyond. Camosun has two main campuses, the Lansdowne campus and the Interurban campus.

Health Services

Greater Victoria's health care needs are served by the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA).

VIHA provides services through a network of hospitals, clinics, centres, health units and residential facilities. For more information on hospitals and health services in Victoria visit the [VIHA website](#).

Recreation

Victoria and Vancouver Island are ideal playgrounds for outdoor adventure enthusiasts. The temperate climate enables many activities to go on year-round. Residents can go outdoor rock-climbing or play 18 holes of golf in February. Victoria offers access to whale watching, kayaking, diving, fishing, sailing, hiking, golf, climbing, swimming, and many other outdoor activities. There are also plenty of indoor recreation facilities and athletes can register to play any team sport they like.



Victoria also offers a full range of amenities. Museums, art galleries, theatres, movie theatres, specialty shops – you name it, Victoria most likely has it. As a major tourist destination, the city is home to many shops, bars, and restaurants.

For more detailed information on things to do in Victoria, try visiting:

<http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/departments/parks-rec-culture/recreation-culture.html>

or

<http://www.tourismvictoria.com/>



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Industry

As the capital of British Columbia, Victoria is home to many government jobs. Government is therefore a large contributor to the city's economy. The technology sector is Victoria's largest revenue-generating private industry. Other major sources of income are tourism and senior care, as the beautiful city attracts many tourists and retirees every year.

Taxes

British Columbia has some of the lowest tax rates among Canadian provinces. To see how taxes compare across Canadian provinces and territories, visit:

<http://www.taxtips.ca/taxrates/taxcomparison/taxcomparison2012.htm>

For detailed information on taxes in BC, visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/theme.page?id=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD4824>



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