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From the Publisher

Dear Valued Visitor to Vancouver Island,
 There is so much to see and so much to do and experience. EXPLORE VANCOUVER ISLAND contains information to assist you in decision making about: Where to Go, Where to Shop, What to See, Where to Eat and What to Do.
 The merchants, restaurants and attractions presented in this magazine are well known, established, first class operations with solid track records of excellence providing both visitors and locals the very best in top quality products, exceptional customer service, excellent value and complete consumer satisfaction.



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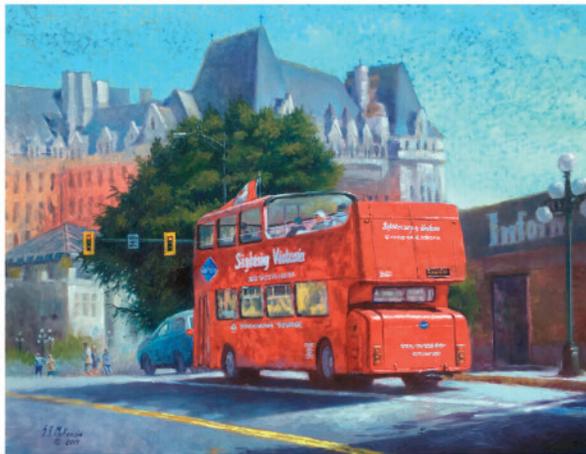
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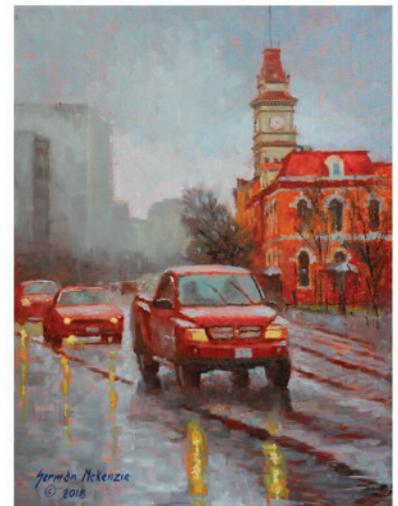
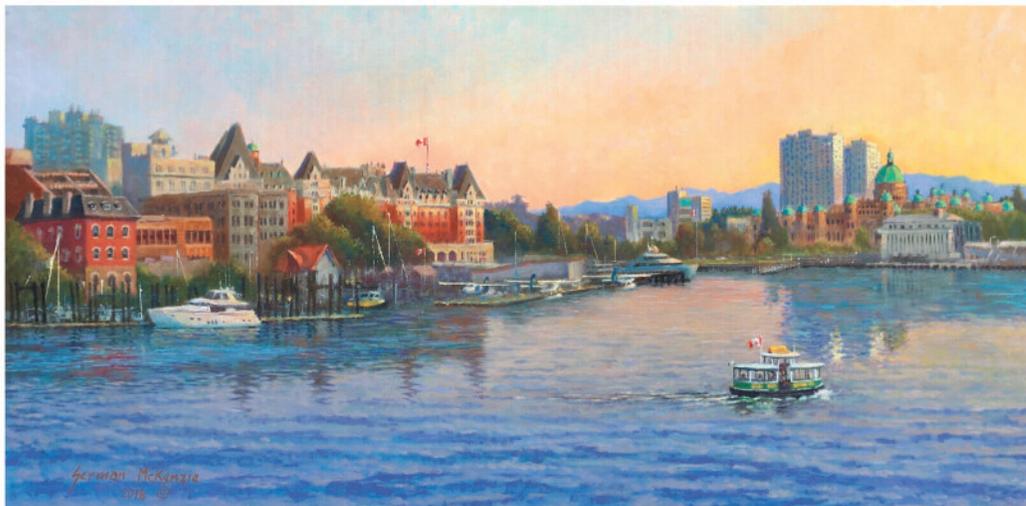
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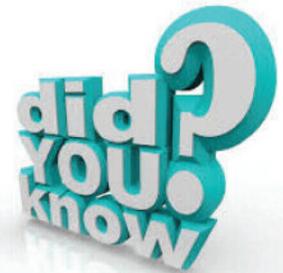
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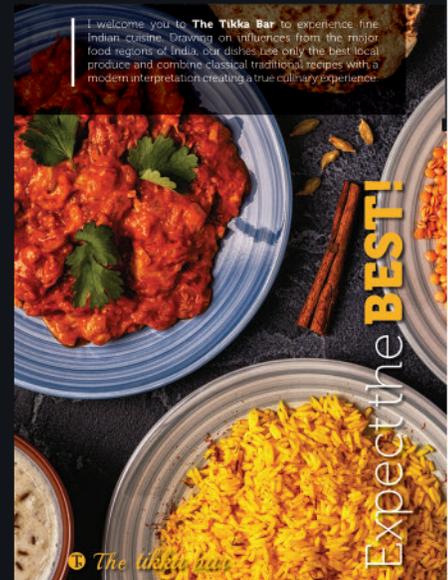
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17 Chicken with Cashew Nuts	\$9.95	
18 Chicken with Almonds	\$9.95	
19 Sweet Sour Chicken	\$9.95	
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22 Ginger Pineapple Chicken.....	\$9.95	
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25 Sesame Seed Chicken	\$9.95	
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29 Beef with Green Onion Ginger	\$10.95	
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38 Sweet & Sour Lean Pork	\$9.95	
39 Bbq Pork with Vegetables	\$9.95	
40 Bbq Pork with Broccoli	\$9.95	
41 Mandarin Style Pork Chop.....	\$10.95	
42 Szechuan Pork	\$9.95	
43 Salt & Pepper Pork Chop	\$9.95	

Seafood

44 Prawns with Tomato Sauce	\$12.95	
45 Black Bean Prawns	\$12.95	
46 Prawns with Green Onion	\$14.95	
47 Prawns with Cashew Nuts.....	\$12.95	
48 Deep Fried Prawn with Sweet & Sour Sauce	\$13.95	
49 Salt & Pepper Prawns	\$13.95	
50 Szechuan Prawns	\$12.95	
51 Curried Prawns	\$12.95	
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67 Beef Chow Mein	\$8.95	
68 Chicken or BBQ Pork Chow Mein	\$7.95	
69 Special Chow Mein	\$9.95	
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71 Vegetable Chow Mein	\$7.95	
72 Beef with Tomato Chow Mein	\$8.95	
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76 Assorted Meats Seafood Chow Mein	\$13.95	
77 Shredded Chicken with Sprouts Chow Mein	\$11.95	
78 Beef with Vegetable Chow Mein or Chow Fun	\$11.95	
79 BBQ Pork with Vegetable Chow Mein	\$11.95	
80 Beef with Sprouts Chow Fun	\$11.95	
81 Beef in Black Bean Sauce Chow Fun	\$11.95	
82 Seafood Chow Mein	\$13.95	

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83 Shrimp Fried Rice	\$8.95	
84 Chicken Fried Rice	\$7.95	
85 Mushroom Fried Rice	\$6.95	
86 Vegetable Fried Rice	\$6.95	
87 Jade Fountain Fried Rice	\$9.95	
88 Tomato Fried Rice	\$8.95	
89 Szechuan Spicy Fried Rice	\$7.95	
90 BBQ Pork Fried Rice	\$8.95	
91 Beef Fried Rice	\$8.95	
92 Beef & Tomato Fried Rice	\$9.95	
93 Curried Vegetable Fried Rice	\$6.95	
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111 Satay Seafood	\$12.95	
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113 Kung Po Prawns	\$12.95	
114 Ma-po Tofu	\$10.95	
115 Salt & Pepper Pork Lion	\$9.95	
116 Szechaun Prawns	\$12.95	
117 Szechaun Beef	\$10.95	
118 Szechaun Chicken	\$9.95	
119 Lemon Fried Crispy Chicken	\$9.95	

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Chili Chicken

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Paneer\$11
Fish\$13
Praw\$14

Pakorras

Potato and onion mixture dipped in a chick pea batter and fried\$7
Chicken\$11
Paneer\$11
Fish\$13
Prawn\$14

Tandoori Chicken Wings

Wings marinated in Indian spices and yogurt then grilled in the tandoor oven\$12

Tandoori Sizzlers (Clay Oven)

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Paneer Tikka

Indian home-made cheese\$14

Lamb Seekh Kebab

Ground lamb sausage\$15

Turmeric Chicken Tikka

Boneless chicken breast\$16

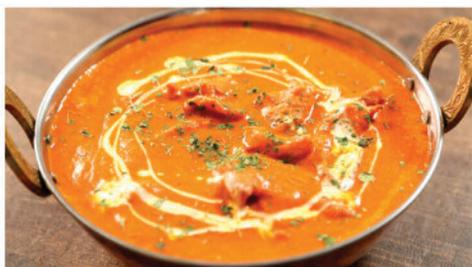
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Tandoori Fish\$17

Tandoori Lamb Chops\$22



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Paneer or Tofu\$14
Fish\$16
Prawns\$17

Butter Sauce

Smooth & Velvety sauce made of tomato, butter & cream

Korma

Mild cashew cream curry

Coconut Curry

Mild curry cooked with Indian spices and coconut milk

Vindaloo

Spiced onion curry cooked with tomato, potato and a touch of vinegar

Saagwala

Pureed spinach curry cooked in exotic Indian spices and ginger

Masala Curry

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Daal Turka

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Eggplant Bartha

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Spinach & Potatoes

YPureed spinach based curry cooked with Indian spices and herbs\$11

Peas & Paneer

Peas and Indian cheese cooked in an onion and tomato gravy\$13

Kofta

Potato and cheese dumplings deep fried and served in creamy sauce ..\$13

Biryani - GF

Basmati rice stir fried with Indian spices and herbs topped with cashews.Served mild, medium or hot

Vegetable\$14
Chicken\$16
Lamb\$18
Prawns\$18

Naan (fresh baked bread)

Whole Wheat Roti\$2

Naan

Flatbread made with white flour and yogurt\$2

Bhatura

Deep fried naan\$3.5

Garlic Naan\$3.5

Onion Kulcha

Stuffed with red onion and spice mixture\$4

Spinach & Paneer Naan

Stuffed with spinach, Indian cheese and spices\$5

Keema Naan

Stuffed with spiced ground lamb\$6

Chicken Naan

Stuffed with spiced ground chicken\$6

Mint or Lacha Parantha

Crispy layered whole wheat bread\$4

Potato Parantha

Layered whole wheat roti stuffed with spiced potato and onion mixture\$4

Kashmiri Naan

Stuffed with sweetened coconut, nuts and rose syrup\$4





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Dining choices in Victoria BC and the surrounding communities presents a large and varied list of pubs, lounges, family and fine dining restaurants; from tapas to sushi, burgers to oysters. In Victoria you will be spoiled for choice and there is an establishment to suit everyone.

Vancouver Island and the nearby Gulf Islands are a west coast epicurean centre, thanks to the cornucopia of fresh, local, organic produce, seafood, specialty food producers, wineries and micro-brewed ales found here. Farm markets providing fresh produce, savory baked goods and locally made cheeses.

World-class chefs work in partnership with growers, producers and foragers to create mouthwatering cuisine, making Victoria and surrounding areas a favourite destination for food and wine experiences.

Discover a strong British presence and enjoy an authentic ale, lager or stout in one of the many breweries and brewpubs. Elegant, afternoon tea is a delightful with seasonal fruits, baked pastries and unique teas.

The concentration of wineries, farms and specialty food producers make touring a delight. British Columbia wines are fast becoming some of the top rated wines in the

world, with over 80 wineries and mederies spread far and wide across this beautiful province. Fruit is also grown in abundance, with cherries, and apples, pears and kiwi's growing throughout the interior and the islands.

The province is also home to a cider industry benefits from fruit harvested in the Okanagan and on southern Vancouver Island.

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Victoria boasts a large selection and varied list of bars and clubs. Most age groups are well covered when it comes to the bar scene in Victoria, from sports bars to local community bars, wine bars and nightclubs. Most bars offer a food service and the standard of 'pub-grub' has increased substantially.

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Thanks to Vancouver Island's rich lands, many of Victoria's restaurants use home-sourced supplies in order to create some of the best eats you can find. Canada's diversity also lends a hand to Victoria's food-haven aspects, as there is a restaurant for every desire and palate.

From a quick bowl of ramen, to a full, fine-dining, farm-to-table experience, the city has it all. Victoria has the second highest number of restaurants per capita in all of North America.

You could eat every meal out for your entire stay, never have to go to the same place twice, and still have an entire notebook of restaurants to try next time you come to Victoria.

Besides restaurants, Victoria also offers a great number of food tours, food trucks, quick snack spots and incredible markets. In fact, there are so many farmers markets within the city during the summer,

that you'll likely be within close proximity of at least one no matter where you're staying.

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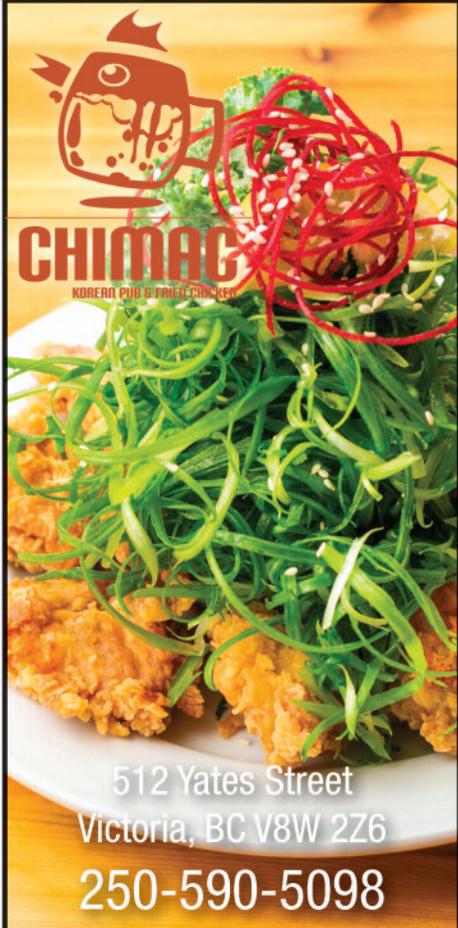
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Coast Salish culture and traditional knowledge survive through oral histories. Although Coast Salish legends vary from nation to nation, they often feature many of the same spiritual figures and tell similar creation stories.

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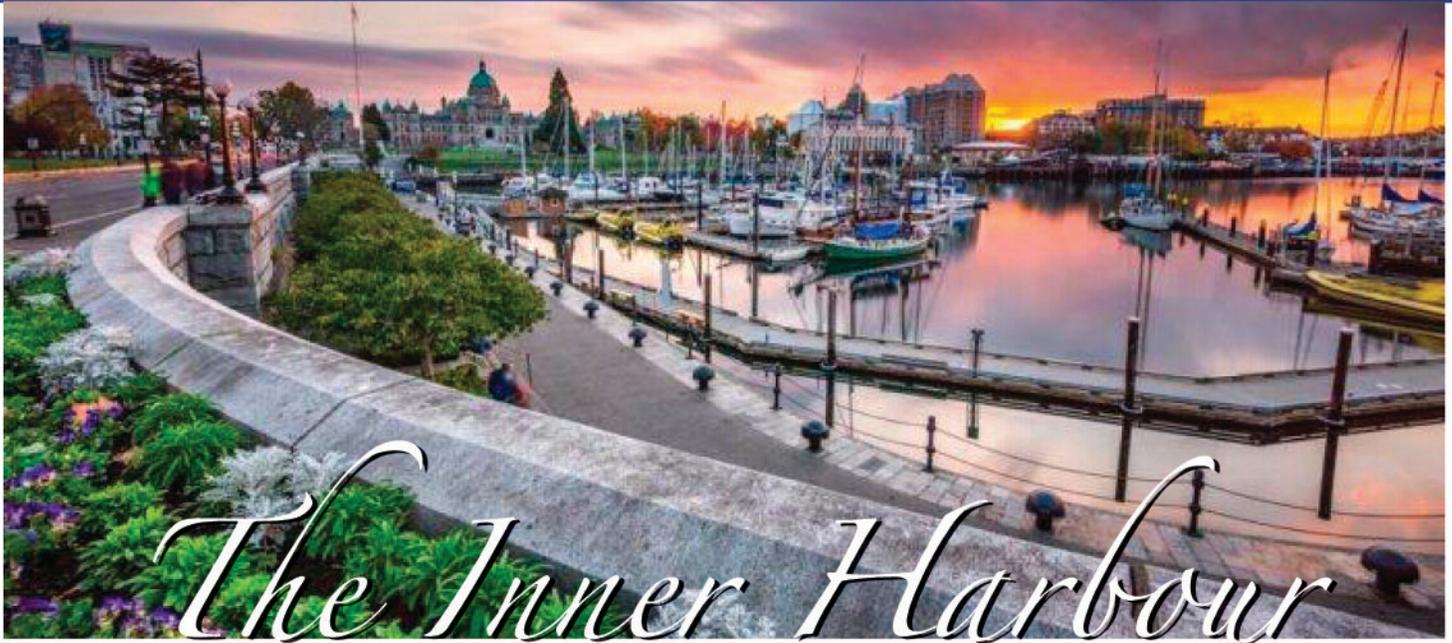
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On the water, sailboats tie up at the wharves, kayakers and canoeists poke into coves and

marinas, and floatplanes come and go as ducks bob in their wake and harbour seals poke above the waves.

When the Empress Hotel was built in 1908, workers filled the swamp, then drove pilings deep into the mud to support the grand hotel.

Fronting on the south side of the harbour are the stone Parliament Buildings, designed by flamboyant Victoria architect Francis Mawson Rattenbury, who also designed the Empress Hotel. Rattenbury scandalized turn-of-the-century Victoria by abandoning his wife for a younger mistress, losing his money and decamping for England, where he was murdered by his wife's lover.

Downtown contains Victoria's largest concentration of souvenir and specialty shops, restaurants that cater to families and sophisticates, pubs, lounges coffee bars and antique and secondhand shops. You can walk from Bastion Square through old alleyways to Market Square, with its buildings arranged around a plaza, to Chinatown.

The first Chinese here came with the Gold Rush in the 1850's and many more arrived to work on the building of the railway in the 1880's. Their opium dens and gambling houses are gone, but streetside vegetable vendors remain and the enticing odours of barbeque pork and ginger-fried beef still waft along Fisgard Street.



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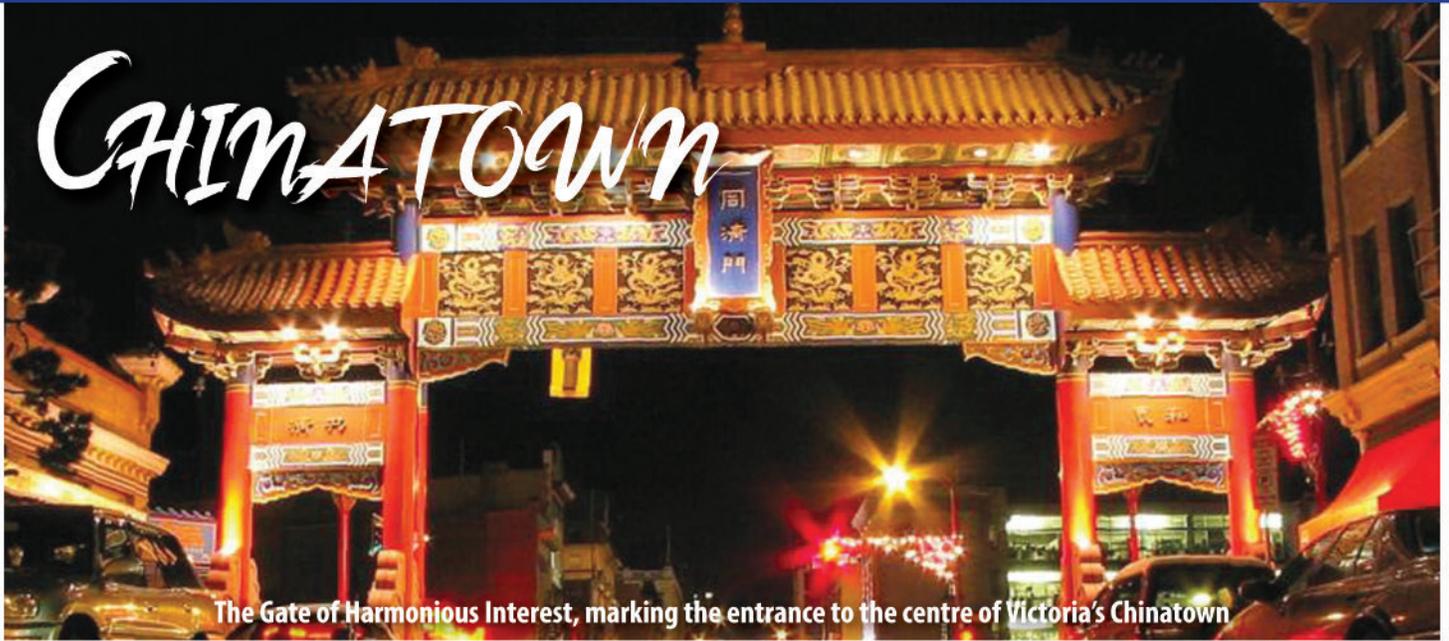


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The Gate of Harmonious Interest, marking the entrance to the centre of Victoria's Chinatown

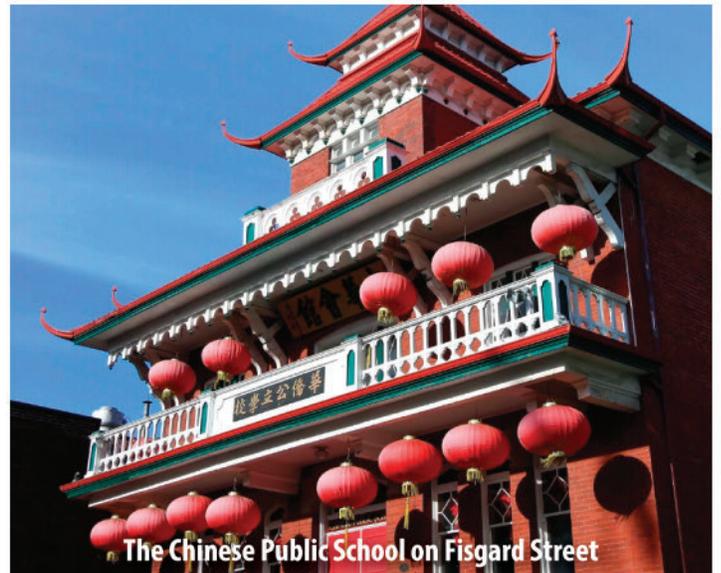
Victoria's Chinatown is a testament to the resiliency of the culture and traditions brought to Canada by Chinese immigrants more than 150 years ago. These days, Chinatown proudly stands out in the downtown landscape of BC's capital. As one gets closer to the Gate of Harmonious Interest, the ornately decorated arch marking the entrance to Chinatown's centre on Fisgard Street, the neighbourhood's presence is revealed: bold colours of lucky red and gold, distinct architecture, and business names written in Chinese on shop windows.

Chinatown started as a crude collection of wooden shacks, built by the Chinese immigrants who travelled with an influx of gold seekers, chasing riches in the Fraser Canyon and beyond to Barkerville. Over the years, word of work on the goldfields drew more immigrants from China, and around 15,000 builders came to work on the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway – Victoria became the major entry point for Asian immigration to BC. By 1911, Chinatown had a population of more than 3,000.

The neighbourhood's history has a seedy side of gambling and opium dens (in 1883, Victoria was

home to 11 opium shops), distractions catering to a largely male population far from their homes and families. But Chinatown was most importantly a cultural community, one still present today, including a Buddhist temple, the Chinese public school, and community organizations, such as the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, founded in 1909 to protect the rights and safety of Chinese immigrants, which still gather in second floor spaces along Fisgard Street.

Chinatown was designated a National Historic Site in 1995, and these days is home to a vibrant mix of businesses.



The Chinese Public School on Fisgard Street

Shops selling souvenirs, hip restaurants and narrow alleys home to quirky shops and yoga studios exist alongside the traditions and culture of the Chinese people. These can still be seen in the neighbourhood's special details: look for small shrines in restaurants, Chinese-style architecture on streetlights and a phone booth, and grocery stores stocked with unusual produce such as durian and dragon fruit, and other speciality ingredients for all styles of Asian cooking.

Souvenir hunters can explore the shops lining the lantern-lined pathway of Fan Tan Alley for locally made clothing and bags, or used vinyl records. Unique furniture, clothing and even tattoos can be found in the neighbourhood, too.

Although Chinatown only encompasses a small part of downtown Victoria, it's worth taking a stroll through its colourful streets and narrow alleys. To enhance the experience, join a tour with Chinatown Walks or download the self-guided Mysterious Chinatown tour pamphlet from the City of Victoria. Take in the heritage buildings and delicious food, and experience the resiliency of Chinese traditions so lovingly preserved since the first Chinese immigrants arrived in Canada.



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1 Explore Beacon Hill Park

Younger children will love the year-round playground and duck ponds, as well as discovering what's around the next corner in the various lush gardens. Among the other things to do with kids: a seasonal water park, 18-hole putting green and the Beacon Hill Children's Farm (a local favourite).

2 Visit the Bug Zoo

It may sound creepy and crawly, but the Victoria Bug Zoo is a fascinating place that tends to win kids over with its live displays of giant walkingsticks, praying mantids and glow-in-the-dark scorpions. Knowledgeable entomologists are on hand to answer any questions, making this spot educational as well as fun.

3 British Columbia's premiere museum is a must!

There is particular emphasis on things to do with kids at this Victoria landmark. There's the Old Town, the Ocean Station, the First Peoples Gallery and activities planned throughout the year. Special kids' guide sheets to help get children more excited about the museum's bats, sharks, circus artefacts and more!

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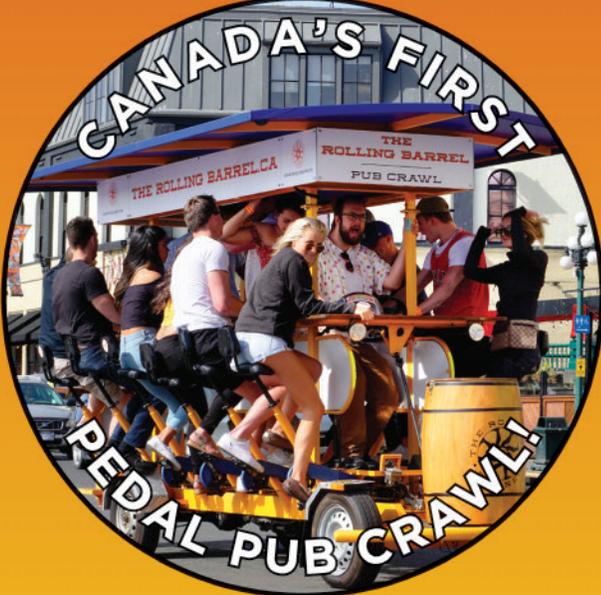

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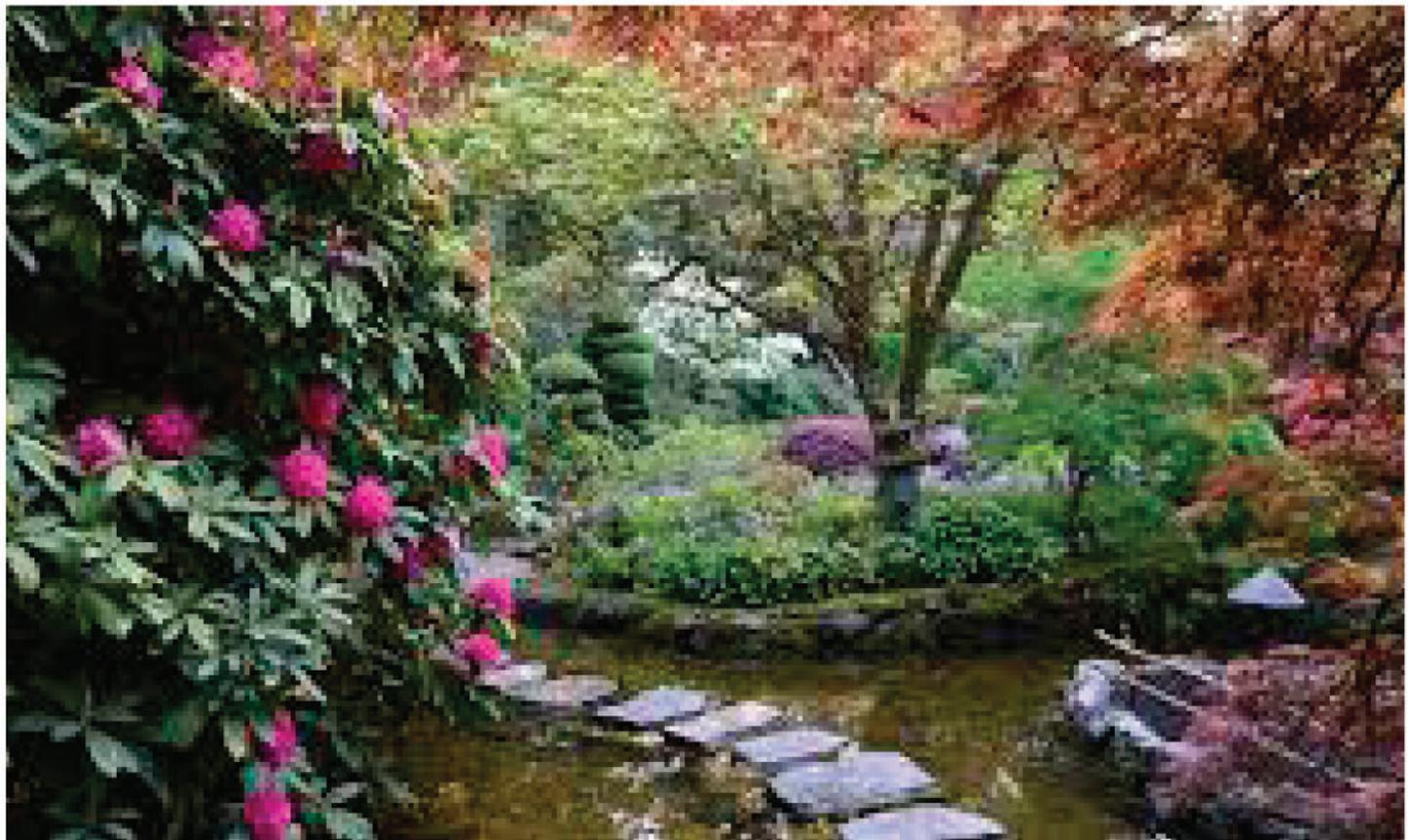
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Shopping in Victoria

Shopping in Victoria is an exciting experience where you can find any item from any part of the world with great ease. Browse for handmade gifts, local Aboriginal art or designs by fashion trendsetters. Victoria's relaxed pace, urban layout, and network of side streets and alleyways encourage strolling, so it can be easily explored (and shopped!)

Whether you're window shopping or out for a marathon shopping spree, Victoria offers everything from quaint shops and local food markets, to unique boutiques, local independent retailers and full shopping centres.

Victoria has many shopping districts. Here are a few for you to check out...

ANTIQUUE ROW

Upper Fort St. is known for its many antique stores and auction houses, Fort Street now offers clothing boutiques, cafés, and a couple yoga studios, modernizing the area. Despite the trendy changes however, antique row still delivers what the name promises: find rare

china, silverware and furniture, or simply peruse the oddities of the over-stuffed shops; sandwiched between trendy boutiques, these dusty stores are reminiscent of an older Victoria.

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Built in the late 1800s when Victoria was enjoying tremendous growth, Market Square was teeming with sailors seeking adventure and fortune. The Square was home to bustling hotels, saloons, and shops that outfitted gold prospectors on their way to the Klondike. Market Square was a hub of lively activity, offering a bold contrast to Victoria's image as a "quaint bit of Old England"!

Market Square offers a wonderful shopping experience! Browse through unique, local boutiques in heritage brick-and-beam buildings that surround an open air courtyard – a great place to take a break and enjoy lunch, dinner, coffee or snack.

If you're looking for local boutiques that offer one-of-a-kind merchandise, you've come to the right place. You'll find the latest fashion trends; home accessories; locally made

jewelry; fun gift ideas and more. There's a variety of tasty restaurants – authentic Belgian waffles, a vegetarian buffet, Neapolitan pizzeria, curries, Mexican, Indonesian, coffee shop and craft beer eatery.

Market Square is regularly used for live music concerts and includes benches, picnic tables, and deep stairs to sit on.

One of downtown Victoria's oldest landmarks, Market Square, is an easy 5-10 minute walk from the Inner Harbour. A "must see" for visitors on vacation; a regular stop for locals enjoying some of the best shopping and dining in the city!

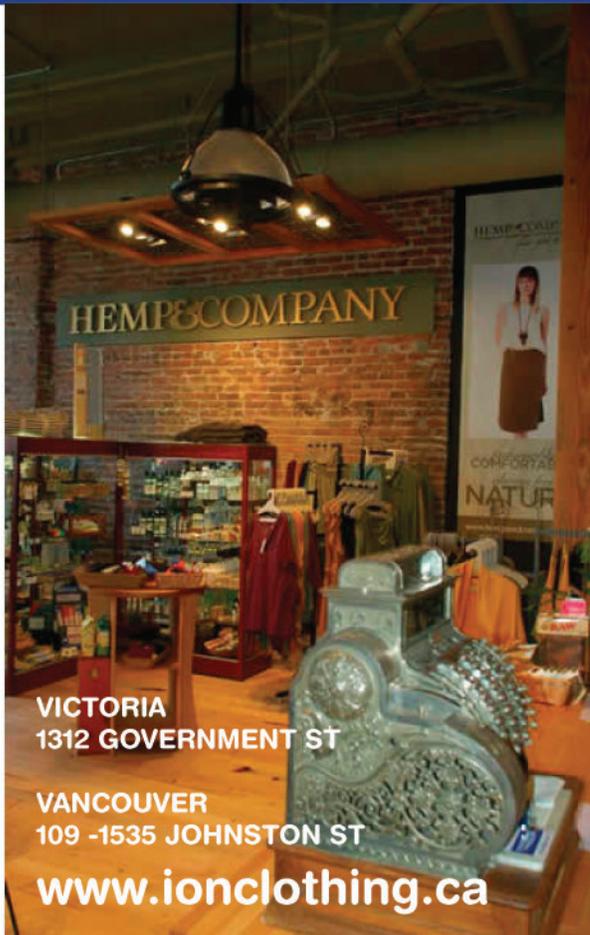


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You can find souvenirs, specialty craft and art stores, premium candy and sweet shops on popular tourist-filled Government Street. The Bay Center shopping mall, located between Government and Douglas, features a variety of clothing, accessory, and shoe stores, Canadian passport office, food court, and salons.

You're sure to find the perfect souvenir (and something for yourself) at Artina's Jewellery, which offers the world's largest selection of Canadian hand-crafted jewellery. Keep an eye out for nearby Cowichan Trading and Sasquatch Trading Ltd., where you can find authentic Indigenous arts, crafts, jewellery, and moccasins.

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LOWER JOHNSON (LOJO)

Spending time on Lower Johnson Street is a quintessential Victoria experience. Boutique shops, restaurants, yoga stores and fitness studios, a bakery and hair salons - all terminating with a great view of Victoria's waterfront and the Johnson Street Bridge.

All buildings on Lower Johnson are brick and masonry heritage buildings from the 1890's to 1920's. The street has become a brilliant patchwork of brightly painted buildings interspersed with handsome brick facades. Pink, lime green, and aqua blue with heritage awnings. People on the streets have a truly unique Victoria experience.

The charm of days gone by, complemented with some of the hottest styles of today.

Lower Johnson has rapidly gentrified over the past 30 years from its humble beginning to one of the most trendy and upbeat streets in the city. The former hotels and saloons have given away to a myriad of boutique shops and restaurants. However, the buildings that once housed the colorful history of Lower Johnson remain largely intact. The heritage buildings have been refurbished for contemporary commercial uses. However, the street maintains its "main-street" feel of human scale buildings.

Lower Johnson is pedestrian friendly and a bike lane is

being added in 2016. Bike parking is available and a midblock crosswalk makes it easy for shoppers to move back and forth across the street.

Lower Johnson is safe for pedestrians and cyclists. The street is also the gateway into Market Square, which is an internal courtyard with ample amenities for all ages, including food and seating areas.



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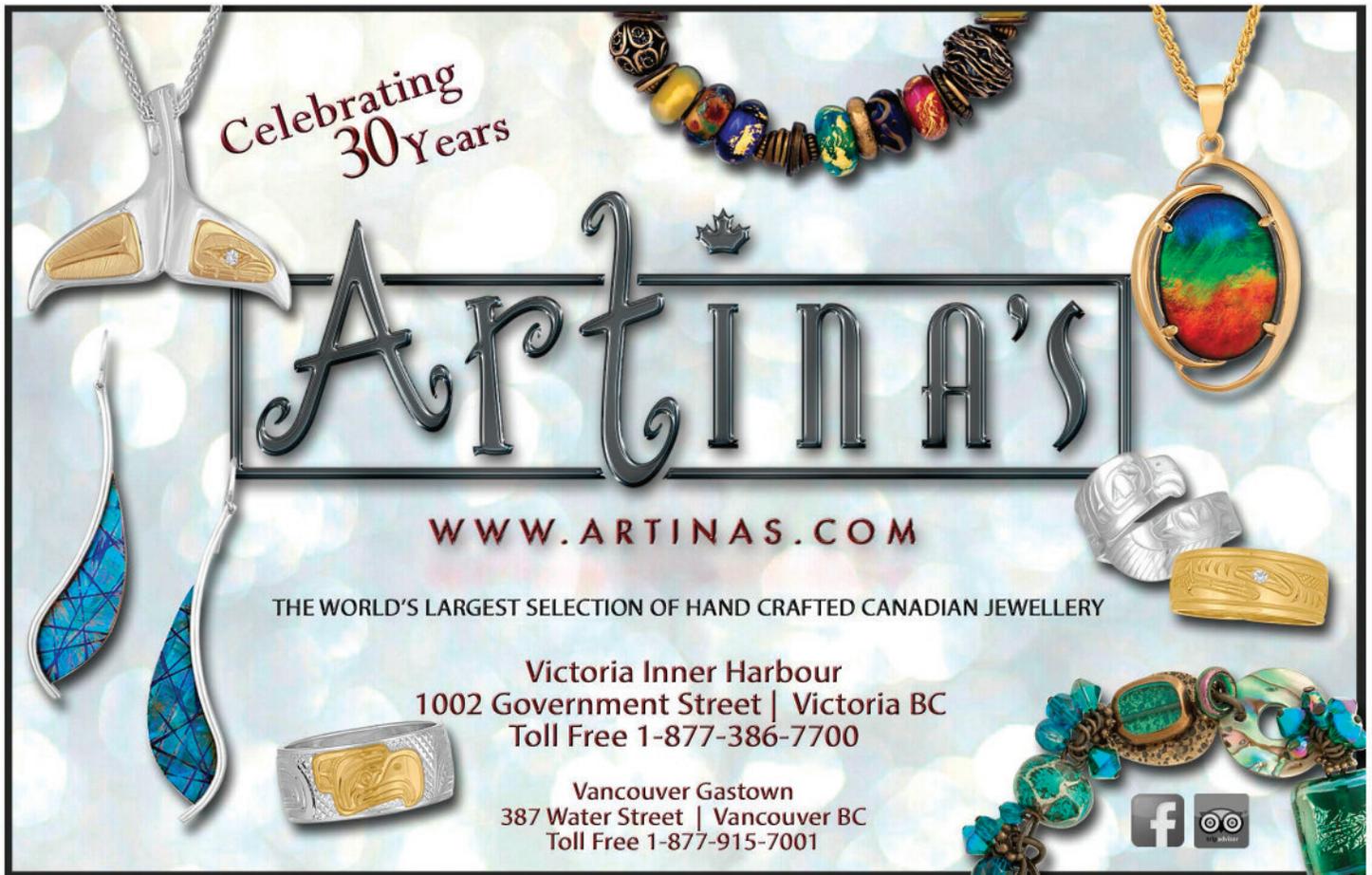


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CFB Esquimalt comprises facilities including Naden (formerly HMCS Naden), Her Majesty's Canadian (HMC) Dockyard Esquimalt, Fleet Maintenance Facility – Cape Breton (FMF-CB), a Fire Fighting and Damage Control School, the Naval Officer Training Centre (NOTC Venture), and extensive housing including 716 personnel married quarters located at nine sites such as Belmont Park, Work Point, and Royal Roads.

The present dockyard and drydock, known as Her Majesty's Canadian (HMC) Dockyard Esquimalt, dates to the Royal Navy's Esquimalt

Royal Navy Dockyard (1842–1905) and was the Royal Navy's Pacific Station until 1911; Today it serves as the Canadian Naval Headquarters in the Pacific.

Due to their significance in Canadian naval history, four sites at CFB Esquimalt (the dockyard, the former Royal Navy Hospital, the Veterans' Cemetery and the Cole Island Magazine) have been designated the Esquimalt Naval Sites National Historic Site of Canada.





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- Victoria International Buskers Festival: Mid July, Various Locations
- Festival Mexicano: Mid July, various locations.

AUGUST

- Victoria Symphony Splash: Early August, Inner Harbour
- Dragon Boat Festival: mid-August, Inner Harbour.
- Victoria Classic Boat Festival: Late August - early September, Inner Harbour.

SEPTEMBER

- Victoria Fringe Festival: Early September, Various Locations
- Victoria International Chalk Festival: Mid September, Douglas St.

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- Ghosts of Victoria Festival: around Halloween, Various Haunted Locations.

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Nearby, check out the century-old gun batteries and commanding sea views at Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites. This park-like setting hosts an historic coastal artillery fort and Canada’s oldest West Coast lighthouse.

More military history and modern might are on display at the Naval & Military Museum at Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt.

Cycle along the famous Galloping Goose Regional Trail, which winds through a whopping 55 picturesque kilometres (34 miles) of the WestShore communities. Then stop for a cold pint of fresh, local craft beer or a hearty ploughman’s lunch at a neighbourhood pub—you’ve earned it!

In the Langford area, notable natural features include three prominent lakes (Langford Lake, Glen Lake and Florence Lake), as well as Mount Finlayson, Mount Wells and Goldstream Provincial Park.

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LEISURE

From walks along the incredible inner harbour to kayaking on the ocean, exploring Canada’s oldest Chinatown to seeking ghosts in Craigdarroch Castle, bicycling along the 60km Galloping Goose trail to hiking up Mount Doug, or having afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel to sipping cocktails in a fancy lounge - there is something for everyone to enjoy in Victoria.

ACADEMICS

With a progressive public school system, including French immersion programs, several top-notch private schools, and excellent post-secondary choices, Victoria has excellent options for all levels of academia.

CULTURE

Victoria is full of art galleries, the biggest and most popular being the Victorian-era mansion that houses the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. There is also an abundance of street music and summer festivals. Whether you like rock concerts, symphonies, ballets, or independent theatre productions, you’ll be able to find something to entertain you in Victoria.

EMPLOYMENT

Victoria boasts a stable economy with jobs related to tourism, government and related support jobs, health care, plus a booming tech sector. CFB Esquimalt also offers opportunities for military and industries that support and supply the military.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Victorians know how to slow down and enjoy life. We wave thanks to drivers for stopping at crosswalks, happily give tourists directions and advice to maximize their enjoyment, say thanks to the bus driver, and make time to go relax at the beach, stroll along the breakwater, or hike around a lake. In short, we love being here and it simply makes up happier and more relaxed than “Mainlanders.”



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Named for its early inhabitants, the T’Sou-ke First Nation, Sooke was a thriving settlement of the Coast Salish Indians. The name T’Sou-ke is said to derive from a stickleback fish found at the mouth of the Sooke River. For hundreds of years the T’Sou-ke First Nation lived undisturbed off the land, until in 1790 Spanish explorer Manuel Quimper “discovered” this coastal hidden treasure.

Sooke’s popularity as a scenic tourist destination has existed for generations. Well-known destinations in Sooke, such as Whiffin Spit Park, the Sooke Potholes Regional Park attract visitors both locally and from around the world.

The small, harbour-side town is a quintessential diamond in the rough. Nestled among towering, rugged rainforests and unspoiled

beaches of the dramatic, windswept Pacific Ocean coastline, Sooke offers visitors and residents an authentic west coast experience.

The Sooke Region Museum proudly preserves the town’s colourful history. Open year-round, the museum sits on more than two hectares and

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houses authentic historical displays that depict 19th century pioneer lifestyles, celebrate the culture of the local indigenous people and recount stories about the renowned northwest passage that facilitated Spanish exploration in the 18th century.

The area's popularity has increased as a base for visiting the wilderness parks of Vancouver Island's southwest coast — the West Coast Trail and the Juan de Fuca Provincial Park which includes the now highly popular Juan de Fuca Marine Trail.

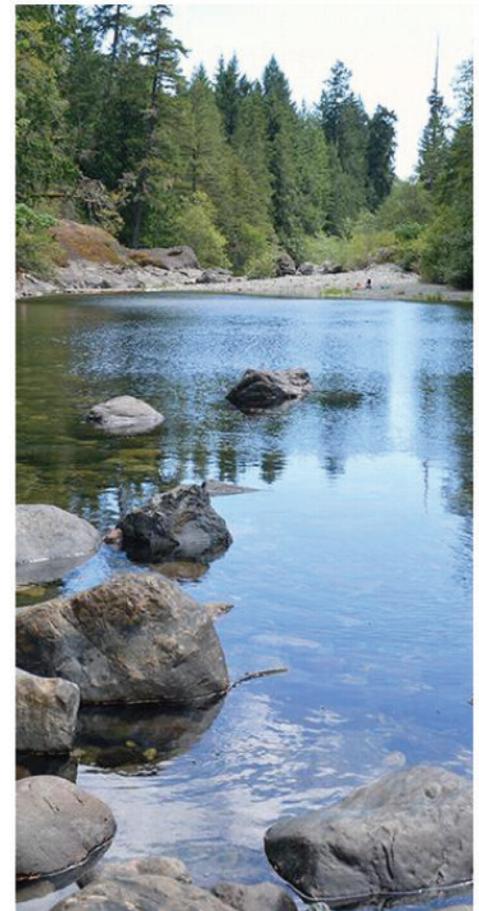
Sooke is famous for its beaches just on the outskirts of its neighboring communities such as Shirley and Jordan River. These beaches include Sandcut, French Beach, Fishboat Bay, China Beach and Mystic Beach.

Back country recreation, or off-road recreation brings a constant stream of 4X4s, quads, ATVs, dirt bikes, and home built

off-highway vehicles through Sooke as people search out back country access. Hundreds of kilometres of logging roads thread through the hills north of Sooke, enabling access to several community lakes and small reservoirs. Two large reservoirs, Bear Creek and Diversion, are popular destinations north and west of Sooke.

The Galloping Goose Regional Trail, part of the Trans-Canada Trail, runs through Sooke and is a popular cycling route to Victoria.

The vibrant arts community enjoys the annual Sooke Fine Arts Festival which features the adjudicated art of local and regional artists. Sooke is known for its wealth of painters, writers, sculptors, potters, fabric artists, jewellery crafters, and more. The Sooke Community Arts Council plays a large role in fostering art in the region. The Sooke Harbour House art gallery is a



main display opportunity for many local artisans.

Sooke is located at the end of the 40-minute drive along scenic Highway 14, a scenic coastline route winding 74 km (45 miles), with white sand beaches, provincial parks and kilometres of rainforest.





Stroll down Beacon Avenue all the way to the harbour and experience the extraordinary. Live outdoor music events, fantastic festivals, street fairs are all a part of this beautiful seaside city. Experience what Sidney has to offer!

As the Gateway to Vancouver Island, Sidney enjoys a thriving arts and culture community that celebrates local artists and local crafts. From the seaside sculpture walk, to the beautiful totems that welcome visitors at the Mary Winspear Centre, to the lovely art in our galleries, community art centre and local cafés, there is truly something for everyone.

Every Sunday during the summer, in the acoustically perfect bandstand at water's edge, Sidney offers free

outdoor concerts. Jazz, blues, pop, country and rock: every week the Town celebrates the magic of its Summer Sounds series. What could be better than enjoying great music under clear blue skies, with a view of Mount Baker and the San Juan Islands in the background, ice cream in hand! Summer perfection!

Outdoor adventure is our specialty—just about year 'round. Whether you enjoy kayaking, whale watching,

bike riding, fishing, crabbing, boating or simply walking at the water's edge, Sidney has it all. With our mild weather, Sidney is an ideal destination throughout the year. During the summer, Sidney also has a terrific water park for kids, right alongside basketball and tennis courts.

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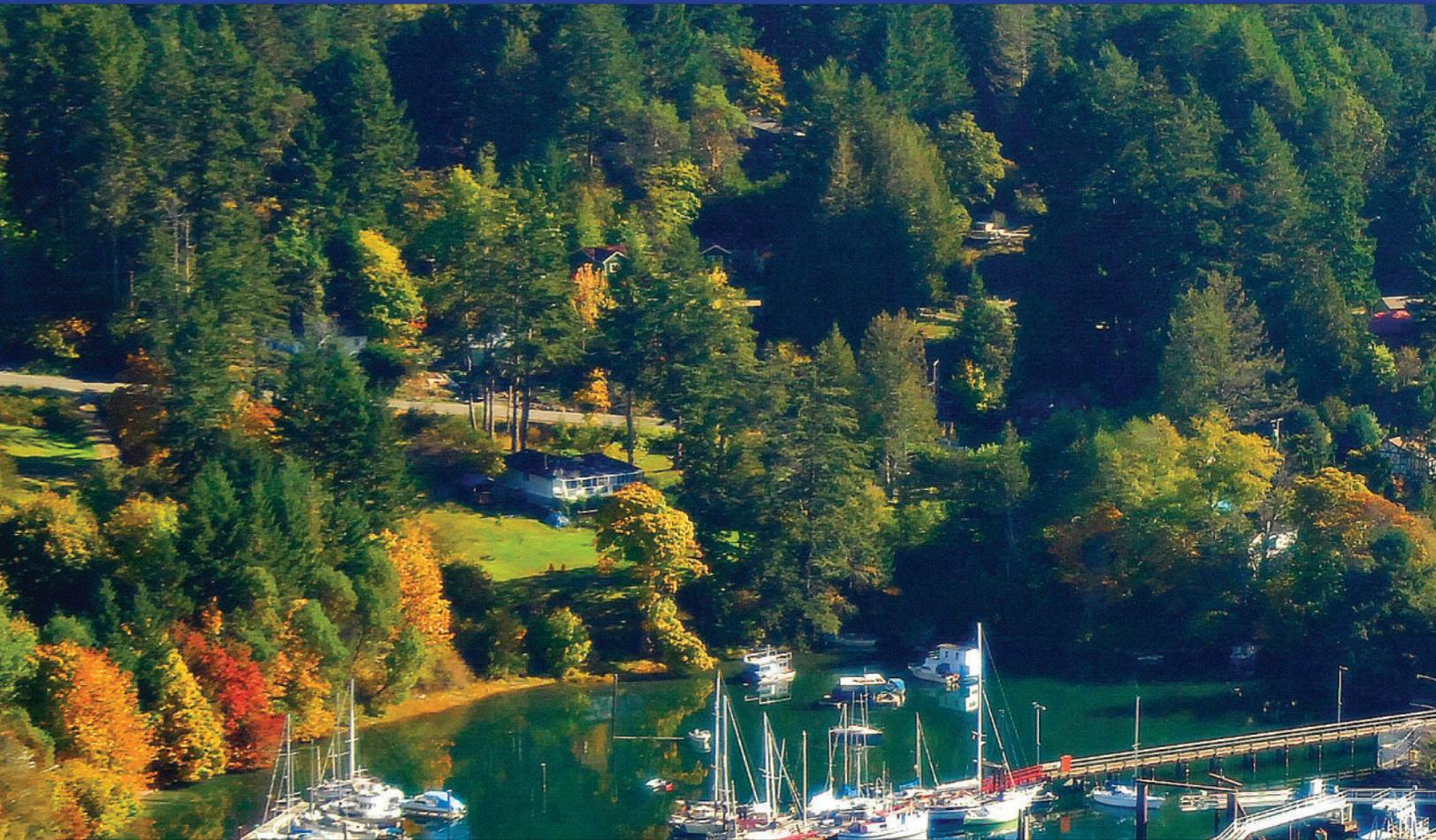
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Salt Spring Island is located between Vancouver Island and the British Columbia Mainland in the Salish Sea alongside its neighbouring islands of Galiano, Pender, Saturna, Mayne and Prevost. With the convenience of 3 ferry crossings and great proximity to Victoria and the Cowichan Valley, this island getaway is easier to get to than most people think. Your ride on BC Ferries – or a flight on an amazing float plane into Ganges Harbour – is the great start to your adventure!

Accommodations on Salt Spring Island range from resorts to quaint cabins, luxurious Bed & Breakfasts to motels and hotels including the 5 star Hastings House Hotel, rated as the one of the world’s most romantic hotels in 2014. We also have great camping and yurts for the more adventurous and young-at-heart travelers.

Artists, farmers, chefs, mechanics, romantics, writers, retirees and dreamers have been drawn to its shores and have recognized it as one of the world’s best places to visit, work and play. If you are seeking a life away from it all without giving up the conveniences of urban living, a move to Salt Spring might be for you!

Offering a wide range of experiences, from horizon gazing to challenging hikes, lake and ocean exploration, arts and culinary adventures along with health and wellness retreats – there is something on Salt Spring for everyone.



Cowichan takes its name from Quw'utsun', an Indigenous word that means The Warm Land.

Cowichan is located in Canada's only maritime Mediterranean climatic zone and is home to the warmest year-round temperatures in the country. For decades now, Cowichan has been producing amazing artisanal food and drink from the region's burgeoning farms, wineries, cideries and distilleries. Yet, the food and drink are just the tip of the proverbial iceberg!

The Cowichan Valley has always been known for its laid-back culture, Coast Salish roots, and proximity to the great outdoors. What visitors might not expect is that Cowichan is also home to many well-known and emerging artists, from potters, painters, sculptors and performers to

Indigenous artists who often focus on storytelling through traditional mediums.

From concerts and festivals to outdoor fun, like biking, hiking, fishing, kayaking and more, Cowichan features a myriad of things to do all year round.

39 days (from June 28th to August 5th) are taken up with free to the public musical treats in a music festival atmosphere in downtown Duncan. The festival is the longest of its kind in the world.

The Cowichan Valley is home to a number of excellent craft breweries and distilleries, one of which is also Canada's first estate cidery.



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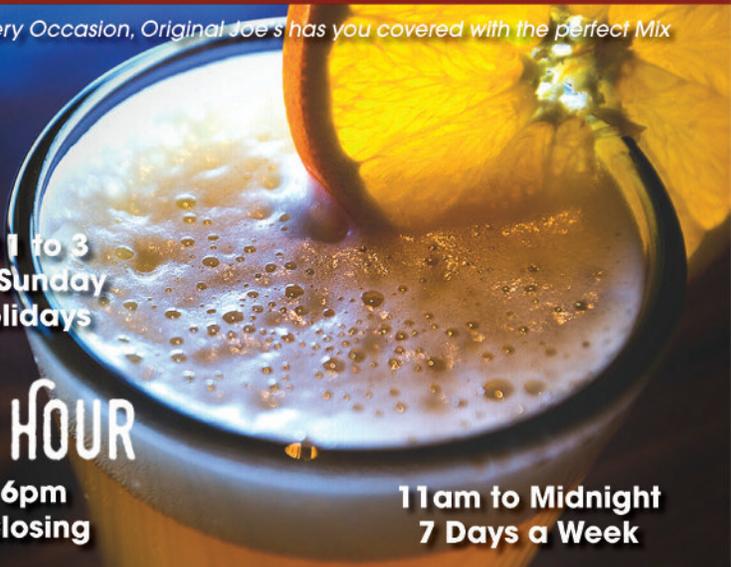
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Did you know that Nanaimo was originally established as a Hudson’s Bay Company trading hub? A daily cannon firing ceremony, featuring 19th century cannons that were part of the original defenses – accompanied by bagpipes – on the waterfront at 12 noon, May thru September.

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A discovery-filled vacation waits for you in Parksville/Qualicum Beach... amazing sandy beaches, picture postcard views, world-class biking and hiking trails, salt-tinged ocean air, and the small-town charm of the communities.

Rath Trevor Beach in Parksville is one of the province's most popular family destinations and is home to many resorts and a Provincial Park. The attractions include 5 kilometers of ocean beachfront), forest (with a circular, oceanfront trail) and parkland. At low tide, the ocean recedes almost a kilometer back from Rath Trevor's shoreline. While you are exploring the park make sure you visit the Rath Trevor Beach Nature House. This interpretive centre is a hub for environmental education featuring camps and events.



Qualicum and Parksville have been named Canada's best family-friendly beach destination by Better Homes and Gardens magazine.





A prized fishing and water sports destination, Port Alberni is in the heart of Vancouver Island. You'll find a variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, fishing and boating, as well as other outdoor adventures such as windsurfing, zip lining, mountain climbing, mountain biking and more.

There's so much to do and explore... One of the most striking features is the Alberni Inlet, a long narrow arm of the ocean that travels inland from Barkley Sound, excellent for both freshwater and saltwater fishing. North of Port Alberni is Stamp River, with incredible Chinook and steelhead fishing. In late summer, over half a million salmon spawn near the Stamp River Hatchery, making it a favourite for local black bears (and bear watching!).



Port Alberni is named for Captain Don Pedro de Alberni, a Spanish officer who commanded For San Miguel at Nootka Sound for Vancouver Island's west coast from 1790 to 1792.

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Long Beach is the largest and longest beach in the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve on the west coast of Vancouver Island. It is located on Wickaninnish Bay between Tofino and Ucluelet and is adjoined by campgrounds and picnic areas.

The Tofino-Ucluelet highway parallels the entirety of the beach. The beach's consistent surf, exposed to the open Pacific Ocean, established it as one of the earliest and most popular surfing locations in British Columbia.

Long Beach features rocky 'islands' in the mid-tidal zone of the beach that are accessible only at low tide; when the tide is high, these islands are surrounded by water.



Each year 25,000 grey whales and hundreds of thousands shorebirds visit Clayoquot Sound along with nearly one million humans.

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Come discover Vancouver Island's hidden 'off the beaten path' gem. Ucluelet has been named one of BC's top ten small towns and offers an endless range of outdoor activities. Affectionately known as Ukee, the town is friendly, and welcoming.

On the remote west coast of Vancouver Island, within the traditional territory of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, sits the village of Tofino. Nestled in the heart of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Tofino is a prime destination for year-round surfing, beach time, exploring the outdoors.

Tofino is small, committed community, who's history is one of protecting and holding ourselves accountable to the surrounding natural and cultural environment.



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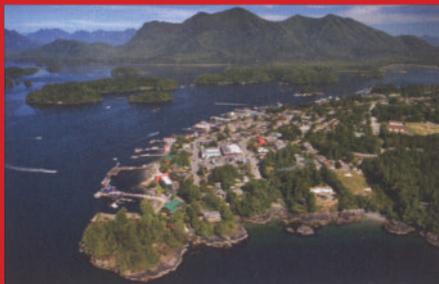
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Ucluelet streets are lined with appealing restaurants, B&Bs, and artisan shops; while the surrounding area offers wonderful opportunities for wildlife-viewing, hiking, biking, kayaking, surfing and more. Ucluelet is a great base for taking on all that the West Coast has to offer.

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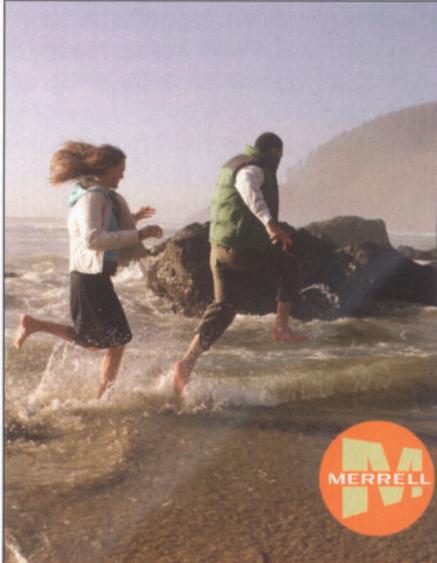


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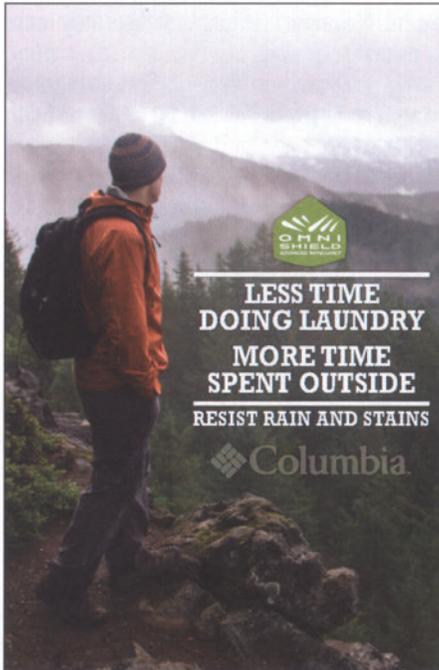


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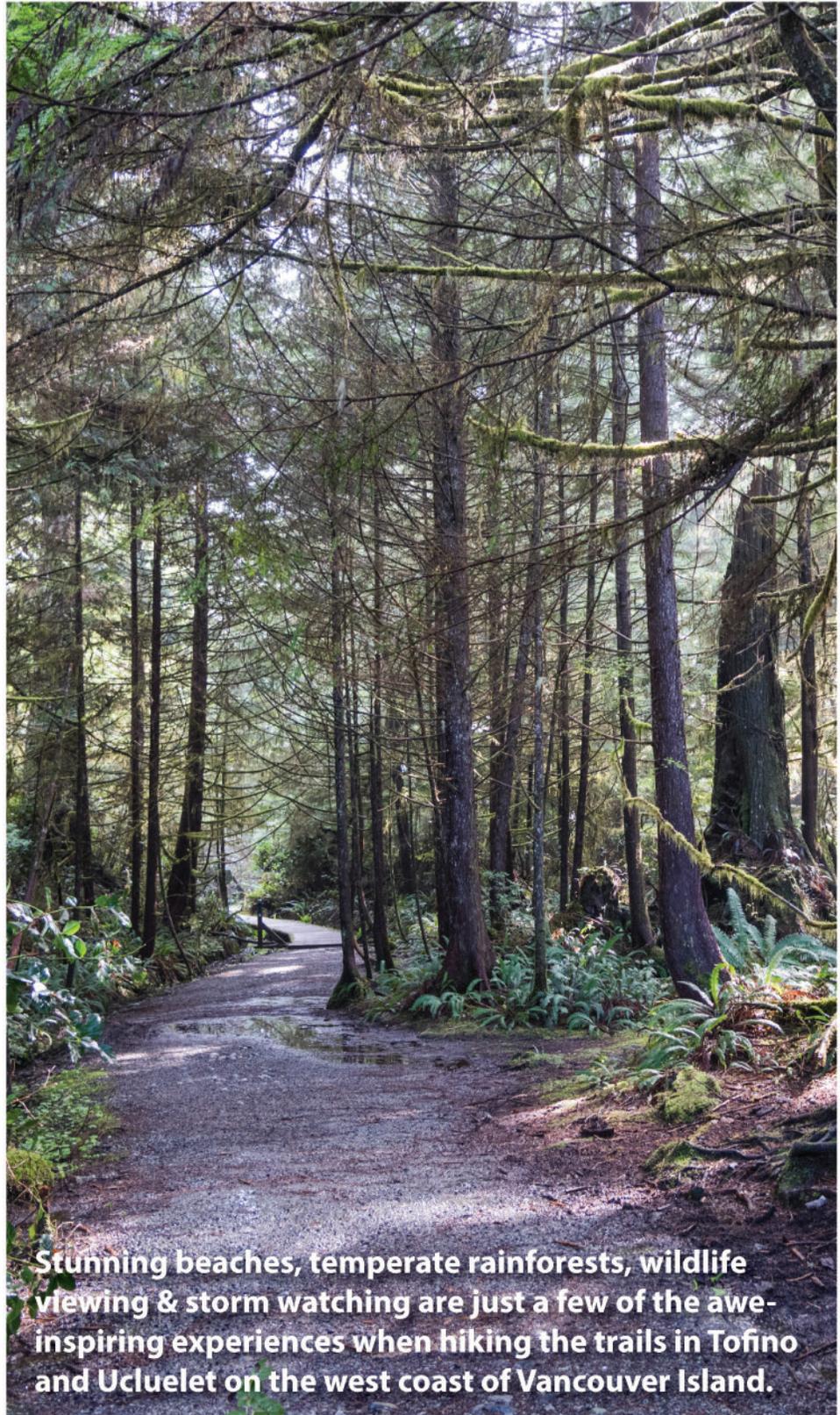
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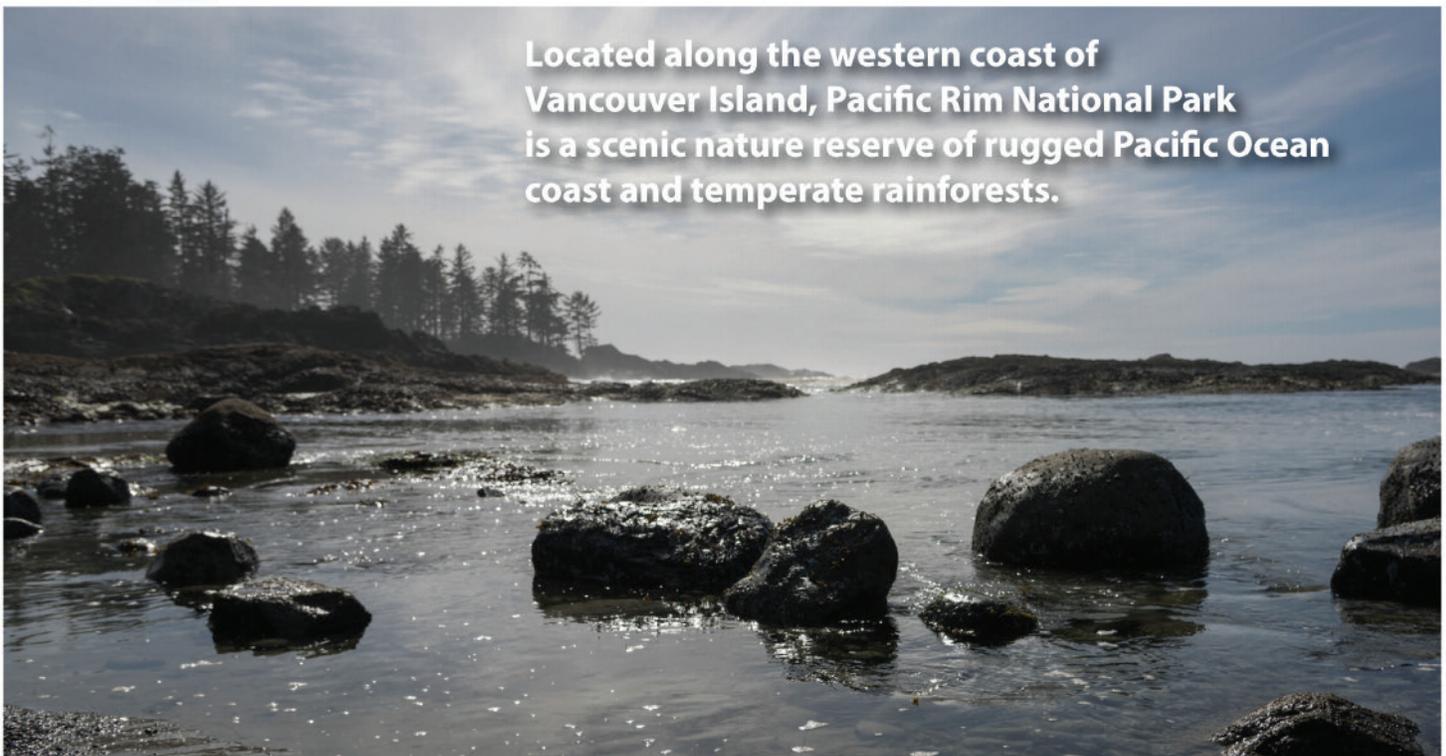


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The First Nations who first settled the Comox Valley knew there was something special about this place. Game was readily available and the forest was like a banquet of wild berries, mushrooms and other foraged plants. And like that old expression goes; when the tide goes out, the table is set. When the first settlers arrived, they too discovered fertile sun-dappled valleys that could yield fields of corn, hay and a cornucopia of vegetables and fruits, rivers running red with salmon and an ebbing tide that revealed a bounty of oysters and clams. Some things never change. Or rather, they just get better. Today in the Comox Valley farm-to-fork and dock to dish aren't just catchphrases, they're a reality.

Food Fresh from the Farm

The region's eateries and chefs boast unparalleled access to locally produced fruits and vegetables, cheeses, yogurts, meats and seafood from more than 400 farms; many listed in the Comox Valley Growers Guide. These items influence daily fresh sheets to showcase the best West Coast food ingredients from the region. When paired with local wines, beers, & spirits, the Comox Valley offers an extraordinary food culture.

Seafood Bounty

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Year-Round Farmers' Market

One of the few year-round markets in Canada and legendary on the coast, the Comox Valley Farmers' Market boasts an incredible array of organic fruits and veggies, surf and turf delights, award-winning cheeses, fresh-made pasta and baked goods, wines, ciders & spirits.

Explore the Comox Valley

The Comox Valley is a place that inspires creativity, tempts the taste buds, soothes the soul and fires the imagination of adventurers and outdoor enthusiasts. Situated halfway up the east coast of Vancouver Island, this community of 65,000 faces the sea and embraces the mountains, has the charm of a small town but with a touch of urban sophistication and taste. The Comox Valley is comprised of three diverse and unique communities, the City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland & the surrounding rural farm areas.

From full on adventure to blissful relaxation, you'll find four seasons of fun in the Comox Valley. Carve down an alpine ski run with an ocean view, Nordic ski through an ancient forest, scuba dive in crystal clear water, mountain bike or hike along a river, paddle kilometres of shoreline and tee off at one of many scenic golf courses.

You'll also find time and space for relaxation and pampering. Enjoy a day of arts and culture at museums, galleries, and artists' studios, curl up on the beach with a favourite book, tour the local wineries and distilleries or sample what's on tap at a few craft breweries. Browse boutique shops, enjoy a cappuccino at a sidewalk cafe and book a much deserved spa treatment.

Festivals throughout the year celebrate everything from music and shellfish, to fine art and aviation. And with more than 400 farmers and food producers in the region, Comox Valley's diverse selection of restaurants exemplify the farm to fork and tide to table culinary tradition with menus featuring the freshest of seasonally local ingredients. The Comox Valley offers four seasons of fantastic experiences.



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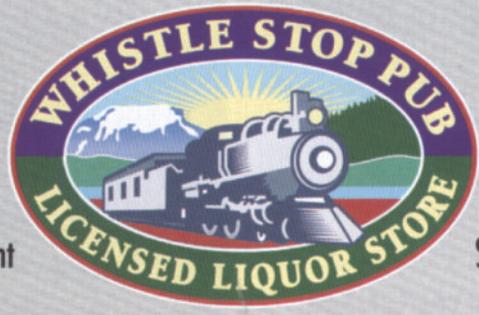
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Capture the spirit of Campbell River with a stroll in the sea breezes on Discovery Pier and you might see a salmon, eagle, or whale. Take in views of Discovery Passage, Quadra Island and, in the distance, the rugged Coast Mountain range of mainland British Columbia. Explore trails along Campbell River’s namesake, a designated British Columbia Heritage River. Restore your soul amidst streams and lakes in forests kept green by the mild Pacific Coast climate.

Salmon Fishing in Campbell River

We are also your gateway to Strathcona Park, the Discovery Islands, and remote north and west Vancouver Island. In these renowned wilderness destinations, you’ll find a world of mountains, coastlines, and islands just waiting to be explored.

Our communities offer a wide range of visitor services, so make this the year to discover the nature and spirit of Campbell River.

Salmon: Our Heritage. . . Our Legacy

For thousands of years, from the time of First Nations’ villages to the arrival of European explorers and eventually permanent settlement, the rhythm of life in this region has flowed with the movement of the salmon. Our salmon and the waters they travel are an intrinsic part of our heritage and they’re our legacy too. One that we invite you to share in.

In this setting, you’re not just watching the drama unfold; you’re part of it! As the sun rises over British Columbia’s coastal mountain ranges, the coastline of Discovery Passage comes to life. Just a short ferry ride across the water, Quadra and neighbouring islands awaken under a blanket of firs and cedars. Cape Mudge lighthouse blinks warnings to seafaring passers-by. When slack tide approaches, yachts, fish boats, tugs, freighters, and enormous Alaska-bound cruise ships line up to navigate Seymour Narrows’ tricky waters. In Campbell River, you can enjoy this constantly changing panorama from our seaside walkways, restaurants and accommodations.



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Formerly the Sequoia Spring Golf Course, under new ownership, every hole was remodeled in 2017/18. Mature trees were kept, but otherwise, the 18-hole, 6,141 yard course is completely new. Golfers are raving about it.

"Reviews have all been about the amazing condition of the course," says Kyle Stoudt, Head Professional. "The fairways are pure and lush and the greens are smooth and fast with enough undulation to make any 'routine' two-putt a challenge.

Looking at the yardage, you may think it will be an easy round. "Although we may have a few hundred less yards than some traditional golf courses, we still require accurate tee shots and approaches," he says. "The bunkers have been placed to penalize errant shots, and our greens are set up so you have to be on the correct level with the pin or face a difficult putt."



The signature hole is the 17th. "The double dog-leg, par five stretches out over 610 yards from the back tees and has a creek crossing the fairway about the right area you would typically lay up to with your second shot," says Stoudt. "You must decide whether you want to take the risk and try to get close to the green or lay back and have a long approach from behind the creek, all while weaving your way down the tree-lined fairway.

Innovation goes beyond the exceptional on-course experience, this is a destination, leading a new era in golf using technology and world-class facilities to attract new golfers.

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Homebound salmon travel through Discovery Passage on their final journey to the spawning grounds. The salmon's life cycle of hatching, feeding in the river, traveling to the ocean and eventually returning to its birth river, attracts and sustains a wide variety of wildlife-bears, eagles, whales, otters, ravens and others. It's also spawned a centuries-old culture unique to the Pacific Northwest.

Visit for tours, day trips, workshops, cultural events and family activities focusing on specific species of wildlife: bears and other land animals; bald eagles and other birds of flight; and marine animals, including the salmon and whales that slip through Discovery Passage.

Campbell River's salmon keep time with the ebb and flow of the tides and the seasons. Every autumn, when salmon head upstream to spawn, eagles, bears, and other wildlife join in their quest for survival. At times like these are these wonders of the wild in such close contact with each other. At a distance, you too can be there, whether walking amidst the falling maple leaves at Quinsam River Hatchery, or-for an unforgettable thrill-snorkeling with the salmon.



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No matter what the season, witness the life cycle of Campbell River's magnificent salmon. Just visit a local waterway, such as Haig-Brown Kingfisher Creek, that hosts salmon enhancement and stewardship programs. With legacy projects like these, sport fishing continues to attract visitors to the region. Best of all, you don't even need a boat—just cast your line off Discovery Pier and perhaps you'll hook the big one! Or challenge the odds, and go home a member of the famous Tyee Club, a Campbell River tradition since 1925, a true test of angling skill.

Campbell River is also your gateway to outdoor recreation and eco-touring. For summertime seclusion, or winter snow activities, venture into Strathcona Provincial Park, where the mountains draw climbers, heli-skiers,

and other enthusiasts from around the world. Continue into remote reaches of north or west Vancouver Island. Head offshore to the Discovery Islands region for whale watching, kayaking, and other unparalleled wilderness opportunities.

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The harbor was dubbed Puerto de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles (Port of Our Lady of the Angels) by Spanish explorer Francisco de Eliza in 1791.

By the mid-19th century, after settlement by English speakers from the United States, the name was shortened and partially anglicized to its current form, Port Angeles Harbor.

It is the birthplace of football hall of famer John Elway and residents include writers and artists. The city is served by William R. Fairchild International Airport.

Ferry service is provided with daily sailings across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada on the M/V Coho.

About Port Angeles

The Port of Port Angeles is the closest and deepest water port in the United States to the Pacific Rim. Established in 1923, the Port manages several marine facilities, marinas, two airports and some commercial & industrial properties.

There's a lot to talk about when it comes to Port Angeles. Probably one of the biggest claims to fame is that the City of Port Angeles is the main entrance to the Olympic National Park as well as being the largest city on the Olympic Peninsula. Port Angeles is the outdoor capital of the Pacific Northwest with a hoppin' downtown filled with exquisite restaurants, coffee shops & chic shops.

A stroll along City Pier in downtown Port Angeles, provides fantastic views of this best small town's major attractions. To the north is the Strait of Juan de Fuca, where massive ships float by carrying lumber and cargo while smaller vessels bring fresh-caught crabs to the docks and kayakers paddle around a sandy beach.

Looking south offers a glimpse of the snowcapped mountains in Olympic National Park, a pristine playground for hikers, bikers and skiers.

Highly ranked natural amenities are just part of the equation that landed Port Angeles on this list. Low food costs, low crime and high community involvement help make the city one of the nation's best places to live.

That's especially the case for crab lovers. The Dungeness crab, which is harvested by local fishermen, is the main attraction during the city's annual Crabfest, where steam from large kettles of boiling crab carries the smell of buttery seafood through the streets of downtown.

Crab makes its way onto many local menus, including fried rice at Sabai Thai Cuisine, on panini melts at Toga's Soup House and as an add-on to just about any burger or sandwich .

Sculptures, murals and other artwork found downtown help tie modern-day Port Angeles to its past as an outpost in the Pacific Northwest, a logging town and home for Native Americans. The downtown area overlooks the bay and is filled with cafes, galleries, gift shops, bookstores and restaurants.

The Olympic Discovery Trail, a 28-mile pathway winding along the waterfront and through rural farmland, connects Port Angeles with the neighboring town of Sequim. Community and business leaders support initiatives to protect the environment, including energy conservation. Nippon Paper Industries, one of the largest employers in Port Angeles, recently completed a facility that provides 20 megawatts of renewable energy.

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