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# VICTORIA

## BRITISH COLUMBIA > VANCOUVER ISLAND

- [www.victoria.ca](http://www.victoria.ca)
- Located at the southern tip of Vancouver Island
- 1 hour, 35 minutes from Vancouver, by Sea Ferry
- Population: City of Victoria: 80,040  
Greater Victoria: 344,630

### SISTER CITIES:

Khabarovsk (Russia) • Morioka (Japan)  
Napier (New Zealand)  
Suzhou (China)

Urban Centre

## CANADA'S GARDEN CITY

Victoria, also called the "Garden City" is the provincial capital of British Columbia. This picturesque city has the mildest climate in Canada, and is a place so green all year that it is said flowers fall out of the sky and even the lamp posts bloom. The wild beauty of the Pacific coast and the adventure of the great outdoors are within the city limits with plenty of ocean and mountain vistas. It is almost impossible to visit Victoria and not explore the surrounding area and islands.

### Notable features:

- Capital City of the province of British Columbia
- Seaside community with a mild climate year-round
- Eco-tourism and scenic beauty attract millions of visitors each year
- Approximately 200 islands extend northeast of Victoria and provide the ideal destination for a day trip or an extended vacation
- Beautiful city with both sea and mountain views

### Main Attractions:

- Empress Hotel: [www.fairmont.com/empress-victoria](http://www.fairmont.com/empress-victoria)
- Inner Harbour: [http://www.explorevancouverisland.com/Victoria\\_Inner\\_Harbour\\_Vancouver\\_Island\\_BC.htm](http://www.explorevancouverisland.com/Victoria_Inner_Harbour_Vancouver_Island_BC.htm)
- Parliament Buildings: [www.victoriabc.ca/victoria/parliamentbuildings.htm](http://www.victoriabc.ca/victoria/parliamentbuildings.htm)
- Royal British Columbia Museum: [www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca](http://www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca)
- Maritime Museum of British Columbia: [www.mmbc.bc.ca](http://www.mmbc.bc.ca)
- Butchart Gardens: [www.butchartgardens.com](http://www.butchartgardens.com)
- Miniature World: [www.miniatureworld.com](http://www.miniatureworld.com)
- Old Town and Historic Village Square: [www.marketsquare.ca](http://www.marketsquare.ca)
- Thunderbird Park: [www.explorevancouverisland.com](http://www.explorevancouverisland.com)
- Craigaroch Castle: [www.thecastle.ca](http://www.thecastle.ca)

**Libraries:** 6 public library branches

**Shopping Malls:** 1 downtown shopping centre, 10+ shopping centres located around the city

**Movie Theatres:** 10+ Multiplex, 1 IMAX

**High Schools:** Several Public High Schools

**Public Transit:** Public bus system servicing all Greater Victoria Area + BC Ferries to Mainland BC

**Transit to school may include:** Public transit / School Bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [ ° c ]

Ave	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
High	6	8	9	12	16	19	22	22	18	13	9	6
Low	0	1	2	4	8	11	12	13	10	6	3	1



# Discover: Vancouver Island



Vancouver Island... the Island with Everything!

[www.vancouverisland.travel](http://www.vancouverisland.travel)

Just off the coast of mainland British Columbia and a ferry-ride from Vancouver lies Vancouver Island, known for its mild climate and scenic beauty. Marine parks with abundant sealife, alpine lakes and top notch mountain ski resorts offer visitors endless recreational opportunities combined with safe and peaceful community living.

**Location:** off western shore of mainland British Columbia

**Outdoor Sports:** Boating • Canoeing • Cross-Country Skiing • Cycling • Diving • Fishing • Fly Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horesback Riding • Kayaking • Mountain Biking • Roller-blading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Whale Watching • White Water Rafting

**Recreation for students:** Aboriginal Heritage • Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

**Why Vancouver Island?**

- Beautiful region - mountains and ocean views
- Excellent recreation - skiing/snowboarding, kayaking, wildlife viewing, whale-watching, surfing and more!
- No where does climate allow you to you to ski and kayak in the same day!
- Wide choice of communities - from urban centres to charming smaller towns



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YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



WILDLIFE VIEWING  
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