# VICTORIA SHORE EXCURSIONS

A bit of Old England in the natural splendor of the Pacific Northwest! Victoria's history and many of the city's beautiful character buildings, such as the Parliament buildings and the beloved Empress Hotel make it one of the most romantic destinations in the province. Some date as far back as the early years of 1843, where the city was established as a British fur trading post. The British colonial influence is still very evident, but with West Coast flavor.









#### WHALE WATCHING ZODIAC TOUR

**3.5 HOURS** 

The waters near Victoria are home to more than 75 orcas (killer whales) in three major "families" known as J, K, and L pods. These are some of the most studied whales in the world—each has been named, and can be identified by the shape and markings on its large dorsal fin. On this tour you will suit up in waterproof slickers and travel by Zodiac to search for these magnificent creatures. They may even swim and feed near the boat. Seeing these magnificent marine mammals up close and personal is an experience you will never forget!

**HIGHLIGHTS** 

Searching for resident Orcas on an exciting Zodiac tour through The Juan de Fuca Strait

### VICTORIA & BUTCHART GARDENS SIGHTSEEING 5 HOURS

This private guided tour of Victoria will see you explore B.C.'s capital city at your own pace and according to your own interests. Starting in the downtown, you may visit the Royal B.C. Museum, the Empress Hotel, the Parliament Buildings, and Chinatown. Also, visit Craigdarroch Castle. Built from 1887-1890 by Robert Dunsmuir, a Scottish immigrant who made his fortune from Vancouver Island coal, the immense fortune of the Dunsmuir Family is reflected in the four floors of exquisite stained glass windows, intricate woodwork, and fabulous Victorian era furnishings.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring Beacon Hill Park, the famous Butchart Gardens, and visiting quaint and picturesque downtown Victoria

## We Look Forward to Welcoming You On Shore



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