

Victoria Featured Shore Excursions



Butchart Gardens & Victoria Highlights: Adult Pricing From \$110

Enjoy the highlights of Victoria and a visit to the spectacular Butchart Gardens. Your guide will provide you with a look into how the Butchart Family transformed the gardens from a barren rock quarry to what is now one of the world's best-known horticultural attractions. The gardens are a lush paradise of flowers, rare trees and winding paths. Created over 100 years ago, this once-private garden is spectacular. When darkness falls, you'll be treated to an evening wonderland of lighting displays illuminating the gardens. Enjoy the cascading fountains and footbridges connecting you to the many themed gardens—including the beautiful Sunken Gardens, the Japanese Garden

and the Rose Garden. Multi-language maps help you on your self-guided tour. As an added bonus, guests visiting on Saturdays in July and August will be treated to the Butchart Gardens fireworks display, choreographed to music. Note: Order of sights may vary. Walking time and distance is at each guest's discretion. The gardens are stunning in the evening when illuminated by thousands of hidden lights. Garden illuminations offered when daylight hours shorten.



Craigdarroch Castle & Victoria Highlights: Adult Pricing From \$59

Departing Ogden Point, your driver/guide will point out Mile Zero, the western end of the Trans Canada Highway, Beacon Hill Park and Thunderbird Park en route to Craigdarroch Castle an outstanding landmark home standing most affluent in a city steeped in heritage. Built in 1887-90 by Robert Dunsmuir, Craigdarroch boasts a unique collection of residential stained and leaded glass, period furnishing, and excellent wood paneling and carving. Enjoy your self-guided visit in the Castle with docents available to answer any questions you may have. After your visit, rejoin your local driver/guide returning via Chinatown, welcomed by the Gates of Harmonious Interest. Continue to

the Inner Harbor framed by some of Canada's most recognizable landmarks, the majestic Parliament Buildings aglow in 3,333 light bulbs and the ivy-covered Empress Hotel. At the inner harbor and shopping district you will be given free time to take in the local sights and sounds prior to your return journey to the pier and your awaiting ship. Note: Must have good mobility and be able to negotiate over 90 stairs at the castle. Order of sights may vary. Use your complimentary shuttle ticket for your return to the pier. The shuttle operates every 20 minutes between the pier and downtown. Your guide will point out shuttle pick-up location to you. The shuttle schedule is dependent on prevailing local conditions, with the last shuttle departing downtown, an hour prior to the ship's departure from port. You can choose to remain with your guide and return directly to the pier.



Butchart Gardens, Wine & Chocolate: Adult Pricing From \$129

This experience is designed for the discerning traveler with a sense for some oenophile adventure. Enjoy an introduction to the city, explore Butchart Gardens, and partake in a unique opportunity pairing wine with chocolate at one of Victoria's finest wineries. Departing pier side, you'll pass by Beacon Hill Park, and a multifaceted inner harbor, a romantic and most photographed area. With views of a rolling landscape and farms en route, you'll arrive at Victoria's famed National Historic

site, the Butchart Gardens, still owned by family descendants. The gardens began with a turn-of-the-century effort to beautify a quarry site and since its inception has grown into 55 acres with all the colors of nature. After a self-guided visit, rejoin your guide for a short drive to the winery. Partake in the pleasure of pairing wine with chocolate truffles, and this pleasure is deepened with knowledge shared by an interactive presentation allowing you to understand how to interpret all the information available to your senses of sight, smell and taste. Later you may independently taste ice-wine or simply browse the wine/gift shop. Note: Participants must be at least 19 years of age. A valid photo I.D. is required. Order of sights may vary. Garden illuminations offered when daylight hours shorten.