

A GUIDE TO YOUR WANDERINGS

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DELIGHTFUL OLD-WORLD CITY  
ON THE SHORES OF THE PACIFIC

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A TOURISTS' HAVEN  
OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARM

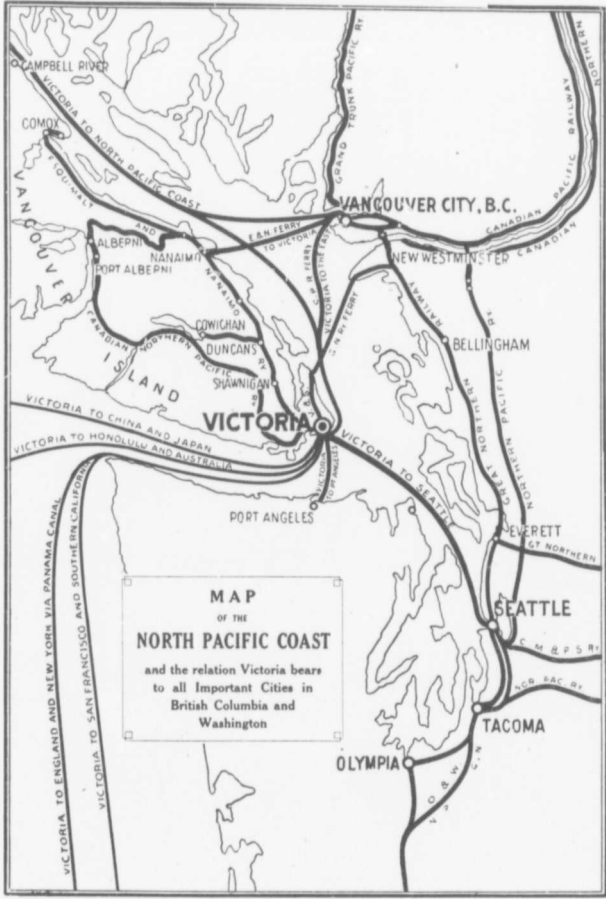
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OF THE  
**NORTH PACIFIC COAST**  
and the relation Victoria bears  
to all Important Cities in  
British Columbia and  
Washington

VICTORIA  
Gateway to the Island of 1000 Miles of Wonderland

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VICTORIA IS THE GATEWAY



To the Island of 1000 Miles of Wonderland

# HISTORICAL

## The City of Victoria

Was founded by Sir James Douglas, afterwards second Governor of Vancouver Island, and first Governor of British Columbia, in 1843 as a Hudson's Bay Company's fort.

Until the surrender of the manorial rights by the British Government in 1857, settlement of the Island was confined to the employees of the Hudson's Bay Company. The Fraser River gold excitement brought thousands to the colony in 1858, from which time general development began. The City was incorporated in 1862.

Few remains of the Hudson's Bay Company's tenure continue. Craigflower house and school, however, date from this period. The fort occupied the area bounded by Fort, Government and Bastion Streets, down to the waterfront.

# A Few Facts About Victoria

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Nature has indeed been bountiful in her treatment of the charms of the beautiful City of Victoria—Canada's Finest Summer and Winter Resort.

With unrivalled climate, matchless scenery and ideal surroundings, described as "A Bit of Old England on the Shores of the Pacific," is yearly attracting the tourist and settler in increasing numbers.

Situate on Vancouver Island, and Canada's first and last port of call on the Pacific.

Average Winter Temperature, 40° above Zero.

Average Summer Temperature, 60°.

Low Rainfall—average for 27 years only 27.01 inches annually, while on the lower Mainland it is about 58 inches.

In the past few years Victoria has provided 132 miles concrete sidewalks, 65 miles boulevards, 71 miles paved streets, 8 miles cluster electric light standards, and 134 miles water mains.

VICTORIA is the favorite holiday resort of Anglo-Orientals from China and Japan, who find a change of climate necessary, and many of them are becoming permanent residents of Vancouver Island.

Tourists from Eastern Canada and the United States, in increasing thousands each year, are making Victoria their Mecca.

Hundreds of families from the Prairie Provinces of Canada are yearly locating here permanently, the mild climate being a welcome change from the extremes experienced in the Middle West.

## WHERE TO GO AND HOW TO GET THERE

VICTORIA and her environs contain many beautiful resorts, parks, drives and interesting institutions. The following outline will, in addition to briefly describing their attractions, tell you how to reach them.



The Parliament Buildings

### BY CITY STREET CAR

**Beacon Hill Park** (Car Sign No. 3).—Seven minutes by car from the city. Magnificent view of sea and snow-capped mountains. Various interesting monuments and relics. Picturesque lake, bridge and flower beds. Take car on Government at Fort Street.

**Gorge Park** (Car Sign No. 5).—Fifteen minutes by car from the city. Victoria's premier pleasure resort. Boating, bathing, picnic grounds, open-air entertainments, Japanese tea gardens, scenic railway, etc., illuminated every evening. See the reversible waterfall. Take car on Yates, at Government Street.

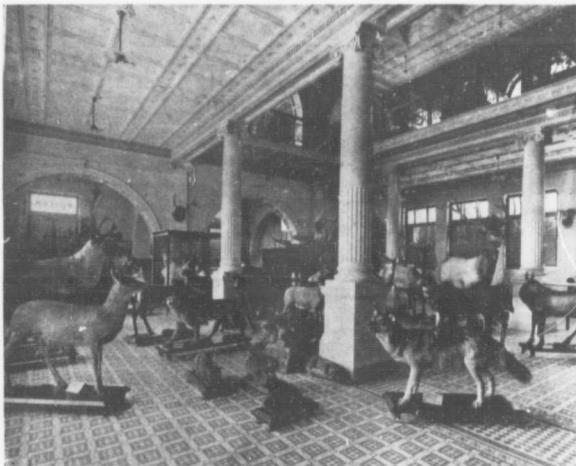
**Uplands and Cadboro Bay Beach, Royal Victoria Yacht Club** (Car Sign No. 9). — The Uplands is one of the beauty spots of Victoria. Laid out as a natural park for residential purposes, it contains many fine residences. The outlying regions facing along the beach, make ideal picnic grounds. Cadboro Bay Beach, a few minutes from the car terminus, with its two miles of clean, firm sands, is one of the most picturesque local beaches, and has an excellent Tourist Hotel. Boating, bathing, etc., in sheltered waters. Take car on Fort, at Government Street.

**Esquimalt and Esquimalt Harbor** (Car Sign No. 4).—Twenty minutes by car from the city. An interesting ride through the manufacturing portion of Victoria—Shipyards, lumber mills, machine shops, etc. The township of Esquimalt is at the terminus of the line, and is thoroughly well worth a visit. Operations have started for the building of the Government drydock, which will be one of the largest in the world. Take car on Yates, at Government Street.

**Oak Bay** (Car Sign No. 1).—The residential district of Victoria. Facilities for boating. Excellent hotel. Visitors can enjoy some of the most beautiful local scenery by walking from the car terminus past the boathouse, and following the road along the sea-front. Take car on Fort, at Government Street.



**Bathing Beaches** The principal bathing resorts are Foul Bay (street car sign No. 6), Caddboro Bay (street car No. 9 and half-mile walk), Gorge City Park, B.C. Electric Park (street car No. 5), Willows (street car No. 11), and Shoal Bay (about a mile from Foul Bay or Oak Bay street car).



Interior Provincial Museum

**The Provincial Museum** The Provincial Museum is located in the left wing of the Parliament Buildings, and is established for natural history, for anthropology, and the natural sciences, giving information elucidating those phases of the life of the Province.

The collection of the big game animals of British Columbia has been admired by naturalists of international reputation, and received warm praise from the

late ex-President Roosevelt on his last visit. The ethnological collection is noteworthy, leading anthropologists having united to supply specimens of the aboriginal life of the Province. Visitors are cordially invited to view same.

The Director, F. Kermode, is himself a well known big game hunter, as well as naturalist.

**The Mineral Museum** In the old legislative buildings, entrance on Superior Street, between Government and Menzies Streets, is located a collection of the ores and other mineral exhibits of the Province. This is in charge of officers of the Bureau of Mines, and may be seen during regular office hours.

**Victoria's Fine Meteorological Observatory** Visitors interested in weather observation or seismological research should certainly give themselves a treat by visiting the splendid Meteorological Observatory on Gonzales Hill (Foul Bay street car, No. 6, to end of line). It is meteorological headquarters for the Dominion of Canada in the Province of British Columbia, the director, Mr. F. Napier Denison, a seismologist of well-known ability, presiding over the work of 140 meteorological stations as well as noting and studying earthquakes. The view of the city from the Meteorological Observatory is alone worth the trip.

**The Connaught Library** The magnificent new home of the Provincial Library, located in the Parliament Buildings. A remarkable collection of early historical documents dealing with the exploration of the Pacific Northwest is the feature of this library. Parliament Buildings open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Victoria Theatres** For its size, VICTORIA is as well off as any city in Canada for the entertainment it offers those who are in the habit of

attending theatrical and moving picture entertainments. The Royal Victoria Theatre is one of the finest theatres on the continent.

The Pantages Theatre, devoted to vaudeville, is another new building only opened a few years ago, and is one of the most cheerful and well-appointed houses on the Coast. The Dominion Theatre, exclusively a "movie" house, with a specially fine pipe organ, is also a very popular entertainment house. In addition to the above, we have the Princess Theatre, the Variety Theatre, Columbia Theatre and Romano Theatre.



Beautiful Beacon Hill Park

### SPORTS AND RECREATION

You cannot name a city in the world which begins to compare with Victoria for its out-of-door variety and appeal to lovers of the open. Men and women travel

thousands of miles to secure one or another form of outdoor recreation. Here, in Victoria, it is possible to combine nearly every known form of outdoor exercise and recreation and under climatic conditions which are incomparable.

The golf player will find in Victoria, links which rival those in any part of the world. He can indulge in his favorite sport twelve months out of the year without any discomfort, and at least ten months out of the twelve under ideal conditions.

Cricket, baseball, tennis, football, hockey, lacrosse, bowling on the green, motor-boating, yatching, canoeing, trap-shooting, riding, driving, bicycling, sea-bathing and sailing are among the sports and pastimes followed during the year; there is not a month in which sport of various kinds is not available.

The recent palatial ice rink for artificial ice skating has added the last touch, and visitors and citizens can now enjoy this fascinating exercise, or attend the ice hockey matches, while the Fall roses or the Spring daffodils are blooming.

The opportunities for fishing and shooting near Victoria are not only unsurpassed, but for general and varied outdoor recreation the Capital City has absolutely no equal on either continent. This doubtless seems exaggerated, but it is literally true.

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Reached by Electric Interurban Line or by Automobile

### DOMINION GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY

Don't Fail to See One of the Two Great Telescopes of the World. Make a Special Trip to Observatory Hill While in Victoria

With the installation of the final mirror (which was cast in Belgium and shipped out of that country just three days before war was declared), the great Dominion

Astrophysical Observatory on Observatory Hill (formerly Little Saanich Mountain) was in 1918 completed. Visitors should not fail to see this great seat of scientific research. Dr. J. S. Plaskett is the director.

The site for this Observatory was selected by the Government because of Victoria's unequalled climate and the low range of temperature. It commands one of the finest views on the Pacific Coast.



The Astrophysical Observatory

It may be reached by automobile, also by Interurban Electric Railway, starting from 1505 Douglas Street, opposite City Hall, alighting at Observatory Station. It is seven miles from Victoria, but plainly visible from the suburbs.

The Observatory is open every day, but visitors are only permitted to look through the telescope on Saturday nights, from 8 until 10 o'clock, when Dr. Plaskett lectures. Sight-seeing cars leave Yates and Blanshard Streets every Saturday at 7.30 p.m. Round trip, \$1.00.

### **BUTCHART'S GARDENS**

#### **The Beauty Spot of the Pacific Coast**

Situated at Brentwood, and reached by auto or Interurban. Through the courtesy of Mr. R. P. Butchart, visitors are granted the privilege of viewing these wonderful sunken gardens that are acknowledged by experienced travellers to be unexcelled in artistic beauty by any on the continent. Open to visitors daily except Thursday and Sunday.

**Brentwood** A charming resort reached by Interurban Railway, or by motor car. It is about twelve miles from the city, situated on a beautiful arm of the sea known as Saanich Inlet. Three-quarters of an hour should be allowed for the motor run if a direct route is taken, although most motorists include it in the tour of the Saanich Peninsula. There is one of the finest country hotels on the Pacific Coast at Brentwood, modern in every respect, beautifully furnished in the Old English style. There are facilities for boating, bathing, tennis, croquet, badminton, billiards, fishing, shooting and a 9-hole golf course is under construction.

**The Dominion Experimental Farm** On the Saanich branch of the B.C. Electric Railway (station on property), was founded in 1912, and is one of the four in British Columbia. It is designed to test out plants, and certain classes of stock farming, suitable for Vancouver Island. Special attention is being given to chicken farming on account of its suitability to the Island. A valuable arboretum is being assembled.

Professor Lionel Stevenson is in charge. Visitors are welcome, and there is much of interest to be seen—one of the beauty spots of the Island.

**Deep Bay or Deep Cove** (Deep Bay Station, 23 miles from Victoria). The terminus of the line. Here you can indulge in boating, bathing, fishing and loafing to your heart's content. The necessities of life, and most of the luxuries, can be obtained at the Chalet hotel. The waters are well sheltered, rendering



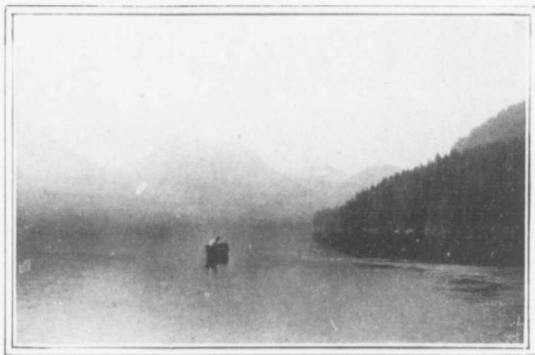
Cherry Blossoms—Why Go to Japan?  
Planted in 1854

boating safe and enjoyable. Good launches can be chartered, and a variety of delightful trips can be made from this point among the surrounding islands or to points of interest on the adjacent mainland.

For above points take B.C. Interurban, at 1505 Douglas Street, opposite the City Hall.

## FAVORITE DRIVES AND AUTOMOBILE TOURS

**Ocean Beach, Gordon Head, Douglas Mountain and Cordova Bay Drive** By way of Belleville Street, Dallas Road, past the Ocean Docks, through Beacon Hill Park, Shoal Bay, Oak Bay, Bowker's Road, through Uplands, Cadboro Bay, Arbutus Road to Gordon Head, Gordon Head Road to Mt. Douglas Park, around Mt. Douglas, past Cordova Bay, Elk Lake, returning to the city via Royal Oak and Quadra Street.

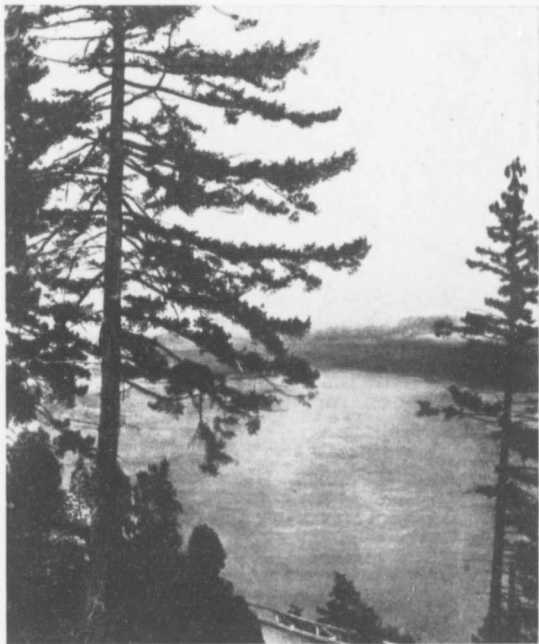


Saanich Arm—Good Salmon Fishing

**Saanich Peninsula Drive** 45 miles. Quadra Street to Royal Oak, along east road to Saanichton, thence to Sidney. Sidney to Mt. Newton, along west road to Brentwood, returning to city. A trip well worth while through semi-rural and rural districts of great charm on the lovely Saanich Peninsula.



**Goldstream** This is a beautiful little drive and greatly used as a means of spending the afternoon on a nice picnic at the charming grove. Proceed to Colwood, same route as last, thence to Goldstream, returning same way.



A View from the Famous Malahat Drive

Colwood, Metchosin and Sooke Drive Via Gorge Road. Turn left over Craigflower bridge, and thence past Colwood Hotel,

keeping to left. Albert Head to Metchosin and thence right along the Happy Valley Road to East Sooke, returning via Colwood to the city.

**The Famous Malahat Drive to Mill Bay or Shawnigan Lake** One of the most beautiful natural scenic drives of the continent (same route as last). Proceeding to Colwood Hotel, turn to right to Malahat Drive, keeping to the right to Mill Bay, thence to the left to Shawnigan Lake.

**Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo, Alberni, Campbell River: The Grand Island Highway Tour** This magnificent tour is unsurpassed on the continent. It includes many of the towns and resorts already dealt with, Shawnigan and Duncan drives, and all places south of the Campbell River.

Before making this tour call at Information Bureau for cards of introduction and road maps.

The splendid roads traversed in touring Vancouver Island, and the varied character of the magnificent scenery, have made it famous amongst all automobilists who have taken this trip. On no part of the North American Continent is there such an ever-changing panorama of wonderful scenery, pastoral scenes, fruit orchards, snow-capped mountains, huge forests, rippling streams, silvery lakes—everything that is beautiful out of doors.

### SHORT TRIPS BY RAIL

To Goldstream, Shawnigan Lake, Duncan, Cowichan Lake, Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Alberni, Port Alberni and Courtenay. Per Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway daily. For fares, etc., enquire at C.P.R. Ticket Office, Government and Fort Streets.

## A DELIGHTFUL CRUISING TRIP

### Through the Beautiful Gulf Islands

One-Day Trip cruising the inland waters of the Gulf Islands. C.P.R. steamer Island Princess leaves Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8.00 a.m., returning to Victoria same evening. A day's trip you will thoroughly enjoy.



Island Highway near Port Alberni, with Mt. Arrowsmith  
in background

## NOTES

The Carnegie Public Library is situated on the corner of Yates and Blanshard Streets.

The principal streets are Government and Douglas Streets, running North and South; Fort, Yates, View, Johnson and Pandora Streets, running East and West.

The Street Railway System of the City centres in the district bounded and intersected by the thoroughfares described above, and cars may be boarded at the intersection of any of these streets.

The depot of the B.C.E.R. Saanich Interurban Line is at 1505 Douglas Street, opposite City Hall.

The Esquimalt and Nanaimo (C.P.R.) Railway Station is on Store Street, at the foot of Cormorant Street.



One of Victoria's Beautiful Bays

## VICTORIA'S HOTELS

The general excellence of Victoria's Hotels, catering to tourist patronage, is acknowledged to be unexcelled by hotels of any city of like size, and the rates are made to fit the pocket-books of all.

## CITY STREET CAR ROUTES

Time of First and Last Cars to and From City. Destination Signs. Frequency of Service

Route and Car Sign No.	First Car from City	Last Car from City	First Car from Terminus	Last Car from Terminus	Service in Mins.	By Way of
Oak Bay 1	5.52 a.m.	11.45 p.m.	6.10 a.m.	12.04 m.n.	7 ½	Fort Street and Oak Bay Ave.
Outer Wharf 2	6.10 a.m.	11.46 p.m.	6.19 a.m.	11.55 p.m.	12	Government and Superior Sts.
Cloverdale 2	6.16 a.m.	11.40 p.m.	6.25 a.m.	11.49 p.m.	12	Government Street
Beacon Hill 3	6.16 a.m.	11.40 p.m.	6.25 a.m.	11.49 p.m.	12	Menzies and Niagara Streets
Fernwood 3	6.10 a.m.	11.46 p.m.	6.19 a.m.	11.55 p.m.	12	Pandora Street
Esquimalt 4	5.48 a.m.	11.48 p.m.	6.12 a.m.	12.12 m.n.	12	Esquimalt Rd., Victoria W.
Gorge 5	5.54 a.m.	11.42 p.m.	6.12 a.m.	12.00 m.n.	12	Craigflower Rd., Victoria W.
Foul Bay 6	5.52 a.m.	11.42 p.m.	6.12 a.m.	12.02 m.n.	10	Fort, Cook and May Streets
Hillside 7	6.04 a.m.	11.40 p.m.	6.16 a.m.	11.52 p.m.	12	Douglas and Hillside
Burnside 8	5.55 a.m.	11.25 p.m.	6.05 a.m.	11.35 p.m.	30	Douglas and Burnside
Uplands 9	5.56 a.m.	11.41 p.m.	6.18 a.m.	12.03 m.n.	15	Fort Street (Willows)
Mt. Tolmie 10	6.15 a.m.	11.15 p.m.	6.35 a.m.	11.35 p.m.	30	Fort Street (Tolmie Road)
Willows 11	7.03 a.m.	11.41 p.m.	6.11 a.m.	12.11 m.n.	15	Fort Street (Direct)

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**—Cars on all routes begin three hours later and finish one hour earlier.

**EXTRACT FROM SAANICH INTERURBAN TIME TABLE**

STATION	Week Days	Sundays	Week Days	Week Days	Sundays	Week Days	Daily	Week Days	Week Days	Sundays	Week Days	Daily	Daily
	Only	Only	Only	Only	Only	Only		Only	Only	Only	Only		
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Victoria - - - - (Lve.)	7.00	7.30	8.00	10.00	10.30	11.00	1.30	3.30	4.30	4.30	5.30	7.30	10.20
Observatory - - - -	7.27	7.57	8.27	10.27	10.57	11.27	1.57	3.49	4.57	4.57	5.57	7.57	10.43
Brentwood - - - -	7.39	8.09	8.39	10.39	11.09	11.39	2.09	3.58	5.09	5.09	6.09	8.09	10.52
Experimental Farm - -	...	8.26	8.55	...	11.26	11.55	2.26	...	...	5.26	...	8.26	11.05
Deep Bay - - - -	...	8.45	9.15	...	11.45	...	2.45	...	...	5.45	...	8.45	...
Deep Bay - - - - (Lve.)	...	9.00	9.30	...	12.00	...	3.00	...	...	6.00	...	9.00	...
Experimental Farm -	...	9.19	9.49	...	12.19	12.19	3.19	...	...	6.19	...	9.19	11.30
Brentwood - - - -	8.06	9.36	10.06	11.06	12.36	12.36	3.36	4.08	5.36	6.36	6.36	9.36	11.43
Observatory - - - -	8.18	9.48	10.18	11.18	12.48	12.48	3.49	4.17	5.48	6.48	6.48	9.48	11.52
Victoria - - - -	8.45	10.15	10.45	11.45	1.15	1.15	4.15	4.40	6.15	7.15	7.15	10.15	12.15

**ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RAILWAY**

Daily train service to Shawnigan Lake, Duncan, Chemainus, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Cameron Lake, Alberni and Port Alberni and intermediate points. Train connection at Duncan for Cowichan Lake Wednesday and Saturday.

For detailed information enquire at C.P.R. Office, Government and Fort Streets.

This Booklet has been compiled for the purpose of presenting, in convenient form, to visitors, information of a general character. Any further information will be gladly supplied by

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