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ABOUT VICTORIA

When it comes to Victoria, British Columbia's capital, there is a lot of island-charm and unique west coast flavour packed in this harbour-front city. The ocean and mountain views wrap around the downtown core which has been historically influenced by British, Irish, and Chinese settlers.

The fusion of these three cultures and Canada's own distinctive pacific coast vibe brings alive a bustling port reflective of its history, architecture, and merchants of days-gone-by.

Fort Victoria started as a Hudson's Bay trading post in 1843. In 1858, the discovery of gold on British Columbia's coast launched the Fraser River gold rush & Fort Victoria's population exploded from 300 to 5,000 in just days.

In 1862, The city of Victoria was incorporated. It is officially named after Queen Victoria.

Internationally, Victoria is known as the "City of Gardens" and sees billions of blossoms every spring. In 2010, the annual flower count reached a record of 21 billion blooms.

FREE THINGS TO DO



1 OGDEN POINT



2 INNER HARBOUR



3 BEACON HILL PARK



4 CHINATOWN



5 GOVERNMENT HOUSE



6 WILLOWS BEACH

FUN FACTS



- 1 Victoria sits on the southern tip of Vancouver Island in the Olympic Mountain's "rain shadow", meaning it receives 50% less rain than the city of Vancouver and Washington State.
- 2 The waters surrounding Victoria are home to 3 resident orca pods, totalling over 80 mammals.
- 3 The Jacques Cousteau Society ranks the waters as the second best region for diving in the world due to its clarity and diverse marine life.
- 4 Victoria's Chinatown is the oldest in Canada, where you can walk down Canada's narrowest street, Fan Tan Alley, measuring 35 inches across.
- 5 Spinnakers is Canada's oldest licensed brewpub, located on the West Shore of Victoria.
- 6 Victoria's inner harbour is the only working harbour in Canada and one of the busiest in the world with over 100 flights and 1000 vessels entering every year.
- 7 The world's tallest, free-standing totem pole is located in Victoria's Beacon Hill Park.
- 8 There are over 3,500 lights on Victoria's Legislative Building, which turn red and green during Christmas.
- 9 Victoria has been ranked one of the friendliest cities in the world, and the most romantic city in Canada.
- 10 Victoria sees over 2,100 hours of sunshine, so you can golf 365 days a year.

EXPERIENCE VICTORIA MAP



Recommended:



DINING



SHOPPING



ACTIVITIES



Victoria's Gems in the Palm of Your Hands



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DINING



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SHOPPING



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2 THE TUSCAN KITCHEN

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3 BUTCHART GARDENS GIFTS

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(Dining & Shopping)

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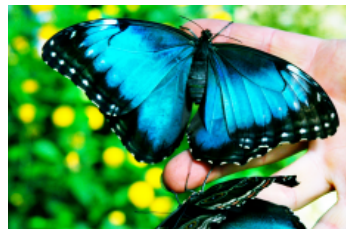
1 BUTCHART GARDENS

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8 VICTORIA CARRIAGE TOURS

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9 WEST COAST BREWERY TOURS

Experience Victoria's finest breweries and distilleries behind the scenes. Small groups mean you'll be hanging out with other beer and spirit enthusiasts. www.WestCoastBreweryTours.ca



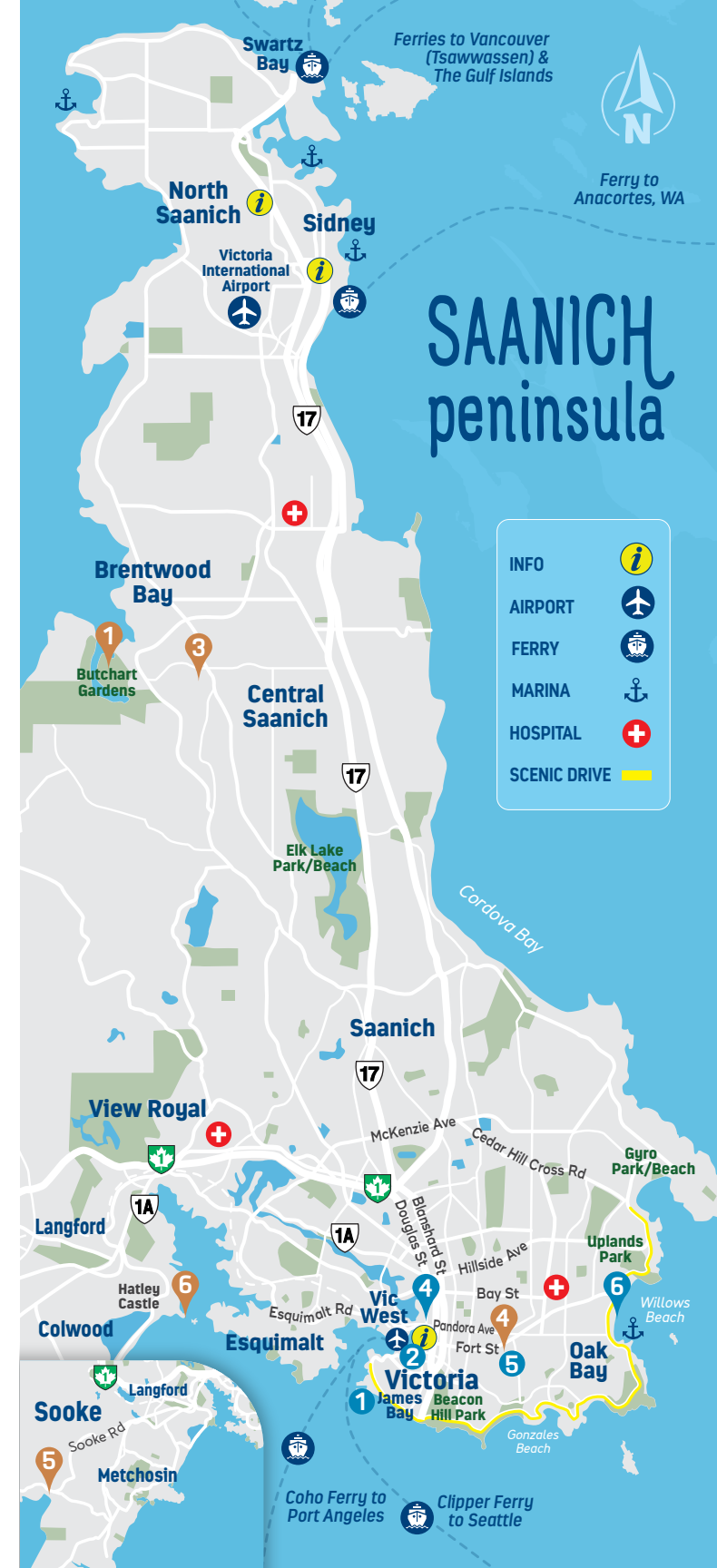
10 VICTORIA FOOD TOURS

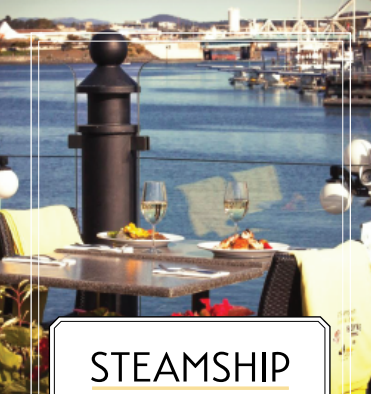
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11 THE PEDALER CYCLING TOURS & RENTALS

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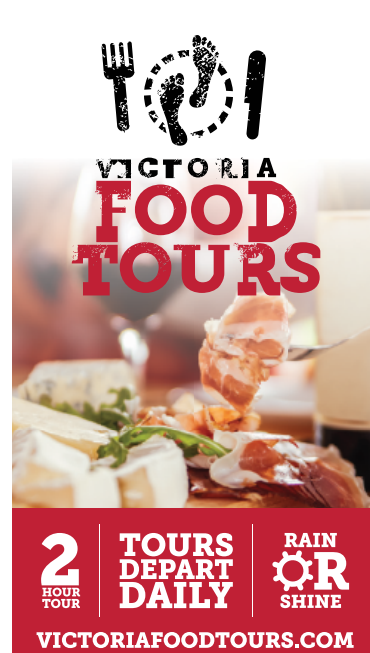
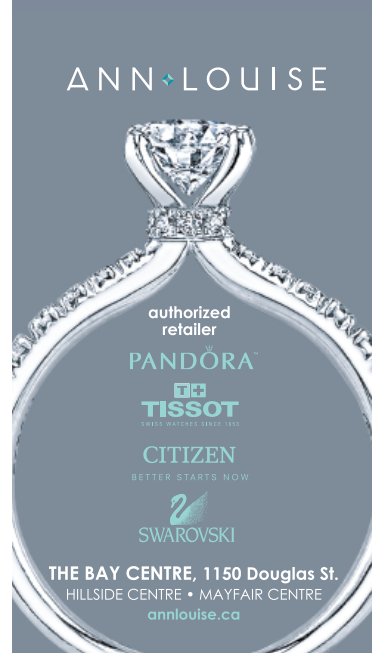




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DINING

- 1 BLUE CRAB SEAFOOD
- 2 JUSU BAR
- 3 PENDRAY TEAHOUSE
- 4 STEAMSHIP GRILL & BAR
- 5 FISHERMAN'S WHARF

SHOPPING

- 1 LUGARO JEWELLERS
- 2 THE TUSCAN KITCHEN
- 4 THE BEAVER GIFT SHOP
- 6 ANN-LOUISE JEWELLERS

ACTIVITIES

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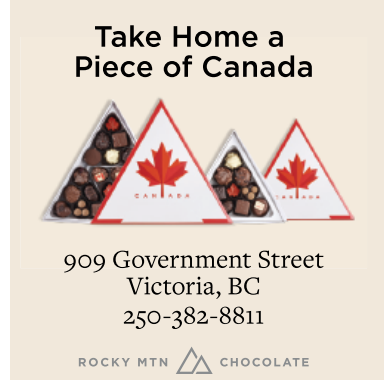
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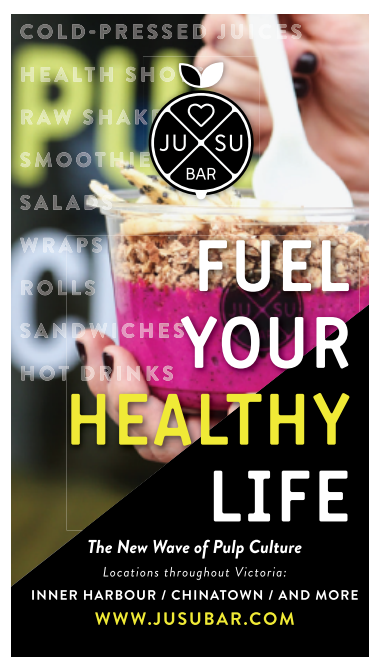
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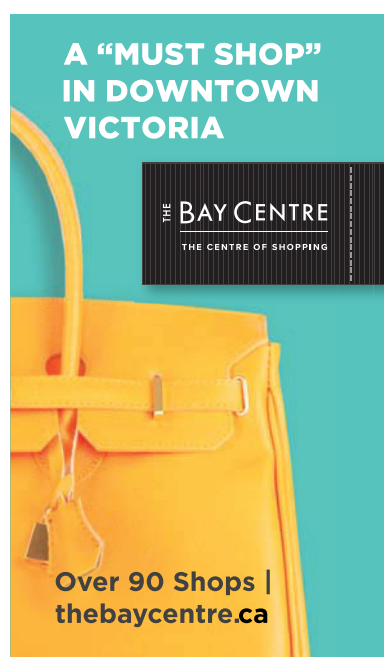
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