

# Gardens, Whales & Tea, Oh My!



6 Night /7 Day Trip  
May 22 – 28, 2012

To Seattle, Washington and Victoria, BC, Canada on beautiful Vancouver Island

Victoria, located on beautiful Vancouver Island, Canada, sits across the San Juan Straits from Washington State and Canada and is the provincial capital of British Columbia, the western most province in Canada. Its Inner Harbor is world famous, home to the Empress Hotel, Parliament buildings, the British Columbia Museum and numerous other attractions. Visitors to Victoria enjoy the world class shopping, great food and beautiful weather in this city where the youthful energy of the West Coast blends with time-honored British, European and Asian traditions.

Join me and be dazzled in this city that blooms with colour on public streets and at private residences. When you're not on included tours I'll be delighted to suggest, and/or accompany you to some of Victoria's other attractions, including the natural, cultural and culinary kind.

## Itinerary:



Includes 2 nights in Seattle, Washington( enroute and on the return) with time to visit Seattle Center and the Space Needle and Pike's Public Market,(the oldest continuously operating market in the United States).

You'll travel to Vancouver Island via fast ferry for a four-night stay in Victoria. A city tour will give you an orientation to Victoria, both within the Inner Harbor and beyond. A drive along the Malahat – a scenic drive viewing the beautiful Gulf Islands – will have you thinking about a return trip – just to visit them! You'll visit the world famous Butchart Gardens with its 55 acres of stunning floral displays. And since the Pacific Northwest is also home to several species of whales, including Orcas, Humpbacks and Pacific Greys, you'll enjoy a whale-watching excursion onboard a high-speed catamaran operated by a marine wildlife naturalist. Lastly, enjoy the other "must-do" in Victoria: afternoon tea at the stately Fairmont Express Hotel – sip the perfect blend from Royal Dolton china and sample decadent handcrafted desserts.

During free time in Victoria there is much to see and do. Victoria is a culinary delight – think mouth-watering seafood fresh from the Pacific, pubs that will make you think you're in England, not to mention the cuisine that makes the most of the natural garden abundance found on the island.

For your cultural side, you might visit the Royal British Columbia Natural Museum, the Royal London Wax Museum - (by Madame Tussaud) China Town (Victoria style), or Craigdarroch Castle-- to mention a few choices.

With no shortage of natural beauty, Vancouver Island, also known as the "Garden City" due to the abundance of gardens and city parks, offers many ways to enjoy the great outdoors. Beacon Hill Park sits minutes away from the Inner Harbor with trails, island shoreline and gorgeous views.

View more of the beautiful pacific NW as you ride a Washington State Ferry from Sidney, BC to Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. After a brief stop with time to wander the harbor shops, continue on to Seattle via fast ferry while enjoying the scenery as night falls.

Price based on double occupancy: From \$1400 per person\*

Includes: Roundtrip airfare from RDU to Seattle, four nights lodging in Victoria, Canada, BC, two nights in Seattle, WA, ferry transport, motorcoach transport, sightseeing and some meals, and travel insurance.

Sound interesting? For detailed information: Call Mary Burney at Wild Blue Travel

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*\*Exact price to be determined upon obtaining airfare.*