

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

British Columbia's postcard capital sits at the southern tip of Vancouver Island — all flower baskets, double-decker buses, and a harbour so photogenic it barely looks real. Most ships dock overnight or late evening, giving you unusually long time ashore.

-  Docked (Ogden Point)
-  Typical call: 8-12 hrs
-  CAD (Canadian dollars)
-  English
-  Gardens & heritage

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ogden Point Cruise Terminal — 1.5 km from downtown; shuttle buses run ship to inner harbour

Best For: Butchart Gardens, afternoon tea at the Empress, whale watching, and historic old town

Walk to center: 20 min on foot along the waterfront pathway, or \$5–8 CAD shuttle

Don't Miss: Butchart Gardens (30 min from port) and the Inner Harbour at dusk

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  approx. CAD \$15–30 / USD \$11–22 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Butchart Gardens** — Fifty-five acres of immaculate gardens carved into a former limestone quarry on the Saanich Peninsula.
- **Whale Watching** — Victoria's waters are among the best in Canada for orca sightings.
- **Royal BC Museum** — One of Canada's finest provincial museums, with deep collections on First Nations cultures, natural history, and BC's colonial past.
- **Afternoon Tea at the Empress Hotel** — The Fairmont Empress has served afternoon tea since 1908.
- **Beacon Hill Park & Fisherman's Wharf** — Beacon Hill Park is 200 acres of meadows, ponds, and rose gardens — free and beautiful.

BEST WALKS

- **Inner Harbour Heritage Loop** 2.5 miles · 1.5 hrs · Easy — From the Inner Harbour, stroll past the BC Parliament Buildings and the Fairmont Empress Hotel, then into the Old Town district along Government Street.
- **Fisherman's Wharf & Beacon Hill Stroll** 3 miles · 1.5 hrs · Easy — Walk the waterfront path south from the Inner Harbour to Fisherman's Wharf for a look at the float homes and harbour seals, grab a cone or fish and chips, then continue...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F)			 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Apr 6:22AM–8:04PM · Jun 5:11AM–9:16PM · Aug 6:08AM–8:26PM · Sep 6:51AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:34AM–6:23PM	
Apr	55°	44°		
Jun	66°	52°		
Aug	69°	55°		
Sep	64°	52°		
Oct	57°	47°		

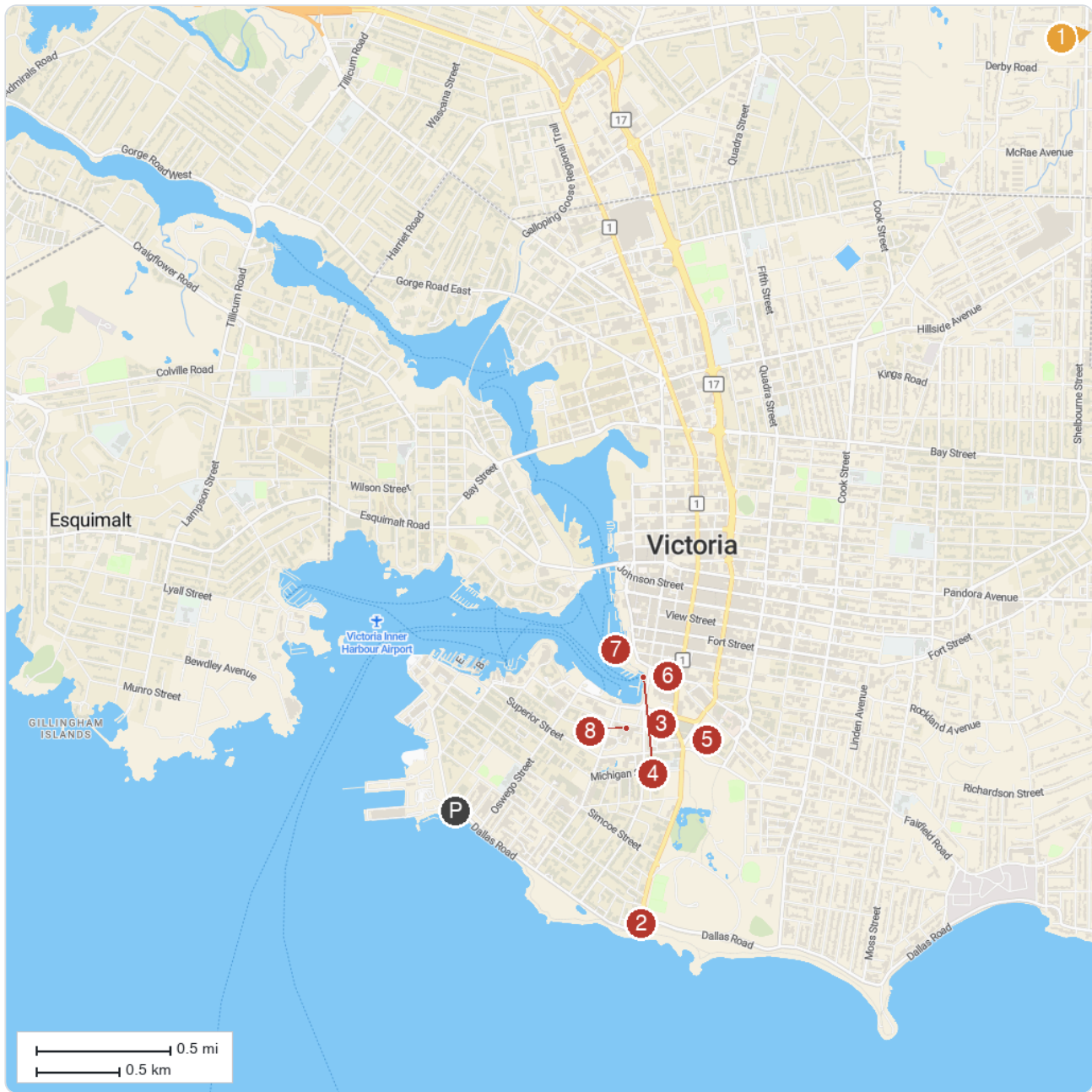
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry Canadian dollars or a card with no FX fees. USD is accepted in many shops but at unfavorable rates. ATMs and currency exchange are plentiful near the Inner Harbour.
- Book Empress tea in advance. The Fairmont Empress fills up on ship days. Reserve online before you arrive or accept a long wait — it's worth planning for.
- Butchart Gardens needs a half-day. Allow 3–4 hours including travel. Ship excursions are the easiest option; alternatively a taxi costs around \$30–40 CAD each way.
- The breakwater walk is worth your time. The Ogden Point Breakwater offers great views and a calm introduction to the city — do it on the way to downtown rather than rushing straight for the shuttle.
- Whale watching is genuinely excellent here. Victoria has resident orca pods in the strait. Tours depart from the Inner Harbour and most see whales — this is one of Canada's best spots.
- The shuttle bus saves time. The Ogden Point to Inner Harbour shuttle is \$5–8 CAD and runs frequently on ship days. Worth taking if you have a full day planned — it drops you right in front of the Empress.

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Mystic Vale | 2 Mile Zero Monument |
| 3 Royal BC Museum | 4 Victoria Harbour Ferry |
| 5 St. Ann's Academy and Auditorium National Historic Site | 6 Miniature World |
| 7 Harbour Air - Victoria | 8 Legislative Assembly of British Columbia |
| P Cruise port / terminal | |