

Gardens of Victoria

Sunday June 1st

Saturday June 7th, 2025

Seven day/Six nights

From a small oasis in the wilderness to expansive gardens of international renown, demonstration gardens to heritage properties, and native plant gardens to formal English-style gardens — Victoria is truly a gardener's paradise!



Victoria – otherwise known as the "City of Gardens" – is home to a number of spectacular gardens that range from formal to heritage, exotic to west coast and are all exciting to visit.

ITINERARY

Day One - Our group flight departs in the a.m. from Toronto – flying direct/non-stop and arriving in Victoria in the morning. After checking into our hotel (Huntingdon Hotel & Suites, Downtown Victoria) we start our discovery of Victoria with a walking tour of downtown. The remainder of the day is free. Our first day ends with an included dinner, a Scottish High Tea at the Pendray Inn & Tea House. (D)

Day Two –Today we tour the city of Victoria with our Driver/Guide. Our first stop will be a guided tour of the gardens at Government House, followed by a visit to some private gardens. Our day ends with a visit to Finnerty Gardens. Late afternoon and evening are free to possibly take a water taxi around the harbour. Dinner is on your own. (B)

Day Three –We head north of Victoria to experience the beautiful Butchart Gardens. Here we will be free to wander the gardens and then finish our visit with a “High Tea”. En route back to Victoria, we will stop at the Gardens of the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific, for a guided tour. The remainder of the day is free. Dinner is on your own. (B,HT)

Day Four – Our day starts with a visit to some private gardens and then we head to Hatley Castle for lunch and a tour of the gardens. Today, we could also head to Beacon Hill Park and see the “running” of the goats – it will bring out the inner child in us. Dinner on your own. (B, L)

Day Five – Today we visit the Abkhazi Gardens for a stroll amongst their world-class garden. We then enjoy “High Tea” in their quaint Tea House. Dinner on your own. (B, HT)

Day Six – We head out to Sooke Harbour and a tour of their lovely gardens. The afternoon will be spent exploring Victoria and we end our day with a Farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day Seven – After breakfast, we board our coach for the transfer to the airport – bidding Victoria and all its lovely gardens, adieu. We arrive in Toronto early evening. (B)

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change.

Tour Highlights:

● **THE BUTCHART GARDENS**

Spectacular beauty in all seasons at this National Historic Site and is still owned by the Butchart family. With over one million visitors each year, this garden ranks as the top garden in Canada.

<https://www.butchartgardens.com/>



● **ABKHAZI GARDEN**



Abkhazi Garden offers an escape from the rush of modern life. Created in 1946 by Prince and Princess Abkhazi, it is a heritage garden famous for its majestic trees, rhododendrons and dramatic vistas. The garden is located only minutes from downtown Victoria, yet it is an exquisite and pristine oasis filled with beauty.

<https://www.abkhaziteahouse.com>

● **HATLEY PARK -**

Experience, discover, and enjoy the majesty of Hatley Castle, gardens, and estate. Escape into a tranquil paradise as you immerse yourself in the beauty of the many heritage gardens, walk their spectacular trails, or enjoy a visit to the castle museum and gift shop.

<https://www.hatleypark.ca/visit-us/hatley-park-gardens>



THE GARDENS AT THE HORTICULTURAL CENTRE OF THE PACIFIC (HCP)



Named one of the ten best gardens in Canada by the Ottawa Citizen, this 43-hectare site includes a nature conservancy and demonstration gardens.

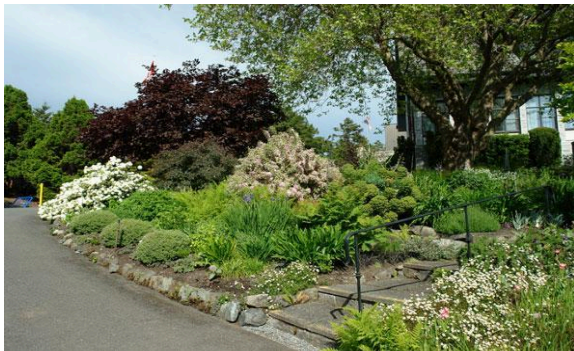
Highlights include magnificent rhododendrons, and a collection of bonsai in the serene Takata Japanese Garden.

<https://hcp.ca>

- **FINNERTY GARDENS**

One of Canada's best collections of rhododendrons is on display in the Finnerty Gardens. This 6.5-acre garden contains over 4,000 different trees and shrubs with more than 1,500 rhododendron and azalea plants, including 200-plus collected rhododendron species and a spectacular range of companion plants. Three ponds provide habitat for birds and plants such as the towering timber bamboo.

<https://www.uvic.ca/finnerty>



- **GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND GARDENS**

A multitude of flowers and plants in themed gardens at Government House (the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor of BC). Gardens range from cottage to English country, herb, rose and rhododendrons.

<https://ltgov.bc.ca/blog/government-house-blog>

- **SOOKE HARBOUR HOUSE**

Come and lose yourself amid more than 230 herbs, edible flowers, vegetables, and a mosaic of wild and cultivated salad greens buffeted by mellifluous ocean breezes.

<https://sookeharbourhouse.com>



YOUR TOUR PACKAGE Costs:

\$ 2,999. Per person/double occupancy + HST (\$ 3,388.87) includes Air from Toronto
Single occupancy \$ 3,699. + HST (\$ 4,179.87) includes air from Toronto.

- ☐ For Ottawa departures – please contact Margaret.
- ☐ **Deposit of \$ 800. upon booking** – Balance due April 10th
- ☐ **PLEASE NOTE that** air fare is guaranteed until April 10th, booking after that date is subject to increase.

Includes: AIR – HOTEL – TOURS – TRANSPORTION

- ✓ Airfare (direct/non-stop from Toronto) and taxes
- ✓ 6 nights at the Huntingdon Hotel & Suites, 330 Quebec Street, Victoria (or similar)
- ✓ Airport transfers plus motor coach transportation during entire stay in Victoria
- ✓ Butchart Gardens –admission + Afternoon Tea
- ✓ Abkhazi Gardens – admission + Afternoon Tea
- ✓ Tours to the various gardens listed on the “Tour Highlights.”
- ✓ Private garden tours
- ✓ Includes: six breakfasts; one lunch; Welcome and Farewell Dinners; two “High Teas”
- ✓ Includes **mandatory** 20% gratuity to Coach Driver/Guide plus Victoria Enviro Charges
- ✓ Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director – Margaret Dailey-Plouffe

LAND ONLY cost: Double Occupancy \$ 2,299. Per person + HST \$ 2,597.87
Single Occupancy \$ 2,999. Per person + HST \$ 3,388.87

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