

# VISITOR GUIDE

## CALE/ACLJ Annual Conference

### Victoria, BC – October 2023

Welcome to our “City of Gardens”. We are located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, which is the largest of British Columbia’s 6500 islands. This is the land of the [ləkʷəŋən People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations](#).

It is a community of choice for its temperate climate, natural beauty, recreational sites and superior economic opportunities. According to the 2021 census, about 400,000 people make their home in the Greater Victoria area.

#### GETTING HERE

If travelling by air and you want to fly to Victoria, ensure that you are booked through to Victoria (YYJ) on Vancouver Island, as the city of Vancouver (YVR) is approximately 107 kilometres away. Travel from Vancouver to Victoria by vehicle and ferry takes about 3 to 4 hours; by air, approximately 30 minutes.

#### By Sea

Victoria's arrival points include the Inner Harbour in downtown Victoria and the Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal (40 minutes from downtown Victoria, near Sidney).

[BC Ferries](#) offers frequent scheduled passenger and vehicle service between [Tsawwassen](#) (south of Vancouver) and [Swartz Bay](#) (north of Victoria)

[Black Ball Transport](#) The M.V. Coho is a vehicle and foot passenger ferry offering year-round daily service between Victoria’s inner harbour and Port Angeles, WA

[Victoria Clipper](#) offers scheduled daily passenger-only service between Seattle and Victoria harbors.

#### By Motorcoach

[BC Ferries Connector](#) provides daily scheduled service between Vancouver, Vancouver International Airport and Victoria via BC Ferries.

#### By Air

Regular float plane and helicopter service to Victoria's downtown Inner Harbor is available from Vancouver and Seattle.

- [Helijet](#)
- [Harbour Air](#)

Scheduled Airline flights from [Victoria International Airport \(YYJ\)](#)

Located 30 minutes from downtown Victoria, Victoria International Airport (YYJ) serves daily flights from Vancouver International Airport and Seattle-Tacoma Airport, as well as direct flights from points throughout Canada and the United States. YYJ is served by bus and taxi service.

**By bus:**

[BC Transit](#) is an economical way to travel between YYJ and downtown Victoria, costing \$6 CND. Please note that bus fares are paid in cash. Credit cards are not accepted. The trip takes approximately 45min-1hr with several stops along the way. From the YYJ terminal, you will catch [Bus #88](#) to the McTavish Bus Exchange where you will transfer to [Bus #72](#).

**By taxi:**

Average rate from YYJ to Victoria Downtown is approximately \$60 CND.

- [Yellow Cab of Victoria](#) 250-381-2222 or Toll Free 1-800-808-6881
- [Victoria Taxi](#) 250-383-7111 or Toll Free 1-888-842-7111
- [Blue Bird Cabs](#) 250-382-2222 or Toll Free 1-800-665-7055
- [Uber](#)

**THINGS TO DO IN VICTORIA**

- [Gray Line of Victoria](#) – sightseeing tours
- [The Royal BC Museum](#)
- [The Maritime Museum of BC](#)
- [Miniature World](#)
- [Prince of Whales](#) - whale watching tours
- [Art Gallery of Greater Victoria](#)
- [Craigdarroch Castle](#)

30 – 60 minutes from downtown Victoria by car:

- [The Butchart Gardens](#)
- [Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea](#)
- [Malahat Skywalk](#)

## **RESTAURANTS**

Victoria offers an extraordinary selection of [restaurants](#) featuring both local and international cuisines.

## **GETTING AROUND**

### **Downtown to University of Victoria**

The University of Victoria campus is located about 8 kilometers from downtown Victoria. There are [several options for travel](#) between downtown Victoria and the campus.

### **Walking/running in Victoria**

Looking for a [walking trail](#) in and around downtown Victoria? You have many scenic options to choose from such as the Inner Harbour, Dallas Road, and [Beacon Hill Park](#).

You may be interested in walking to see [The Signs of ləkʷəŋən](#) which consist of seven unique site markers that designate culturally significant sites to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations along the Inner Harbour and surrounding areas.

There are also many [running trails](#) in Victoria for you to choose from.

The University of Victoria also has a network of [walking and running trails](#) through the campus and its perimeter gardens and woods.

### **Alternatives to vehicle transportation to UVic**

- [BC Transit](#) (The UVic bus exchange is in front of the UVic Bookstore)
- [Cycling Routes to UVic](#)
- [Cycling Routes in Greater Victoria](#)

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