



THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Shifting Sands:
2007 Canadian Immigration Law Update
CBA CLE Conference

April 13-14, 2007
Fairmont Empress
Victoria, BC



Weekend in Victoria
Leisure Activities

VICTORIA, BC - LESUIRE ACTIVITIES

Victoria is located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, which is the largest of British Columbia's 6,500 islands.

Boating

Victoria Harbour Ferry

Harbour Ferries have been operating in Victoria Harbour since 1990. It is a wonderful way to see what Victoria has to offer. They stop at a number of waterfront hotels as well as the always salty fishermen's wharf and the West Bay Floating village. There are seabirds, seals and otters that you may meet along the way. Enjoy the sea breeze, and see Victoria from a very different waterfront view.

453 Head Street
Victoria, BC

Telephone: (250) 708-0201

Website:

<http://www.victoriaharbourferry.com/>

Distance from the Empress Hotel:

Walking - 3 minutes

Fantasea Charters -Whale Watching

The luxury yacht is skippered by a certified Master Captain, with 25 years of professional marine experience. During your luxury fishing or whale watching charter, there is an onboard, certified naturalist who will be happy to answer any of your concerns or questions.

950 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC

Telephone: (250) 658-6052

Website: <http://www.fantaseacharters.com>

Distance from the Empress Hotel:

Walking - 2 minutes

Driving - 30 seconds

Springtide Charters Ltd. - Whale Watching and Cocktail Cruises

Whale and Marine Wildlife watching expeditions have become one of Victoria's most popular activities and have been rated

1207 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC

Telephone: (250) 384-4444

Website: <http://www.springtidecharters.com/location.htm>

Distance from the Empress Hotel:

Walking - 4 minutes

Fishing Charters

Island Outfitters Fishing Charters

World class salmon and halibut fishing awaits you! Experience renown salt-water fishing along Vancouver Island's coastline with the seasoned pro's from Island Outfitters.

3319 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC

Telephone: (250) 475-4969

Website: <http://www.fishingvictoria.com/>

Distance from the Empress Hotel:

Walking - 40 minutes

Driving - 15 - 20 minutes

Gotcha Salmon Charters

Come and enjoy and experience the beauty of the west coast. Wildlife is abundant in the area, you may see bald eagles, sea otters, harbour seals, sea lions and possibly even killer whales! 27 years of experience.

950 Wharf Street
Victoria, BC

Telephone: 658-6052

Website: <http://www.gotchasalmoncharters.com>

Distance from the Empress Hotel:

Walking - 1 minute

Driving - 30 seconds

Captain Ron's Charters

Charters leave out of Sooke, BC

Experience the most spectacular fishing that this area has to offer. Captain Ron has over twenty years of fishing and charter experience and offers comfortable and safe trips to the best fishing spots off the coast. He operates out of Sooke, B.C., just a short scenic

drive from Victoria. He is a member of the Sooke Charter Boat Association.

510 Selwyn Hts

Victoria, BC

Telephone: (250) 478-6433

<http://www.fishingchartersvictoria.ca/>

Distance from the Empress Hotel:

Theatre

Driving - 30 to 40 minutes to Sooke

The Belfry Theatre

The Belfry Theatre is Victoria's largest, contemporary adult theatre producing up to 12 plays per year from its beautifully restored heritage church.

1291 Gladstone Avenue
Victoria, BC

Box Office: (250) 385-6815

Website: <http://www.belfry.bc.ca>

Distance from the Empress Hotel:

Walking - 45 minutes

Driving - 10 minutes

What's Playing?

MESA - a warm and wonderful & funny play

April 12 - 8pm

April 13 - 8pm

April 14 - 4 & 8pm

April 15 - 2pm

April 17 - 8pm

McPherson Playhouse

The McPherson Playhouse first opened in 1914 as the Pantages Theatre. It was re-named after Thomas Shanks McPherson, who bequeathed the theatre and funding for its reconstruction to the people of Victoria. The award-winning project was completed in 1965 and included a modern lobby addition, technical improvements, and the refurbishing of the ornate Neo-Baroque style auditorium. A variety of professional, community and amateur events are presented at "The Mac" year-round.

#3 Centennial Square
600 Block Pandora Avenue
Telephone: 386-6121
<http://www.rmts.bc.ca/mcpherson.html>

Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Walking - 10 - 15 minutes
Driving - 5 minutes

What's Playing?

April 12 - Smothers Brothers - 8pm
April 14 - Constantinople - 8pm
April 15 - Rick Scott - 2pm

The Dinner Theatre on Douglas
is a privately owned semi professional theatre company. The partnership, promotes and uses writers and talent from the Greater Victoria area. Play with your Food is privately funded. An independent arts group dedicated to expanding the concept of "Cultural Entrepreneurship".

2nd floor - 818 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC
Telephone: (250) 388-7444
<http://www.playwithyourfood.ca/>
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Walking - 3 - 5 minutes

What's Playing?

April 14 - Cloak & Daggers
It's 1962 and the worlds best spies have united to defeat a dastardly common enemy that has stolen secret plans for a super secret super bomb from the not too secure and not so secret, secret location

Victoria Symphony

From its roots in a navy band to today's magical Maestra Tania Miller, the Victoria Symphony boasts an interesting and lively story.

Telephone: (250) 385-6515
Complete events listing: www.victoriasymphony.ca

Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Driving - 5 minutes

What's Playing?

April 15 - **Venue: Uvic Farquhar Auditorium**
Second Annual Young Musicians Concerto Showcase
website: <http://www.victoriasymphony.bc.ca/concerts/index.asp?month=4&day=17&year=2007#420>
Driving - 30 seconds

Museum and Art

Royal BC Museum

Look at British Columbia's past, present and future. The Royal BC Museum has a vast collection of artifacts and specimens which tell the stories of BC.

675 Belleville Street
Victoria, BC
Telephone: (250) 356-7226
Toll Free: 1-888-447-7977
Website: <http://www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/MainSite/default.aspx>
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Walking - 3 to 5 minutes

What's Showing?

THE TITANIC

April 14 - **The Artifact Exhibition**
On April 10, 1912, the RMS *Titanic* set sail from Southampton on her maiden voyage to New York. At that time, she was the largest and most luxurious ship ever built. At 11:40 PM on April 14, 1912, she struck an iceberg about 400 miles off Newfoundland, Canada, which sent her to the ocean floor.

Royal London Wax Museum

470 Belleville Street
Victoria, BC
Telephone: (250) 388-4461
Toll Free: 1-877-929-3328
Website: <http://www.waxmuseum.bc.ca>
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Walking - 2 minutes

Craigdarroch Castle Historic House Museum

Located a short drive or a leisurely walk from the downtown harbour, just off Fort Street at 1050 Joan Crescent, Victoria, BC, Canada, Craigdarroch Castle is a beautiful historic Victorian-era mansion, built in the 1890s by wealthy BC coal baron Robert Dunsmuir. It is now owned by the Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum Society and almost totally funded by its 150,000 annual visitors.

1050 Joan Crescent
Victoria, BC
Telephone: (250) 592-5323
Website: <http://www.thecastle.ca>
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Walking - 30 minute
Driving - 10 minutes

Art Gallery of Greater Victoria

The gallery has a collection of over 15000 objets d'art from Asia, Europe and North America with primary emphasis on Canada and Japan.

1040 Moss Street
Victoria, BC
Telephone: (250) 384-4171
Website: <http://www.aggv.bc.ca>
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Walking - 20 - 30 minutes
Driving - 10 minutes

Gardens

Butchart Gardens

Butchart Gardens, fifty-five acres of wonderful floral display, offering spectacular views as you stroll along meandering paths and expansive lawns. The Gardens were designated in 2004 as a National Historic Site of Canada.

800 Benvenuto Avenue
Brentwood Bay, BC
Telephone: (250) 652-4422
Toll Free: 1-866-652-4422
Website: <http://www.butchartgardens.com>
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Driving - 30 minutes

Butterfly Gardens

An indoor tropical paradise. You will find

- brightly coloured fish,
- tropical birds,
- hundreds of ornate plants,
- free-flying butterflies and
- an exquisite orchid display

Meander along the pathways. Enjoy a guided tour that is included in your admission. A family treat and a picture-taking paradise.

1461 Benvenuto Avenue
Brentwood Bay, BC
Telephone: (250) 652-3822
Toll Free: 1-877-722-0272
<http://www.butterflygardens.com>
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Driving - 20 minutes

Pacific Undersea Gardens

Descend... into a world where Victoria's reputation as the "City of Gardens" extends beneath the tide-line! Home of the largest collection of local marine life to be found anywhere! You will come face to face with the excitement, the wonder, the magic and mystery of the underwater world.

490 Belleville Street
Victoria, BC
Telephone: (250) 382-5717
Website: <http://www.pacificunderseagardens.com>
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Walking - 2 minutes
Driving - 30 seconds

Parks and Hiking

Beacon Hill Park

Beacon Hill Park is located along the south shore of Victoria, British Columbia and the Juan de Fuca Strait. It has been a park belonging to the city of Victoria since 1882.

Victoria, BC
<http://www.beaconhillpark.com/>
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Walking - 10 minutes
Driving - 3 minutes

Goldstream Provincial Park & Hiking

Just 17 kilometers from downtown Victoria, Goldstream Provincial Park lies amid the splendour of an old-growth temperate rain forest.

2930 Trans Canada Hwy
17 km North
Telephone: (250) 478-9414
Website: <http://www.goldstreampark.com/>
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Driving - 30 minutes

East Sooke Regional Park & Hiking

- 50 kilometres of trails through forest, marsh and field
- the challenging 10-kilometre Coast Trail
- pocket beaches, rocky bays and tide pools for exploring and scuba diving

- *spectacular views of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Olympic Mountains*

For information call
CRD Parks
490 Atkins Avenue
Victoria, BC
Telephone: (250) 478-3344
Website: http://www.crd.bc.ca/parks/east_sooke.htm
Distance from the Empress Hotel:
Driving - 30 minutes

Matheson Lake Regional Park

Hikers can enjoy the loop trail around the lake, or explore the Galloping Goose Regional Trail, which leads to adjacent Roche Cove Regional Park and points further ahead.

Follow the Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria, and take the Colwood exit. Follow the Old Island Hwy, which turns into Sooke Road. From Sooke Road, turn left on Happy Valley Road, then right on Rocky Point Road, and right again on Matheson Lake Park Road. Allow 35 minutes driving time from Victoria.

Scenic Drives

See the following website for scenic drive routes and directions
<http://www.victoriabcguide.com/maps-drives.htm>

For a full range of events and guide of things to do in Victoria see Tourism Victoria at
<http://www.tourismvictoria.com/>