

Welcome to the Garden City!

If you ask anyone who lives here, they will probably say that Victoria is one of the best places in Canada to live. We enjoy a rich history, a climate that is the mildest in all of Canada, an abundance of entertainment to suit any taste, and continued growth as British Columbia's capital city. Simply put, there is something here for everyone.

History



First established in 1843 as Fort Victoria, a trading post for the Hudson's Bay Company, we have the honor of living in Canada's second-oldest city next to Quebec City. With the 1858 Fraser Valley Gold Rush, Fort Victoria grew rapidly and became incorporated in 1862, becoming British Columbia's capital when the province joined the Canadian Confederation in 1871.

Along downtown's Government Street today, you will see a curious line of bricks along the sidewalk. This line marks the original boundary of Fort Victoria, and is one of the many ways that the city of Victoria preserves its unique heritage.

Climate

Victoria is a gardening and outdoor sports paradise. Being on the protected end of an island, we enjoy the mildest climate in Canada. With an 8 month growing season, and the abundance of gardens for which the city is famous, Victoria is aptly nicknamed The Garden City. So many residents love gardening, that every year Victoria holds an



annual flower count.

On average, Victoria sees temperatures of around 7 C in January, while in July the city enjoys an average of 22 C. With a maximum of 26 inches of rain falling each year, and over 2,000 hours of sunshine, it's

no wonder Victorians love their city.

Something for Everyone



No matter what you do for fun, chances are that you'll find something to interest you here. Victoria is as much a paradise for people who love the great outdoors as it is for people who enjoy taking in some culture, or dining at a fine restaurant.

In the downtown core, you can treat yourself to a luxurious day at the spa, or visit a museum. If you are looking for a thriving nightlife, you'll find that here too. Chances are, everything you could possibly want to do will be minutes away from home.

If being out in nature is more to your liking, Victoria has kilometres of leisure trails and beautiful parks just waiting to be explored. A short distance from Victoria, you'll find lakeside and even mountain hiking trails and camping facilities where you can enjoy the best that our stunning landscape has to offer. Victoria truly is an outdoorsmans' paradise.

Housing

With our rich history and continued growth, Victoria has a unique mixture of housing opportunities for people looking to move here. Alongside our modern condominiums, you'll find heritage homes of many different architectural styles, creating a pleasing atmosphere of old-fashioned charm and modern comfort.

There is an abundance of different housing styles available to people who want to move to Victoria, whether you are looking to buy or rent, including: condos, townhomes, apartments, and family homes.

As you can see, living in Victoria is like living in a vacation destination: there is something for everyone to do, the climate is wonderful, and chances are you will find a home that is just right.