



Morris Arboretum
& Gardens
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

Vancouver & Victoria

July 21–28, 2025

Situated in the southwest corner of the Canadian province of British Columbia, nestled between the North Shore Mountains and the Strait of Georgia, the vibrant metropolitan city of Vancouver is filled with glass skyscrapers, parks and forests which reflect the city's blend of cosmopolitanism and stunning foliage. Across the water, Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, full of Edwardian architecture, is a charming city and popular tourist destination, known as "The Garden City." Explore both cities and learn about their British, European and Asian traditions, their First Nations heritage, and their natural beauty. Your tour is hosted by Vince Marrocco, the Gayle E. Maloney Director of Horticulture of the Morris Arboretum & Gardens and designed and led by Destinations And Tours, LLC.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Accommodations – two nights in Vancouver, four nights in Victoria, and one night near the Vancouver airport
- Breakfast each day, four Dinners, a Wine Tasting, and High Tea
- Docent-led tours and gratuities
- Transportation and driver gratuities
- A \$500 donation to Morris Arboretum
- Full-service tour director

To learn more or request a booking form, contact Alison Thornton via email at alisonth@upenn.edu or by phone at 215-247-5777 ext. 105.

COST AND BOOKING DETAILS

**Tour Price per person,
double occupancy**

\$5,295

**Additional fee for
single occupancy**

\$1,695

**Deposit required
with registration**

\$1,000 paid to Destinations
And Tours, LLC and \$500
donation paid to Morris
Arboretum & Gardens

Balance due

May 1, 2025

Cancellation fee

Before May 1, 2025, 50% of
deposit will be refunded
(\$500 per person). Donation is
non-refundable. After May 1,
2025, no refund is given.

**Deposits and balances may
be made via credit card**

Please call Lynde Vespoli at
440-840-6334 with the card
information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Airfare is not included
- Alcoholic beverages are
not included, except at
the winery
- A valid passport is required
- Travel insurance is
recommended

Monday, July 21, 2025

Vancouver, British Columbia is continually voted by *CNN Traveler and Travel & Leisure* magazine as a top destination in North America. After arriving in the beautiful cosmopolitan city, you can stop at Hastings Park to visit the Italian Garden, the Japanese-styled Momiji Gardens, and the ponds surrounded by boardwalks that are perfect for bird-watching. If you're looking for an extensive variety of restaurant and shops, head to Granville Island Public Market, located on an inlet off English Bay. You may check in to your conveniently located downtown hotel, Blue Horizon, any time after 3 p.m. PDT. We'll meet in the lobby at 5 p.m. to walk to dinner and begin our tour of western Canada.



Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Four amazing parks will delight you today: Queen Elizabeth Park, with its Quarry Gardens, Dancing Water Fountains and Bloedel Conservatory; the VanDusen Botanical Garden, with its miles of paths taking you through a variety of plantings, stands of trees, and an Elizabethan Maze; the Dr. Sun Yet-San Chinese Garden, the first Chinese garden built outside of Asia; and Stanley Park, with its collection of First Nation totem poles. Your evening is free to spend as you choose; the hotel is surrounded by a wide variety of restaurants, where there's something for everyone.



Wednesday, July 23, 2025

After checking out of the hotel, a guided tour at the University of British Columbia Botanical Garden will explain their education, research, conservation, and community outreach focus. You'll then board a ferry for a 90-minute crossing of the Strait of Georgia to arrive at Vancouver Island. Here, the lush valleys, forested mountains and seaside environment create a unique microclimate for growing grapes and making wine. We'll stop at a local winery for a tasting and dinner before continuing south to the city of Victoria and your hotel, the Rialto.



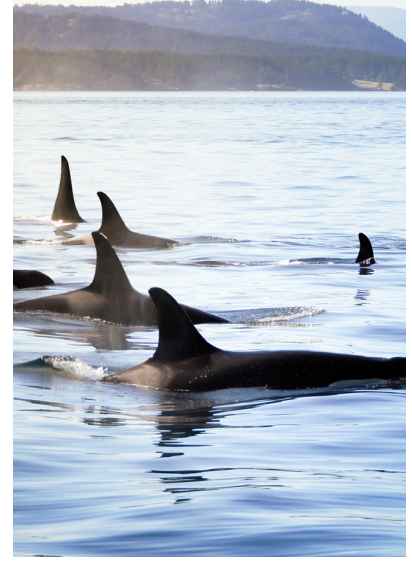
Thursday, July 24, 2025

The 14-acres of Government House Gardens are a sight to behold, with their numerous themed gardens, the formal areas of flora and fauna, and native woodlands. We'll have a guided tour in the morning and then cross the street to Craigdarroch Castle, a Scottish baronial mansion built in 1890, that you can tour at your leisure. Afterwards, return to the hotel to change for High Tea at the Fairmont Empress hotel. Ladies may wear fancy tea hats or fascinators if they wish, but it's not required. You are free to further explore Victoria on your own once you've finished your finger sandwiches, scones, pastries, and tea.



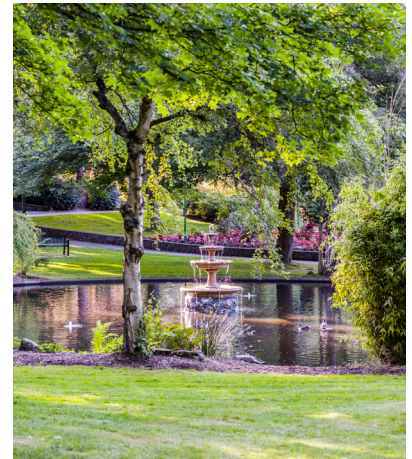
Friday, July 25, 2025

Your morning is free to explore all that Victoria has to offer, such as: the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Miniature World, Ross Bay Cemetery, and Parliament. At mid-day we'll depart for a three-hour whale-watching cruise. Peak season for seeing both resident and transient orcas, as well as humpback whales, is May to October, so be sure to bring your camera. Once we're back on dry land, we'll gather for dinner in a local restaurant.



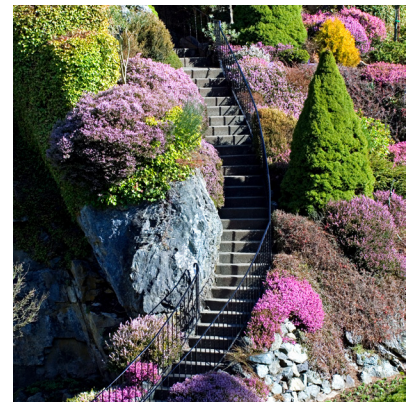
Saturday, July 26, 2025

Staying in the center of charming, walkable Victoria allows us to explore on foot Beacon Hill Park and the Royal British Columbia Museum, including its display of totem poles in Thunderbird Park. Afterward, the afternoon and evening will be devoted to one of the highlights of this tour: a visit to the world-famous Butchart Gardens. Not only will you be entranced by the stunning gardens and water features, but Saturday evenings in the summer include musical entertainment and a fireworks show choreographed to music and designed by the Butchart's great-grandson, Christopher Ross.



Sunday, July 27, 2025

We'll head north from Victoria, back towards the ferry terminal, stopping to visit the Gardens at the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific along the way. With a mission to connect people with plants, they offer tours, gardening tips, and classes for both children and adults. Then it's time to board the ferry back to the mainland, arriving back in the Vancouver area and checking into a hotel close to the airport. This is for the convenience of your departure in the morning, giving you enough time at arrive at the Vancouver airport (YVR) in advance of your international flight. Dinner tonight will be at the hotel, where you can reminisce with your new friends about your visit to Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia.



Monday, July 28, 2025

The hotel's complimentary shuttle will take you to the airport, and you can either have breakfast there or at the hotel before you depart. Thank you for traveling with the Morris Arboretum & Gardens of the University of Pennsylvania!

