

Galleries and Museums of Victoria

Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. (1040 Moss Street) Located in the historic neighbourhood of Rockland, Victoria's public art museum is home to BC's largest public art collection. It specializes in a world-respected Asian art collection, including an authentic Japanese Shinto Shrine located outside in the Asian Garden.

The Art Gallery offers a diverse presentation of exhibitions, ranging from Asian art, European and Canadian historical works, and leading contemporary artists from across the country. The Art Gallery is often chosen to participate in national tours of important block-buster exhibitions. Permanently on exhibition at the Art Gallery are the paintings, writings and historical artifacts of BC's premiere landscape artist, Emily Carr. It integrates Carr's writings, works from the Gallery collection, and images from the British Columbia Provincial archives to create a compelling portrait of this pre-eminent Victoria Artist.

Discover the **Royal British Columbia Museum** (675 Belleville Street) and its famous First Peoples, Natural History and Modern History Galleries. Three-dimensional displays offer the senses a feast of the sights, smells and sounds of British Columbia. Walk through a rainforest, sit among aboriginal poles and stroll down the street to window-shop in Old Town. Open daily 9am - 5:00pm. Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Royal London Wax Museum (470 Belleville Street). Victoria's world of wax portrays over 300 pivotal personalities; from royalty and writers to leaders and legends. Illuminating Time since 1961, this wax museum is a "first" in North America as well as in Victoria. And after all the wax, there are souvenirs and snacks in the Penny Lane Sweet Shop.

Hatley Park Castle and Museum (2005 Sooke Road) Museum, Garden & Castle Tours. **Dunsmuir/Military Museum** formal Japanese, Italian and Rose Gardens. Japanese, Italian, Rose Gardens open daily (year round) until dusk. Daily guided tours of castle, garden, and museum, 10am - 4pm. (20 minutes from downtown Victoria)

The Maritime Museum of BC (28 Bastion Square) is housed in an 1889 heritage building located in historic Bastion Square. It features three floors of exhibits that will ignite your imagination with the Pacific Northwest's rich maritime heritage. See Tillikum, a dugout canoe rigged for sail and voyaged from Victoria to England; visit the Vice-Admiralty Courtroom, view film footage of a schooner rounding the Horn; take a ride in an operating birdcage elevator.

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Craigdarroch Castle (1050 Joan Crescent) is an 1890's mansion with exquisite stained-glass windows, woodwork and period antiques. Built by wealthy coal baron, Robert Dunsmuir, Craigdarroch Castle is a stunning example of the finest architecture, materials and craftsmanship available in the Victorian era. See the spectacular oak staircase and climb 87 steps to the Tower for the best views in Victoria.

Self-guided tour translations available in: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, German, French and Spanish

The Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery hosts a varied program of as many as 12 exhibitions a year in this gallery. The spacious rotunda that forms the entrance foyer to the University Centre leads to the University Centre Exhibition Gallery, located on the main floor of the University Centre adjacent to the Auditorium and cafeteria.

Hudson's Bay Company Gallery (#1 - 1150 Douglas Street) acknowledges the role it played in British Columbia History. Celebrate the past with artwork and artifacts.