

Private Tour

# Beyond downtown Victoria

Victoria, BC, Canada



Tour Code: **DM PV BDOVIC**

## Banner Image

Operates: All Year	6-Hours	Fully Customizable
Hotel Pickup offered		

### Highlights

- \* **Rodd Hill** – 19th century national historic site.
- \* **Fisgard Lighthouse** . National historic site
- \* **Hatley Castle**, a grand mansion.

Come explore the majestic and historic Fort Rodd Hill! This 19th century national historic site is a stunning example of British coastal artillery, built to defend Victoria's bustling seaport. As you wander through the fort, take in its grandeur and marvel at its defensive prowess. While exploring the grounds, you'll come across several buildings with fascinating stories to tell; from underground tunnels to gun batteries once used by British troops. You can even learn about some of the people who worked and lived here during that time period – immersing yourself in their history as if you are standing right there with them! Take your time discovering all that this incredible place has to offer – it will be an experience like no other. So, don't wait another minute – come visit us today for an unforgettable tour of Fort Rodd Hill!

Next, we head to Fisgard Lighthouse! Our guided tour will take you back in time to explore the rich history of this majestic structure, which has been standing atop an outcropping of rock since 1860. We'll start with a look at the lighthouse itself, sharing stories about its construction and how it served as a beacon to guide ships through the treacherous waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. We'll also share tales from some former keepers who lived here and worked tirelessly day after day to ensure that all vessels passed safely.

Afterwards, we will stop for quick refuelling at one of several restaurants or cafes around the area. Make sure to keep your camera handy as there are plenty more amazing sights along our route! Finally, on your way out don't forget to pick up some souvenirs from our gift shop.

Come and explore the wonders of Hatley Castle, a grand mansion built for the Dunsmuir family in the early 20th century. Take a guided tour through its magnificent halls and lush gardens, where you can learn about its rich history from our knowledgeable guides. Enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape as you stroll through this beautiful estate.

After your tour, take a scenic drive along the coast to soak up some stunning views of the ocean. Stop by one of our designated lookouts to drink in panoramic scenes that make it easy to imagine why this place is so beloved among locals and travelers alike! With breath-taking scenery at every

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turn, this is sure to be an unforgettable experience that will leave you feeling relaxed and full of awe. Don't miss out on your chance to visit Hatley Castle - book your tour today!

It's the perfect afternoon to explore Hatley Castle! Take a guided tour of this grand mansion, built in the early 20th century for the notable Dunsmuir family. You'll be captivated by its beauty and charm as you wander through its beautiful garden, with lush green grass and colorful flowers.

Once inside, feel like royalty as you take in all of the historical details that make up this majestic castle. Learn about how it was originally used by British Columbia's prominent industrialists and gain an appreciation for their influence on local history. Enjoy wandering through each room filled with old furniture, paintings and artifacts from long ago.

After your tour is complete, take a scenic drive along the coast surrounding Hatley Castle to truly appreciate its grandeur from outside perspectives. The views are absolutely breathtaking! Look out over blue waters as they stretch into eternity while rugged hills form an impressive backdrop beneath a sky full of cotton candy clouds. Snap some photos or just sit back and soak it all in—this is one experience you won't want to forget!

**Note – The specific points of interest that can be included in a Private Tour will be determined by the client's expectations and the duration of the tour that they book with us.**

## Inclusions

- ✓ 6-hour private tour.
- ✓ Services of vehicle and driver exclusive to you.
- ✓ All applicable admissions.
- ✓ Pick-up from your hotel.
- ✓ Taxes & GST.

## Exclusions

- × Gratuities for Tour Guide & Driver.
- × Travel Insurance – It is highly recommended. Should your clients choose to decline our offer to sell Travel Insurance or choose/must make their own Travel Insurance arrangements, you are required to provide us a signed Liability Waiver on demand. DMCi sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario, Canada. Non-residents of Ontario as well as clients from abroad must purchase Travel Insurance in the province/state/country where they reside.

## Scheduled Departures

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## Joining Instructions

We will pick you up from all downtown Victoria hotels.

## Deposit & Cancellation Policy

- 100% payment required at the time of confirmation.

## Change & Cancellation Policy

- More than 7 days prior – 100% less \$50 Service Fee per person.
- 7 days or less – 100% non-refundable.

## FAQ

- **What is a private tour?** - A private tour is a customized tour designed to meet the specific needs and preferences of a particular group or individual. The tour is guided by a knowledgeable and experienced tour guide who will lead the group through various landmarks and attractions, providing valuable insights and commentary along the way.
- **What are the advantages of a private tour?** - The advantages of a private tour would include flexibility, personalized attention, and the ability to customize the itinerary to suit your specific interests. With a private tour, you can avoid the crowds and enjoy a more intimate experience with your family and friends.
- **Can you customize our tour?** – Yes. The itinerary for a private tour is always customized to meet your specific interests and preferences. You can work with your tour operator to create a unique and personalized itinerary that includes the attractions and landmarks you are most interested in seeing.
- **What kind of vehicles will be used to conduct this tour?** – The choice of vehicle for the tour will be based on the number of people in the family or group and their preferences. While we do have sedans available, we highly recommend using a Cadillac Escalade SUV or a similar vehicle for this tour. For larger groups, we can provide 14-seater Sprinters or 24-seater mini-coaches.
- **How long does a private tour typically last?** - The duration of a private tour can vary depending on the itinerary and the preferences of the group. Most tours range from 2 to 8 hours, but some can last an entire day or more.
- **Will we have a separate step on guide or a driver-cum-guide?** Depending on the tour and your expectations, we will assign separate step on guide and driver or a driver-cum-guide. On some tours, we would recommend only a driver-cum-guide as there may be no need for a Step-on-guide.
- **What is the difference between a Driver-cum-Guide and a Step-on-Guide?** - A driver-cum-guide is a professional who not only drives the vehicle but also acts as a tour guide. This type of guide provides commentary and information about the attractions and locations visited during the tour while also ensuring safe and efficient transportation. Usually, the driver-cum guide

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will drop you off at attractions and you must do a self-guided tour once you have entered the attraction.

A step-on guide, on the other hand, is a tour guide who meets the group at a specific location and provides commentary and information both inside the vehicle and outside. This type of guide does not drive the vehicle. The step-on-guide will accompany you inside attractions, etc. if you so desire.

- **Does the activity take place despite bad weather?** – This tour take place rain or shine. Depending on the chosen activity and the weather of the day, be sure to be dressed comfortably and accordingly to have the most enjoyable experience possible. In the case of severe inclement weather, tours will be canceled, and a full refund will be provided.
- **What time should we be ready for this tour?** - We suggest you be ready at the pick up point (usually the lobby of your hotel) at least 15 minutes before the designated start time of your tour.
- **What time does the Private Tour actually start?** The pick-up time provided marks the beginning of your tour.
- **I'm running late, what should I do?** – Your tour hours are scheduled in advance, so if you arrive late, it may result in a reduction of the total time allotted for the tour.
- **Can I extend the tour hours while we are touring?** – Possibly yes. It depends on whether your tour driver/guide have other pre-booked assignments post your tour. In most cases, we are able to accommodate your extensions requests. Pre-payment would be required and same can be made via the secure Payment Link we would send to your smart phone.
- **Can I bring my pet?** – Except for guide dogs, pets are not allowed during scheduled tours for safety purposes and to ensure the activities run smoothly. We do make exceptions sometimes and allow dogs on our private tours. However, please make sure to check this out with us at the time of booking and get a written OK form us.
- **Is there a minimum and maximum head count required to operate this tour?** No. This is an entirely private tour, and we will accommodate as many persons as necessary as long as this information is shared with us at the time of making the booking.
- **Is smoking allowed on the tour?** No. We maintain a no smoking policy on our tours.
- **Should I tip the guide?** Gratuities are accepted and greatly appreciated. They're a great way to tell your guide they did an awesome job and show your appreciation.
- **Are there restrooms on your tour?** - We highly suggest that customers use the restroom ahead of time. Not all of our tours include restroom stops.
- **Am I allowed to bring food and beverages on the tour?** - You are welcome to bring bottled water and small snacks.
- **Should we buy Travel Insurance?** It is highly recommended. We sell Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario, Canada. Non-residents of Ontario as well as clients from abroad must purchase Travel Insurance in the province/state/country where they reside. Should you choose

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to decline our offer to sell Travel Insurance, or choose/must make your own Travel Insurance arrangements, you are required to provide us a signed Liability Waiver.

## Note

- Clients should be double vaccinated and must produce their vaccination certificates on demand along with photo ID if the Health Authorities of the jurisdiction you are touring so demand.
- Clients may be required to wear a Face Masks if mandated by Health Authorities of the jurisdiction you are touring.
- **What is DMCi Inc. policy should our flights be cancelled or for some other reason we are unable to travel, or we are running late and therefore we are unable to join the tour?**

DMCi Inc. will try and make every effort to accommodate you in such circumstances within what is possible. However, please note – DMCi Inc., is responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not grounds for a refund or a substitution tour. If you are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. All such circumstances should be covered by your Travel Insurance.

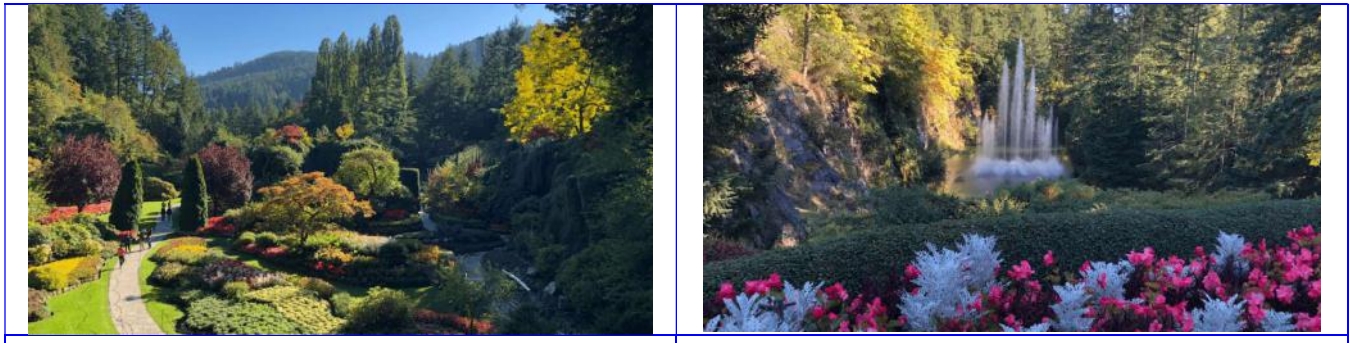
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