

Dallas Arboretum & John Shors Travel

Garden Tour

Vancouver and Victoria, Canada

Trip Itinerary

June 12th — 19th, 2025



DAY ONE/THURSDAY JUNE 12, 2025:

- Arrive at Vancouver International Airport
- Be greeted by a private driver, who will drive you to our hotel, which will be either the four-star The Executive Hotel Le Soleil, The Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown, or the Paradox Hotel Vancouver.
- *(Note: Some guests will opt to arrive on June 11, so that they can relax at the hotel for a day before the tour officially begins. These guests will enjoy a free day, on their own, to relax on June 12th.)*
- Downtown Vancouver:



- Enjoy free time
- 6:30 p.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and depart for a group dinner at Five Sails Restaurant, which is one of Vancouver's best restaurants and features a variety of French dishes. The view from Five Sails Restaurant:



- Retire to rooms

DAY TWO/FRIDAY JUNE 13:

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

- 9 a.m. Depart for the Vandusen Botanical Garden. It is a 55-acre garden that includes an Elizabethan maze and an indigenous medicinal garden. We will experience a private talk or a guided tour. The garden:



- Walk to the nearby Queen Elizabeth Quarry Gardens and enjoy a guided tour:



- Savor a group lunch next to the park at "Season in the Park"
- 2 p.m. Enjoy a tour of The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, which was the first Chinese garden to be created outside of China. The garden:



- 4 p.m. Arrive back at the hotel for free time
- 5:30 p.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and depart for a group dinner cruise of Vancouver Bay:



- Retire to rooms

DAY THREE/SATURDAY JUNE 14:

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 10 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and depart for a Fraser Valley Wine Tour. On this five- to six-hour tour of Vancouver's famous Fraser Valley, we will visit three

different local vineyards: The Glass House Estate Winery, Township 7 Vineyards, and Backyard Vineyards. A sample of wines from Township 7 Vineyards:



- While on this tour, we'll enjoy stunning views of Fraser Valley:



- Savor a group lunch at one of the wineries
- 4 p.m. Return to hotel for free time.
- *Note, for anyone who is not interested in the wine tour, there will be a second full-day tour option, which will include a visit to a nearby salmon hatchery, a trip across the remarkable Lynn Canyon Suspension Bridge, and a gondola ride up The Grouse Mountain Skyride*
- Guests will be on their own for dinner tonight
- Retire to rooms

DAY FOUR/SUNDAY JUNE 15:

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 10 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and depart for a walking tour called “The Ancient Trees of Vancouver”. This tour, led by a local arborist, will showcase the city’s impressive array of maple, firs, and cedar trees, many of which are more than a thousand years old. A towering cedar:



- 12 p.m. Enjoy a group lunch at a local restaurant
- 2 p.m. Arrive at Stanley Park, which is North America’s third-largest public park, and features countless trails, an aquarium, native totem poles, beachside views, and much more. We will enjoy a walking tour of this area. Stanley Park:



- 4 p.m. Arrive back at the hotel

- Enjoy free time
- Guests will be on their own for dinner tonight
- Retire to rooms

DAY FIVE/MONDAY JUNE 16:

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 8:45 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby, with bags, and depart for Vancouver's harbor. It is an hour drive south. We will board a ferry, bound for Victoria. This 1.5-hour ferry ride will provide guests with beautiful views of the ocean and surrounding islands. One of the many views:



- Eat a light group lunch on the ferry
- At 12:30 p.m. we will arrive in Victoria, and take a private bus to The Butchart Gardens, which is considered to be one of the world's most beautiful gardens. The Butchart Gardens:



- We will enjoy a private tour of these remarkable gardens, as well as tea in its lovely café:



- There will transportation provided at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to depart Butchart gardens and check into our four-star hotel at 5 p.m. or 6 p.m., which will be either The Huntingdon Hotel and Suites, Abigail's Hotel, or The Pendray Inn & Tea House
- Enjoy free time
- Guests will be on their own for dinner tonight
- Retire to rooms

DAY SIX/TUESDAY JUNE 17:

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 11:15 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and walk ten minutes to a nearby wharf
- 12 p.m. Depart for a whale watching tour, as Victoria Bay is one of the best places in the world for watching orcas. We may also sight humpback, minke, and gray whales that thrive in the area, as well as porpoises, seals, sea lions, sea otters and sea birds. Orca watching in the bay:



- Enjoy a light group lunch on this four-hour tour
- 4 p.m. Return to the hotel to enjoy free time
- 7 p.m. Guests will be on their own for dinner tonight
- Retire to rooms

DAY SEVEN/WEDNESDAY JUNE 18

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- 9:30 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and depart for The Royal British Columbia Museum, considered to be the best museum in the area, with exhibits about dinosaurs, indigenous people, plants, animals, and much more. One of the main exhibits at The Royal BC Museum:



- Eat a group lunch at a fresh, seasonal, local restaurant
- 2 p.m. Since this afternoon will be the last afternoon of the tour, guests will have a variety of options to choose from, including a walking tour of Beacon Hill Park, exploring the Inner Harbor area, or personal free time. Inner Harbor:



- 4 p.m. Return to our hotel to enjoy free time
- 6:30 p.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and walk to a nearby restaurant, Finn's Seafood Chops & Cocktails, for our farewell dinner. One of the city's best restaurants, Finn's sits on the harbor and offers locally sourced seafood. Finn's:



- Retire to rooms

DAY EIGHT/THURSDAY JUNE 19

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- Tour with John Shors Travel concludes
- Transportation provided for all guests to Victoria International Airport

PRICE OF TOUR:

- \$7,595 per person, based on double occupancy
- \$9,595 per person, based on single occupancy

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodations at two four-star hotels
- All transportation within Vancouver and Victoria
- Breakfasts, lunches, and three dinners (nights 1, 2, and 7)
- Non-alcoholic drinks
- Fees (tours, guides, etc.)
- Excursions (museums, etc.)
- All tips

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare to Vancouver and returning from Victoria
- Alcoholic drinks
- Activities during free times such as golf, spa, etc.

- Hotel incidentals such as room service, mini bar, phone charges, laundry, etc.
- Charges incurred if guests arrive a day early in Vancouver or depart late from Victoria

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Molly Loudon from John Shors Travel will accompany the group for the entire trip. The maximum size for any group is 30, plus guides
- Hotels, depending on availability, may end up being different than those listed above, but will still be in the same hotel class
- Restaurants, depending on availability, may end up being different than those listed above, but will be excellent
- Exact tour details may differ slightly from what is listed above, depending on recommendations from local guides
- To reserve a spot for this tour, a \$2,000 non-refundable, per person, deposit is due to John Shors Travel by December 1, 2024