



# Unique Inns of Victoria (Excerpt)

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“Victoria is a modest jewel (pop. 75,000) surrounded by sparkling blue waters. It makes perfect sense, after some days in town, to relocate a few miles up the Saanich Peninsula to one of the seaside inns convenient to opportunities for sailing, kayaking, whale-watching, or just ambling about the countryside.

The Peninsula’s one luxury inn is a boutique hotel in the heart of BC wine country.

Brentwood Bay Lodge & Spa affords a romantic getaway opportunity. This spa destination has 33 sumptuously furnished Ocean Suites with marvelous bay views, fireplaces, and hot tubs well designed to put you in a soulful mood. Need more coaxing? The Essence of Life Spa includes a heated pool, aroma garden, eight treatment rooms and a suite for couples. Local grapes (you can stomp them yourself!) are used for the Vinotherapy massage treatments. Information about tours of the local wineries is available from the concierge.

If you’d rather imbibe fermented juice, the Lodge’s SeaGrille & Pub offers a cellar of BC and foreign corks which pair nicely with the gourmet seafood entrées available daily. The Grille’s patio is very nice for afternoon tea or a sunset aperitif.

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Brentwood guest suites have a distinctive Asian flair.

Victoria abounds with gardens.

It’s a five minute drive from Brentwood Bay Lodge to Victoria’s most delightful attraction — The Butchart Gardens. Long one of Canada’s top tourist destinations, this erstwhile limestone quarry displays 55 acres of wondrous beauty in every season, from the tulips of spring to the magnificent Rose Garden of summer and fiery colors of the Japanese maples in autumn. The mild micro-climate of the Saanich Peninsula allows for luxuriant growth of practically any tree or flower. Summer features concerts under the stars; Christmas turns the Gardens into a wintry wonderland with a skating rink particularly favored by the locals. Ask the concierge about eco-cruising to the Gardens from Brentwood Bay.”

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