



## Plan Your Artful Getaway at one of Victoria's Historic Inns

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Victoria is one of our favourite destinations in BC. It's a friendly "big town" harbour city and its charm is felt through the comfortable blend of the contemporary joined with the past. Victoria is a city of neighbourhoods, each distinct yet connected by that happy blend of old and new. Visit the Cook Street Village, James Bay, or Oak Bay where you will find the locals enjoying coffee shops, pubs, and restaurants in a neighbourhood setting. Treasured for renowned attractions including the Legislative Building, the Fairmont Empress Hotel, and the Royal BC Museum, Victoria also boasts a vibrant art scene.

You'll need to stay a few nights to fully immerse yourself in Victoria's rich past and present... and what better place than in one of **Victoria's Historic Inns**? Choose from nine unique heritage bed and breakfast inns: [www.victoriashistoricinns.com](http://www.victoriashistoricinns.com). We have personally experienced two: the **Beaconsfield Inn** and the **Humboldt House** which are found on the same street and yet so different in character.

The elegant **Beaconsfield Inn** is a grand Edwardian Inn, which tastefully blends the comforts of a modern hotel with sweeping chandeliers, stain-glass windows and other English antiques. Be sure to inquire about the fascinating history of this international award winning Bed and Breakfast Inn. [www.beaconsfieldinn.com](http://www.beaconsfieldinn.com)

The **Humboldt House** offers a unique romantic getaway experience. Built in 1893, it has been authentically renovated to reflect the Victorian era. Humboldt House also offers modern conveniences, such as large Jacuzzi tubs, wood burning fireplaces, and goose-down comforters in an authentic Victorian setting. A private breakfast is served each morning tucked into a basket and delivered through a two-way pantry into your room. Fresh cuts flowers, sparkling wine and home-made chocolate truffles await your arrival, what are you waiting for? [www.humboldthouse.com](http://www.humboldthouse.com)

**We make it easy for you to experience Victoria!**

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