



Chinatown



Victoria – The Garden City

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Butchart Gardens

In the beginning of June this year, I took a 7 day cruise to Alaska and afterwards spent 4 days in Vancouver B.C. and Victoria B.C. (B.C. stands for British Columbia). My trip wasn't related to my singing career but a vacation with my parents and uncles from Los Angeles. I had an amazing time with them. I took many stunning photos of all the wonderful locations during my trip.

Victoria is the capital city of British Columbia, the westernmost Canadian province. Located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, Victoria is a global tourism destination seeing more than 3.65 million visitors a year who inject upwards of over 1 billion dollars into the local economy. My family and I were among the visitors who donated money to the city. The City of Victoria has a population of approximately 78,659. Even though Asians account for only around 10% of the total population, Victoria B.C. has a very unique China Town right next to the Capital. You can find many Chinese gift shops as well as Chinese and Vietnamese restaurants here. We actually dined at one of the largest Chinese

restaurants in town. The Chinese food there had more of a taste geared for the Western people. The people from this city are mostly retirees. So, if you're looking for a place to retire, you definitely should consider this gorgeous and magnificent place.

Victoria B.C. occupies about 7.6 square miles of land so you could basically drive around the entire city from North to South in one hour. As a result of the limited space, stores and homes are built very close together, especially in the downtown area.

The most popular places to visit in this city are: Butchart Gardens, Victoria Capital, China Town, Miniature World, Cruise on the Harbor Island, Craigdarroch Castle, Hatley Park National Historic Site and many more.

This is my third time visiting the Butchart Gardens because I love it the most. You can't miss this park if you are visiting Victoria B.C. Maybe I will see you there in the near future sometime. Hope you enjoy the pictures of this magnificent place. **ATM**



Victoria Capital



The Empress Hotel, the most expensive hotel in Victoria