

TOUR SCHEDULE

All tours begin at 1:00 pm at the Community Arts Council G6
1001 Douglas Street (in the Sussex Building).

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Legend

- Tour 1: Inner Harbour
- Tour 2: Site of Fort Victoria
- Tour 3: Old Town & Chinatown
- Tour 4: Ecclesiastical
- Tour 5: Art Deco & Moderne



St. Andrew's Catholic Church

TOUR #4

ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTURE

Enjoy a brisk walk featuring Victoria's rich legacy of religious architecture. Visit the city's two cathedrals, Canada's oldest surviving synagogue, a pioneer cemetery, and 19th century churches. This tour includes several other landmark public buildings and presents a great opportunity to learn about traditional architectural styles and how they have been integrated into Victoria's modern designs. (Please note that this tour covers approximately 3.2 km or 2 miles.)



The Imperial Oil Tower

TOUR #5

ART DECO & MODERNE IN VICTORIA

In the 1920s, Victoria architects embraced the stylized, geometric Art Deco and Style Moderne, the latest trends emanating from Paris and New York City. Discover how these styles suited new building types and businesses, and how they altered traditional approaches to the use of stone, marble and concrete. This tour includes a look at some of the city's innovative banks, office buildings, motels and residences, as well as the Inner Harbour's landmark Information Centre Tower.



2008

Architectural Walking Tours

VICTORIA



ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



A side of Victoria you've never seen before

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia offers five unique architectural perspectives of Victoria through its summer walking tours:

1. **The Inner Harbour**
2. **The Site of Fort Victoria**
3. **Old Town & Chinatown**
4. **Ecclesiastical Architecture**
5. **Art Deco & Moderne in Victoria**

Tours are available from Wednesday, July 2, through Saturday, August 23, 2008. No tours on Sundays or Mondays.

Tours are \$5.00 CAD each (including GST) per person; payments accepted in Canadian cash only. Register on-site before each tour. All Victoria tours start in front of the Community Arts Council office in the Sussex Building Courtyard at G6 1001 Douglas Street. All afternoon tours start at 1:00 p.m. and last approximately 1.5 to 2 hours, rain or shine. Refer to the tour calendar for complete schedule information. Please dress for walking comfort.

Subject to availability, morning tours may be arranged for groups of 15 to 30. Please contact the AIBC at least one week in advance for details. Groups of eight or more must register ahead of time by calling 604-683-8588, ext. 333 or by e-mailing tours@aibc.ca.

The AIBC also offers tours in Vancouver.



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TOUR #1

THE INNER HARBOUR

Experience the magnificent golden age of Victoria's downtown Inner Harbour. Explore the heritage of this once-central public space and learn about the many changes that have taken place. Stroll along Government Street to discover the historic buildings that have been transformed into the area's retail and office spaces of today, and hear the story of early B.C. architect Sir Francis Rattenbury and his spectacular Empress Hotel and B.C. Legislature Buildings.



TOUR #2

SITE OF FORT VICTORIA

Learn about the development of Victoria, from a small Hudson's Bay Company fur-trading fort to the provincial capital it is today. Follow the outline of the fort walls along Government Street, and learn about the architectural conservation and re-use strategies employed over time. Explore Bastion Square, once the heart of Victoria's legal community, and Wharf Street, the city's original "Commercial Row" converted into residential and commercial spaces.



TOUR #3

OLD TOWN & CHINATOWN

Explore public plazas and back alleys from Yates Street (home of some of the oldest buildings in the city) to Waddington Alley and Johnson Street, the heart of Old Town. Inspect surrounding examples of circa-1880 architecture, Market Square, and Fan Tan Alley. Learn about the cultural, social, and architectural history of Canada's oldest Chinatown, and discover the gems found along Douglas Street including the Hudson's Bay Company Store, City Hall and Centennial Square.