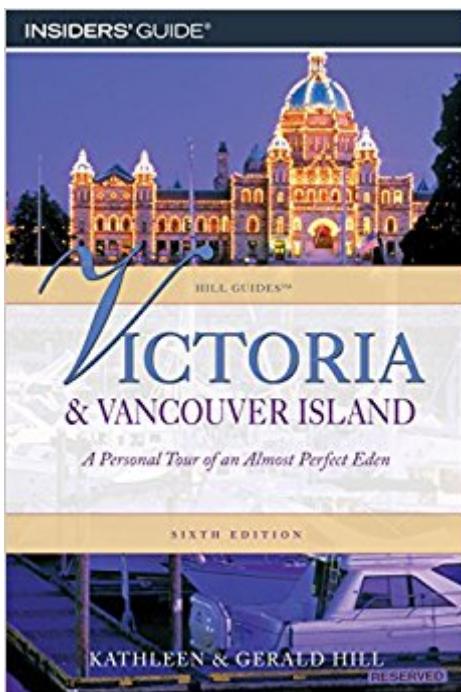


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# Victoria And Vancouver Island: A Personal Tour Of An Almost Perfect Eden (Hill Guides Series)



## **Synopsis**

This guide features the very best of Victoria and Vancouver Island--the region's excellent restaurants, interesting wineries, and unique shops.

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An Intimate Guide to the Very Best of Victoria & Vancouver Islandâ€œThe Hills jam-pack their guide with â€œyou are thereâ€œ details, photos, pen-and-ink sketches, a history of Victoria and Vancouver Island, and even . . . recipes from their favorite island friends and chefs.â€œNorthwest Palate (Portland, Ore.)This indispensable guide transforms mere tourists into informed visitors with insider tips on how to experience the rich culinary tradition and culture of Victoria and Vancouver Island. Local experts Kathleen and Gerald Hill will take you step-by-step through the most interesting wineries and excellent restaurants to meet the people who live, labor, cultivate, and cook in this magnificent region. You'll also discover where the locals go, where to find real bargains, and where to splurge on the areaâ€œs best offerings. Discover: Eclectic shops and quaint lodgingsFine dining recommendations for every budgetVancouver Islandâ€œs organic farms and wineriesRecipes from the areaâ€œs best regional chefsAnnual festivals and events

This guide is full of very helpful information and suggestions. I have looked at a variety of other books about the region and none have provided the sort of useful guidance that I found here. This is a first-rate publication -- that deals with a first-rate place. I rarely comment on other reviews (everyone has a right to an opinion) but, for the life of me, I fail to see any offensive "smugness" in this guide. The authors are enthusiastic about Victoria and Vancouver Island (as they should be) and they write in a witty and engaging fashion; I fail to see how that translates into anything objectionable.

This is a very nice tour book. We have been able to use it nostalgically. We have been to Victoria many times and it has every place we've been to in it. It did open up places for us that we had not been to also. Very helpful. The book does need to be updated a little though, some places had changed a lot from years ago when we visited. But nevertheless, I would definitely buy it again.

I bought this book to help me with the extra research details I needed for my first novel. It gave me exactly what I needed to create the reality of Victoria!

An interesting and enjoyable history!

It is excellent

The author's smugness is nauseating. It is distracting to try to read about travel destinations only to have the author go on and on about how extremely wonderful and superior the "Victorians" are. On the other hand, this book has an immense amount of info, including history and culture as well as basic travel info. I am happy to see rough price estimates for the restaurants which is very helpful. It has info on every little shop, and even recipes, if one can get past the overbearing writing style.

The book was lots of fun to read. The descriptions of the city using the vantage point of a walker up and down the specified streets was brilliant. Even though my trip to Victoria fell through, I can pick up the book and almost hear, smell and see this fascinating place I hope to visit someday.

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