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"A tweedy, daffodilish, green-fingered sort of place, a golfish, fly-fishing, 5 o'clock teapot place . . ."

That's how noted Canadian author Bruce Hutchinson described Victoria with its unique blend of Canadian and English influences that set it apart from any other city on the continent. The capital of the Province of British Columbia, Victoria is situated at the southern tip of Vancouver Island and is closer to northern California than to northern British Columbia. It is a place where, in words of the National Geographic: "Life is worth taking the time to live, and people worth taking the time to talk to . . ."



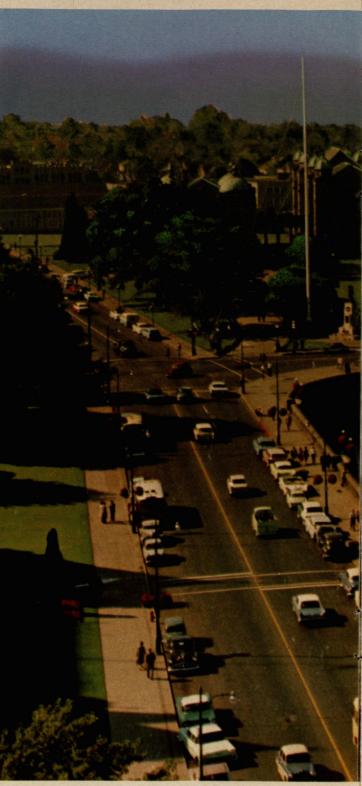
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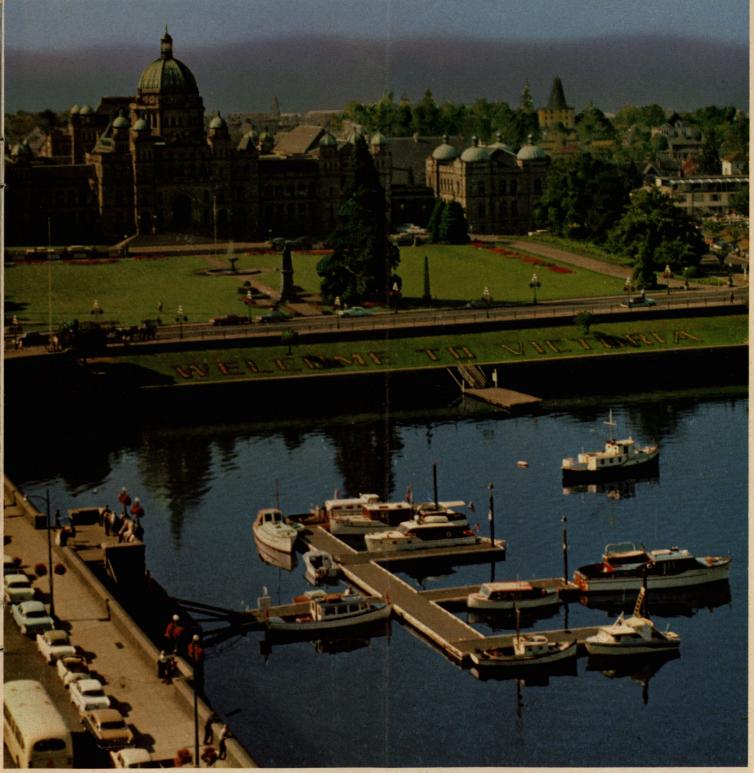


A city of gardens. Even the cluster lampposts are festooned with Here's one of them.

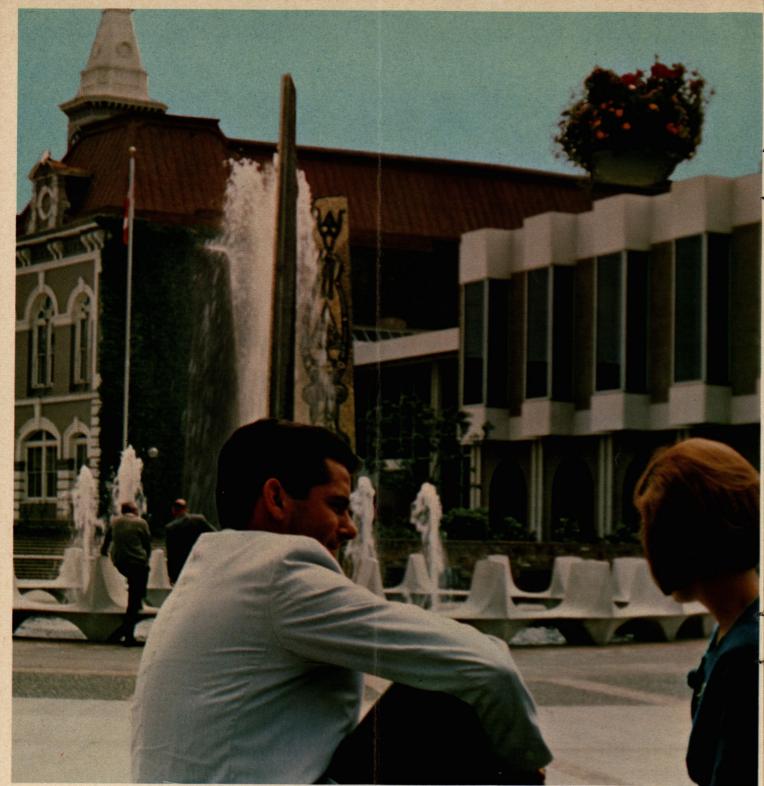


You'll find the world's finest collection of Indian totem poles in Thunderbird Park.

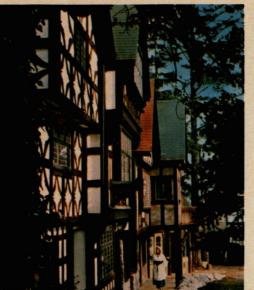




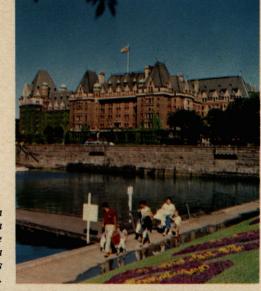
The stately domes and turrets of British Columbia's impressive Parliament Buildings overlook Victoria's magnificent Inner Harbour.



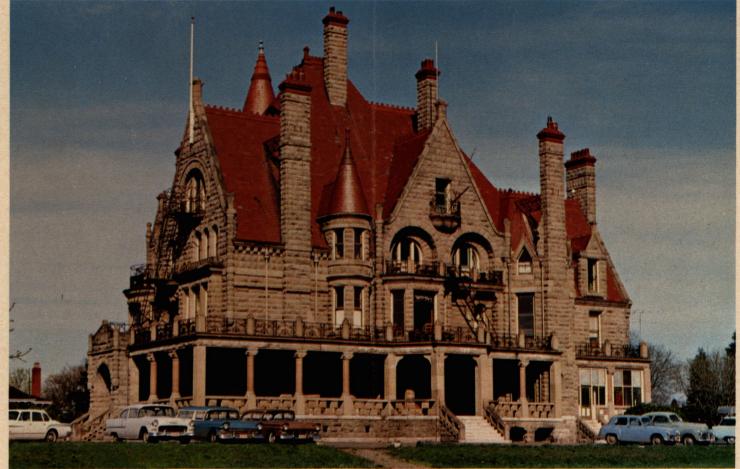
Victorians are justly proud of their handsome new Centennial Square with its fine vistas and picturesque city hall.



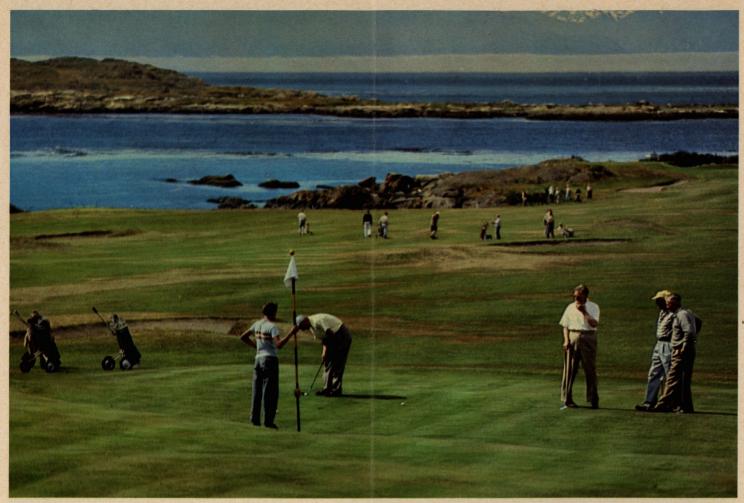
A little bit of Elizabethan
England, authentic in every
detail, Chaucer Lane leads you
to full-scale replicas of
Anne Hathaway's Cottage and
Shakespeare's birthplace.



The Empress, British
Columbia's largest hotel and a
famous landmark, faces the
Inner Harbour across a
magnificent expanse of lawns
and gardens.



Craigdarroch Castle is named after Annie Laurie's home in Scotland. It was once raffled for a dollar!



It's golfing weather all year 'round.

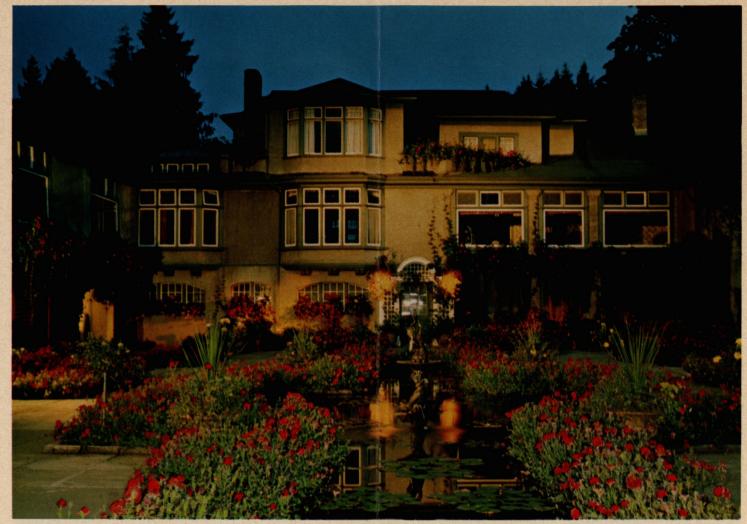


The city's namesake, Queen Victoria, heads a list of more than 100 notables, from Cleopatra to John F. Kennedy, in the Royal London Wax Museum.

The beautiful and often spectacular recreation areas of Victoria and other Vancouver Island centres are easily accessible. There are first-class accommodations of every description wherever you go. The climate is temperate the year round, and light suits and cotton casuals are recommended for summer wear. So bring your family for a *change-of-pace* vacation in one of nature's last great strongholds. There's no need to hurry. This is a land where leisure is a way of life.



Beacon Hill Park is 154 acres of gardens, lakes and lawns, and features the world's tallest totem pole, the English game of cricket, and swans from Her Majesty's swannery, England.



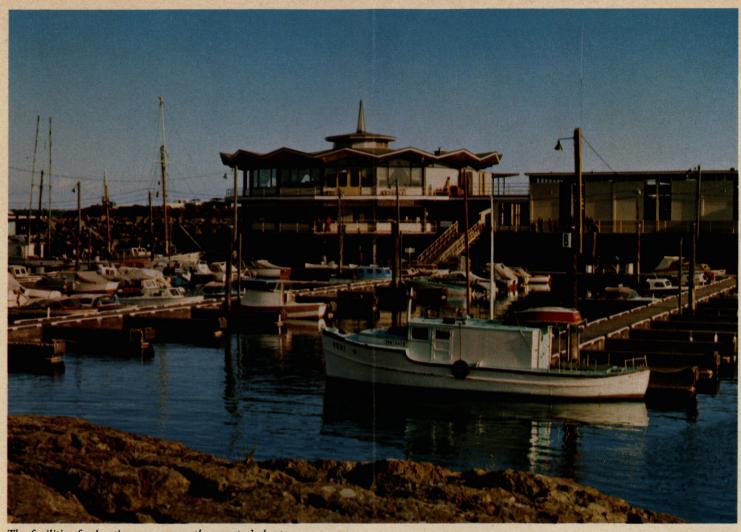
Enchanting by day, bewitching by night — world-famous Butchart Gardens.



It's Tally-Ho — and off you go!



A shoreline of sails, beaches and harbours.



The facilities for boating are among the country's best.



Discover the treasures of Antique Row.



Venture into the fabulous Undersea Gardens.



The silver sands of spectacular Long Beach on Vancouver Island's West Coast offer clam diggers a feast for the taking. Miles of beautiful uncrowded beaches are easily accessible throughout the Island.



Lake, river or salt-water — the fishing's great!

VANCOUVER ISLAND. Take the highway north along the Pacific Coast's largest island from Victoria to Duncan, Chemainus, Nanaimo, Parksville, the Albernis, Qualicum Beach, Courtenay, Comox, Cumberland, Campbell River and Kelsey Bay with many intriguing sidetrips en route, and ferry connections to the Gulf Islands. (The northern communities of Port McNeill and Port Hardy can be reached by restricted road.) Here is a world of green islands in the blue sea, of peaceful fiords slipping deep inland past the towering walls of coastal mountains, of wide, sandy beaches, and still forest glades . . . a world where it matters not so much how many salmon are taken by seiners as how many are caught in the bay by a father and son. With an area about the size of Switzerland, Vancouver Island has some of the West's most spectacular scenery only a few minutes from hotel or campsite.



Uncrowded beaches at almost every turn of the road.



Englishman's River, one of two dramatic waterfalls near Parksville and Qualicum Beach.



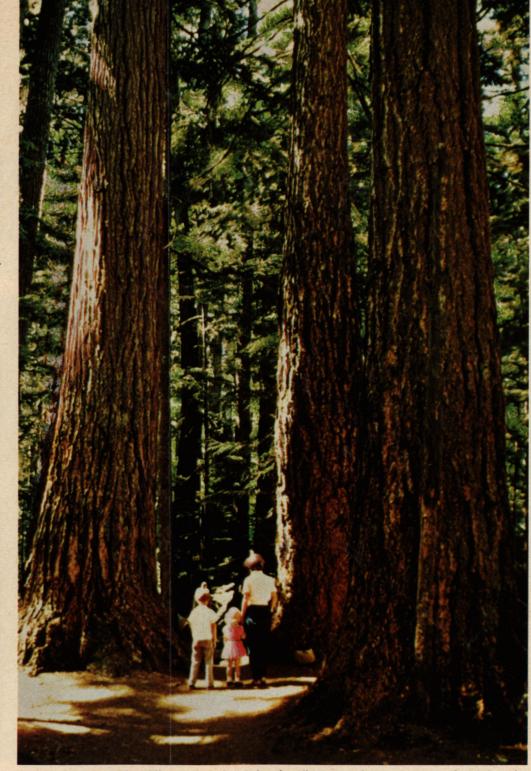
See the Indian village on Quadra Island.



A place of quiet away from a crowded world.



Historic Hudson's Bay Bastion, Nan-aimo.



Cathedral Grove in MacMillan Park on the road to the Albernis — a living monument of giant Douglas fir trees and other native species.



Freshwater swimming and fishing? Visit Lakes Cowichan, Shawnigan, Sproat, Great Central, Spider, Comox and Campbell.



Try one on for size — a world-famous natural wool Cowichan Sweater, knitted by Indians.



The Gulf Islands weave a spell of their own.



On May 20, 1966, a unique "Marine Highway" opens with the maiden voyage of the new British Columbia ferryliner "Queen of Prince Rupert" from Kelsey Bay on Vancouver Island to Prince Rupert, 330 miles north on the B.C. mainland. At Prince Rupert direct connections are made with the State of Alaska ferries. The new link reduces driving distance from Seattle to Alaska by almost 800 miles. During the summer, the "Queen" will depart every other day from Kelsey Bay, 220 miles north of Victoria and less than a day's drive from Seattle.

Sometimes the most important things in the world are a peaceful lake or bay, a fishing line and a good friend. Who cares how many trout or salmon you catch?







Whether you go by car or in the restful comfort of a motor coach, you'll find miles of excellent paved roads and highways.

HOW TO GET THERE

CAR FERRIES (drive on, drive off) - Vancouver to Victoria: B.C. Ferries, Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay. Vancouver to Nanaimo: B.C. Ferries, Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay; Canadian Pacific Ferries, downtown Vancouver to downtown Nanaimo. Vancouver to Gulf Islands: B.C. Ferries. Tsawwassen to Galiano, Mayne and Salt Spring with connections to Pender and Saturna. Victoria to Gulf Islands: B.C. Ferries, Swartz Bay to Salt Spring, North Pender and Saturna. Seattle to Victoria: Canadian Pacific Ferries (summer season only) downtown Seattle to downtown Victoria; Port Angeles to downtown Victoria: Black Ball Ferries. Anacortes to Sidney: Washington State Ferries. There are also ferry services between Comox and Powell River, Nanaimo and Gabriola Island, Crofton and Salt Spring Island, Chemainus and Thetis Island, Buckley Bay and Denman Island to Hornby Island, Campbell River to Quadra Island across Discovery Passage, Alberni to Bamfield, Ucluelet and other west coast villages, and from Kelsey Bay to Prince Rupert (the route to Alaska) and to Beaver Cove. Alert Bay, Port McNeill and Sointula.

MOTOR COACH SERVICES — Frequent daily service between Vancouver and Victoria and Vancouver and Nanaimo, via B.C. Ferries, with connections to all Vancouver Island areas. Hourly service in the summer and on weekends.

AIRLINES — Air Canada operates between Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle Airports. Pacific Western Airlines, B.C. Airlines and charter lines serve the upper Island communities on both coasts. International air connections are made at Vancouver.

RAILWAY — Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway operates a week-day service between Victoria and Courtenay with stops at other major up-Island points.

Campsites and marine parks operated by the provincial government, and privately operated trailer parks, camping grounds and marinas are located throughout the Vancouver Island region.

For further information write
VICTORIA VISITORS BUREAU and
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Travelling to and from Vancouver Island is almost as much fun as an ocean cruise. The world's largest and most modern fleet of ferries ply the island waters.



The uncrowded Gulf Islands with their fresh, pure sea air, delightful coves and snug beaches have a storybook charm and beauty. The climate is just about perfect!

