

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

It is not early to start thinking about travel plans to Victoria for the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual American Society for Aesthetics meeting. Travel is relatively easy.

**REMEMBER THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT TO ENTER AND RETURN FROM CANADA.**

You may want to check with your cell phone carrier to see whether you will have coverage in Victoria. I did not have coverage from AT&T last spring. If you need cell phone access and don't have coverage, you should be able to purchase an inexpensive cell phone or calling card after you arrive.

The Fairmont Empress reservation link is now operating. Go to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/aestheticsagm> and follow the instructions. The rates are given in Canadian dollars, but our contract specifies a rate of \$138 US. The conversion will be made when you register.

You should also go to the Fairmont web site and enroll in the Fairmont President's Club. It is free and one of the perks is free internet access in the hotel. Go to [https://www.fairmont.com/EN\\_FA/FPCPublic/FPCEnroll](https://www.fairmont.com/EN_FA/FPCPublic/FPCEnroll).

### Travel directly to Victoria by air

Direct Flights to Victoria (avoiding Vancouver's airport taxes!) Non-stop service to:

| Destination          | Approximate Flying Time |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Abbotsford</b>    | 30 minutes              |
| <b>Calgary</b>       | 1 hr 30 minutes         |
| <b>Edmonton</b>      | 1 hr 40 minutes         |
| <b>Kelowna</b>       | 50 minutes              |
| <b>Las Vegas</b>     | 2 hrs 55 minutes        |
| <b>San Francisco</b> | 1 hr 40 minutes         |
| <b>Seattle</b>       | 40 minutes              |
| <b>Toronto</b>       | 5 hours                 |
| <b>Vancouver</b>     | 25 minutes              |

Several airlines operate daily connector flights to/from Victoria international Airport. The airport is approximately 10 miles north of the city proper. There is a hotel shuttle bus that leaves periodically throughout the day that will drop you at selected sites within the

downtown area (including the Fairmont Empress) for around \$13 CA. Taxi fare is about \$35 - \$40. Limousine service is also available.

### Flights to Victoria via Vancouver

Direct to Vancouver from Sydney, Australia, Hong Kong, London Heathrow, Los Angeles, New York - JFK, New York - Newark, Toronto, Chicago-O'Hare, Atlanta, Dallas Ft. Worth. [www.flyhere.com](http://www.flyhere.com) is very easy to see if you can fly from any point to Vancouver.

There are frequent connector flights from Vancouver to Victoria. The flight takes only about 25 minutes. (See above for information about getting from the Victoria airport to the hotel.)

### Ferry Schedule from Vancouver to Victoria, [www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com)

(I have taken the ferry from Vancouver to Swartz Bay. During daylight hours, it is a scenic ride and quite convenient.)

#### Vancouver (Tsawwassen) to Victoria (Swartz Bay)

The ferry terminal is about 15 minutes from the Vancouver Airport. It is possible to book a ferry passage in advance, including a bus pick-up at the airport. A taxi from the airport to the ferry terminal is relatively inexpensive.

Schedule in Effect: June 1, 2010 to June 29, 2010 (See the web site for schedule changes, but these are typical).

Sailing times are daily unless otherwise indicated.

| Leave Tsawwassen |                                       | Leave Swartz Bay |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 7:00 am          | Daily                                 | 7:00 am          | Daily                                 |
| 8:00 am          | Jun 12, 19, 25 & 26 only              | 8:00 am          | Daily except Jun 6, 13 & 20           |
| 9:00 am          | Daily                                 | 9:00 am          | Daily                                 |
| 10:00 am         | Daily except Jun 6, 13 & 20           | 10:00 am         | Jun 12, 19, 25 & 26 only              |
| 11:00 am         | Daily                                 | 11:00 am         | Daily                                 |
| 12:00 pm         | Fri, Sun and Jun 24, 26 & 28-29 only  | 12:00 pm         | Daily except Jun 1 & 8                |
| 1:00 pm          | Daily                                 | 1:00 pm          | Daily                                 |
| 2:00 pm          | Daily except Jun 1 & 8                | 2:00 pm          | Fri, Sun and Jun 24, 26 & 28-29 only  |
| 3:00 pm          | Daily                                 | 3:00 pm          | Daily                                 |
| 4:00 pm          | Thu, Fri, Sun and Jun 26 & 28-29 only | 4:00 pm          | Daily except Jun 1-2, 5, 7-9, 12 & 19 |
| 5:00 pm          | Daily                                 | 5:00 pm          | Daily                                 |
| 6:00 pm          | Daily except Jun 1-2, 5, 7-9, 12 & 19 | 6:00 pm          | Thu, Fri, Sun and Jun 26 & 28-29 only |
| 7:00 pm          | Daily                                 | 7:00 pm          | Daily                                 |
| 9:00 pm          | Daily                                 | 9:00 pm          | Daily                                 |

### **Service Between TSAWWASSEN - SWARTZ BAY One Way**

Fare (Fuel Rebate)\* / Passenger

Adult (12 years or older) 14.00 (0.30)

Children (from 5 to 11 years of age) 7.00 (0.15)

Infant (under 5 years of age) FREE N/A

GROUP FARES (16 or more passengers)

Adult (12 years or older) 12.00 (0.25)

Children (from 5 to 11 years of age) 6.00 (0.15)

PASSENGER VEHICLE - Excludes Driver & Passengers

Vehicle Length up to 20 feet 46.75 (0.95)

- extra length rate over 20 Feet (per foot) 5.25 (0.10)

Motorcycle 23.40 (0.50)

**Car Rentals:** It's approx. 69 km from Vancouver to Victoria, not including the ferry crossing.

### **New Regulations for Driving in BC**

Starting January 1, 2010 in British Columbia, it will be against the law to drive while using a handheld cell phone or other electronic device. Any violation of the law will net drivers a \$167 fine. If a driver is caught texting or emailing, three points will also be added to their record.

What's allowed? Hands-free cell phones that are voice activated, or activated by one touch, provided they are securely attached to the vehicle or the driver's body (such as an earpiece).

Courtesy Shuttle from Vancouver Airport to the following hotels:

Richmond Hotels

Abercorn Inn (Best Western)

Accent Inns

Comfort Inn Airport

Days Inn

Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel & Marina

Executive Inn Express

Executive Airport Plaza

Four Points By Sheraton

Hampton Inn Vancouver Airport

Hilton Vancouver Airport

Holiday Inn Vancouver Airport

Holiday Inn Express

La Quinta Inn

Quality Hotel

Radisson President Hotel & Suites

Ramada Inn Hotel

Sandman Hotel

Sheraton Vancouver Airport  
 Travelodge Hotel  
 Vancouver Airport Marriott  
 Vancouver Hotels  
 Airport Inn  
 Coast Vancouver Airport Hotel

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**Travel through Seattle**

One member, Walter Knowles, suggests the following. I have not tried it, but it sounds like it is worth exploring. His suggestion: "One of the most efficient ways to get from elsewhere to the Empress is to fly into Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (which is usually significantly cheaper than flying into a Canadian airport, if you are coming from outside of Canada), catch the light rail and bus (one transfer, about 2 blocks of walking, \$2.50 one way) to the Victoria Clipper Ferry on Pier 69. Victoria Clipper takes about 3 hours (\$75 round trip) and you have about 2 blocks of walking to the Empress. --And it's a glorious sail through the San Juan Islands, and some of the most beautiful water in the world." Victoria Clipper - Telephone -1-800-888-2535 or (206) 448-5000 or (250) 382-

8100 - Jetfoil service Seattle to Victoria and return. Passenger only vessels. The voyage is 2-3 hours depending. Seattle's Pier 69 to Victoria's Inner Harbour.

### **Additional Ferry Services from Washington State**

**Victoria Express** - Telephone 1-800-633-1589 or Victoria (250) 361-9144 or Port Angeles (360) 452-8088 - Daily passenger service between Port Angeles and Victoria's Inner Harbour during peak season. New San Juan Island Service! - Enjoy a Scenic Cruise to Friday Harbor on the Victoria Express.

Washington State Ferry - Telephone (250) 381-1551 or (250) 656-1531 In Washington State call (206) 464-6400 or 1-800-84-FERRY. Anacortes, WA to Sidney, BC (17 miles northeast of Victoria) 1 sailing daily. Minimum of 2 during summer months.

Victoria San Juan Cruises - Telephone 1-800-443-4552 or (206) 738-8099 - Daily passenger service from Bellingham, Washington to Victoria's Inner Harbour. 1 sailing per day May to October.

The Coho - Port Angeles, WA to Victoria Ferry - Telephone (250) 386-2202 or (360) 457-4491 - daily sailings between Port Angeles and Victoria Harbour.

### **Other Ferry Services**

Island Ferry and Water Taxi Services

Victoria Harbour Ferries - offers harbour tours and transportation service with network of stops around harbour 250-708-0201

Gulf Islands Water Taxi Service - marine wildlife tours and water taxi services in the Southern Gulf Islands 250-537-2510

M.V. Frances Barkley & M.V. Lady Rose from Port Alberni to Bamfield, Ucluelet & Tofino - April to September only 250-723-8313 or April to Sept call Toll Free 1-800-663-7192. Pick up & drop off at various points for canoeists and kayakers.

Nootka Sound Service - The Uchuck 111 provides service in Nootka & Kyuquot Sounds including Gold River, Tahsis and Zeballos. Pick up & drop off at various points for canoeists and kayakers. 250-283-2325