

PIMS would like to welcome you to UVic! It is officially summer season here in Victoria and with summer comes lots of fun events around the city. Note: disclaimer – the suggestions below are ideas that have been popular with other event attendees and are just recommendations – we can't endorse the off campus locations.

### **What to do on campus:**

[UVic Events - University of Victoria](#) is the place to check out any events going on right on campus during your stay.

UVic offers campus tours, they book up fast, they can be reserved at [Tours & visits - University of Victoria](#) .

Not far from campus is a beautiful beach, Cadboro Bay, for that beach and other nearby walking tours visit [community-walks.pdf](#) .

If you just have a short amount of time UVic's own [Finnerty Gardens - University of Victoria](#) is absolutely a **must see**. It's also an instant de-stressor.

There is even a small movie theatre on campus '[Cinecenta](#)'.

### **Where to eat on & near campus:**

Many of the regular food outlets on campus have scaled back their hours to weekdays only (closed weekends), or are taking advantage of the quiet season and are closed May-August.

Check the websites before you head out.

'**The Cove**' [University of Victoria - Food Services - University of Victoria](#) is operating during the summer, and there are many places to grab a snack, a coffee or a meal at the SUB aka 'Student Union Building'. [Bean There](#), [The Grill](#), [Felicita's Campus Pub](#), [HFB \(Health Food Bar\)](#), [Munchie Bar](#), [SUBtext](#), or Tuesday – Friday you can reserve a table for your group at the [Grad House](#) Tuesday-Wednesday: 11:30am – 8pm, Thursday – Friday: 11:30am – 9pm.

Popular spots to eat at close to campus (enjoyed by previous summer school visitors):

- Pubs off campus: [Smuggler's Cove Pub](#) or [Maude Hunters Pub](#)
- Sushi to go (so good): [Japanese Grocery | Fujiya](#)
- Pizza: [Oregano's Pizza](#) or [Hot House Pizza](#)
- Fast Food: McDonalds or A&W (use your favourite food delivery option)

Groceries: Some grocery stores in the area offer delivery for a fee.

- [Thrifty Foods](#) • Phone: 1-800-667-8280, press #2
- [Pepper's Foods](#) • Phone: 250-477-6513
- [Fairway Markets](#) (Oak Bay location) • Phone: 250-592-8191

## **What to do downtown Victoria:**

The best place to look for events in the Greater Victoria area is through Tourism Victoria at [Attractions in Victoria BC | Tourism Victoria](#) and the Downtown Victoria Business Association at [Events from May 12 - May 29 - Downtown Victoria Events](#) .

The Tourism Victoria offices are just above the [Inner Harbour & Ship Point - GVHA](#) across from the Empress Hotel. If you are heading downtown during your visit it is a great place to start at.

Some of the most popular attractions in the downtown area for past conferences/summer school attendees have been (if you are interested, be sure to ask at Tourism Victoria):

- Maritime Museum of British Columbia
- Fish & Chips at Fisherman's Wharf
- Ghost Tours or a stroll through the Empress Hotel
- Royal British Columbia Museum
- China town / Fan Tan Alley
- Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, or the Craigdarroch Castle
- Beacon Hill Park, or the Victoria Bug Zoo

## **Transportation (how to get there):**

### **[Victoria Region Bus Schedules & Route Maps | BC Transit](#)**

The summer school venue at the University of Victoria is a short bus ride to/from downtown Victoria. The city of Victoria has a robust and efficient public transit system. A single bus fare costs \$3.00 and can be paid upon boarding a bus using exact change. A daily bus passes costs \$6.00 CDN. They allow a transit user to board any bus, any number of times, for the duration of a day. These can be purchased directly upon boarding a bus for \$6.00 cash.

There are several taxi services available in Victoria, including:

- [Victoria Taxi](#), 250-383-7111
- [Yellow Cab of Victoria](#), 250-381-2222
- [Blue Bird Cabs](#), 250-382-2222

Ride Hailing/Sharing - [UBER](#) is the only active ride hailing service in Victoria