



Victoria BC Canada

# The Butchart Gardens®

▪ OVER 100 YEARS IN BLOOM ▪  
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

## Discover our 5 Seasons

Open every day of the year



# WINTER

January 15<sup>th</sup> - March 19<sup>th</sup>

Stroll through the Spring Prelude; our indoor garden is bursting with thousands of fragrant blooms while outdoor gardens stir. Enjoy High Tea and explore our history—from cement factory to garden glory—chronicled in the original home of Robert and Jennie Butchart. With Victoria's temperate climate, winter is an ideal time to visit!



June 15<sup>th</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>

Summer at The Gardens is truly breathtaking with floral splendor greeting you at every turn. Enjoy a late afternoon garden visit, and as dusk falls, thousands of lights of varying intensity give a magical glow to the shrubs, trees and flower beds—known as Night Illumination.

# SUMMER



Each summer evening the Concert Lawn Stage comes alive with a variety of performing artists. Come sit on a bench or bring a blanket and enjoy the marvelous music and entertainment in the open air—or choose from a wide array of dining options from free-standing food carts to fine dining.

Saturday night visitors from July to Labour Day will be thrilled by the marvels of one of the most dazzling fireworks displays in North America! There is no extra charge for any of these entertainment events—all part of your general admission ticket.



# AUTUMN

October 1<sup>st</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup>

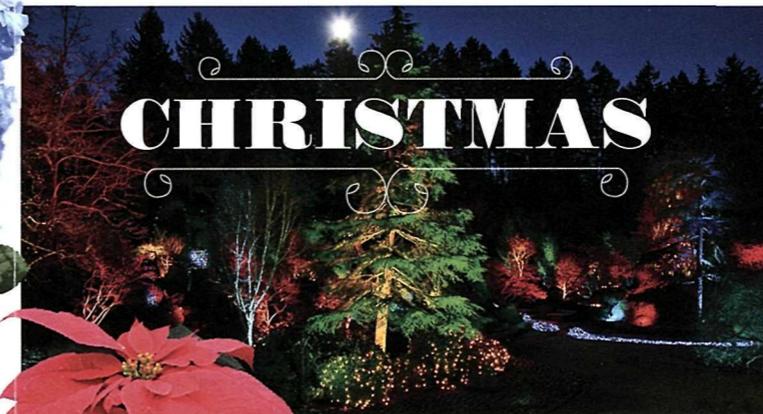
The vibrancy of autumn resonates throughout The Gardens as the tranquil Japanese Garden explodes in fiery colour. Fall foliage is at its best as warm days give way to crisp afternoons. Experience the beauty of autumn at The Butchart Gardens with a stroll and High Tea served in the warmth of the historic Butchart residence.



# CHRISTMAS

December 1<sup>st</sup> - January 6<sup>th</sup>

Welcoming the Christmas season, The Gardens is transformed into a wonderland of lights, holiday wreaths, garlands, and the Twelve Days of Christmas displays. Complete with Festive Brass and Traditional Carollers this is the perfect time for families to enjoy the outdoor ice rink and festive dining. The Magic of Christmas—make it a tradition.



# FOR CHILDREN

Just a few reasons children love The Butchart Gardens!

1. The Rose Carousel
2. The Family Discovery Walk
3. Fountains, Totems and a Dragon!
4. Moss Animals and a Carousel Horse
5. Family friendly dining & great ice cream!
6. Boat Tours & Wildlife - May to September
7. Fireworks & Concerts - July & August
8. The Magic of Christmas - December 1<sup>st</sup> - January 6<sup>th</sup>
9. The Skating Rink - December 1<sup>st</sup> - January 6<sup>th</sup>
10. Children's Birthday Parties!
11. Children & Youth 12 Month Passes
12. Beautiful flowers to photograph & draw!



# UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

## Summer Evenings at The Gardens June 15<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>

One of the best times of day to visit in summer is the late afternoon and evening. As the bustle of the day subsides, enjoy a leisurely stroll and take in the beauty of exquisite flower displays during the light of day. Tempt your palette with an evening meal or light snack from one of our five food outlets. At 8:00 pm, evening entertainment begins on the Concert Lawn Stage with performances ranging from big band to solo artists, ballet to ballroom. As dusk settles Night Illumination comes alive. View The Gardens in a totally new way with an artistic play of light and shadow as thousands of lights of varying intensity and colour transform The Gardens into a magical wonderland.

## Saturday Evening Firework Shows July and August

For 10 Saturday evenings our world-class Firework Shows—all choreographed to music—will amaze! Lasting approximately 30 minutes, people come from far and wide to experience this spectacular show so come early—put down your blanket and be prepared to be dazzled!

## Eco-Friendly Boat Tours

Mid-May through Mid-September

Cruise around Tod Inlet and the local waters of Brentwood Bay for an enjoyable 45-minute history and wildlife tour with one of our knowledgeable captains. You will be surprised to find two worlds so close together: the beauty of our floral gardens and the rugged natural beauty of the waters and shoreline of Gowlland Tod Provincial Park.



## Award-Winning Fine Dining

The Butchart Gardens is pleased to announce The Dining Room Restaurant has been named one of the *Top 100 Best Restaurants in Canada* by OpenTable. We use seasonal local ingredients, including herbs and flowers grown on site, which makes for a unique dining experience. The Dining Room Restaurant is located in the original Butchart family residence and is well known for High Tea (autumn/winter) and Afternoon Tea service (spring/summer). Lunch and dinner are served seasonally. Gourmet picnics are available during the summer on Firework Saturdays and Special Event nights. Reservations are recommended. 250.652.8222

Other dining options include The Blue Poppy Restaurant, The Coffee Shop, Annabelle's (seasonally) and, The Gelateria in the Italian Garden (seasonally).

Please note admission to The Gardens is required.

## Great Shopping Options

The Seed and Gift Store started as a mail order seed catalogue in 1920 when Jennie Butchart began packing seeds to satisfy requests from visitors worldwide. To this day, our most popular seeds are from our own seed collections which are still packaged by hand, in the store. You will also find unique jewellery, clothing, and our exclusive 'Signature Series' gift collection.

## The Gallery

April - October

Our Gallery boutique is located next to our Visitor Centre and features collections from a variety of BC and local artists such as sculptures, garden décor, and jewellery. Drop by and view our distinctive selections.

Shop from anywhere in the world at our online gift store!

When Robert and Jennie Butchart came to live at Tod Inlet on Vancouver Island they named their home 'Benvenuto'— Italian for 'Welcome'. Starting with sweet pea seeds and a rose bush, Jennie began a lifelong project to create a garden. With great vision, she transformed the barren limestone quarry (excavated to supply the cement factory nearby). Now, 22 hectares (55 acres) of breathtaking gardens on the 53 hectare (130 acre) estate are visited by close to a million people each year. In 2004, during our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, The Butchart Gardens, still family owned, was designated a National Historic Site of Canada.

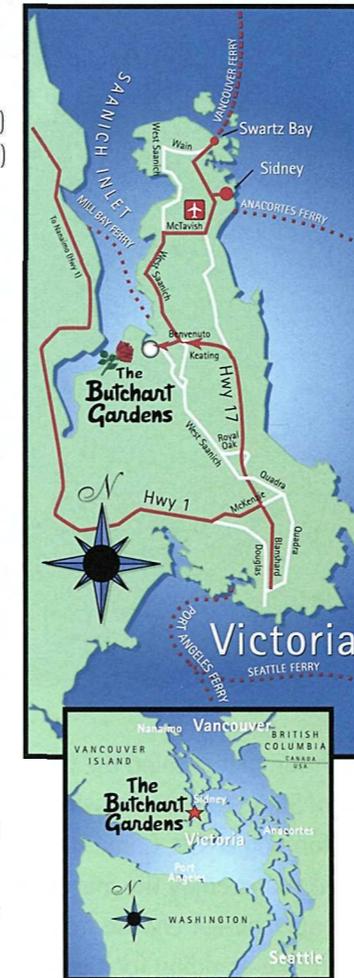
## To Find Us...

The Butchart Gardens is located on Vancouver Island, 23 km (14 mi) north of Victoria and 20 km (12.5 mi) south of the Swartz Bay ferry terminal. 800 Benvenuto Ave, Brentwood Bay, BC V8X 3X4

From Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal, disembark onto Hwy #17. Veer right at exit 26 to McTavish Rd. At McTavish Rd. end, turn left on West Saanich Rd. (Hwy #17A) Continue for 8.5 km. Right at Benvenuto Ave. Benvenuto Ave. leads directly to Butchart Gardens.

From downtown Victoria, drivers should allow about 30 minutes. Head north on Blanshard St. Blanshard St. becomes Hwy 17. Turn left at exit 18 off Hwy 17 onto Keating X Rd. Keating X Rd. until it becomes Benvenuto Ave. Benvenuto Ave. leads directly into Butchart Gardens.

Detailed maps and directions can be found on our web site.



## Admission Rates & Operating Hours

The Gardens opens daily at 9:00 am, except Christmas Day when we open at 1:00 pm. Closing times change seasonally.

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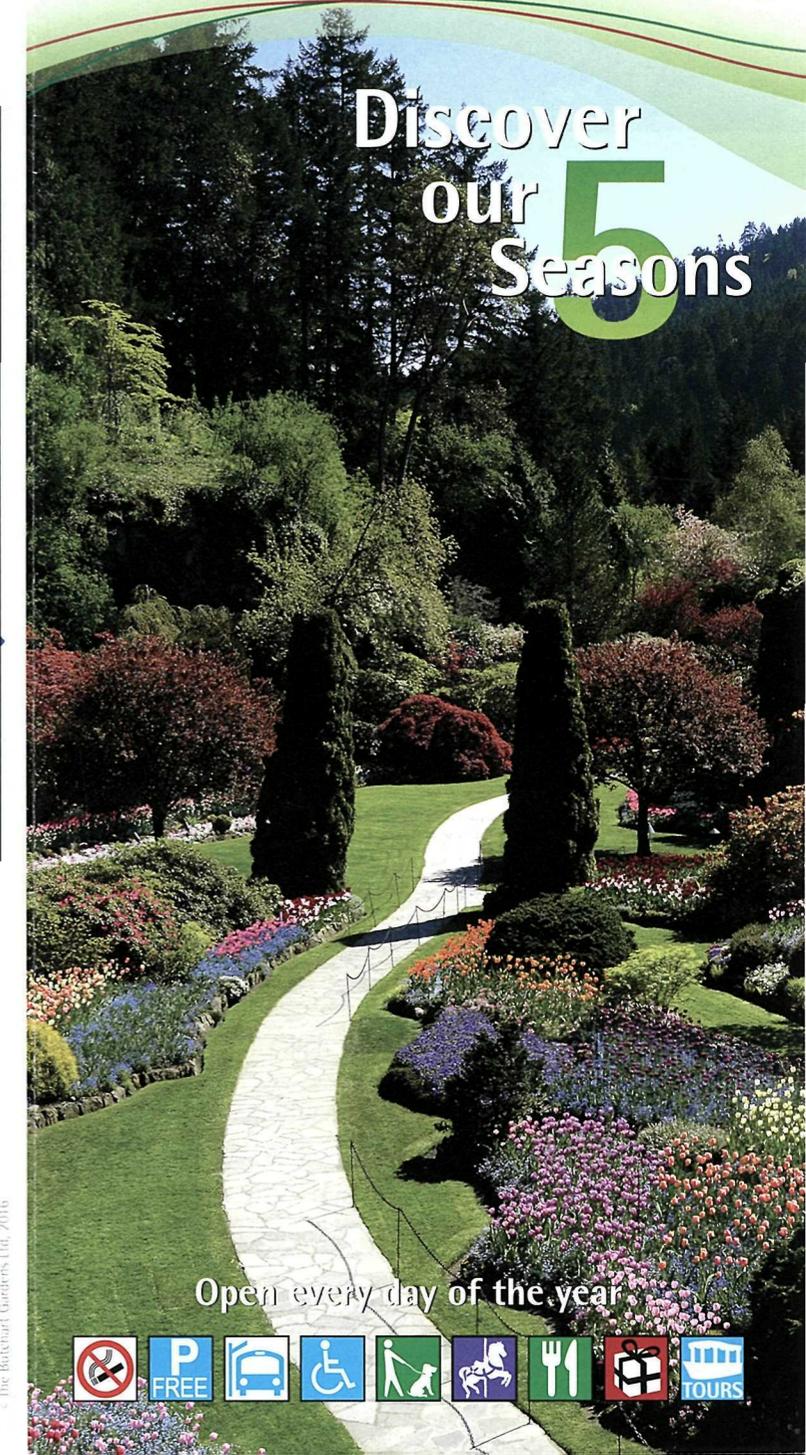
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