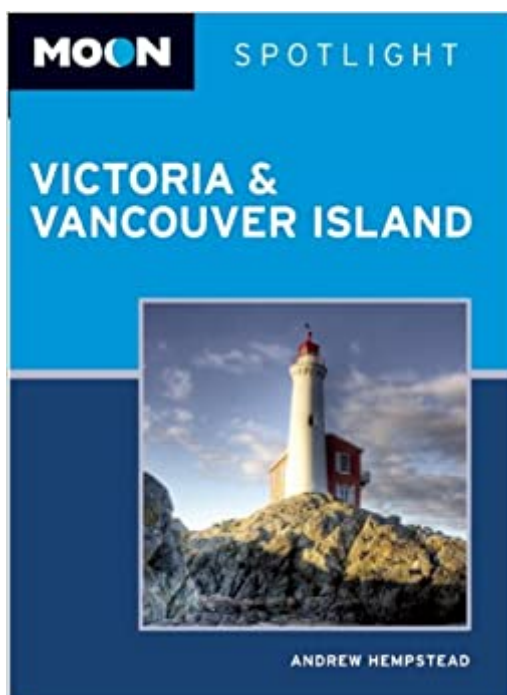


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Moon Spotlight Victoria & Vancouver Island



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Moon Spotlight Victoria & Vancouver Island is a 100-page compact guide covering Victoria and Vancouver Island, including the Vicinity of Victoria, Southern Gulf Islands, Nanaimo and Vicinity, Highway 4 to the West Coast, Tofino, Oceanside, Comox Valley, and Northern Vancouver Island. Author Andrew Hempstead offers seasoned advice on must-see attractions and activities, and sightseeing highlight maps make planning your time easy. This lightweight guide is packed with recommendations on entertainment, shopping, recreation, accommodations, food, and transportation, making navigating this popular northern getaway uncomplicated and enjoyable.

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Customer Reviews

As a travel writer and photographer, Andrew Hempstead has spent many years exploring, photographing, and writing about Canada. Andrew is a happy resident of Alberta, where he lives with his family in Banff. Andrew has traveled mountain highways and hiked countless trails in Canada, exploring new places and updating old favorites. He spends as much time as possible on the road, traveling incognito, experiencing the many and varied delights of the region just as his readers do. The result is the book you hold in front of you, the most up-to-date source of information available for traveling in Victoria and Vancouver Island. Andrew has been writing since the late 1980s, when he left an established career in advertising and took off for Alaska, linking up with veteran travel writer Deke Castleman to research and update the fourth edition of Moon's guide to Alaska and the Yukon. Since then he has produced several Moon guidebooks to Canada,

including British Columbia, Vancouver and Victoria, the Canadian Rockies, Alberta, Atlantic Canada, and Nova Scotia. He is also the author of Moon Australia and Moon New Zealand, and a contributor to Moon San Juan Islands, Road Trip USA, Northwest Best Places, and Eyewitness Guide to the USA, as well as the updater of The Illustrated Guide to New Zealand. His writing and photographs have appeared in a wide variety of other media, including National Geographic Traveler, Travesias, Where, Interval World, Microsoft's Automap, and on the Alaska Airlines and Expedia websites. The website westerncanadatravel.com showcases Andrew's work, while also providing invaluable planning tips for travelers heading to Canada.

We bought this book and "Frommer's Vancouver and Victoria" when planning a short trip to Victoria with our children, ages 2 and 4. I'm glad we had Frommer's. The Moon guide didn't mention the Bug Zoo, Miniature World or the Children's Farm in Beacon Hill Park. (The Bug Zoo was one of our kids' favorite places in Victoria, and we enjoyed it a lot too.) Frommer's had all of these, and more that the Moon guide left out. Maybe this is just stuff that they left out from the larger version (Handbook), since the "Moon Spotlight" is an abridged version of the "Moon Handbook", but that one hasn't been updated since 2008. Either way, don't buy this one. On the plus side, I did appreciate the honesty of this book. They discussed the "dubious value" of Undersea Gardens, which online reviews seem to agree with. Other books describe this as a good place to go. Go figure.

This is a good general outline of Vancouver Island and Victoria for a sightseer with fairly good listings of lodging and restaurants but not a lot of detail or ratings of places to see.

Helpful, made the trip preparations easier 'cause I knew what to expect. Since I had never been to B.C. it was nice to have some advance information.

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