

Experience an Era
The Turn of a memorable Century



the 1900's



*A walking Tour of the Neighbourhood and
its eclectic residential Architecture styles.*

*An overview historical City tour aboard
an authentic London double-deck bus*

*A theatrical tour of Rattenbury's Parliament Gem
& lunch at the Legislative Assembly Dining room*

A visit at the sumptuous Craigdarroch Castle.

*A Classic afternoon Tea at the Empress Hotel
with a 90 minutes guided tour of its Interior.*

*A water boat Tour of the Inner Harbour and Gorge
or a Horse carriage ride through Beacon Hill Park.*

**and wake up in a Classic Guestroom with a bay-window view of the eastern sky.*



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**EMILY CARR WALK
“THE HOOD”
GUIDED or SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR**

**Includes free map, description and direction for a pleasant walk.
*Available at the Front Desk.***

**These Illustrated Books for borrowing or consulting are also available
@ FRONT DESK**

Glorious Victorians

150 Years <> 150 Houses

Celebrating residential architecture in British Columbia's Capital City

Author: Nick Russel

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Victoria's Heritage Mile

Government Street

Author: Danda Humphreys



Francis Rattenbury

**The Life and Tragic End
of BC's Greatest Architect**

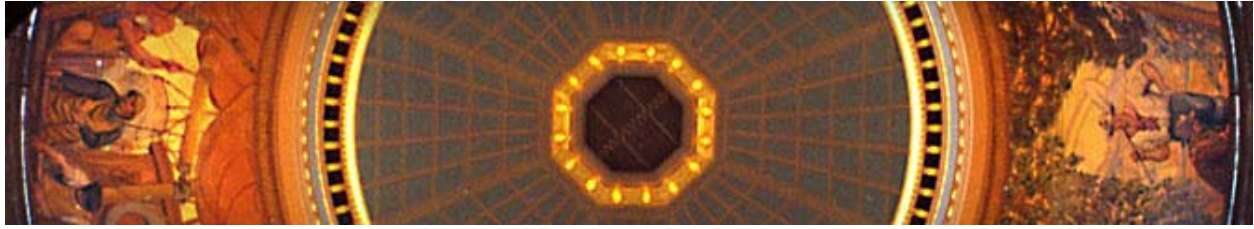
Author: Stan Sauerwein



Men, Myths and Mortar

Building Victoria

Author: Danda Humphreys



A free theatrical tour of Rattenbury's Parliament Gem

(Designed by one of the most colorful characters to haunt Victoria)....

& lunch at the Legislative Assembly Dining room.



Tour Schedule

Summer (May 14, 2012 - September 3, 2012)

Monday to
Sunday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Guided tours depart several times per hour from the front steps of the Parliament Buildings.

Fall, Winter, and Spring (September 4, 2013 - May 13, 2014)

Monday to
Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

All guided tours are offered FREE of charge.

Tours last approximately 30 – 45 minutes.



& Lunch at the Legislative Assembly Dining room.



See Menu sample & price at the Hotel front desk

Legislative Dining Room Reservations

250-387-3959

Journey through Time

The Empress Hotel

The Grand Old Lady is 105 years old

90 minutes stroll of the Grand Rooms, the Gardens and Archives

10:00 am Daily

\$10 + tax

Res: 250.995-4688

Followed by

Afternoon Tea @ The Empress



STEEPED IN TRADITION SINCE 1908

Notable guests have included:

Queen Elizabeth II <> Rudyard Kipling <> Shirley Temple <> Spencer Tracy <> Bob Hope
Princess Margaret <> Rita Hayworth <> The King and Queen of Siam <> Barbra Streisand
John Travolta <> Mel Gibson <> Joan Lunden <> Sarah McLachlan and Nelly Furtado

The Empress Tea Lobby thanks you for being part of our history. Enjoy!

@ The Empress

Afternoon Tea Menu

Reservations required > 250.389-2727

Fresh cut strawberries with **E**mpress Cream

Smoked salmon & herb cream cheese pinwheel

Mango & curried chicken on dark rye

Cucumber sandwich with saffron loaf

Free range egg salad croissant

Cognac pork pâté on sun dried tomato bread

Cappuccino chocolate tea cup

Rose petal shortbread

Devil's chocolate and pistachio **B**attenberg

Lemon curd meringue tart

Assorted **P**arisian macarons

Freshly baked raisin scone <> **F**resh strawberries <> **E**mpress whipped cream

Prince & Princess Tea Menu

(for children 12 years or younger, when ordered at the time of reservation)

Petite free range egg salad croissant

Petite chicken salad sandwich

Petite ham & cheese sandwich

Freshly baked mini raisin scone

Chocolate dipped strawberries

Mini chocolate tea cup

Mini chocolate cake

Crazy hair cookies

Fresh strawberries with whipped cream

PRICES: \$59.95 CAD per person

Children 12 and younger can enjoy Afternoon Tea for 50% off the adult price, or enjoy our Prince and Princess Tea Menu.

[Craigdarroch Castle](#) *Robert Dunsmuir's immense wealth is reflected in the exquisite stained glass, intricate woodwork and lavish Victorian-era furnishings of this historic mansion.*



A visit at the sumptuous Craigdarroch Castle.



Photo credit: Steve Roper

ROBERT DUNSMUIR

Robert Dunsmuir was born in Scotland in 1825. Hired by the Hudson's Bay Company to work as a coalminer, he arrived on Vancouver Island in 1851. Eighteen years later, he discovered coal at Wellington near Nanaimo. The Wellington Seam proved to be the richest deposit of coal on the Island. An astute businessman, Dunsmuir parlayed Wellington coal into a fortune.

In 1882, Robert Dunsmuir entered politics. He represented Nanaimo in the provincial legislature and he became the most powerful member of the provincial cabinet.

In 1883, he won the contract to build the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway and became the beneficiary of substantial government subsidies. The E & N was officially opened on 13 August 1886 when Canadian Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald drove the last spike at Cliffside (on the Malahat at mile 25.)

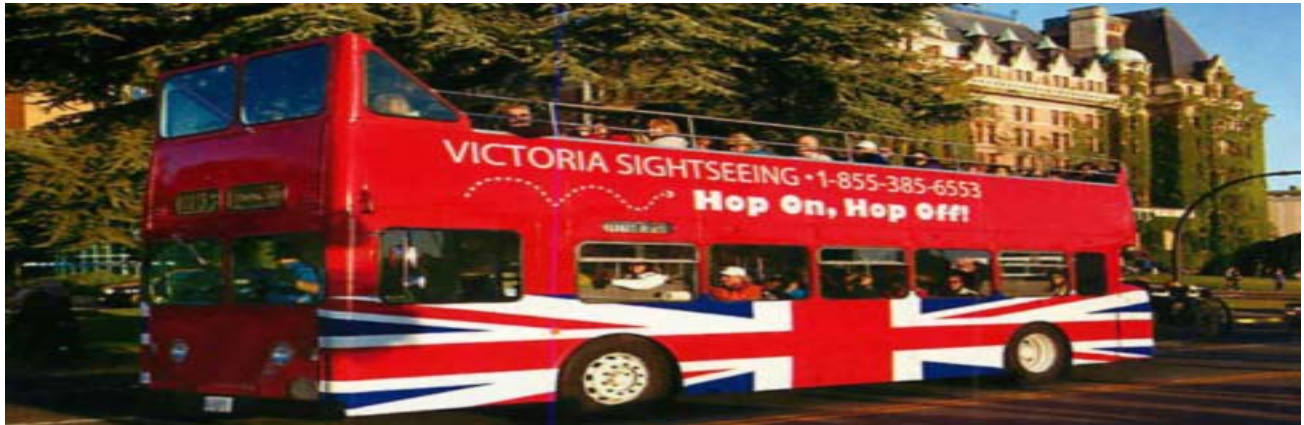
When Robert Dunsmuir died aged 64, he was the province's premier capitalist, British Columbia's wealthiest man.

Craigdarroch ~pronounced Craig Derek ~ is a Scotitsh Gaelic word, which means "Rocky Oak Place" and describes the grounds of the original estate which *extended over 28 acres.*

Open daily 10:00am – 4:30pm.<>Extended hours from June 15th to September 6th: 9:00am – 7:00pm

Adults: \$13.75 Seniors: \$12.75 Students: \$8.75 Children (6-12) \$5.00

*An overview Tour aboard
an authentic London double-deck bus.*



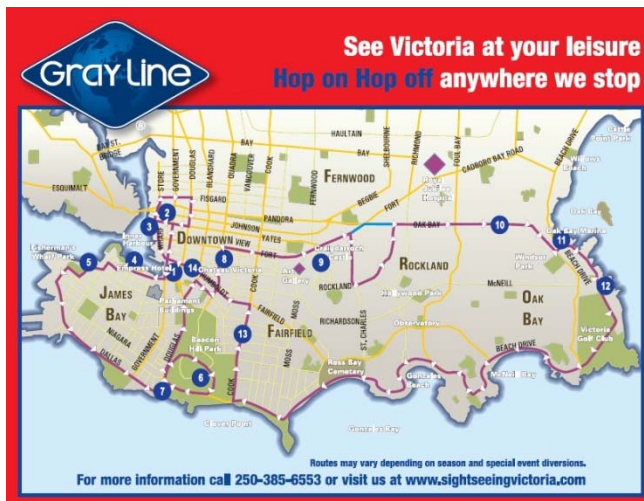
Info & Reservations > 250-385-6553
Hourly departure from The Empress Hotel

HOP ON HOP OFF DAYS PASS

Double Decker Hop-on Hop-off Tour allows you to see the Highlights of Victoria at your own pace. Stop when you wish and where you wish to visit Victor

1 Day **\$27**

2 Days **\$34**



Double Decker "Cruise Ship" Night Tour
Evening City Tour: (1 Hour) \$21

Tally-Ho

Victoria's original horse-drawn Carriage Tours has been creating unforgettable memories for visitors and locals alike since 1903

Pass by the totem poles of Thunderbird Park, as well as historical buildings including St Ann's Academy, a magnificent 1871 Catholic school, as you make your way into Beacon Hill Park. Relax in 155 acres of breathtaking land with natural, wild areas, as well as manicured, stunning floral gardens and elegant fountains. On the way back, ride through historic James Bay, passing heritage homes dating back to the 1800's.



Travel into the heart of historic James Bay, one of the Vancouver Island's oldest residential districts. See amazing heritage houses, including the 1871 birthplace of Emily Carr and stunning stained glass windows and delightful gardens.

The invigorating smell of salt air and the beauty of the Strait of Juan de Fuca will take your breath away as your carriage takes a turn down Dallas Road. Enjoy the panoramic view of the body of water separating Vancouver Island from Washington State, while gazing at the snow-capped Olympic Mountain Range.

A quaint boat Tour of the Inner Harbour and Gorge waterways



Prices start at \$5.00 per ride per person, up to \$26 for Full Hour Tour
(Discount for children and families on request)