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Welcome to Victoria and to Canada

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we invite the rowing world to Victoria, home of the World Rowing Coastal Championships 2018 (WRCC 2018).

We are thrilled to be the first location in North America to host this international event. Our vision is to host a championships that provides an excellent experience for athletes, as well as spectators and volunteers. Our goal is to make this regatta a catalyst for the development of coastal rowing on the West Coast of Canada. We are committed to supporting the local community and running a regatta that respects the natural environment.

Join us for an exceptional championships in a spectacular setting. Race with a breathtakingly beautiful backdrop in a pristine environment. Surrounded by snow-capped mountains, abundant wildlife such as porpoise and orca whales, tall trees and rocky islands, Victoria is an adventure playground by the ocean. Come row in a gorgeous setting and be welcomed by warm Canadian hospitality.

Tulista Park in the Town of Sidney is within Greater Victoria and offers an ideal venue for WRCC 2018. A long, straight and gently sloping pebble beach offers the opportunity for the first-ever beach start for the championships. The racing will be on Bazan Bay. While the bay is protected from ocean swells, racers will have challenges of tidal currents, wind, waves and the potential of tricky waters created by the interactions of wind and tide.

Sidney is a safe, compact and friendly community, with all amenities in easy walking distance of the venue. The city of Victoria, a unique blend of old world charm and new world experiences, is only a short distance away. Extend your stay to enjoy the beauty and nature of Vancouver Island and naturally spectacular British Columbia.

We are ready and eager to host the world's best coastal rowers in October. See you in Sidney!

Yours sincerely,

Julien Bahain
On behalf of WRCC 2018 Organizing Committee



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Event Information

List of Events

Women: CW 1x, CW 2x, CW 4x+

Men: CM 1x, CW 2x, CW 4x+

Open age category

How to Enter

To compete at the World Rowing Coastal Championships, a competitor shall be a member of a club recognized by their national federation. Entries must be approved and submitted by the National Federation.

1. Clubs submit entries to your National Federation (deadline to be determined by each National Federation). Please contact your federation for more information.
2. National Federations to submit entries by 10 September, 2018 using the [FISA online entry system](#). Please include the club names and crew rankings.
3. All athletes must complete the [Rower's Commitment Form](#). If an athlete has not completed the form in 2017 please mail the form to FISA or submit it to the FISA representative at the Regatta Registration desk in Victoria.
4. Crews are to confirm their entries at registration at the regatta venue by 11am October 11, 2018. Any crew who has not confirmed their entry by that time may be assumed to be not competing and may be removed from the Draw.



Racing Uniform

Team managers and crew captains are reminded that they are required to display their family name and country code on the front of their uniform and only their three letter country code on the back.

Extract from the 2017 FISA Rule book.

18.1.2 *Each crew member shall also display on their racing shirt or equivalent the three-letter country code and their family name (in Romanised text) in the following manner and format:*

Racing Shirt	Font	Height	Width	Case	example
FRONT: Family name (short)	Arial	50mm	120-150mm	Uppercase	BATTEN
FRONT: Family name (long)	Arial	50mm	150mm	Lowercase	Batten-Ball
FRONT: Country code	Arial	50mm	60-100mm	Uppercase	GBR
BACK: Country code	Arial	100mm	150mm	Uppercase	GBR

Guidance

The rules allow two sizes for family names, athletes with short names should use the first option [50mm x 120-150mm in uppercase]. Athletes with long names should use the second option [50mm x 150mm in lower case].

Example of a uniform with a short family name.

Front

Back



There is no specification on the way the wording is placed onto the uniform. This can be through an attachment or with the letters directly printed onto the uniform. The example in the picture used vinyl lettering, done in a t-shirt printing shop costing 5 euro's in total. Other teams have used fabric labels attached to the uniforms with safety pins.

Provisional Schedule

World Rowing Coastal Championships - Victoria, BC, CAN						
Feb 28th 2018						
Tuesday 9-Oct	Wednesday 10-Oct	Thursday 11-Oct Qualification Races	Friday 12-Oct HEATS	Saturday 13-Oct FINALS	Sunday 14-Oct RESERVE DAY	
9:00 hrs - 17:30 hrs Training, Accreditation, Crew Registration and boat hire pick up	9:00 hrs - 17:30 hrs Training, Accreditation, Crew Registration and boat hire pick up	QUAL	8:00	FINAL B		Estimated Entries CW1x 25 CW2x 20 CW4x+ 15 CM1x 45 CM2x 50 CM4x+ 30
		9:00 hrs Training, accreditation & Registration		8:30	CW4x+ CM2x CW1x CM4x+ CW2x CM1x	
		9:00 - 11:00 Crew registration		FINAL A		
					CW4x+ CM2x CW1x	
		11:00 Crew Captains Meeting		Victory Ceremony		
					CW4x+ CM2x CW1x	
		14:00 - 17:00 Qualification Races (if required)		FINAL A		
					CM4x+ CW2x CM1x	
				Victory Ceremony		
		17:30 hrs Opening Ceremony			CM4x+ CW2x CM1x	
		18:30 Medallists'				
		19:00 hrs Medal Ceremony & Party				

Boat Rental

Race-ready coastal rowing shells will be available for hire. The rental pool will have 48 boats, 16 in each class of single (C1x), double (C2x) and coxed quad (C4x+). Pool boats will be provided by EuroDiffusion and oars by Croker.

Details on boat rental are being finalized. Please check the event website for information, including rental fees, booking deadline and how to book a boat. We have an online booking form at www.wrcc2018.com. Questions? Contact rentaboat@wrcc2018.com



Race Course

The race course will be set on Bazan Bay, which faces east into Sidney Channel (4 km wide). Several islands separate the bay from Haro Strait, providing some protection from SE wind and waves. The FISA team will be working with the regatta organizing committee to design an interesting and challenging course that takes advantage of the local conditions.

Bazan Bay features a long, straight, gently sloping pebbly beach, suitable for a standing beach start, the first-ever at a World Rowing Coastal Championships. A beach start will be possible under most conditions, however, plans will also be developed for a floating start, 250 m off the beach. The finish will be on the water, with the finish line perpendicular to the beach with the inshore end about 100 m offshore.

Race distance (tentative): heats 4 km, finals 6 km

Course details and maps will be posted on the event website as soon as they are finalized.

Wind, Weather and Water (for October 11-14)

Typical daily high: 14°C typical daily low: 5°C
Average water temperature 10°C
Typical wind speed: 4.7-4.9 m/s
Typical wind direction: southeast (135°-150°)
Sunrise: 7:30 am
Sunset: 6:30 pm

The venue is not exposed to ocean swells. Tidal currents in the area of the course run towards the south on the ebb and to the north on the flood, and will be between 0.5-2 m/s. During the regatta, flood currents in the morning and late afternoon may reach 2m/sec (4kts) but between mid-morning and mid-afternoon ebb currents will be less than 0.5 m/sec (1kt).

Waves are wind-generated. Wind against tide can create localized steep waves and choppy water conditions.

Venue

The boat park, athletes village (including medical and rest tents), and marketplace (vendors and food trucks) will be located at Tulista Park at the north end of Bazan Bay, less than 1 km south of the heart of Sidney. Amenities (accommodation, banks, restaurants and cafes, grocery stores, etc.) are located within easy walking distance. Wifi will be available at the venue.

Excellent viewing for spectators is afforded along the shorefront walkway that extends for over 2 km from Tulista Park south along Bazan Bay, and north to the Sidney pier.

[Check out Google street view for a view of the venue.](#)





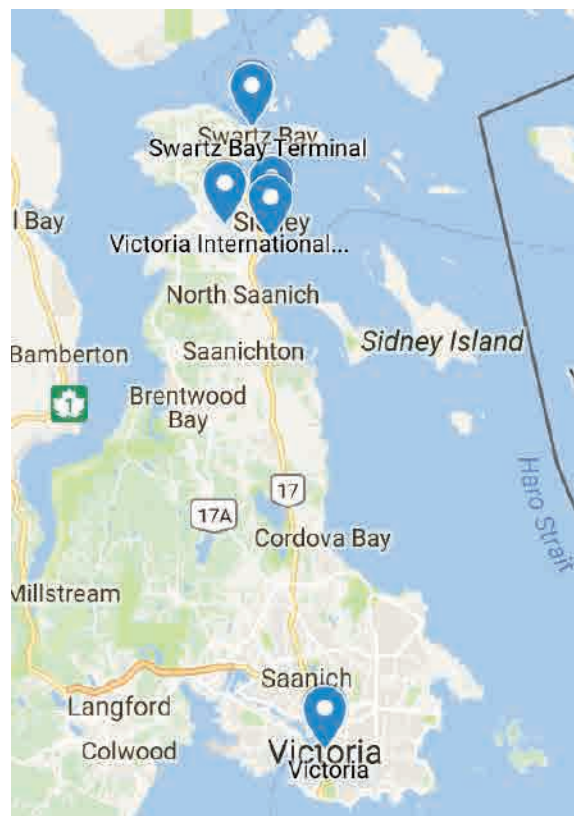
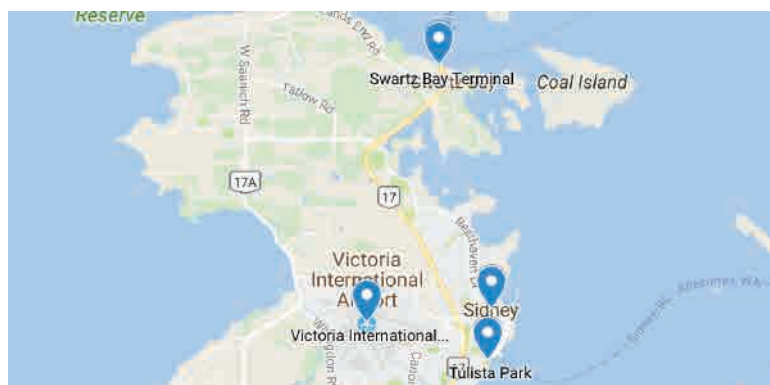
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Logistics

Location

Victoria is located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island in the Province of British Columbia, Canada. Victoria is 30 minutes by plane or 1 hr 45 minutes by BC Ferries from Vancouver (Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal).

Sidney: the event venue is in the Town of Sidney, part of the Greater Victoria region. Sidney is located 25 km north of downtown Victoria, 5 km from the Victoria International Airport and 7 km from the BC Ferries terminal.



Flying into Victoria

We recommend that you fly to the Victoria International Airport (YYJ). Flights from Vancouver International Airport to Victoria International Airport are frequent and take about 30 minutes. There are also direct flights to Victoria from Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Seattle and San Francisco.

The Victoria International Airport is located 5 km from Sidney and 25 km from downtown Victoria.

Travelling from Victoria International Airport to Sidney

You can take public transportation (bus), taxi or rent a car. Downtown Sidney is approximately 4 km from the airport. A taxi is about \$10.

Those travelling to Sidney from the Victoria Airport by bus can board the 83 or 88 for direct service. Use the [BC Transit trip planning tool](#).

Travelling from Victoria International Airport to Downtown Victoria

You can take a shuttle bus, taxi, public transportation (bus) or rent a car.

Taxi: about \$55.

Airport Shuttle: about \$25. The [airport shuttle](#) stops at many downtown hotels and runs about every hour.

Car rental: available at the airport

Driving time from the Victoria International Airport to downtown Victoria is about 30 to 45 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.

Public Transportation: The Victoria Airport is serviced by BC Transit. Use the [BC Transit trip planning tool](#) once you know where you are staying to check current schedules and fares. A day pass is \$5 and offers an unlimited number of rides (per day). Travel time is 45 minute to one hour, depending on traffic conditions.

Travelling from the BC Mainland / Taking a (BC) Ferry (Vancouver International Airport or USA)

This is a beautiful way to travel to Victoria.

On the mainland side, the BC Ferries terminal is in Tsawwassen, about 30 km from the Vancouver airport and 220 km north of Seattle. The ferry trip is about 1 hr 40 minutes. It arrives in Swartz Bay, about 5 km north of Sidney. Ferries run every 2 hours, from 7 am to 9 pm. Check the [BC ferries website](#) for schedule and fare information.

[BC Ferries Connector](#) and [Pacific Coach Lines](#) have several scheduled bus services from the Vancouver airport to Victoria or Sidney via BC Ferries

[Rental cars](#) are available at the [Vancouver International Airport](#). Estimated driving time from the airport to the BC Ferries terminal in Tsawwassen is about 30-45 minutes, depending on traffic conditions. Reservations are recommended if you are driving onto the ferry and can be made online via the [BC Ferries Reservations](#) website.



Travelling by Ferry from the USA

The [Black Ball Ferry \(M.V. Coho\)](#) operates a vehicle and passenger ferry between Port Angeles, Washington and downtown Victoria. The crossing takes about 90 minutes. Reservations are recommended. On most days in October the ferry runs twice a day (8 am and 2 pm).

[Victoria Clipper](#) operates a passenger only ferry from downtown Seattle to downtown Victoria. The Clipper runs once a day in October, departing from Seattle at 8 am and arriving in Victoria at 10:45 a.m.

Washington State operates a vehicle and [passenger ferry between Anacortes](#), Washington and Sidney, BC. (The ferry terminal is right next to the regatta venue at Tulista Park). The ferry runs once per day, with a crossing time of about three hours. [Reservations are recommended.](#)

Additional information on getting to Victoria is available from [Tourism Victoria](#).



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Local Transportation

Walk

The venue is less than 1 km from downtown Sidney. Sidney is a compact town with all services, including hotels, cafes, banks and grocery stores, within easy walking distance.

Cycle

Largely flat terrain makes cycling an excellent option in the Sidney area. The Lochside Regional Bike Trail and other bike paths connect Swartz Bay (BC Ferry Terminal) and Sidney with downtown Victoria. It is about 25 scenic km to pedal between the two centres. [Bike rentals are available in both Sidney and Victoria.](#)

Public Transportation

You can easily travel between Sidney and Victoria by bus #72 or #70 (express). They run approximately every half hour. Closest stops to the venue are #70 - Fifth at Beacon or #72 - Fifth at Ocean. Use the [BC Transit trip planning tool](#) to check current schedules.

A day pass is \$5 and offers an unlimited number of rides for that day.

Driving and Parking

Car rentals are available at the Victoria International Airport and at various locations in Victoria. <http://www.victoriaairport.com/car-rentals>

There is free parking along Lochside Drive (for 2 km south of the venue).

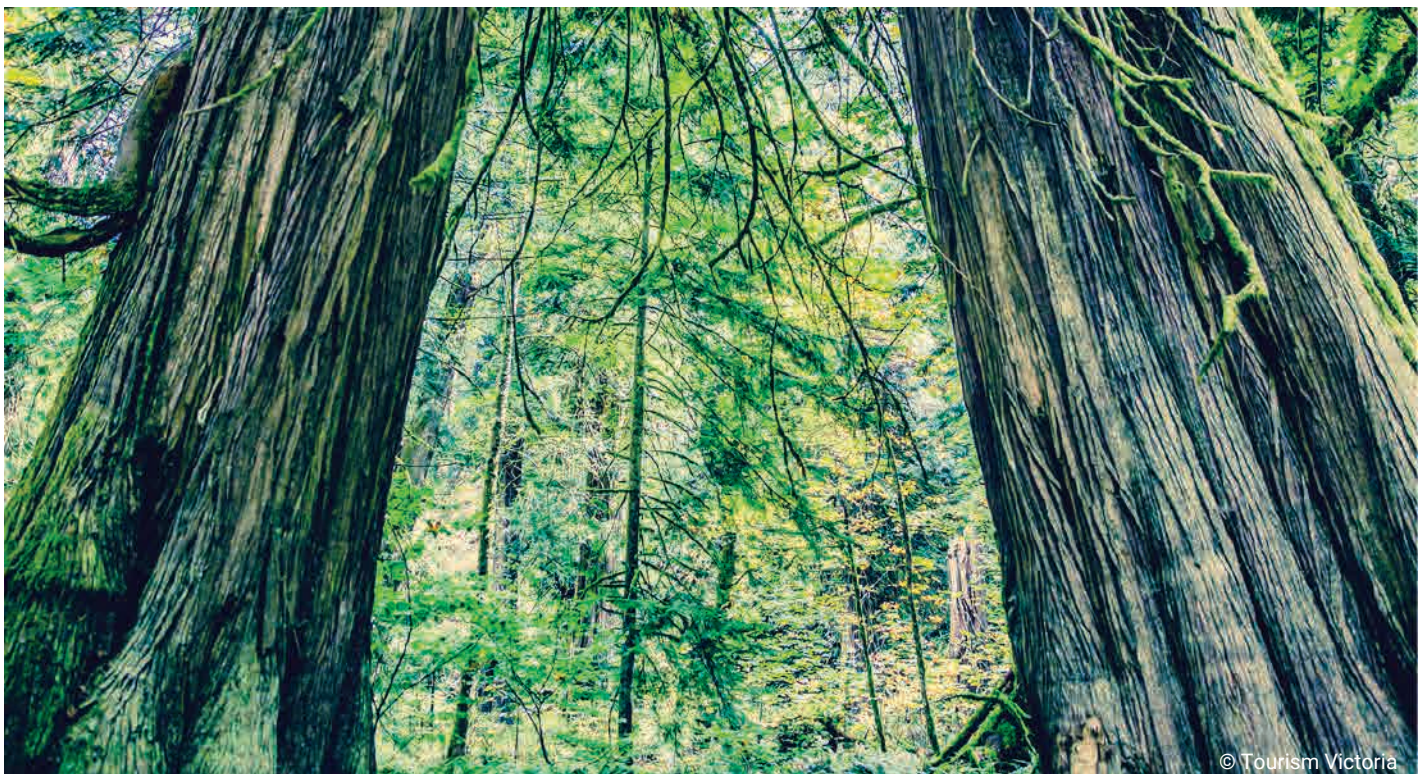
Taxis are available at Victoria International Airport or you can [call for a taxi.](#)

Entry and VISA Requirements

If you are not Canadian, you will need a valid passport to come to Victoria. No visas are required for American, Australian, UK, Irish, New Zealand and EU citizens (including non-EU countries like Norway and Switzerland). With the exception of USA citizens, if you are from a visa-exempt country you will need an [Electronic Travel Authorization \(ETA\)](#) form if you are flying into Canada. This is not required if you arrive in Canada by road.

You can check on the [website of the government of Canada](#) if you need the ETA.

Please contact the regatta organizing committee (askus@wrcc2018.com) to request a Letter of Invitation to support your visa application. Letters will be issued to individuals who are confirmed as team members by their national federation.



Accommodation

Sidney and the Greater Victoria region provide a wide variety of accommodations to suit your needs. Blocks of rooms at special WRCC 2018 rates have been secured with the hotels below.

Please book directly with the accommodation using the phone number or email (if provided).

Note all prices are in Canadian dollars and are per night. Prices do not include tax (15%) or breakfast unless otherwise indicated. Rates are special event rates reserved for October 10 to October 15. Please state you are here for the 2018 World Rowing Coastal Championships when booking or quote the booking code (where listed). Rates are valid until the release date. The special rates for WRCC2018 are not available through booking websites. There are a limited number of rooms available at these prices so be sure to book early. Some hotels may charge extra for more people in a room. Be sure to confirm the number of people per room when booking.

Five Star

Check [our five star hotel map](#) showing hotel locations.

Hotel Name	Distance from Venue	Website, Booking Code, release date	Type of Room	Rates*
Brentwood Bay Resort & Spa	11.6 km	http://www.brentwoodbayresort.com/ Group reservation number: 1810102018 July 10	Ocean suites (one king bed)	\$194
			Deluxe ocean suite (one king bed)	\$209
Fairmont Empress	26 km	http://www.fairmont.com/empress-victoria/	Special rates are available for a single and double room. Please contact the organizing committee for details	



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Four Star

Check our [four star hotel map](#) showing hotel locations.

Hotel Name	Distance from Venue	Website, Booking Code, release date	Type of Room	Rates*
Chateau Victoria Hotel & Suites	26 km	https://www.chateauvictoria.com/ September 9	Traditional (one king or two queen)	\$125
			One bedroom suite	\$156
Coast Victoria Hotel & Marina	27.3 km	https://www.coasthotels.com/hotels/bc/victoria/coast-victoria-hotel-and-marina/ Group reservation number: CVH-GFC9481 September 1	One king bed or two double beds	\$105
			One king bed (upper floor)	\$140
			Add Breakfast	\$20
Hotel Grand Pacific	26.6 km	http://www.hotelgrandpacific.com/ Group reservation number: October18 ROWING September 10 1-800-663-7550	Standard (one king or two queen)	\$159
Sidney Pier Hotel	1 km	http://www.sidneypier.com/en-us Block Code: WORLDROWING2018 Block ID: 481201 1.866.659.9445	Classic (one king or 2 queen beds)	\$165
			Seaview (one king or 2 queen beds)	\$185
			Studio Suites (one king bed)	\$189
			Junior and Signature Suites	\$189
			Single plus breakfast	\$219
			Deluxe double	\$219
			Deluxe double plus breakfast	\$249

* Four Start continued

Hotel Name	Distance from Venue	Website, Booking Code, release date	Type of Room	Rates*
Victoria Marriot Inner Harbour	26.1 km	https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yyjmc-victoria-marriott-inner-harbour/ Group rate: M-BFOKTLV 1-888-236-2427	Deluxe single/double	\$189
			Deluxe triple	\$219
			Deluxe quad	\$249
The Oswego Hotel	26.1 km	https://www.oswegohotelvictoria.com/	Studio suite (one queen + kitchenette)	\$161
			One bedroom standard (full kitchen)	\$179

Three Star

Check [our three star hotel map](#) showing hotel locations.

Hotel Name	Distance from Venue	Website, Booking Code, release date	Type of Room	Rates*
Accent Inn Victoria	23.5 km	https://www.accentinns.com/locations/victoria-hotel/ Group ID 543077 "World Rowing Championships" All reservations MUST be made prior to September 10, 2018	Standard (two queen beds) with breakfast	\$119
			Standard (two queen beds) with kitchenette and breakfast	\$139



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* Three Start continued

Hotel Name	Distance from Venue	Website, Booking Code, release date	Type of Room	Rates*
Cedarwood Inn and Suites	200 m	http://thecedarwood.ca/ 1-877-656-5551	Rooms (double occupancy)	\$109
			Studios (1 king, with kitchen)	\$119
			Suites with kitchens (double occupancy)	\$129-185
Airport Travelodge Victoria	1 km	http://www.travelodge.ca/property/travelodge-victoria-airport-sidney	Standard (one or two queen beds) with breakfast	\$129
			Standard (one king) with breakfast	\$139
Best Western Carlton Plaza	25.5 km	http://www.bestwesterncarltonplaza-hotel.com/manami@bestwesterncarlton.com 250-812-1886 August 28	Traditional (two double beds or one queen)	\$111 avg
			Studio suite (two double beds)	\$127 avg
Comfort Inn & Suites Victoria	24.5 km	http://comfortvictoria.ca/	Standard (two queen beds)	\$99
			Standard (king bed plus pull out sofa bed)	\$99
			One bedroom suite	\$129
Hotel Zed	14.6 km	https://www.hotelzed.com/ Group ID 5442599 "World Rowing Championships" All reservations MUST be made prior to September 10, 2018	Two queen beds	\$119
			One bedroom suite with kitchenette	\$149

* Three Start continued

Hotel Name	Distance from Venue	Website, Booking Code, release date	Type of Room	Rates*
Best Western Emerald Isle	1 km	http://www.bwemeraldisle.com/	Standard (double occupancy beds)	\$158.50
Quality Inn Waddling Dog Suites	6 km	http://www.qualityinnvictoria.com/	Standard (one queen bed)	\$109
			Standard (two queen beds)	\$119
Howard Johnson Hotel and Suites	16.3 km	http://www.hojovictoria.ca/ 250-704-4656 RC15 August 10	Standard (two queen beds)	\$119
			One bedroom suite (one queen, one sofa bed)	\$139
			Junior suite (one queen, one sofa bed)	\$119
			Kitchen suite (one queen, one sofa bed)	\$149
Quality Inn Downtown Inner Harbour	25.7 km	http://www.victoriaqualityinn.com/	Traditional (two queen beds) one person	\$119
			Traditional (two queen beds) two people	\$133
			Superior (king or queen bed) one person	\$129
			Superior (king or queen bed) two people	\$143

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* Three Start continued

Hotel Name	Distance from Venue	Website, Booking Code, release date	Type of Room	Rates*
Sidney Waterfront Inn	250 m	http://www.sidneywaterfrontinn.com/stay@sidneywaterfrontinn.com 1-888-656-1131	Main building	
			Ocean View Guestroom: (1 or 2 Queen Beds)	\$104-\$139
			Town View Guestroom: (2 Queen Beds)	\$107
			Town View Studio Suite: (1 Queen Bed with Kitchenette)	\$107
			Town View Suite: (2 Queen Beds with Kitchenette)	\$130
			Ocean View Suite: (1 Queen Bed with Kitchenette)	\$151
			Cannery building	
			Waterfront Studio Suite: (1 King or 2 Queen Beds with Kitchenette)	\$209-220
			Port Side Studio Suite: (1 King or 1 Queen Bed with Kitchenette)	\$188
			Waterfront Suite: (1 Queen Bed with Murphy Bed & Kitchenette)	\$260

About Sidney and Victoria

Sidney is located on the Saanich Peninsula, at the southern end of Vancouver Island, approximately 20 km north of Victoria, 5 km from Victoria International airport and 5 km from the BC Ferries terminal at Swartz Bay.

Sidney (SETI,NES) is in the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ First Nation, which includes the Tsaykum, Tsawout, Tsartlip and Pauquachin bands. A compact, picturesque community of about 12,000 residents, Sidney lies on the shores of the Salish Sea, amidst the beautiful Gulf Islands. The pedestrian-friendly downtown offers an excellent variety of stores, speciality shops and businesses providing unique products and personalized service. Sidney is Canada's only Booktown where you can enjoy many hours of browsing through new and used bookstores. Visit the Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea, explore the beaches and tide pools, relax in one of Sidney's local cafes or enjoy a walk along the Seaside Walkway.

Victoria is a vibrant city on the edge of nature, blending old-world charm and new-world experiences. Surrounded by the sea, close to the rugged West Coast and the peaceful Gulf Islands, the Victoria region is a playground for adventurous outdoor enthusiasts, offering great hiking, kayaking, diving, fishing, mountain biking and whale watching.

Enjoy the fabulous West Coast cuisine - think locally roasted coffee, locally grown fruits and vegetables, salmon, cheeses from Saltspring Island and award-winning BC wines. Victoria is acclaimed as BC's craft beer capital.

Sophisticated, a little wild, fascinating and friendly – welcome to Sidney, Victoria and to Canada. For more information and inspiration check the website of the [Town of Sidney](#) or [Tourism Victoria](#).



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