

**OKANAGAN MISSION SECONDARY SCHOOL  
4 DAY PERFORMING TOUR TO VANCOUVER ISLAND  
MAY 7 – 10, 2024  
(ET # 645-24)**

**Day 1 – TUESDAY MAY 7 – DEPARTURE TO VICTORIA**

**D**

- 7:00am** - meet as a group at the school
- for the safety of others, and for your convenience, consider bringing a mask in case you are feeling unwell at anytime during the tour
- 7:30am** - **1 – 56 passenger coach from Thompson Valley Charters** arrives for loading of luggage and equipment and boarding of passengers
- *Note: additional passengers travelling by separate van arranged by the school*
- a motorcoach safety briefing including the use of seat belts when available, will be completed prior to departure (always use seat belts when available and locate the emergency exits if your coach changes during your tour)
- 8:00am** - board your coach and depart for **Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal** (drive time est. 5 hours plus extra time for traffic)
- 1:30pm** - check in with **BC Ferries**
- *group must check in no later than 30 mins prior to scheduled sailing departure*
- purchase lunch at the ferry terminal or on board the ferry
- 2:00pm** - scheduled departure on **BC Ferries** from **Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay**
- 3:35pm** - scheduled arrival at **Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal**
- depart to the **Holiday Inn Express Colwood** (drive time est. 1 hour)
- 4:35pm** - arrive and check in for **3 nights**
- *note: you will have a late lunch tomorrow so ensure you have snacks to bring with you*
- **locally chartered 56-passenger coach from Wilson's Coach Lines** arrives for boarding
- depart to **Langford Lanes**
- arrive for **2 hours of bowling and pizza dinner**
- event ends; board your coach
- depart back to your hotel
- 9:30pm** - arrive and retire to your rooms

**Day 2 – WEDNESDAY MAY 8 - VICTORIA**

**B/D**

- 6:30am** - **continental breakfast buffet** included at the hotel (served 6:30am to 9:30am daily)
- 7:30am** - load coach with instruments and board
- 8:00am** - depart to the **University of Victoria – Student Union Building** (drive time est. 20 – 45 mins)
- arrive and locate your **workshop room – Michele Pujol Room (small)** and set up
- **90-minute workshop with Scott MacInnes**
- workshop ends; load coach with instruments and enjoy a short **tour of the Music Department** with Scott MacInnes

- tour ends; board coach
- depart to **Belmont Secondary School** (drive time est. 30 mins)
- arrive and unload; set up
- 12:30pm - **musical exchange with Okanagan Mission Secondary School & Belmont Grade 9 Concert Band**
- visit and exchange ends; pack up
- depart to **Belmont Market** to purchase a quick lunch (5 mins drive) (as recommended by Belmont Secondary)
- depart to the hotel to quickly drop instruments (*a room will be available for you*)
- depart to downtown Victoria
- group will be split for the museum visit – first group of 30 students, 2 chaperones & local guide
- second group of 28 students, 2 chaperones & local guide
- arrive at the **Royal BC Museum**
- guided tour of the museum and self-guided tour of the BC Legislature
- **IMAX Theatre**
- 5:00pm - **show begins – Jane Goodall – Reasons for Hope**
- 5:45pm - Some free time in downtown Victoria - see the world-renowned Inner Harbour, Empress Hotel and Legislature Buildings, but also Canada’s oldest Chinatown and a wonderfully charming Old Town District
- walk as a group to the **Old Spaghetti Factory**
- 7:15pm - **group dinner**
- dinner ends; locate your **locally chartered 56-passenger coach from Wilson’s Coach Lines** and board
- depart to the hotel
- 9:00pm - arrive and retire to your rooms

**Day 3 – THURSDAY MAY 9 - VICTORIA**

**B/D**

- 8:00am - **continental breakfast buffet** included at the hotel (served 6:30am to 9:30am daily)
- *participants to ensure they come prepared with closed-toe shoes, hair tied back and no loose clothing or jewelry*
- 30 students and 1 teacher arrive at **Wildplay** and check in
- 19 participants – Classic Adventure Course begins
- 12 participants- Classic Adventure Course begins
- 12:20pm - estimated end time of Classic Adventure Courses
- those not participating can enjoy amenities of the hotel or walk along part of the Galloping Goose Trail
- time to purchase lunch in the area of the hotel
- 2:00pm - board your coach and depart to the **Malahat Skywalk** (drive time est. 40 mins)
- arrive and check in for your **self-guided visit**
- ascend the spiral ramp to peak adventure; at 250m above sea level, the tower offers some of the best views on Vancouver Island including a sweeping panorama of Mt. Baker, Finlayson Arm, the Saanich Peninsula and islands in two countries; then choose your descent with a return walk down the ramp or take the fast route on the Spiral Slide
- meet at the coach parking and board
- depart to **downtown Victoria** (drive time est. 1 hour)

- arrive with time to explore the **Inner Harbour** in chaperoned groups
- walk to Hermann's Jazz Club with time to shop en route at the Courtyard Shops or The Bay Centre, Bastion Square or Johnson Street
- 6:00pm - arrive at **Hermann's Jazz Club** (address: 753 View St., Victoria)
- **group dinner**
- 7:00pm - **jazz show begins**
- board your coach
- 9:15pm - depart to your hotel
- 9:45pm

**Day 4 – FRIDAY MAY 10 – DEPARTURE HOME**

- 7:30am - **continental breakfast buffet** included at the hotel (served 6:30am to 9:30am daily)
- check out
- load coach with luggage and instruments and board
- 9:30am - depart to **Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal**
- 10:30am - check in with **BC Ferries** using the **Ellison Voucher** and your memo on School Letterhead for your **group reservations** **B**
- *group must check in no later than 30 mins prior to scheduled sailing departure*
- purchase lunch at the ferry terminal or on board the ferry
- 11:00am - scheduled departure on **BC Ferries** from **Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen**
- 12:35pm - scheduled arrival at **Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal**
- continue to **Kelowna** (drive time est. 5 hours)
- 6:00pm - estimated arrival at **Okanagan Mission Secondary**
- Welcome Home!

**B - Breakfast / D - Dinner - denote meals included in tour cost**

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Please advise your group leader in advance of any allergy and/or dietary restriction, so that we can advise our suppliers of the request. Not every location may be able to accommodate allergy and/or meal requirements for unique circumstances.

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