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## Companions Program\*

CTRF 44th Annual Conference  
Victoria, British Columbia May 24-27, 2009  
Registration forms available at [www.ctrf.ca](http://www.ctrf.ca)

### **Monday, May 25, 2009**

#### **Chinatown Tour** – [www.discoverthepast.com](http://www.discoverthepast.com)

Chinatown walks are walking tours in Victoria's historic Chinatown including the famous Fan Tan Alley. This leisurely 90 minute walking tour will explore Canada's oldest Chinatown. Heritage buildings, colourful shops, narrow alleys and hidden courtyards set the scene for stories about culture, lifestyles, religion and symbolism.

#### **Dim Sum Lunch** <http://www.donmee.com/>

Dim Sum lunch at Don Mee's in the heart of Chinatown. Don Mee Seafood Restaurant has been the Heartbeat of Chinatown for over 80 years in Victoria. Don Mee is proud to offer a menu filled with a variety of traditional Chinese cuisine in the Cantonese, Szechuan style.

#### **Royal British Columbia Museum**

<http://www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Treasures/AbouttheExhibition.aspx>

Tour of *Treasures: The World's Cultures from the British Museum* exhibit at its *only* stop in North America. This exhibit highlights the world's cultural achievements – the artistic, ceremonial, decorative and functional. The exhibition brings together more than 300 artifacts that illustrate how cultures have come together – and come apart – through the ages. With artifacts that have been selected by the British Museum for their rarity, beauty and historical significance, *Treasures* is a global journey you will never forget.

You can also experience the Royal BC Museums' permanent exhibits in the First Peoples Gallery, Modern History Gallery, Natural History Gallery and Thunderbird Park.

### **Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

#### **Empress Tour** – [www.walkabouts.ca](http://www.walkabouts.ca)

Experience a century of historical charm and old world elegance in the heart of this romantic setting, the world famous Fairmont Empress. Wearing replica outfits from 1908, the year that The Empress first opened its doors, the tour guides will enlighten our guests about the history of this beautiful heritage building and provide a bit of "gossip" about the amazing characters from the hotel's past.

**Victoria Harbour Ferry Tour – [www.harbourferry.com](http://www.harbourferry.com)**

Hop aboard one of the little ferries and see Victoria from the water. Learn about Victoria's rich and colourful history from our friendly skippers who are experts in taking you back in time. Explore shipyards, historic buildings and all manner of boat and aircraft from the comfort of your Harbour Ferry berth. Discover walkways, trails and points of interest that you may want to return to after your tour. Enjoy 45 minutes of fun, fascination and facts while relaxing on one of the most unique little boats you will ever climb aboard.

**Lunch - <http://www.canoebrewpub.com/>**

CANOE Brewpub Restaurant is located in a "must experience" 1894 heritage landmark building. The soaring timber roof and rustic brick architecture create a vibrant atmosphere located near one of Victoria's active marinas. CANOE showcases local farmers and the changing menu stresses seasonal organics, the finest cuts of meat and wild seafood. Our food runs the scope from pure comfort to globally inspired cuisine. Try one of their award-winning signature handcrafted beers.

**City Bus Tour****Butchart Gardens – <http://www.butchartgardens.com>**

*Benvenuto*, Italian for 'welcome', is the name the Butcharts used for their original estate, now a National Historic Site of Canada, and still owned by family descendants. The Butchart Gardens offers 22ha (55 acres) of wonderful seasonal floral display. Spectacular spring bursts forth in a show of unparalleled beauty. One of the finest displays in the world heralds the season with hundreds of thousands of bulbs in bloom, joined by a host of flowering trees and shrubs. The gardens are alive with the colours and scents of spring. Spend a couple of hours exploring the gardens on your own, before enjoying an evening dinner in the Blue Poppy Restaurant.

*\* Note: Companions Program may be subject to change based on the number of participants.*