

Dining

Victoria has an active nightlife. From quiet spots to grab a drink late at night to loud clubs, pubs and trendy little joints we've compiled a small list to get you started:

Chinese:

Don Mee

538 Fisgard (near Government) 383-1032 DonMee.com
Pretty upscale, but superior quality food. Their daily dim sum is delicious, a lot of fun, and a super value.

J&J Wonton Noodle House

jjnoodlehouse.com
1012 Fort St. (between Vancouver & Cook) 383-0680
Licensed to serve alcohol. Touted as Victoria's best Chinese food. Expect a crowd on weekends.

Wah Lai Yuen

560 Fisgard St. 381-5355
It doesn't get much more authentic than this little Chinese eatery. Very large servings and extremely good value. Double happiness!

Japanese:

Azuma Sushi

615 Yates Street AzumaSushi.com 382 - 8768
These guys just underwent a major renovation and expansion too. Check it out!

Japanese Village

734 Broughton St. JapaneseVillage.bc.ca 382 - 5165
Great steak and sushi made for you while the chefs juggle knives and do sleight of hand.

Kaz Sushi

1619 Store Street 386 - 9121
Reasonable prices and very high quality, plus it's a nice cozy location right on Store St.

Tamami Sushi

509 Fisgard Street TamamiSushi.com 382-3529
A great Japanese food place in the heart of Chinatown! Check it out!

Thai:

Siam

512 Fort Street 383-9911
Delicious food, huge menu, and great prices.

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Thai Continued:

Sook Jai Thai

839 Fort St. 383-9945
One of the better Thai Restaurants in the city.

Baan Thai

1117 Blanshard St 383-0050
Highly recommended by several Ocean Islanders.

Vietnamese:

Pho Vy

772 Fort St. 385-5516
Some of the best Pho in town!

Vietnam Garden

1515 Cook St. 384-3033
Some of the best Pho in town!

Vietnam Village

1715 Government Street 995-1530
Some of the best Pho in town!

Pho Hoa

765 Fort St. 477-2356
Pretty good Vietnamese Noodle Bar. On Saturdays you can get noodle soup until three in the morning. Oh Yeah.

East Indian:

Da Tandoor

1010 Fort St. 384-6333
The Best Indian food in town, expect to wait a little while for your order though.

Maharaja

637 Johnson Street 388-5450
If you actually catch this place when it's open (and they don't seem to follow any schedule, even their own posted hours), and if you don't mind the hit-and-miss service, they offer decent Indian buffet for pretty cheap. And you can sit in there and watch really funny Indian music videos on this TV they have mounted in the wall.

Spice Jammer

852 Fort Street 480-1055
We've heard great things about this place.

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Korean:

Guru Korean Bar & Grill

1015 Fort Street 384-5337
Korean fusion at it's finest! The only downside is that you pay for it. Fully licensed bar, lots of import beers, and great martinis. Asking the servers for recommendations helps, they have a pretty big menu, and some of the dishes are really spicy!!

Greek:

San Remo's

2704 Quadra St. piccolovictoria.com/Sanremo/SR.htm
384-5255 Great Greek food, a little pricey.

Eugene's

1280 Broad St. 381-5456
If you like good Greek food, you'll like Eugene's. Souvlaki, gyros, spanokopita and they're licensed! Not badly priced either and they do take-out.

Carribbean:

The Reef

533 Yates Street thereefrestaurant.com 388-5375
Curries, rotini, jerk anything and fish, it's kinda like a short vacation to the tropics, bamboo bar and everything!

Jamaican Jerk House

607 Pandora Avenue 383-5344
Amazing food and great people. Friday nights start with an all-you-can-eat jerk chicken buffet, followed by a live reggae band. Fully licensed and they make their own (booze free) ginger beer.

Mexican:

Hernandez

735 Yates Street, located inside the Arcade.
Great, cheap Mexican. Bring cash, it's all they accept.

Delicado's

1911b Oak Bay Avenue 595-9984
799 Fort Street 381-3354
Delicious, healthy Mexican food. Huge portions, reasonably-priced.

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Mexican Continued:

La Fiesta

1001 Douglas Street, 383-6622

Can you say "SALSA BARI"? A personal favourite, it's fast, pretty cheap and close to town. I recommend the chimichanga (it's like a deep-fried burrito). - Madeleine

Cafés:

Bean Around The World

1911b Oak Bay Avenue 595-9984

799 Fort Street 381-3354

Delicious, healthy mexican food. Huge portions, reasonably-priced.

Serious Coffee

1911b Oak Bay Avenue 595-9984

799 Fort Street 381-3354

Great coffee and teas, fairly good selection of fairly good quality pastries, free wireless.

La Dolce Vita

160-911 Yates St. 386-7733

Known for their amazing espresso. Fantastic coffee and some café-style food.

Mirage Coffee

1122 Blanshard St. 384-4980

One of the cooler coffee shops downtown. From the decor to the way they get you a fresh water once you're done your coffee, it's just classy.

Solstice Café

529 Pandora Ave. 475-0477 SolsticeCafe.ca

The best hot chocolate in town, local live music and delicious local goodies make this place unique.

Vegan:

Lotus Pond

617 Johnson Street 380-9293

Their 2:30 lunch buffet is prettymuch the best lunch special going in the city. The decoration is simple, the food is delicious.

Green Cuisine

617 Johnson Street 380-9293

Filling, hearty, healthy pricy (but worth it) pay by weight.

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Local Favorites/Other:

Ferris'

536 Yates Street Ferrisoysterbar.com 360-1824

Ferris' is a classic default for dates, birthday parties, quiet dinners because of its enormous fusion-style menu and great courtyard patio to enjoy your food and drinks on.

Rebar Modern Food

50 Bastion Square RebarModernFood.com 361-9223

Healthy, pricy, mostly vegetarian food. Great juices.

Mo:Le

554 Pandora MoleRestaurant.ca 385-6653

Mo:Le is fine dining for the Raw Food, Vegan and Vegetarian. Pricy, but healthy and original, it's worth a visit.

Blue Fox Café

#101-919 Fort Street 380-1683

This is a local favorite, known for it's great food and large portions. It gets especially busy during the weekends for breakfast, expect long lines then.

Pagliacci's

1011 Broad Street 386-1662

Delicious Italian cuisine in an unforgettable Victoria-meets-New York atmosphere. Very popular, be prepared to wait.

John's

1011 Broad Street 386-1662

Just down the street from Ocean Island, John has created a welcoming and casual place for fabulous breakfasts any time of the day or night. They have more than breakfasts, but they serve one of the best in the city. Their warm baskets of bread are non-stop and delicious. Affordable and licensed.

Fusion/West Coast:

The Superior

106 Superior Street 380-9515

Everything about this place is totally rad. The food is great, the decor is out of this world, hold on I'm going to try to actually describe it: as classy as it is quirky, as pricey as it is funky... good music...

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Fusion/West Coast Continued:

The Mint

1414 Douglas Street 386-6468

Just a block away from OI is one of the trendiest restaurants in the city. It's also a great place to enjoy some nice DJ-powered or live music while you enjoy a good meal, and they're open super-late!

Noodle Box

626 Fisgard 384-1314

Official food of OI's front desk staff. With two nearby locations, this place serves up tasty food, healthy portions etc in sweet portable boxes.

Fish and Chips:

Barb's Place

310 St Lawrence Street 384-6515

Seasonal fish and chips joint at Fisherman's Wharf, right on the water.

Quick and Cheap:

Ghetto Slice (dollar slice, etc.)

There are quite a few dollar pizza shops on Douglas St., from the 1300 block on up.

The Joint Pizzeria & Deli

1219 Wharf St. 389-2226

Damn fine Your choice of organic whole wheat crust or organic white crust, vegan...

Fine Dining:

Brasserie L'école:

1715 Government St www.Lecole.ca 475-6260

Award winning French cuisine. Voted best restaurant in the city and always voted one of the three best on the island.

The Wild Saffron:

506 Pandora Ave SwansHotel.com/bistro.php 361-3310

4 diamond rated restaurant, known as a dining experience and miraculously, affordable.

Vista 18:

740 Burdett Ave Vista18.com 382-9258

This swanky place offers a panoramic view of Victoria from its location on the 18th floor of a hotel, full breakfast, lunch and dinner menus and live Jazz.