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Starting at The Parkside Hotel and Spa, your first stop will be Victoria's exciting Downtown. While biking along **Wharf Street** you will discover countless side streets to explore some of Victoria's local boutiques, coffee shops and restaurants. Johnson Street is a known favourite for an afternoon spent shopping and tasting some of Victoria's finest foods.

After checking out Victoria's downtown, cross the famous **Johnson Street Bridge**. This water crossing has been occupied by a total of four separate bridges since 1854. The newest bridge was opened to the public in March 2018 and replaces the previous bridge, The Johnson Street Blue Bridge. The new bridge pays homage to the blue bridge by lighting up bright blue at night!

After crossing Victoria's Inner Harbour via the Johnson Street Bridge, you will find yourself pedalling along the multi-use **Songhees Walkway**, also called the West Bay Walkway. Along this gorgeous path, you will come across The Victoria International Marina, home to the lovely **Boom + Batten** eatery. This is one of two great places to stop for a meal during your ride. Grab a table on the patio and enjoy the sweeping views of the Juan De Fuca Strait and The Olympic Mountain Range, you might even spot a luxury superyacht docking at the marina!

The third stop along your journey will be **Lime Bay Park**. This is a great spot to enjoy a little green space. From here, you will be able to see Fisherman's Wharf, docked cruise ships and the historic area of James Bay. This also happens to be a great area to spot wildlife such as seals and otters.

The following stop will be the **Spinnakers Gastro Brewpub**, Canada's oldest brewpub. Spinnakers not only features delicious beer but savoury eats, homemade chocolate and fresh-baked bread. You'll find waterfront views on the lower level, with a more casual pub vibe upstairs. Spinnakers will be the second of two great meal spots along your journey.

The final stop on your journey will be the adorable residential **Westbay Marine Village**. The Songhees Walkway ends on the docks of the West Bay Marina. Here, you'll see a Float Home Village (similar to that at Fisherman's Wharf) and the marina itself. With convenient benches available to take a break, this is the perfect spot to turn around and complete the ride in reverse.

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VICTORIA SEASIDE LOOP

Starting at The Parkside Hotel and Spa your first stop will be the **British Columbia Parliament Buildings**. Finished in 1898 and designed by Sir Francis Rattenbury, this grand historical site is the perfect first stop for pictures on the 'great lawn'.

Tip: Bike around to the rear of the buildings to capture some additional photos and take in the lovely scent of the rose gardens!

Your next stop will be **Fisherman's Wharf!** This is a perfect place to grab a bite from the variety of fantastic floating restaurant options. Enjoy your food on the docks or take it to go to eat it at one of your next stops.

The third stop on your journey will be the lovely **Ogden Point Breakwater**. You will need to disembark your bicycles and lock them up at the bike lock-up or walk them down the breakwater with you! Make sure you hold on to your hat as the breakwater is known for its windy weather all year long!

On the way to your fourth stop, you will bike along the **Dallas Waterfront**. Feel free to stop anywhere along here! This stretch of coastline is favoured by locals and tourists and is known for its windswept landscape and gorgeous sunrises!

Your fifth stop is going to be Victoria's largest urban green space, **Beacon Hill Park**. Here you will find duck ponds, manicured gardens, a petting zoo, and the famous Beacon Hill Drive-In which is the perfect spot for tasty soft-serve ice cream!

After spending some time exploring Beacon Hill Park you can make your way back to The Parkside Hotel and Spa via Vancouver Street and then onto Humboldt Street.



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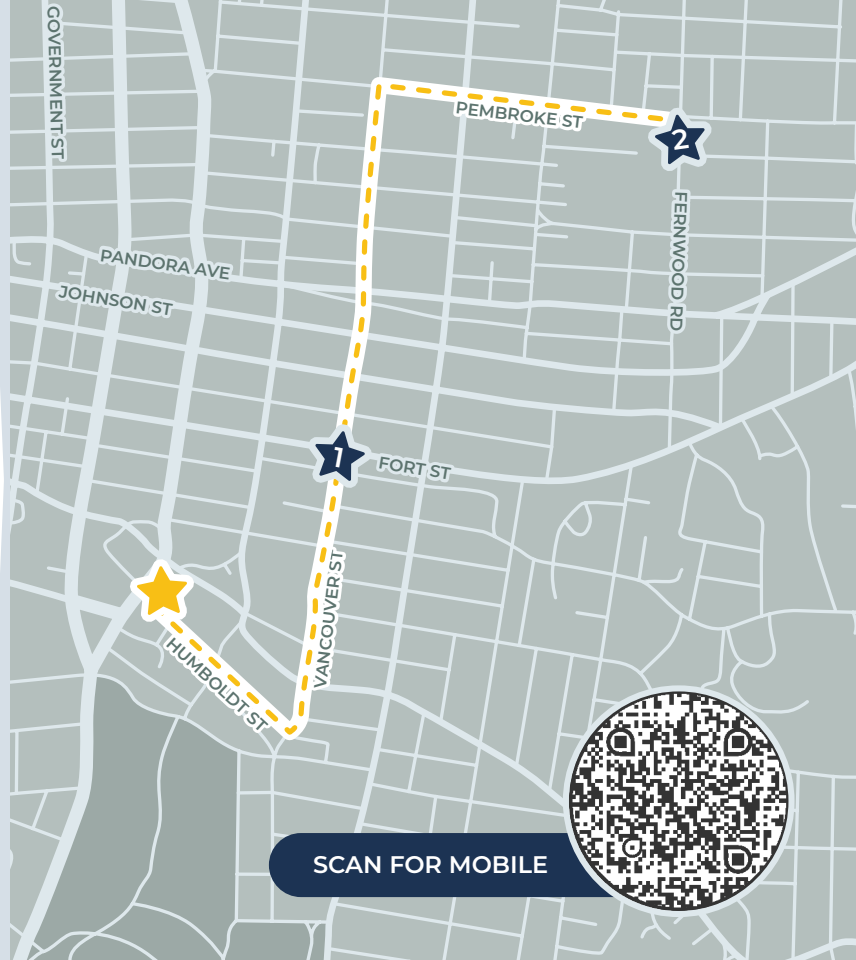
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Starting at The Parkside Hotel and Spa you will leisurely ride through some historic areas of Fairfield. Staying on Vancouver Street, a shared roadway, you will notice the large trees that form a canopy over you. Your first stop along your journey will take you to funky **Fort Street**, an area known for its unique shops and boutiques. We recommend that you lock your bicycle up and walk down each side of the road so you have a chance to see all that Fort Street has to offer.

Continuing along Vancouver Street and making a right on Pembroke Street you will come to the second and final stop of your short journey. **The Village of Fernwood** is a local favourite and is known as a hipster hangout. Make sure you check out the local **Fernwood Inn** for great pizza, **Little June** for delicious coffee and the **Belfry Theatre** for a piece of Victoria's historic Theatre Scene. Fernwood is home to countless side streets filled with historic homes that are definitely worth seeing. We recommend simply biking along the quiet streets and exploring on your own. Plenty of these historic homes have small "community libraries" in their lovely front gardens, so make sure you bring a book so you can trade yours in!

After spending a few hours in the Village of Fernwood, make your way back the same way you came.