

# Nightlife

Victoria has an active nightlife--you just have to go out and look for it! 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:

## Live Music & Nightclubs:

### Element

919 Douglas St. 250-383-7137  
www.elementnightclub.ca

This is a bangin' top 40 bar. A warning: if you're not into dodgy guys looking to pick up, sassy girls determined to get as drunk as possible, and one top 40 anthem after another on shuffle play with no mixing, this is hell.

### Evolution

502 Discovery St. 250-388-3000  
www.evotheclub.com

This place is famous for its cheap drinks and has no cover charge before 10 pm. Definitely a good place to dance it up with more of an alternative crowd.

### Lucky Bar

517 Yates St. 250-382-5825  
www.luckybar.ca

Definitely a local favourite, Lucky boasts a supremely killer sound system with massive bass drivers & a variety of DJs & live music acts that cover every genre.

### Logan's

1821 Cook St. 250-360-2711  
www.loganspub.com

One of the staples of the local indie music scene, Logan's hosts some of the city's best gigs in a comfortable, laid-back atmosphere. A great place to meet locals!

### Barcode

603 Pandora Ave.  
Jungle, House, Drum'n Bass and techno: this place sees some of the best DJs in the world come by.

### Paparazzi Nightclub

642 Johnson St. 250-388-0505  
www.prismlounge.com

Formerly known as Prism, Victoria's gay club hosts ultra-sassy drag nights and regular club nights with the queerest selection of techno and disco ever, they also hold the best karaoke night in town, ever.

### Sugar

858 Yates St. 250-920-9950  
www.sugarnightclub.ca

The greatest live venue in town. Hosting amazing touring & local acts. Keep up to date by checking their website.

### Plan B

1318 Broad St. 250-384-3557  
www.PlanBNightCLUB.ca

This is definitely a place to see, be seen, get toasted and roasted. They also happen to have Canada's only LED fully controlled lit dance floor. Watch out for dress codes, and don't piss off the bouncers!

### Hermann's Jazz Club

753 View St. 250-388-9166  
www.hermannsjazz.com

Near the corner of Blanshard and View, you can enjoy jazz music in this well-established pub-style restaurant. It's the place to go for jazz in Victoria.

### Hush

1325 Government St. 250-385-0566  
www.hushnightclub.ca

If you like loud dance music and you like electronics, this is the place for you. You'll find sultry girls, funky dudes, some nice pool action, back lit with dramatic red lights, and tons and tons of techno, house, and best of all, wicked cool drum n bass--all with a queer-friendly atmosphere.

### Red Jacket

751 View St. 250-384-2582  
www.thejacket.ca

Three different rooms, three different DJs, a pool table. Largely top 40, with some indie and house music thrown in depending what night you go.

## Pubs:

### Smith's Pub

777 Courtney St. 250-360-2544

This trendy pub houses a strong Brit-pop vibe in the air.

### Big Bad John's

919 Douglas St. 250-383-7137  
www.strathconahotel.com/big\_bad\_john\_s.html

Peanut shells on the floor, bras on the walls - you can't miss this place! Beer on special Monday through Friday and booze on special everyday of the week. Free peanuts! Oh yeah, and look out above you!

### Garrick's Head

1140 Government St. 250-0384-6835  
www.bedfordregency.com/pub.htm

This Scottish style pub is a great place to kick back and enjoy a cold one in a Cheers type atmosphere

### Darcy's

1127 Wharf St. 250-380-1322  
www.Darcyspub.ca

If you're into getting smashed while shouting conversations with friends above very loud alternative rock played live by local bands, head over to Darcy's.

### Sticky Wicket

919 Douglas St. 250-383-7137  
strathconahotel.com/the\_sticky\_wicket\_pub\_\_\_restau.html

The Sticky Wicket's rooftop patio with volleyball court is a favourite in the summer. The pub/restaurant is massive!

### Canoe Club

450 Swift St. 250-361-1940  
www.canoebrewpub.com

This beautiful water-side restaurant features its own on-site brewery.

### Bard and Banker

1022 Government St. 250-953-9993

From the same people who brought you Irish Times comes a new English Rock style pub with a gorgeous interior and a sidewalk patio for sunny day people watching.

## **Pubs Continued:**

### **Irish Times**

1200 Government St. 250-383-7775

[www.IrishTimesPub.ca](http://www.IrishTimesPub.ca)

Upscale faux-Irish pub, good live music. It's a bit pricey, but you're paying for a great atmosphere.

### **The Beagle Pub**

301 Cook St. 250-382-3301

A great neighbourhood pub nestled in the heart of Cook Street Village. Has a laid-back, non-pretentious atmosphere. Just note that it closes early so if you want a late night in a pub you'll have to head downtown. Open 11am-11pm, 7 days a week.

### **Bent Mast**

512 Simcoe St. 250-383-6000

Set in an old heritage house in James Bay, the Bent Mast is a great place to spend an afternoon or evening schmoozing with Victoria locals and getting to know the fabulously friendly owner, Jerry.

### **Christie's Carriage House Pub**

1739 Fort St. 250-598-5333

This large pub in Oak Bay has been a favourite among locals and visitors since 1986, boasting the largest draft selection in B.C.!! Over 32 different drafts on tap.

### **Fernwood Inn**

1302 Gladstone St. 250-412-2002

This recently renovated neighbourhood pub is one swanky pub with a great 'everyone knows your name' feel to it. Did that make sense? Go see for yourself!

### **Fifth Street Bar & Woodfire Grill**

1028 Hillside Ave. 250-380-4600

Not quite downtown, but if you're in the Quadra/Hillside neighbourhood, this is a good place to check out. It's half-pub, half-restaurant.

### **Soprano's Sports Bar & Karaoke Club**

730 Caledonia St. 250-382-5853

[www.sopranoskaraoke.com](http://www.sopranoskaraoke.com)

More than just a bar! Drop by for food and drinks, a game of pool, try your luck at Guitar Hero (on stage!) or bring on your inner diva and sing your little heart out! Ask for a coupon at the front desk.

### **Spinnaker's Brewpub**

308 Catherine St. 250-386-2739

[www.spinnakers.com](http://www.spinnakers.com)

Also a little bit out of downtown but well worth it is this cosy but swank brewpub. Amazing view of the inner harbour, tasty brews and free pool tables = a great place to unwind. I suggest taking the scenic waterside walk from downtown straight to the pub!

## **Lounges and Quiet Places:**

### **Vista 18**

740 Burdett Ave. [www.vista18.com](http://www.vista18.com)

This swanky place offers a panoramic view of Victoria from its location on the 18th floor of the hotel, with full breakfast, lunch and dinner menus. Drinks overlooking the city at night?

### **The Mint**

1414 Douglas St. 250-386-6468

Just a block away from the hostel 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 great meal--and they're open until 2am!

## **After Hours Eating:**

### **The Mint**

1414 Douglas St. 250-386-6468

See above.

### **QV's Cafe & Bakery**

1701 Government St. 250-384-8831

They offer a variety of late night snacks for those with late night cravings. Open til midnight.

### **Brickyard Pizza**

784 Yates St. 250-995-2722

A definite favourite, this place is home to some fabulous pizza at great prices and they're licensed to serve beer!

### **Pacific Rim Pizza**

1001 Douglas St. 250-385-1167, and

523 Pandora Avenue 250-385-7746

Their mission is to provide the "Tastiest Pizza in Town" at a great value to their customers. Hard to say no to that.

### **Pita Pit**

1221 Wharf St. 250-382-2229

Healthy, fast and relatively cheap pitas. These guys are open late.. REAL late.. we're talking like 4am!

### **The Joint Pizzeria & Deli**

1219 Wharf St. 250-389-2226

It's not 99 cents but damn it's fine. You also have your choice of organic whole wheat crust or organic white crust, vegan...open until 3am.

### **Ali Baba's**

784 Yates St. 250-995-2722

They've been voted Best Pizza in Victoria, and offer some great pizzas if you're looking for a change from the norm. Huge slices for \$4. open until 12 am nightly except Sundays and holidays

### **James Joyce Bistro**

1-1175C Douglas St. 250-384-3332

Serving all manner of late night food until 12:45 Sunday and Monday, and 1:45 every other night of the week. You can even play some pool while you're there at Peacock Billiards

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