

# 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 Street 383-7137 [elementnightclub.ca](http://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 Street 388-3000  
This place is famous for its cheap drinks and has no cover charge before 10 pm. Each night of the week has a different theme i.e. Temptation Mondays, Alternative Tuesdays, Retro Wednesdays, Live Thursdays, Edgy Fridays, Sexy Saturdays and Service Industry Sundays--definitely a good place to dance it up with more of an alternative crowd.

### Lucky Bar

517 Yates Street 382-5825 [www.luckybar.ca](http://www.luckybar.ca)  
Definitely a local favourite, Lucky boasts a supremely killer sound system with massive bass drivers, rad live music almost every night, with house music Saturday nights.

### Logan's

1821 Cook Street 360-2711 [www.loganspub.com](http://www.loganspub.com)  
One of the staples of the local indie music scene, Logan's hosts some of the city's best gigs (including Open Mic on Monday nights) in a comfortable, laid-back atmosphere. A great place to meet locals!

### Prism

642 Johnson Street 388-0505 [www.prismlounge.com](http://www.prismlounge.com)  
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 (Mondays).

### Sugar

858 Yates Street 920-9950  
Sugar was *the* place to be. Then it closed. Then it opened for special events only. Now it's open regularly! It bounced back with the flair it had once before and is again bumping every Saturday night! They tend to play more hip hop and top 40 these days. If that's your thing, you should give this place a check out. Check out their homepage: <http://www.sugarnightclub.ca>

### Plan B

858 Yates Street 920-9950 [www.PlanBNightCLub.ca](http://www.PlanBNightCLub.ca)  
This is definitely a place to see, be seen, and 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 Street 388-9166 [www.hermannsjazz.com](http://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 Street 385-0566  
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.

### Barcode

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

## Pubs:

### Big Bad John's

919 Douglas Street 383-7137 [strathconahotel.com/big\\_bad\\_john\\_s.html](http://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 Street 384-6835 [bedfordregency.com/pub.htm](http://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 Street 380-1322 [Darcyspub.ca](http://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 Street 383-7137 [strathconahotel.com/the\\_sticky\\_wicket\\_pub\\_\\_restau.html](http://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!

### Smith's Pub

777 Courtney Street 360-2544  
Formerly the Old Bailey Pub, this trendy new pub in town houses a strong Brit-pop vibe in the air.

### Canoe Club

450 Swift Street 361-1940  
This beautiful new restaurant right down on the water features its own on-site brewery.

## **Pubs Continued:**

### **Irish Times**

1200 Government St. 383-7775 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 Street 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 Street 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 Street 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 Street 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 Avenue 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 Street 382-5853 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!

### **Spinnaker's Brewpub**

308 Catherine Street 386-2739 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  
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. 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 super-late!

## **After Hours Eating:**

### **The Mint**

1414 Douglas St. 386-6468  
See above.

### **QV's Cafe & Bakery (Closed ~4-6am)**

1701 Government Street 384-8831  
They offer a variety of late night snacks for those with midnight (or later!) cravings. A good place to check out the various Victoria nightowls!

### **Brickyard Pizza**

784 Yates Street 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**

704 Broughton Street, 523 Pandora Avenue  
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 Street  
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. 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...

### **Ali Baba's**

784 Yates Street 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.

### **Paul's Motor Inn Restaurant (Open 24hrs)**

1900 Douglas Street 382-9231  
Keep going down Douglas out of town, it's about six blocks from Pandora. Great greasy spoon food, 24 hours a day. This is the only completely reliable place to find food anytime you need it. You almost expect Tom Waits to walk in the door and start singing Nighthawks At The Diner.

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