



Cruise Ship Schedule 2008

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Victoria, B.C., Monday, February 25, 2008.... The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority released the 2008 cruise ship schedule today. Holland America Line, Norwegian Line, Princess Cruises, Celebrity Cruises, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Royal Caribbean International, and Silversea Cruises will bring an estimated 396,000 visitors to Victoria on 25 different ships.

The first scheduled cruise ship of the year is Celebrity Cruise Lines' *Mercury* on April 3, 2008; *Mercury* was the last ship to visit in the 2007 season and is the last scheduled ship in 2008 departing on October 14. The 2008 year will see a mix of large ships and smaller luxury vessels including midweek visits from the *Tahitian Princess*.

For members of the community wanting to watch the vessels sail in and out of Ogden Point, Dallas Road offers a great viewing spot that is easily accessible by bike or on foot.

In addition to the deep sea cruise ships, 10 pocket cruise ships are scheduled to visit Ship Point in the Inner Harbour starting on April 24, 2008 with Cruise West's *Spirit of Endeavour*. The pocket cruise ships are smaller vessels which deliver visitors to the doorstep of downtown Victoria.

The complete 2008 cruise ship schedule can be found at www.victoriaharbour.org

The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) owns and operates deep water, marina and upland holdings throughout Victoria's harbour including the large vessel Ogden Point port facility, Victoria's renowned Fisherman's Wharf, and the inner harbour's new luxury yacht and marine tourism facility at Ship Point. GVHA's vision is a harbour where people live, learn, work and play; a spectacular gateway into Victoria's past and into its future, monumental in look and feel, linking communities and all people together. GVHA is incorporated under the BC Society Act and is governed by a board of directors representing key stakeholders and the community at-large.

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