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Long weekend last chance for summer fun at the Royal BC Museum

VICTORIA, BC — Those dog days of summer are nearly over but there's lots of fun left to be had at the Royal BC Museum. All Labour Day weekend long, you'll have one last chance to learn more about the museum's collections, historic sites, and breathtaking exhibitions through our summer series of guided tours.

Don't miss out on your chance to go behind the scenes and get the inside scoop on our exhibitions.

Snapshot Tour of Angkor: The Lost Empire of Cambodia *(guided tour)*

- **Saturday and Sunday, 3:00–3:20 PM, on-site, 2nd floor, included with admission**
- Join us for a 20-minute guided tour and discover some of the ancient stories of Hinduism and Buddhism. Visitors will gain a deeper understanding of the beautiful artifacts and displays in the exhibition and learn about the importance of religion as the way of life that founded Angkor and shaped it into a vast Empire. This tour begins at the top of the escalator on the second floor.

Natural History Gallery *(guided tours)*

- **Saturday and Sunday, 11–11:30 PM, on-site, 2nd floor, included with admission**
- Join us for a 30-minute guided tour and uncover some of the highlights and hidden gems of the Natural History Gallery.
- Natural History tours meet at the top of the escalator on the second floor.

Helmcken House *(guided tour)*

- **Daily through September 4, 12–2 PM, drop-in at Helmcken House, FREE**
- Helmcken House was built by Dr. John Sebastian Helmcken, a surgeon with the Hudson's Bay Company. It is one of the oldest houses in British Columbia still on its original site. The doctor's original 19th century medical kit is among the interesting items on display.

Behind the Scenes: Mammal Matters *(guided tour)*

- **Monday, 11–11:30 AM, on-site, included with admission/membership**
- Tours are limited to 10 people. Set up begins one hour prior to the tour start time. Sign up at the information desk on the main floor.
- This tour will focus on our vertebrate collection from the small to the mighty.

And don't forget about our four unbelievable feature exhibitions, including *Angkor: The Lost Empire of Cambodia*, *SUE: The T. rex Experience*, and *Dinosaurs of BC*, on now through January, and *Sacred Journey*, and here until October 29.

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More fun than you can fit into one day? Take advantage of our summer hours—we're open late Fridays and Saturdays until 10 PM—and don't forget to pick up a Royal BC Museum Membership so you can come back anytime to wander the galleries and take it all in at your own pace.

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About the Royal BC Museum: The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Located in Victoria on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations), we are a hub of community connections in BC—on-site, off-site, and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

For tickets to IMAX® Victoria and the Royal BC Museum, including combo tickets for both attractions, visit: [Tickets](#)

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For information about visiting the Royal BC Museum, visit: [Plan Your Visit](#)

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