

# Vacation Guide

## Return to historical elegance in Canadian cities

By DALE CALLINGHAM

A burial plot for executed criminals... a farm that later became an area for the rich... an auction block for stolen goods... one of Canada's earliest settlements.

What can these places possibly have in common? Today, despite their diverse backgrounds, all are popular shopping districts and prime examples of how Canadian cities are preserving their past.

The idea of restoring city cores is not new, but in the last 10 years the trend has spread to almost every major Canadian centre.

All are lively commercial and shopping districts - not museum pieces. And the nice thing is that each has its individual personality, history, atmosphere and architectural significance.

In Halifax, Nova Scotia, for example, a city strongly linked to the sea, the waterfront district - now called Historic Properties - has been restored to original splendour with nautical theme intact.

Once dusty, seedy warehouses (dating to about 1800)

tori's finest boutiques, restaurants, art galleries, craft shops and native art stores. And the castle-like Maritime Museum reigns over the square like a proud - and forgiving - matriarch.

Across the Strait of Georgia, Vancouver's Gastown district was named after "Gassy Jack" Deighton who, in 1867, established a hotel in the locale.

Typical of most renewed shopping areas, Gastown is where visitors find a concentration of unusual and hand-crafted items - British Columbia jade, hand-blown glass, homemade clothing, finely-blended tobacco, native art, jewelry and unique local and imported goods.

Also among the cobblestoned streets and courtyards are hobby stores and wholesalers which make it ideal for gift-shopping, excellent restaurants, nightspots and art galleries, and historical landmarks.

In contrast to the rowdy stories behind Historic Properties and Bastion Square, Hess Village in Hamilton, Ontario has always been the epitome of dignity.

Today, Yorkville is a charming collection of tidy boutiques and cafes, and a delightful place to browse. There's a wide variety of stores, many in enclosed malls, but women's clothing shops seem to dominate and it's easy to see why Toronto is a fashion capital.

Montreal, Quebec was one of the first communities to realize the value of preserving its original buildings. In 1962 a municipal commission was set up to protect them and, in 1964, the province declared the entire 38 ha (95

acres) of Old Montreal an historic site.

As far back as 1642, and continuing over many decades, French settlers gradually built up a little city of stone, reproducing the narrow streets and architecture of medieval Europe in the wilds of North America.

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Halifax, Nova Scotia takes advantage of its colorful past by emphasizing the nautical - and naughty - history of its waterfront district. Now a popular shopping area, Historic Properties was once the headquarters for pirates, and reminders of this era add to the fun of browsing in the boutiques.

(Canadian Government Office of Tourism Photo)

are now bright, neat buildings containing approximately 40 shops, restaurants, pubs and offices - all with salty names like King's Wharf, Clipper Cay, Pieces of Eight and The Barnacle.

Special attraction in summer is the Bluenose II, an exact replica of its racing predecessor which, in the early 1900s, was the fastest schooner in the world. Now, visitors board its namesake for cruises into the harbor.

Walking the cobblestoned alleys, absorbing the fresh salt air and enjoying the beauty of circling gulls, one would never suspect that there was a time when no self-respecting citizen would venture into the area.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, privateers used the district as their headquarters for slipping out into Atlantic waters, attacking ships and returning to auction the stolen goods to the highest bidder. The general atmosphere was evident in such names as Knock 'Em Down Street and Seven Steps to Hell brook.

Victoria, British Columbia, also had a few skeletons in the closet which were hauled out and dusted off to embellish the history behind that city's revitalized shopping district. However, it's said they missed some and that shopper who explore the beautiful boutiques of Bastion Square might indeed be walking over the remains of a few executed criminals.

Through the gold rush, whaling and sealing eras of the 19th century, rascals miners and sailors, back-alley meetings, and saloons and dance halls were the order of the day. But, by the turn of the century, the London architecture of the square gradually began to take over, luring prominent lawyers, and the long climb to respectability began.

Today, picturesque gas lamps, flower baskets and multi-tiered walkways guide visitors through some of Vic-

Originally, a farm belonging to the Hess family, it later became the site of stately mansions built around the turn of the century by Hamilton's leading citizens.

Starting in 1971, each house was gradually renovated, with great care taken to preserve original interior and exteriors whenever possible. Such authenticity is a major factor in all the overhauled shopping districts so that each comprises an architectural record of the era it represents.

The four blocks of Hess Village now boast more than 30 antique and art galleries, fashion and book stores, gift and children's shops, and other specialty boutiques.

Probably the most famous of Canada's revitalized downtown cores is Yorkville in Toronto, Ontario. For a long time Yorkville was a self-contained village and then, in 1883, became part of Toronto. It remained a sturdy working-class neighborhood until the mid-1950s when artists and craftsmen started infiltrating and coffeehouses sprang up. By the mid-60s, Yorkville was Canada's answer to Haight-Ashbury and Sunset Strip.

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\$74,900.00

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