

Southern Groups: The Kwakiutl or Kwakwaka'wakh, The Nootka or Nuu-Chah-Nulth, and The Coast Salish. The Kwakiutl people were fine wood carvers and mask makers and are best known for their spectacular religious dances. The Coast Salish lived around Puget Sound, near present day Seattle and Vancouver, and built enormous houses in which entire villages of several hundred people lived. The Nootka, who inhabited western Vancouver Island, were the first B.C. Coast natives to come into contact with Europeans. Captain Cook's ship, the Resolution sailed into Nootka Sound in 1778 and was met by Makweena, a Nootka leader. The Nootka are famed whale hunters.

Be sure to visit the [British Columbia Museum TOTEM GALLERY](#) right across the street from the Parliament Buildings. Here also are housed the British Columbia Archives and IMAX Theatre. Be prepared to be amazed!

While in Victoria, be sure to visit the new Exhibit, **Gold Rush! El Dorado in BC** showing from May 13 – October 31, 2015. Catch Gold Fever! In 1858 word of 'gold' rang out in the Fraser Canyon, starting a dramatic movement of people to what were largely unexplored regions of BC.

Through interactive displays and rare artifacts, this fascinating exhibition will show you how everything changed forever with the gold rushes of the 1800s, as class and racial barriers were broken down and people seized the extraordinary opportunities that glittered before them. We delve into the passions roused by the alluring ore and tell this important chapter of history from a strikingly global perspective – the exhibition includes Allure of Gold from the Museo del Oro in Bogota, Colombia.

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