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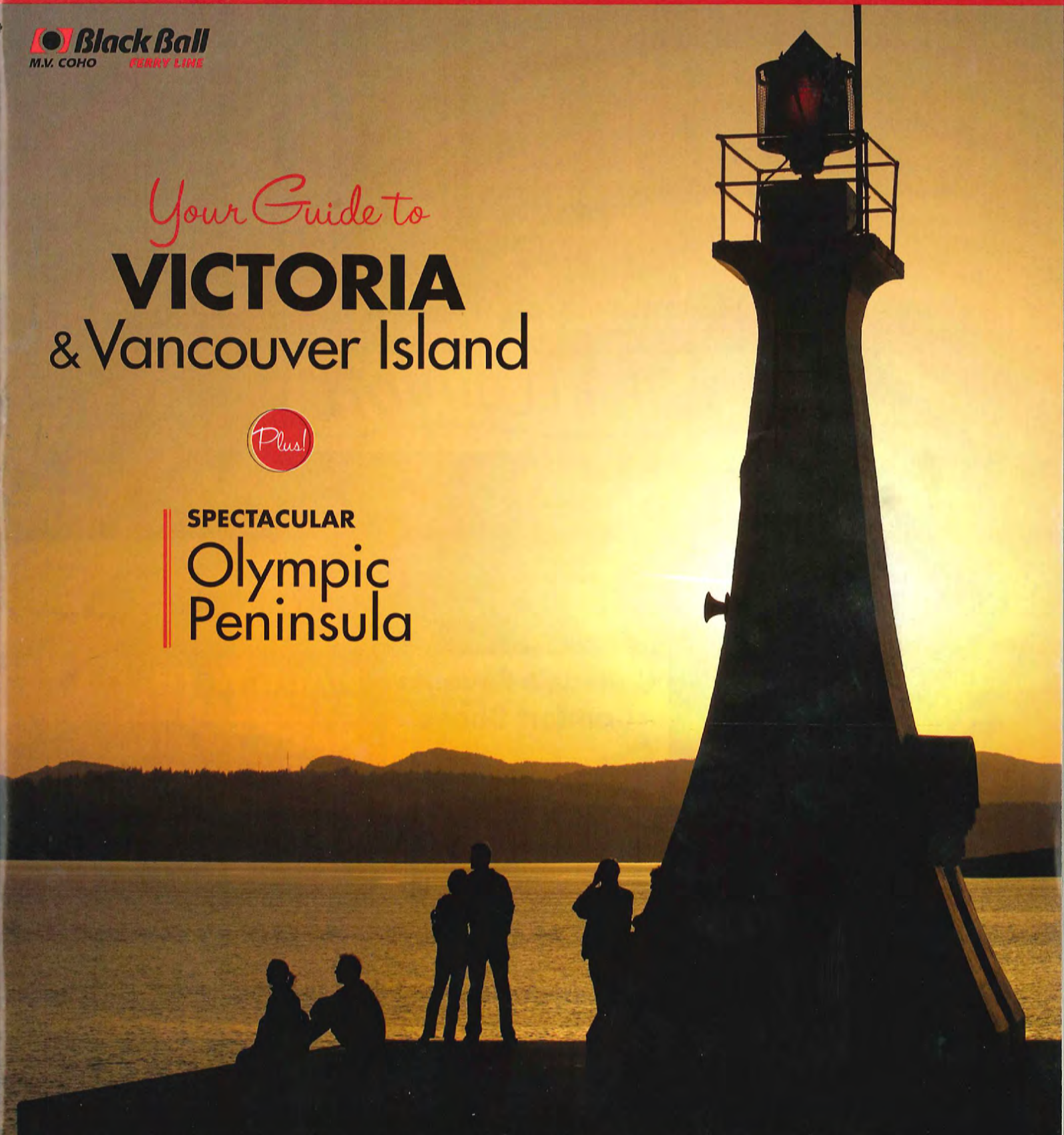
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*Your Guide to*  
**VICTORIA**  
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*Plus!*

SPECTACULAR

Olympic  
Peninsula



## Lake Crescent

Eighteen miles (29 kilometres) west of Port Angeles, Highway 101 hugs the curves around the chilly, cobalt waters of 8.5-mile-long (14 kilometres) Lake Crescent, most of which is inside the Olympic National Park. Lake Crescent Lodge ([www.olympicnationalparks.com](http://www.olympicnationalparks.com)), nestled in fir and hemlock trees overlooking the lake, is a relaxing, historic getaway. Nearby, 90-foot (27 meter) Marymere Falls is just one of numerous maidenhair fern-edged waterfalls that spill out of the rugged Olympics. See [www.olympicpeninsulawaterfalltrail.com](http://www.olympicpeninsulawaterfalltrail.com) to create your own waterfall tour.

Just beyond the lake, Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort ([www.visitsolduc.com](http://www.visitsolduc.com)) features three warm, aromatic, mineral-laden soaking pools and a large, unheated freshwater pool. Cabins and duplexes offer overnight accommodations. The .75-mile (1 kilometre) riverside hike to Sol Duc Falls here is well worth the walk; it passes through primeval old-growth forest before opening up to the thundering falls.

## Forks

Fifty-seven miles (92 kilometres) southwest of Port Angeles, on Highway 101, Forks was once known as "The Logging Capital of the World." Today it's better known as the hometown of characters in Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" book and movie series about a love affair between a vampire and a teen. The town is enjoying its time in the spotlight, with visitors from around the world thronging streets in search of Twilight-theme attractions such as Bella's red '50s truck outside the Chamber of Commerce (1411 Forks Ave. S), and the Cullen House, actually a B&B. Gift shops, including Native to Twilight and Salmonberry Artisan's Market (with a focus on local art) cater to the swooning swarms of teens, and a couple of tour companies transport fans to Twilight highlights in Forks and nearby La Push.

While the dense forests of the Olympic Peninsula factor prominently in the Twilight story series, a very different story—of the

## COASTAL CABINS AND COTTAGES

Just north of Pacific Beach, the newly renovated **IRON SPRINGS RESORT** ([www.ironspringsresort.com](http://www.ironspringsresort.com)) has more than two-dozen cozy view cabins. South of Pacific Beach, the ritzy **SEABROOK** ([www.seabrookwa.com](http://www.seabrookwa.com)) planned community, atop a forested bluff, offers beautifully furnished contemporary cottages for rent and a new indoor swimming pool. Seabrook's spiffy new **MILL 109 RESTAURANT & PUB** features local foods and microbrews.

loggers who once relied on old-growth Douglas-fir, Sitka spruce and cedar for their livelihoods—is on display at the Forks Timber Museum (1411 Forks Ave. S), with logging camp and pioneer history exhibits. The town proudly celebrates its logging history every year during the entertaining Old Fashioned Forks Fourth of July Parade.

Twelve miles (19 kilometres) west of Forks, Rialto Beach offers easy access to the Pacific; sea stacks dot the horizon here, and windswept evergreens cling to headlands. At the end of the La Push Rd., the tiny village of La Push, on the Quileute Indian Reservation, is within easy reach of several beaches.

## The Wild Pacific Coast

Everything seems just a bit more wild along the Pacific Coast, where a nearly 100-mile-long (161 kilometres) string of log-strewn beaches is washed by waves travelling across vast reaches of Pacific Ocean. Offshore sea stacks here harbour clouds of common murrens and tufted puffins, and inland, moist valleys grow mammoth trees blanketed with thick carpets of hanging moss.

With as much as 14 feet (4 meters) of rainfall a year, the Olympic National Park's western valleys bristle with ancient Western hemlocks, Douglas-firs,

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