

BEST MOORAGE OPTIONS TO VISIT BUTCHART GARDENS FIREWORKS

6 GREAT PLACES TO STAY ON THE WATER

🌟 FIREWORKS: SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026 • 10:00 PM 🕒 SHOW LENGTH: ~30 MINUTES



WHAT MATTERS MOST?

- PROTECTION (from wind / swell)
- FIREWORKS VIEW (from vessel)
- DINGHY / TAXI ACCESS (to gardens)
- AMENITIES (power, water, showers, etc.)
- COST RANGE (CAD per night)
- BEST FOR

	1 TOD INLET (ANCHORAGE)	2 BRENTWOOD BAY RESORT MARINA	3 MILL BAY MARINA	4 ANGLERS ANCHORAGE MARINA	5 BRENTWOOD BAY (ANCHORAGE)	6 SIDNEY BY THE SEA MARINA
DISTANCE TO BUTCHART GARDENS	0.2 nm (~5 min)	0.6 nm (~10 min)	5.5 nm (~20 min)	0.7 nm (~10-12 min)	0.3 nm (~5-8 min)	9 nm (~30-35 min)
PROTECTION	★★★★★ Excellent	★★★★★ Excellent	★★★★☆ Very Good	★★★★☆ Very Good	★★★★☆ Very Good	★★★☆☆ Fair-Good (Exposed in Gusts)
FIREWORKS VIEW FROM BOAT	★★★★★ Best - Closest!	★★★★☆ Excellent	★★★☆☆ Good (Distant but Visible)	★★★★☆ Excellent	★★★★☆ Excellent	★★☆☆☆ Fair (Far but Still Visible)
DINGHY / TAXI ACCESS TO GARDENS	Very Easy (~5 min dinghy)	Easy (Short water taxi or dinghy)	Easy (Short water taxi ride)	Easy (Short water taxi or dinghy)	Easy (Short dinghy ride)	Easy (Short water taxi ride)
AMENITIES	None on water (Anchorage only)	Full Service Power, Water, Showers, Fuel, Restaurant, Resort	Full Service Power, Water, Showers, Fuel, Store, Restaurant	Full Service Power, Water, Showers, Village Nearby	None on water (Anchorage only)	Full Service Power, Water, Showers, Fuel, Restaurants, Shops
COST RANGE (CAD / NIGHT)	FREE (Anchorage)	\$2.00 - \$2.75 per foot	\$1.75 - \$2.25 per foot	\$1.75 - \$2.25 per foot	FREE (Anchorage)	\$2.50 - \$3.50 per foot
BEST FOR	Boaters wanting the closest spot and best fireworks view	Those wanting amenities, comfort and convenience	Boaters who prefer docks with more peace & space	Convenient marina with quick access and village nearby	Larger boats needing more room to anchor comfortably	Those combining fireworks with town amenities & shopping
NOTES	Limited space - arrive by early afternoon	Most convenient marina for the gardens	Quieter setting, beautiful approach up the inlet	Call ahead - limited transient space on busy weekends	More room for larger vessels; easy maneuvering	Farthest option but great for provisioning & exploring Sidney

RECOMMENDATION

If fireworks are your priority:

- **PLAN A:** Tod Inlet Anchorage (best view, closest)
- **PLAN B:** Brentwood Bay Resort Marina (amenities & convenience)
- **PLAN C:** Brentwood Bay Anchorage (more room for larger boats)

Arrive by early afternoon (1-2 PM if possible).

KEY

- ★★★★ Best / Excellent
- ★★★ Very Good
- ★★ Good
- ★ Fair

HELPFUL TIPS

- Weekends in July are busy - book marina slips early.
- Dinghy to the gardens or use local water taxis.
- Bring layers - evenings can be cool on the water.
- Enjoy dinner aboard and the show from your cockpit or flybridge!