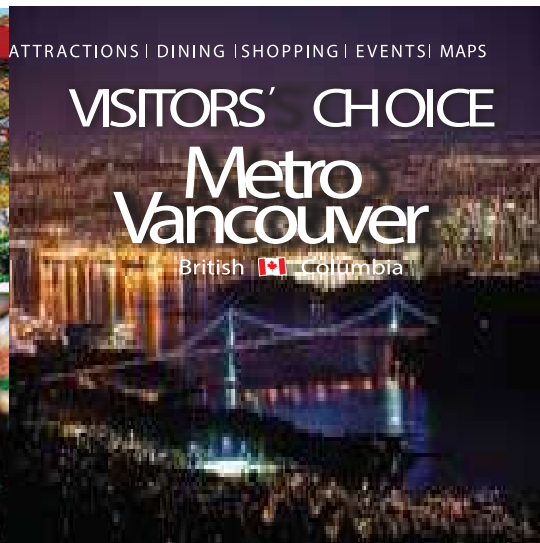
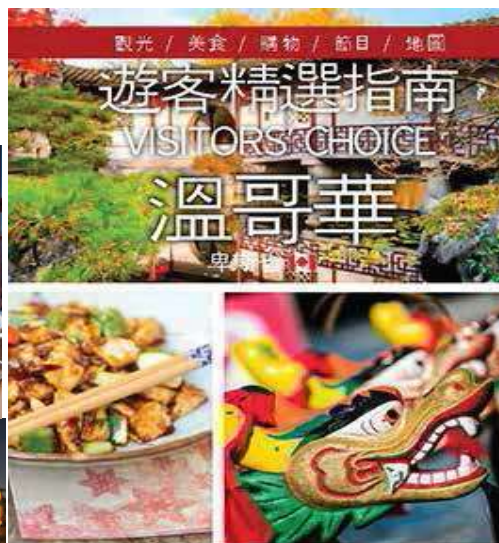


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VISITORS' CHOICE



FAST FACTS

Frequency per year - 7 issues printed,
Spring, Summer, Fall, Christmas, Winter, Metro and Chinese

- Average annual readership - 1.3 million
- Annual distribution - 250,000
- Readers per copy - 4.1
- Average age - 45
- Average household income - \$103,000

TOURISM

- 10.3 Million people visited Vancouver in 2017.
- Top five visitors markets are Canada, United States, China, Australia and United Kingdom.
- Tourism contributes approximately \$48 billion to the Metro Vancouver economics annually.
- Vancouver receives more than 230 Cruise Ship calls annually. Each cruise ship stimulates nearly \$3 million in economic activity for the local economy.

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BCAA Distribution Centre
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Burnaby Cariboo RV Park
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Cassandra Hotel
Days Inn
Delta Hotel
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Dockside Brewing
DR. Sun Yat Sen Classical
Chinese Garden
Executive Hotel
Fortune House Restaurant
Fraser Works
Happy Day Inn
Holiday Inn Express
Hilton Metrotown
JJ Print Media
Kids Market
Mahonys Stamps Landing
Mahonys UBC
Mahonys Vancouver Convention
Centre
Metropolis at Metrotown Info Desk
Mercedes Benz
OK Boot Corral
Old Spaghetti Factory
Pacific Centre

Rendezvous Art Gallery
Sea Vancouver
Shadbolt Centre
Simon Fraser International
Stanley Park Horsedrawn Tours
Stanley Park Pavillion
SFU McTaggart – Cowan Hall
Thai House
Top of Vancouver
UBC Botanical Gardens
Urban Fare (3 locations)
Vancouver Convention and
Exhibition Centre
White Spot Restaurant
Yaletown Brewing Co.
YWCA

North Shore

Beaton Meet and Greet
Best Western Capilano
Capilano Bookstore
Capilano Fish Hatchery
Capilano Suspension Bridge
Comfort Inn
Grouse Inn
Holiday Inn
Maplewood Farm
North Vancouver City Library
North Vancouver Hotel
North Vancouver Visitors
Info Centre

Park & Tilford Gardens
Park Royal Shopping Centre
Pinnacle Hotel
Quay Hotel
Sewells

Delta /Richmond

Abercorn Inn
Aberdeen Centre
Accent Inns
BCAA Delta
BCAA Richmond
Canadream Campers
Coast Tsawwassen Inn
Days Inn Vancouver Airport
Gulf Of Georgia Cannery
Hampton Inn
Hilton Vancouver Airport
Holiday Inn Vancouver Airport
La Quinta Inn Vancouver Airport
Lansdowne Centre
Richmond Caring Place
Richmond Centre Customer Care
River Rock Hotel
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
Steveston Hotel
Westin Wall Centre Hotel

Langley/New West /Surrey

Best Western King George
Best Western Peace Arch
Canadian Inn
Canada's Best Value Inn

Cloverdale BIA
Days Inn & Suites Langley
Econolodge
Grouse Creek Motel
Hazelmere RV Park
Holiday Inn Express Surrey
Holiday Inn Surrey/Cloverdale
Justice Institute of BC
Langley Highway Motel
Linda Vista Motel
Morgan Crossing Shopping Mall
Ocean Promenade Hotel
Pacific Border RV
Pacific Inn
Peace Arch RV Park
Plaza RV
Sandman Hotel
Signature Hotel & Suites
Sandman Suites Surrey
Semiamoo Shopping Centre
Surrey Museum
Timberland Motel

Abbotsford/Aldergrove

Best Western Bakerview Inn
Best Western Plus Country
Meadows
Best Western Regency Inn
Coast Hotel
Greater Vancouver Zoo
Ramada Plaza
Sandman Hotel and Suites

Information Centres

Gibsons Visitor Info Centre
Info booth at Stanley Park
(seasonal)
Madeira Park Visitors Info Centre
North Vancouver Chamber of
Commerce
Richmond Info Centre
Roundhouse Community Centre
Sechelt Visitors Info Centre
Surrey Visitor Centre
The Landing Info Desk
Tourism Langley
Tourism Maple Ridge
Tourism Richmond
Tourism Squamish
Tourism Vancouver
Tourism White Rock
Tri Cities Chamber of Commerce

Attractions

Capilano Suspension bridge
Dr. Sun Yat Sen Classical
Chinese Gardens
Grouse Mountain
Museum of Anthropology
Prince of Whales (seasonal)
Science World at TELUS World
of Science

Vancouver Art Gallery
Vancouver Aquarium Marine
Science Centre
Vancouver Maritime Museum
Vancouver Museum
Vancouver Whale Watch (seasonal)
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Cruise Ship Terminal
False Creek Ferries
Helijet YVR
Helijet Coal Harbour
Hertz Rent a Car
Million Air
Rocky Mountaineer (seasonal)
PCL-CN Station
VIA Rail
Waterfront Skytrain Station
Westcoast Express

Other

Art Institute
Ashton College
C&N Backpacker Hostel x2
Bill Reid Gallery
Blodel Conservatory
City square Info Centre
Comedy Mix
Coastal Peoples Fine Art Gallery
Crystal works
Harbour Cruises
Lonsdale Quay info Centre
Poco Inn and Suites
Robson Public Market
The Cambie Hostel
Travel Cuts
UBC Beatty Bio Diversity Museum
UBC Bookstore
UBC Conference Centre
Vancouver Aquatic Centre
Vancouver City Hall
Vancouver Community College
EF International Language Schools
ELS Language Centres
GEOS Language School
Inlingua School
ISS Language and Career College
King George International College

Pan Pacific College
Parq Hotel & Casino
Fly Over Canada
Ronald McDonald House
Sunset Beach Concession (seasonal)
Vancouver Police Museum
Horseshoe Bay Motel
Artina's
Audain Art gallery
Big Bus
Hills Native Art
Jade
Edible Canada
Emily Carr University
English Bay Gallery
Equinox Gallery
Granville Island Brewery
Granville Island CMHC
Inukshuk gallery
Pacific Wave Glass Art
Pousette Gallery
Ciao Bella Restaurant
Robson College
Samesun Backpackers Hostel
SFU Student ESL
Sprott Shaw College
Visions Info Centre
Vancouver Film School

VISITORS' CHOICE

Vancouver

INSIDE VISITORS' CHOICE

Our guides cover everything Vancouver: shopping, dining, events, kid-friendly attractions and outdoor fun - plus we break down the city by neighbourhood and provide easy-to-read-maps for getting around.

What's Happening?

Community events to concert listings, we break it down month by month

What's Happening?

EVENTS, FESTIVALS & PERFORMANCES

SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 11-SEPTEMBER 20
Bard on the Beach
A true Shakespearean theatre experience - under an outdoor tent 204 plays: A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Tempest, Cymbeline and Equivocation by Bill Cain.
Vanier Park
604.739.0559
bardonthebeach.org
Image: Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival

JULY

1 Canada Day Celebration
Get your flag ready! With live jazz performances courtesy of Coastal Jazz and Blues Society, face painting, moving characters, games, a parade and more, this is a birthday bash that everyone can enjoy.
Granville Island
604.666.4455 | granvilleisland.com

1 Stevenson Salinas Fest
Canada's "toppest little birthday party" takes off each year with a parade, craft show, cultural performances, a carnival and more than 1,200 pounds of fresh salmon grilled over open pits.
Stevenson Village, Richmond
stevensonvillage.com

1-Aug 31 Pop-Up Picnic
Robson Street restaurant and food truck together grab menu options including sushi, crepes, pizza, burgers and ribs. Simply call ahead to order, pick it up and then find a perfect spot to chew down. Public seating areas are located at various points along and around Robson.
Robson Street
604.688.8832 | robsonstreet.ca

1-Sept 30 Touch Wood
A celebration of wood by B.C. artists and sculptors.

SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 1: Canada Day
Free family fun including music, dance, cuisine, exhibits and displays from across the nation to celebrate Canada's birthday.
604.665.9000 | canadaday.ca
Image: Canada Place City

11-Aug 7 Enchanted Evening Concert Series
Enjoy a dinner, wine, cocktails and other tasty delights before experiencing an exciting musical lineup of blues, classical piano and traditional Japanese dance theatre performances.
Dr. Sun Yat-Sun Classical Chinese Garden
604.682.3207
vancouverchinese.org

12 Khatlano Street Party
Vancouver's biggest free music and arts festival features eight stages showcasing more than 50 live local music performers, plus a wide variety of food options, including live food giveaways, special activities and, and this year, featured outdoor beer gardens, spread over 10 car-free blocks.
West 4th Avenue between Burrard and Macdonald
khatlanostreetparty.com

15 Ringo Starr & His All-Star Band
Hard Rock Casino Vancouver
Copenhagen
HardRock.com

20-21 Vancouver Folk Music Festival
From Joan Baez and Andrew Bird to Diamond and Frank Sinatra.

JULY

1-21 Canada Day Celebration
Discover the festival "vibrancy" of familiar Vancouver locations. Guest curated by J.B. MacKinnon, co-author of The 100 Mile Best. Museum of Vancouver
604.734.4431
museumofvancouver.ca

3-12 Dancing on the Edge Festival
Canada's longest running dance festival is back! 10 days of exhilarating dance from 30 different choreographers. Festival Arts Centre
604.689.6691 | festivalartscentre.ca

3-12 Indian Summer
A festival of arts, ideas and diversity featuring fun, food, films and much, much more. Various venues, Vancouver IndianSummerFestival.ca

6 Cultural Legacies of the Komagata Maru
Join a panel and the visual arts meet in this evening of cross-media storytelling of the South Asian Canadian experience, right before the eyes of the stage to produce a collaborative work.
Museum of Vancouver

9 Gastown Grand Prix
For one day the cobblestone streets of Gastown are transformed into one of the fastest, best-laid and most challenging cycling race courses in North America. This event is free for spectators.
Gastown | gohastowngrandprix.org

10 Women & Whiskey
Explore the whisky classes with your girlfriends.
Salt Lending Room, Gastown
604.633.9930 | gastown.org

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Go Team!

All the local sports franchises, with contact info and seasonal highlights

Go Team!

Vancouver, home to the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, continues to be a sports kinda town!

Vancouver Canucks
This NHL franchise is a local favourite, with loyal Vancouver Canucks fans cheering the team on throughout hockey season. Catch a home game at Rogers Arena between October and May. **800 Griffiths Way | 604.695.0044 | canucks.com** Image: Sergei Bobrovsky | Shutterstock.com

Vancouver Canadians @ Nat Bailey Stadium
This minor league baseball team provides "Take me out to the ball game" fun in the city from June through September. Catch a game at Scotiabank Field at Nat Bailey Stadium, situated by beautiful Queen Elizabeth Park. Known as one of the "prettiest little ballparks in the world" (and used as a set for many Hollywood movies), a day at "the Nat" means great baseball and delicious food - everything from two-foot long hot dogs to sushi! In fact, in 2008, PETA named the Nat as one of the top 10 most vegetarian-friendly ballparks in North America! **4601 Ontario Street | 604.872.5232 | canadianbaseball.com** Image: Paul Vadea | Shutterstock.com

VANCOUVER CANADIANS BASEBALL 2014 HOME SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
JULY		
Thursday July 1	vs. Salt Lake Vikings	10:05pm
Friday July 2	vs. Salt Lake Vikings	7:05pm
Friday July 3	vs. Everett Aqua Sox	7:05pm
Saturday July 4	vs. Everett Aqua Sox	7:05pm
Monday July 13	vs. Everett Aqua Sox	7:05pm
Monday July 14	vs. Eugene Emeralds	7:05pm
Tuesday July 15	vs. Eugene Emeralds	7:05pm
Thursday July 17	vs. Eugene Emeralds	7:05pm
Friday July 18	vs. Eugene Emeralds	7:05pm
Tuesday July 22	vs. Hillsboro Hops	7:05pm
Wednesday July 23	vs. Hillsboro Hops	7:05pm
Thursday July 24	vs. Hillsboro Hops	7:05pm
Friday July 25	vs. Hillsboro Hops	7:05pm
Saturday July 26	vs. Hillsboro Hops	7:05pm
AUGUST		
Sunday August 10	vs. Tri-City Dragons	5:05pm
Monday August 11	vs. Tri-City Dragons	7:05pm
Wednesday August 12	vs. Everett Aqua Sox	7:05pm
Thursday August 14	vs. Everett Aqua Sox	7:05pm
Friday August 15	vs. Everett Aqua Sox	7:05pm
Saturday August 16	vs. Everett Aqua Sox	7:05pm
Monday August 18	vs. Boise Hawks	7:05pm
Wednesday August 20	vs. Boise Hawks	7:05pm
Friday August 22	vs. Boise Hawks	7:05pm
Saturday August 23	vs. Boise Hawks	7:05pm
Sunday August 24	vs. Spokane Indians	1:05pm
Monday August 25	vs. Spokane Indians	1:05pm
Tuesday August 26	vs. Spokane Indians	1:05pm
Wednesday August 27	vs. Spokane Indians	1:05pm
Thursday August 28	vs. Spokane Indians	1:05pm
Friday August 29	vs. Spokane Indians	1:05pm
Saturday August 30	vs. Spokane Indians	1:05pm
Sunday September 1	vs. Spokane Indians	1:05pm

Subject to change - please check website

Tickets available online at www.canadianbaseball.com for questions call 604-472-5232

All home games listed above are played at Scotiabank Field at Nat Bailey Stadium located at 4601 Ontario Street, Vancouver BC Canada V6J 3K4.

BC Lions
From July to November, the BC Lions - part of the Canadian Football League or CFL - dominate the field at BC Place Stadium in downtown Vancouver. The team is the oldest pro sports franchise in the city, with six championships under their belts. **777 Pacific Boulevard | 604.669.9283 | bclions.com**

Vancouver Giants
Playing home games at Pacific Coliseum between October and March, the Vancouver Giants are part of the Western Hockey League (WHL). Can't snag Canucks tickets during your stay? This major junior hockey team provides many of the same once thrills as an NHL game. **100 North Meadows Street | 604.444.2387 | vancouvergiants.com**

Vancouver Whitecaps
As soccer - or football - takes the world by storm, fans of the game in Vancouver love to cheer on their very own Whitecaps FC. Soccer season starts from March to October, with home games happening at BC Place. **777 Pacific Boulevard | 604.669.9283 | whitecapsfc.com** Image: Photo: iStockphoto.com

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Arts & Culture

The galleries, the performances, the exhibits - and a few fun facts too

Arts & Culture

Art, theatre, music, culture - you name it, Vancouver's got it. From local bands in intimate venues to packed concert houses, from Broadway musicals to Italian operas, from open-mic nights to annual festivals that draw in massive crowds, this city's arts and cultural scene leaves nothing to be desired.



Public Art
With a diverse collection of whimsical outdoor installations, you'll find public art ranging from decorative sidewalk lights to large-scale sculptures throughout Vancouver. For a full list and map visit vancouver.ca.

ENGAGEMENT: Rising nearly 10 metres (30 feet) in the air, this pair of rings is a commentary on the precarious balances that exist in marriage between the romantic, the traditional and the economic. www.vancouver.ca

WABOURN SPIRIT DIGITAL OSCA: In Jack Poole Plaza, black-and-white cubes form a giant glittering white ring - a symbol of the West Coast. www.vancouver.ca

WILKINSON: The northern symbol of welcome in Vancouver's West End at Burrard Street and Shoreline Walk was built out of granite rocks and weighs 31,500 kilograms (nearly 69,500 pounds).

A HAZE OF LAUGHTER: This group of 14 bronze sculptures makes for a great interactive photo opportunity just across from English Bay in Morton Park.

GAIL IN A NETSUIT: This life-size bronze statue (dedicated to a lovely shade of green) sits on an intertidal boulder just offshore Stanley Park.

THE METEOR: This group of red figures are placed in a circle, static and crouching with cupped hands. The figures range in expression, from one of thoughtful contemplation to one of latent energy ready to leap up. Find them in Ray Sargent Park in North Vancouver.

THE TAP: This public sculpture in Stanley Park was submerged in water for two years before its arrival at land in order for its surface to be encrusted with sea life. www.vancouver.ca

Museums & Galleries

Beatty Biodiversity Museum | 2212 Main Hall, UBC | 604.827.4955 | beatty.biodiversitymuseum.ubc.ca

Bill Reid Gallery | 439 Hornby Street | 604.682.3453 | billreidgallery.ca

Chinese Cultural Centre Museum & Archives | 155 Columbia Street | 604.684.8888 | cccvmuseum.ca

Granville Island Galleries | granvilleisland.com

Hill's Native Art | 165 Water Street | 604.685.4249 | hillsonativeart.com

Howe Street Gallery | 155 Howe Street | 604.682.5717 | howestreetgallery.com

Inuit Gallery of Vancouver | 206 Cambie Street | 604.688.7323 | inuit.com

Japanese Canadian National Museum | 121 - 6488 Southmain Crescent, Burnaby | 604.777.7000 | jcnm.ca

Museum of Vancouver | 800 Chestnut Street | 604.734.4431 | museumofvancouver.ca

Museum of Anthropology | 630 W. Main Street | 604.852.5087 | musanth.ca

Old Hastings Mill Store Museum & Archives | 1575 Alma Street | 604.734.1032 | hastingsmill-museum.ca

SFU Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology | 8880 University Drive, Burnaby | 778.782.3325 | slu.ca/ethnologymuseum

Vancouver Art Gallery | 750 Victory Street | 604.662.4719 | vanartgallery.bc.ca

Vancouver Maritime Museum | 1905 Ogden Avenue | 604.271.8300 | vancouvermaritimemuseum.com

Did you know?

The Old Hastings Mill Store Museum is Vancouver's oldest building, while the Vancouver Maritime Museum houses a historic arctic-exploration vessel you can really board! hastings-mill-museum.ca vancouvermaritimemuseum.com

Hill's Native Art

Prestigious collection of authentic Northwest Coast and Inuit arts and crafts in North America.

Vancouver - Gastown
161 Water Street • 604.685.4249
Numamo
78 Bastion Street • 604.755.7873
Kokshin
5209 Trans-Canada Highway • 250.748.6731
hillsonativeart.com

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Getting Around

Transportation around the Lower Mainland, both private and public

Getting Around

No vehicle? No problem! Vancouver provides many public transit options - plus fun alternatives to driving altogether - to help locals and visitors alike get around!

By Rapid Rail
The city of Vancouver and surrounding parts of the Lower Mainland are linked by a completely automated (no drivers required) light rail rapid transit system called SkyTrain. The Canada Line is particularly loved by visitors because it provides a super-fast rapid rail link between downtown Vancouver and the Vancouver International Airport in Richmond. **604.953.3333 | translink.ca**

By Taxi Cab
Need to get from point A to point B with at least four cab companies operating throughout the city, hailing a taxi in Vancouver is always an option. Just pick up the phone and call.
 > **Black Top & Checker Cab:** 604.731.7111
 > **McTures Cab:** 604.731.4616
 > **Vancouver Taxi:** 604.664.0430
 > **Yellow Cab:** 604.258.4700

By Sea
Sited on a stunning waterfront, there are many ways to explore Vancouver by water. The Seabus is a passenger-only, wheelchair-accessible ferry that connects downtown Vancouver to the North Shore via Burrard Inlet. Running on a schedule to Granville Island? Board the False Creek Aquabus from one of several docks along the downtown seawall. False Creek Ferries operate year-round between Granville Island and English Bay, with seasonal service between the Maritime Museum, Vancouver, Pacific Space Centre, Stamp Landing and Science World.

Seabus: trippingtranslink.com
Aquabus: theaquabus.com
 > **False Creek Ferries:** falsecreekferries.bc.ca

By Bus
Vancouver's public bus system is designed to make travel within the city and between the surrounding suburbs as convenient as possible. Schedules are widely available throughout the city or check out the online trip planning tool at tripping.translink.ca.

By Seawall
Summer time is the best time to see Vancouver using your own two wheels! Rent a bike from one of many cycling shops around the city or lace up your sneakers and hit the seawall - a stunning, 2.2-kilometre (1.3-mile) concrete path that hugs Vancouver's scenic waterfront. The seawall is divided into two clearly marked sections: one for walkers and joggers (closest to the water) and one for cyclists and inline skaters (further inland). Be sure to follow the signs to make sure you use the seawall safely, especially on sunny summer days and weekends when it sees the most foot and pedal traffic! vancouver.ca/parksrecreation/cultural/seawall.aspx

Downtown Ambassadors
Lost in the city? Look for one of 18 full-time Downtown Ambassadors on foot or on bike, dressed in blue. Besides helping to improve safety in Vancouver, these friendly professionals are trained to provide hospitality help and information, including maps, brochures, etc. **604.689.4357 | downtownambassadors.net** Image: Courtesy Vancouver Business Improvement Association

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Neighbourhoods

Downtown to the 'burbs: insider info, community events and local landmarks.

Downtown Core

Crosstown
This historic and bustling downtown area bordering Gastown and Chinatown feels like a little slice of Manhattan in downtown Vancouver. Visit for an amazing variety of the hippest home-decor retailers and fine restaurants; in fact, one of Vancouver's most celebrated dining rooms, Chamber, calls Crosstown home. Another must-try for locals and visitors alike: a cooking class at the Dirty Apron on Beatty Street. dirtyapron.com (Map 1, C10) Image: Amanda Sprague



Did you know?
In 1920, Harry Houdini suspended himself from the 17-storey tall Sun Tower. At the time, it was the tallest building in the British Empire.

Alberni & Burrard
Alberni Street sparkles with upscale shops selling fine men's clothing and high-end women's wear, leather goods and luxury accessories and jewelry. This is the place to go to get the local feel of the best in fashion. From Canadian and international designers. As for the dining - it hardly gets any fancier than the restaurants that line this street. (Map 1, E6-7) Image: Lisa Bertram

Community Calendar

June 28-29: Vancouver International Book Festival
International authors and local bookers join forces to deliver a series of events celebrating the power of words in Vancouver. vancouverbookfest.com

June 28-29: Pop-Up Picnic
Pop-up restaurants put together great menu options including sushi, crepes, pizza, burgers and more. Simply call ahead to order, pick up and then find a perfect spot to sit down. Public seating areas are located on 1100 Robson Street, at the corner of Pender Street and the historic Pender Park. robsonfest.com

August 9-10: 70 Vancouver Chinatown Festival
A family-friendly, multicultural event featuring ethnic performances, live music, interactive food demos, an open-air market filled with local vendors and the famous historical Food Truck and Walking Tour. chinatownfestival.com



Hastings West
The 10 blocks encompassed by Hastings West are home to high-end international retail brands housed in gorgeous historical buildings. This neighbourhood houses the historic structure containing the Social Centre Mall, as well as the Vancouver Lookout tower with its rotating Top of Vancouver restaurant. (Map 1, C7-9) Image: Douglas Phelps / iStockphoto.com

Did you know?
Built in 1909, the 13-storey Dominion Trust Building was Vancouver's first-ever skyscraper. Look for it at Hastings and Cambie streets.



Get Outside!

Whatever outdoor pleasures the season might offer, we've got it covered

Parks & Gardens

With summer in full swing, be sure to take advantage of Vancouver's gorgeous green spaces.

Park	Address	Description	Favorite Feature
Boswell Conservatory	33rd Ave between Cambie & Main Streets	Explore a tropical forest in this climate-controlled facility, complete with Kai ponds and music fountains.	Free-flying birds overhead
Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Garden	578 Carrall Street	This classical Chinese garden in historic Chinatown was named No. 1 in a 2011 National Geographic global roundup of city gardens.	Complimentary tours & tea
Hastings Park	2901 Hastings Street	More than 100 species of birds live in this park's sanctuary, and the dramatic stone fountains along the Open Walk are sure to amaze.	Mammy Japanese Gardens
Lighthouse Park	Beacon Lane off Marine Drive, West Vancouver	Plethora of dog-friendly forest trails weave through some of the area's tallest trees.	Paul Johnson lighthouse
Nitobe Memorial Garden	1895 Lower Mall, UBC	Leading horticulturist to quiet meditation, this traditional Japanese garden includes serene waterfalls and quiet fountains.	A spiritually significant garden layout
Park & Tilford Gardens	1333 Brookbank Ave, North Vancouver	Covers three acres and offers eight separate theme gardens.	Projecting prisms in the Asian garden
Queen Elizabeth Park	6400 Cambie Street	Find stunning panoramic views at Vancouver's highest point, plus beautiful gardens, ponds and waterfalls.	Henry Moore sculptures
Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary	Westham Island, Delta	This wheelchair-accessible wetland is a stopover for thousands of migratory birds.	Two-storey observation tower
Richmond Nature Park	11851 Westminster Highway, Richmond	This raised boardwalk habitat includes tons of trails, nature centre and picnic spots.	Elevated boardwalk
Stanley Park	North foot of George Street	Explore one of the world's best city parks by foot, wheelchair, train or horse-drawn carriage.	Seawall path perfect for pedestrians and bikers
UBC Botanical Garden	6804 SW Marine Drive, UBC	Features five landscaped areas, each with a unique global theme.	Greenan Canyon
Vancouver Botanical Garden	5425 Oak Street	Striking plants, flowers and landscaping make this internationally acclaimed garden a rare treat.	Over 7,000 plants from six continents

Get Outside!



There's no better season than summer to check out all the awesome outdoor activities Vancouver has to offer!

Whale Watching
For a truly exhilarating experience, whale watching excursions, where watching majestic creatures often starts in the historic fishing village of Steveston (in Richmond) or from downtown Vancouver. Within minutes of either point of departure, you'll find yourself exploring the Strait of Georgia, Fraser River Delta and Gulf Islands, home to these mighty mammals. You'll also get a chance to spot harbour seals, sea lions, porpoises and a variety of marine wildlife that call these coastal waters home - don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime experience! Photo: Michael Ward

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3594 Main Street, Vancouver
604.679.8432 burritibros.com



VANCOUVER T-SHIRT by The Originals, \$35
Find local retailers at theoriginals.com



POPPY EARRINGS by Jen Ellis Design, \$35
Find local retailers at jennellisdesign.com

BORST SANDALS by Passed Out Dog, \$55
Available at passedoutdog.com



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VANCOUVER BUS SCROLL
20x20 Throw Pillow, \$79.95
Museum of Vancouver Retail Collection
Available at pillowdecor.com



VANCOUVER LANDMARKS LINEN
by Forest & Waves, \$26
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Maps

Vancouver and the Lower Mainland, plus neighbourhoods and suburbs

MAP 2 - VANCOUVER



Family Fun

Attractions and activities geared to kids, as well as the rest of the family

Family Fun

Greater Vancouver Zoo

This 320-acre plot of land is a place where animals from six continents find safety and protection in a careful replica of their natural habitats. Take the miniature Safari Express train around the property and learn about the animals. 5048 24th Street, Alderidge | 604.656.6821 | gvpzoo.com (Map 1, H2)



Klahowya Village
Experience authentic aboriginal culture at the heart of Stanley Park. This beautiful village boasts a unique variety of attractions and events for kids, including daily cultural tours and craft-making workshops, a storytelling circle and a miniature "Spirit Catcher" train ride through the forest. 877.266.2822 | aboriginalbc.com (Map 1, L4) Image: Klahowya Village in Stanley Park



Did you know?
The 2014 theme for Klahowya Village in Stanley Park is the "Journey of the Salmon."



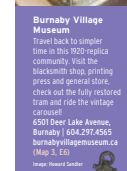
H.R. MacMillan Space Centre
Kids who love outer space will be dazzled by spectacular light and visual shows in this domed planetarium. Interactive exhibits, fun activities and live demos teach all about the vastness of the universe. 1100 Chestnut Street (Vanier Park) 604.738.7827 | spacecentre.ca (Map 1, J6)



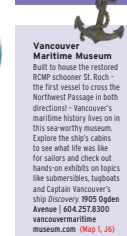
Maplewood Farm
This once-working dairy farm is now home to 200 charming domestic animals! Feed the chickens, ducks and bunnies, tour the gardens and take a pony ride. With so much to see and do, Maplewood Farm is an apt "four you won't want to miss!" 405 Seymour River Place, North Vancouver | 604.929.5610 | maplewoodfarm.ca (Map 1, D6) Image: Andy Woodhead



Burnaby Village Museum
Travel back to simpler times in this 1920s replica community. Visit the blacksmith shop, printing press and general store, check out the fully restored train and ride the vintage carousel. 6501 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby | 604.297.4565 | burnabyvillagemuseum.ca (Map 1, E4) Image: Howard Sander



Vancouver Maritime Museum
Built to house the restored RCMP schooner St. Roch, the first vessel to cross the Northwest Passage in both directions! Vancouver's maritime history lives on in this sea-worthy museum. Explore the ship's cables to see what life was like for sailors and check out hands-on exhibits on topics like salmon, toadfish and Captain Vancouver's ship discovery. 805 Ogden Avenue | 604.271.8300 | vancouvermaritimemuseum.com (Map 1, J6)



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