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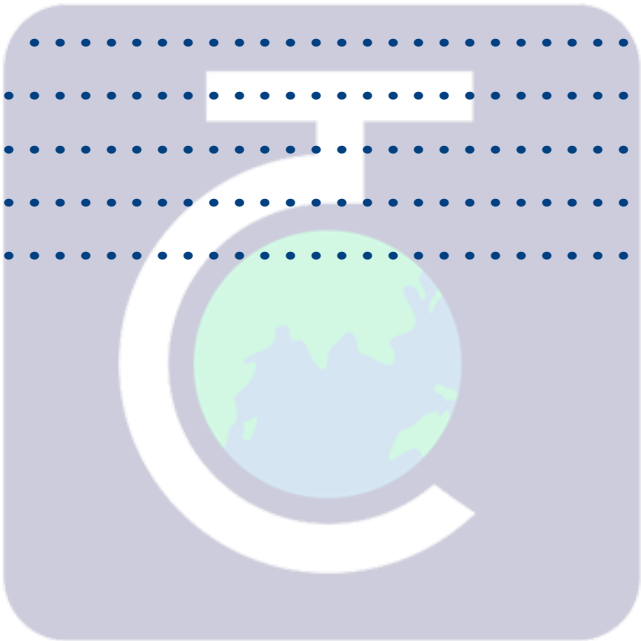
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1. Geographical location

Located on the Burrard Peninsula, the city of Vancouver is between the Burrard Inlet to the north and the Fraser River to the south. The Strait of Georgia found to the west of the city is protected from the Pacific Ocean by the Vancouver Island. Burnaby of British Columbia borders the city to the east. The city has an area of 114 square km., including both flat and hilly ground.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Lying Adjacent To Vancouver, Burnaby In British Columbia Is Just 13.1 Km From It And Has 19 Minutes Travel Time. New Westminster, Also Located In British Columbia, Is 20.9 Km Away From The City And Has A Travel Time Of 39 Minutes By Bus Or Private Vehicles. Situated 16.5 Km. South Of Vancouver City Is Richmond, British Columbia. In Order To Reach This Place From Vancouver, One Has To Travel By Land For 30 Minutes.



3. Significance

From the majestic mountains and the lush green and health rainforests, to the sparkling oceans, Vancouver is like no other place you can ever visit. The most interesting part being the beautiful foliage that forms a part of every season of the year. Besides the breath-taking beauty of the city, the inhabitants are very friendly with their welcoming nature and clean streets. Vancouver offers its visitors a taste of everything from the adventurous excursions in carious rocky parts. A visitor can also enjoy the tantalizing gourmet meals found in the restaurants of the city. From the business community to the restaurants and hotel industry, you are likely going to receive outstanding service and quality.



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4. History

It is a city located near Frasier River. It is known for providing a trading, socializing and settlement area for several decades. It is after the melting of glaciers that made people settle here. Moreover, the first European to be here was Spanish. He was known as Captain Jose Maria Narvaez and visited the place in 1791. However, in 1792 the second Irish explorer George Vancouver visited the place. The place was not a home until 1862. Moreover, once the settlements were formed, the construction of Canadian Pacific Railway made the place to grow and expand rapidly.



5. Cultural identity

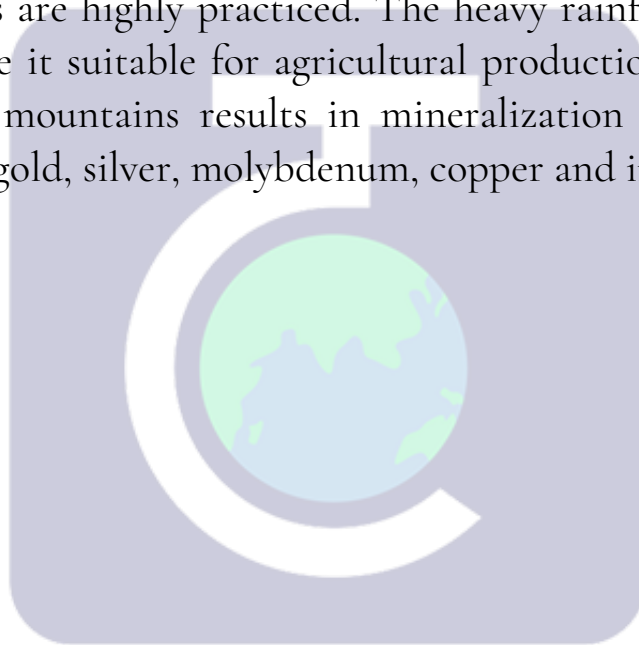
They are known as the Coast Salish people. It is because their culture history and practices help them to respect nature and humanity. Those two reasons have a significant influence on their culture and social attributes. In 1792, George Vancouver was the first to discover the place. After his research, he concluded that the place had many unique landscapes. Due to his discovery and research, it made the place to have many Europeans settling here. Additionally, many factors made the city have various cultures. However, most are from British descendants, and other cultures were derived from Chinese, Japanese, Germans, Indians, Pakistan's, Italians, Dutch and Greek.



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6. Natural resources

Vancouver is endowed with innumerable natural resources that have seen it thrive over the years. The natural resources include mines, renewable resources and forests. The region is also richly endowed with numerous rivers and lakes. Fishing and whaling are thus practiced as well. The innumerable mountains are great resource resulting in heavy rainfall around the region. As a result, agricultural activities are highly practiced. The heavy rainfall coupled with rich and fertile soils make it suitable for agricultural production within Vancouver. The geology of the mountains results in mineralization for various minerals including lead, zinc, gold, silver, molybdenum, copper and iron.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Capilano Suspension Bridge

Captivating the visitors since 1889, this iconic monument stretches about 137 meters across and suspends 230 feet above the river of Capilano. Unleash the adventurer within you as this oasis takes you on an exhilarating treetop and cliffwalk adventure above the lush greens and frothing white water and offers you mind-boggling panoramas of the rainforest and canyon. Soar through the sky at this motherland of millennia of legends and myths of first nations for an all-encompassing view of the native fauna in their natural habitat. All in all, Capilano Suspension Bridge is the perfect place to engage yourself in the unspoiled ancient ecosystem.

Address : 3735 Capilano Rd, North Vancouver, BC V7R 4J1, Canada

Zipcode : V7R 4J1

Location : 49.3429339, -123.11481809999999

Contact : +1 604-985-7474

Website : <https://www.capbridge.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : NB Capilano Rd at 3600 Block Bus Station

Entry Fee : The admission rates are: Adult (17-64 years): CAD 39.95 Senior (65+ years): CAD 36.95 Student (17+years with valid ID): CAD 32.95 Youth (13-16 years): CAD 26.95 Child (6-12 years): CAD 13.95 Kids (under 6 years): Free

Open & Close Timing : November 24 to January 8: Daily 11:00hrs-21:00hrs; January 4 to March 11: Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs; March 12 to April 22: Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs. For the full year scheduled hours, visit the official website since the timings change every month.

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Vancouver Lookout

Situated above the city's Harbour Centre, Vancouver Lookout is an observation deck that provides you with an incomparable 360° panoramas of the city. The top of the tower offers stunning views of the lovely harbor, jagged north shore and

Olympic Peninsula peaks, the Pacific coast and the enchanting Stanley Park. The deck also showcases a historic picture panel that displays the change in view from up above and the Armstrong Gallery for art enthusiasts. It also features a rotating restaurant that serves scrumptious delicacies to pander to your taste buds.

Address : 555 W Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6B 4N6, Canada

Zipcode : V6B 4N6

Location : 49.284764, -123.112247

Contact : +1 604-689-0421

Website : <http://www.vancouverlookout.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : NB Seymour St FS w Hastings St Bus station & Waterfront Train Station

Entry Fee : Admission rates (exclusive of taxes): Adults: CAD 17.50, Seniors (60+years): CAD 14.50, Youth (13-18 years) & Students (With Valid ID): CAD 12.50, Children (6-12 years): CAD 9.50, Children (5 years And Under): Free.

Open & Close Timing : October-May: Daily 09:00hrs-21:30hrs; May-October: Daily 08:30hrs-22:30hrs.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Grouse Mountain

Hop aboard on a skyride to this 4,000-feet high mountain and be whisked by the breath-taking panoramic views of the city, sea, and the surrounding region. Apart from the skyride, you can also opt for a hike up to the summit and participate in various heart-thumping activities like ziplining, helicopter tours, paragliding or just enjoy live entertainment and lumberjack shows. Be allured by the unmatched mountain scenery during the summer or visit during the winter and get your adrenaline rushing with activities like snowshoeing, outdoor mountaintop ice skating, sleigh rides and some of the best in local skiing and snowboarding. Sit back in one of the restaurants at The Observatory and devour a delicious meal while you see the jaw-dropping majestic nature of BC unfold in front of your eyes.

Address : 6400 Nancy Greene Way, North Vancouver, BC V7R 4K9, Canada

Zipcode : V7R 4K9

Location : 49.3722894, -123.09948689999999

Contact : +1 604-980-9311

Website : <https://www.grousemountain.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Grouse Mountain Skyride Bus Station

Entry Fee : The Grouse Mountain is accessible via round-trip Skyride, the Lumberjack Show, Ranger Talks at the Grizzly Bear Habitat, and other activities. The ticket price for such activities ranges from CAD 43.95 to CAD 57.95 for Adults (age 19 to 64); CAD 39.95 to CAD 53.95 for Senior (age 65+); CAD 24.95 to CAD 38.95 for Youth (age 13 to 18); CAD 14.95 for a child (age 5 to 12); and CAD 113.95 to CAD 139.95 for family (2 adults and 2 children/youth under 19).

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Museum of Anthropology

Snuggled within the University of British Columbia (UBC), the Museum of Anthropology features one of the finest exhibits of Northwest Coast First Nations arts in the world. Observe the marvelous carvings, contemporary art pieces and weavings tucked inside the soaring glass of the great hall and appreciate the largest art collection in the world including the famous cedar structure The Raven and the First Men by Bill Reid, a renowned Haida artist. Tour the impressive building designed by Arthur Erickson and be astounded by over 16,000 objects along with unique ceramics from the European region. Take a break to buy some unique souvenirs from the on-site store or grab a bite from the café and enjoy the beautiful views of the mountains and the sea.

Address : 6393 NW Marine Dr, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2, Canada

Zipcode : V6T 1Z2

Location : 49.26943599999999, -123.25885

Contact : +1 604-822-5087

Website : <http://moa.ubc.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB NW Marine Dr FS West Mall Bus Station

Entry Fee : The admission rates are (inclusive tax): Adults: CAD 18 Students (with valid ID) and Seniors (age 65+ years with ID): CAD 16 Family (2 adults and

maximum 4 children age 18 and under): CAD 47 Groups Adults: CAD 16 Groups Students/Seniors: CAD 13 Thursday evenings (Between 17:00hrs-21:00hrs): CAD 10

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday-Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs; Thursday 10:00hrs-21:00hrs; Monday Closed.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Vancouver Aquarium

Uncover the hidden secrets of the ocean at the largest aquarium in Canada. The Vancouver Aquarium, opened in 1959, mimics various habitats of the marine animals, ranging from icy tanks of the Canadian Arctic to the reefs of the Tropic Zone. Look beyond the glass and get close to more than 70,000 marine specimens of a different species like dolphins, anacondas, sea otters, eels and more. Attend their shows and learn more about the numerous species that reside here or experience a close encounter with the wildlife through their interactive exhibits and fun activities.

Address : 845 Avison Way, Vancouver, BC V6G 3E2, Canada

Zipcode : V6G 3E2

Location : 49.3007961, -123.13092929999999

Contact : +1 604-659-3474

Website : <http://www.vanaqua.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Stanley Park Loop Bus Station

Entry Fee : The general admission rates: Adults: CAD 36, Senior (age 65+ years), Youth (age 13-18 years) and Student (age 18 years and over with a valid ID): CAD 27, Child (age 4-12 years accompanied by an adult): CAD 21, Child (age 3 and under): Free.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Science World at TELUS World of Science

Discover the mysteries of science and provoke your mind through various demonstration and exploration at Science World at TELUS World of Science. Enriching each visitor's life by revealing the wonders of science, this futuristic sphere-like building offers a range of new inventions and astonishment to kids. Divided into themes like air, water, invention and motion, the center features various interactive exhibits to spark interest among visitors. This massive space is also home to a theater with an IMAX screen that enthralls you with its educational shows.

Address : 1455 Quebec St, Vancouver, BC V6A 3Z7, Canada

Zipcode : V6A 3Z7

Location : 49.273376, -123.103834

Contact : +1 604-443-7440

Website : <https://www.scienceworld.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : NB Quebec St FS Terminal Ave Bus Station

Entry Fee : The Science World Admission Rates are: Adult (age 19+ years): CAD 23.25, Senior (age 65+ years), Student (with a valid ID) and Youth (age 13-18 years): CAD 18.50, Child (age 3-12 years): CAD 15.25, Child (under age 3 years): Free.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 10:00hrs -17:00hrs; Saturday-Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs; Monday Closed.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. VanDusen Botanical Garden

A hidden gem in the heart of Vancouver, VanDusen Botanical Garden features more than 7,500 exotic flora species from all around the world in 55-acres of lush green space. Explore the garden and spot some local wildlife species or pave your way through the Elizabethan hedge maze made up of 3,000 pyramidal cedars, this tranquil park has something to entertain everyone. Unwind in a serene setting and pose at the most photographed area of Laburnum Walk as you surround yourself with yellow blooms that hang from the branches, the park grabs your attention with its natural beauty. After a tiresome walk amidst the nature, sit back and dine on the patios of Truffles Cafe or Shaughnessy Restaurant or buy a little souvenir from the garden-themed gift shop. If you are in town, do attend

one of the seasonal festivals, like the Festival of Lights in December or the Sakura Day Japan Fair in spring.

Address : 5251 Oak St, Vancouver, BC V6M 4H1, Canada

Zipcode : V6M 4H1

Location : 49.238444, -123.128936

Contact : +1 604-257-8335

Website : <http://www.vandusengarden.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : NB Oak St FS at 5100 Block Bus Station

Entry Fee : Apr 1 to Sept 30- Adults (age 19-64 years): CAD 11 Senior (age 65+ years), Youth (age 13-18 years): CAD 8.25 Child (age 4-12 years): CAD 5.50 Family (2 adults + 2 children under 19 years): CAD 25.50 Children (age 3 years and younger) and Members: Free Jan 1 to Mar 31- Adults (age 19-64 years): CAD 8, Senior (age 65+ years), Youth (age 13-18 years): CAD 5.50, Child (age 4-12 years): CAD 4.25, Family (2 adults + 2 children under 19): CAD 16.75, Children (age 3 years and younger) and Members: Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Museum of Vancouver

Connecting locals to each other and the city to the world in the picturesque Vanier Park, the Museum of Vancouver is the place that unfolds the stories of the natural, civic and cultural history of the city. The largest civic museum of Canada, its main objective is to inspire an in-depth understanding of the city to its visitors through tales, objects and shared experiences. Delve deep into the rich history as you begin your journey from the Musqueam First Nation's ancient landscape and living culture and continuing it through late 1970s exhibits.

Address : 1100 Chestnut St, Vancouver, BC V6J 3J9, Canada

Zipcode : V6J 3J9

Location : 49.2762257, -123.1444424

Contact : +1 604-736-4431

Website : <http://www.museumofvancouver.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB Cornwall Ave FS Cypress St Bus Station

Entry Fee : The admission rates are: Adult: CAD 15 Senior (age 65+ years), Student, Youth (age 12-18 years): CAD 11 Child (age 5-11 years): CAD 5 Child (age 4 years and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Sunday to Wednesday: 10:00hrs – 17:00hrs; Thursday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs; Friday and Saturday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.9. Vancouver Art Gallery

Nestled in the spectacular neo-classical courthouse, the Vancouver Art Gallery is your retreat to immerse yourself into the masterworks of fine arts. Awaken the artists within you and spark your curiosity as you encounter the pioneering contemporary works by indigenous, local as well as internationally renowned artists. The art pieces focus mainly on the Asia Pacific region. Conclude your trip by visiting the store for unique souvenirs and sip on a glass of wine on the cafe's rooftop patio and enjoy stunning views of Robson Square.

Address : 750 Hornby St, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2H7, Canada

Zipcode : V6Z 2H7

Location : 49.2829607, -123.1204715

Contact : +1 604-662-4700

Website : <http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : SB Howe St FS w Georgia St Bus station

Entry Fee : The ticket prices are: Adult: CAD 24 Senior (age 65+ years) & Student (with valid ID): CAD 18 Children (age 6-12 years): CAD 6.50 Children (age 5 years and under): Free Family (maximum 2 adults and 4 children): CAD 55

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Wednesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs – 17:00hrs; Tuesday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.10. Canadian Museum of Flight

Located at the Langley Regional Airport just outside the city, the Canadian

Museum of Flight showcases the rich aviation history of Canada. With more than 25 military and civilian vintage aircrafts on display, the museum brings life to these exhibits through a hands-on facility for the little ones in the Millennium Kids Room. Explore the museum on a chronological walk starting from WWI jets to modern display and learn about the important role the country has played in its history.

Address : 5333 216 St, Langley, BC V2Y 2N3, Canada

Zipcode : V2Y 2N3

Location : 49.09935360000001, -122.6261246

Contact : +1 604-532-0035

Website : <http://www.canadianflight.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : SB 216 St at 5300 Block Bus Station

Entry Fee : The admission rates: Adults: CAD 10.00 Seniors age 60 years and over, youth age 6-15 years: CAD 7.00 Family (2 adults and up to 5 students, age 6-15 years): CAD 25.00 Children (under age 6 years): Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs - 16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. BC Place

A multi-purpose arena located to the north of False Creek, BC Place hosts numerous sports events, exhibitions and live performances right in the heart of the city. The stadium serves as a homeground to BC Lions Football Club, Vancouver Whitecaps FC and the BC Sports Hall of Fame. Welcoming sports fanatics from all over ranging from football and school sports, to trade displays, monster truck exhibits and extravagant music concerts, the stadium is one of the most technologically advanced venues in the world.

Address : 777 Pacific Blvd, Vancouver, BC V6B 4Y8, Canada

Zipcode : V6B 4Y8

Location : 49.27675, -123.11199899999999

Contact : +1 604-669-2300

Website : <http://www.bcplace.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : NB Smithe St FS Expo Blvd Bus Station

Entry Fee : The tour price is CAD 20 per person (excluding tax).

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.12. Rogers Arena

Get a glimpse into the behind-the-scenes as you explore one of the major sports and entertainment arenas in the continent. Experience the “cathedral of hockey” that invites sports fanatics to watch the legendary Vancouver Canucks perform live. Visit the complex where history was redefined when the women's and men's hockey teams paved their way to victory during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Address : 800 Griffiths Way, Vancouver, BC V6B 6G1, Canada

Zipcode : V6B 6G1

Location : 49.27783579999999, -123.1088227

Contact : +1 604-899-7400

Website : <http://rogersarena.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : NB Pat Quinn Way FS Pacific Blvd Bus Station

Entry Fee : The tour rates: Adults: CAD 12.00 Seniors (60+) and students: CAD 8.00 Youth (4-12 years old): CAD 6.00 Children under four: Free Family of four (Two adults and two children under 12): CAD 30.00 The group tour rate (groups of 15 or more): CAD 6.00 per person

Open & Close Timing : Tour Timings: Wednesday to Saturday: 10:30hrs, 12:00hrs, 13:30hrs; Sundays: 12:00hrs, 13:30hrs, 15:00hrs.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.13. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

An urban oasis right in the center of Chinatown in Vancouver, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden is the first Chinese park to represent Ming Dynasty-era tradition outside the origin country. Exemplifying the Taoist philosophy of yin and yang, where each texture, vegetation and other integral elements have a symbolic implication, the garden is known to be one of the top city gardens in

the world. Stroll through this lush green space and be enticed by the winding trails, exotic flora, pavilions, rocks, water lily-covered ponds and sweeping vistas that give you a little glimpse of the Chinese culture.

Address : 578 Carrall St, Vancouver, BC V6B 5K2, Canada

Zipcode : V6B 5K2

Location : 49.27964850000001, -123.10391319999999

Contact : +1 604-662-3207

Website : <http://www.vancouverchinesegarden.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : WB Keefer St FS Columbia St Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CAD 14 Student with valid student I.D: CAD 10, Senior: CAD 11, Family (Includes 2 adults and up to 3 children under 14 years): CAD 28.

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.14. FlyOver Canada

See some of the most spectacular sights of the country on an ultimate flight at FlyOver Canada that uses state-of-the-art technology to take you on a virtual journey like never before. Embark on this discovery journey and let the 20-meter spherical screen whisk you away on an heart-thumping ride across Canada's iconic attractions, starting from east up to the west. On this 8-minute journey, experience an ultimate thrill as you dive deep into the valleys and soar over majestic prairies. Be spellbound by the towering snow-capped peaks and encounter the buzz of the urban environments all along never once stepping out of Vancouver. The continuous motion of the ride combined with special effects like wind, mist and more ensures a memorable escapade.

Address : 201-999 Canada Pl, Vancouver, BC V6C 3E1, Canada

Zipcode : V6C 3E1

Location : 49.289138, -123.11019579999999

Contact : +1 604-620-8455

Website : <https://www.flyovercanada.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB w Hastings St NS Hornby St Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults (age 13-64 years): CAD 27, Students (age 13-21 years) and

Seniors (age 65+ years): CAD 21, Children (upto age 12 years): Free.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:30hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Stanley Park

The sprawling landmass of the iconic Stanley Park stretches across 1,000 acres throwing open ample of opportunities for indoor and outdoor activities. Being the city's most-visited tourist spots, Stanley Park lives up to its grand status by attracting close to 8 million visitors annually, all thanks to its expanse that reaches out to ivory beaches, dirt trails and a forest. Children are particularly fascinated by its aquarium, waterpark, miniature railway and a plethora of other recreational options. Being a "greenspace" for over a century, the park is dotted with hemlock and fir trees that unfurl the beauty of nature in all its glory. You can explore an extremely scenic and tranquil side of this park through a meandering train journey. Be it a fun-filled family outing or a peaceful time out alone, the park has something for everyone - an oceanic backdrop, jagged highlands and an unfathomable verdancy.

Address : Vancouver, BC V6G 1Z4, Canada

Zipcode : V6G 1Z4

Location : 49.3017049, -123.1417003

Contact : +1 604-681-6728

Website : <http://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/stanley-park.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Stanley Park Loop Bus Station

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Granville Island

One of the most beloved districts of the city, Granville Island welcomes you with an array of trendy restaurants, museums and art galleries. However, the spotlight of the island is the public market where the local chefs show off their culinary skills and present you with some of their best recipes cooked with fresh produce. Known to be one of the best open-air markets in the continent, fuel up at the food stalls before heading to various craft stalls selling creative handicrafts. Sit by the water and watch the ferries travel back and forth from English Bay or admire the remodeled warehouses that reflect the industrial history of the island. The

playtopia, is a kids only market that features an indoor play area along with selling different toys.

Address : 1669 Johnston St, Vancouver, BC V6H 3R9, Canada

Zipcode : V6H 3R9

Location : 49.270622, -123.134741

Contact : +1 604-666-6655

Website : <http://granvilleisland.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB w 2 Ave NS Anderson St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Gastown

Get a glimpse into the local life of the people in the historic neighborhood of Gastown. Dating back to 1867, this neighborhood is known to be the birthplace of the city. Stroll through the cobbled stone streets and get stumped by magnificent architecture of the vintage buildings, the steam clock and the classic lampposts that are scattered over the neighborhood. Seamlessly combining the old with the new, the neighborhood is ripe with emerging local businesses, snug cafés, chic and elegant restaurants and thriving fashion boutiques. The cocktail scene in this neighborhood is strong i.e. the buzz grows from mellow to lively as the sun sets into its horizon. Explore the neighborhood on foot and stumble upon the structure of Gassy Jack Deighton, a seaman from UK after whom the neighborhood is named. Various world-class events are also held here.

Address : Gastown, Vancouver, BC V6B 2H9, Canada,

Zipcode : V6B 2H9

Location : 49.2828082, -123.1066875

Contact : +1 604-665-3346

Website : <http://www.gastown.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB E Cordova St FS Carrall St Bus Station

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Jericho Beach

Popularly known as the sportiest beach of Vancouver, Jericho Beach is a pristine seascape on the western coast of the city. Lounge back and appreciate the spellbinding views of West Vancouver or participate into one of the various water sports like sailing, kayaking, swimming and windsurfing. Indulge in recreational activities like tennis, volleyball, rugby and soccer at one of the sports courts or set up a picnic table and enjoy the sunset. The locals often gather here to enjoy the popular Folk Music Festival that takes place at the beach.

Address : Vancouver, BC V6R 1B3, Canada

Zipcode : V6R 1B3

Location : 49.2724337, -123.19440689999999

Website : <http://www.jerichobeach.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : WB w 4 Ave at 4000 Block Bus Station

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Queen Elizabeth Park

The horticultural gem in the geographical heart of the city, Queen Elizabeth Park is a 130-acre urban oasis and the highest point in Vancouver. The second most visited park in the city after Stanley Park, it is a major attraction for nature lovers. Whether you just wish to lounge back and enjoy the sweeping vistas of the city and the north shore colossal hills or exercise your muscles by playing sports like tennis, Tai Chi, Disc golf and pitch & putt or use this location to pose for some crazy wedding photos, this park attracts people with diverse interests. This massive parkland is also home to the remarkable Bloedel Conservatory, a splendidly manicured quarry garden, a magnificent arboretum with a wide collection of exotic and native flora and impressive structures including one by internationally renowned artist, Henry Moore. This is a perfect setting to just cuddle with your favorite book or stargaze.

Address : 4600 Cambie St, Vancouver, BC V5Y 2M9, Canada

Zipcode : V5Y 2M9

Location : 49.241443, -123.11347949999999

Contact : +1 604-873-7000

Website : <http://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/queen-elizabeth-park.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : NB Cambie St FS w 33 Ave Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs; Saturday and Sunday: 08:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Robson Street

The most popular shopping district in Vancouver, Robson Street is swamped with a crowd looking for stores that offer them the trendiest collections of the season. The focal point of the city, the cozy cafés, extravagant restaurants, branded shops and boutiques spill out of marvelous structures to cater to the retail needs of customers of every budget.

Address : Robson Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2V7, Canada

Zipcode : V6Z 2V7

Location : 49.2846045, -123.12482399999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Kitsilano Beach

Follow the locals down the shoreline to Kitsilano Beach, a vivacious place geared for the young 20-something crowd. Sit back among the sun-seekers and watch the waves roll in or mingle with the athletes and volleyball players at the 'Kits' beach. A perfect summer hotspot, among the ocean swimmers, loungers, watersport adventurers and fine diners, you are sure to find an activity for yourself at the Canadian equivalent to Los Angeles' Venice Beach. If the ocean water is too cold, you can just sit back and admire the panoramic views of the Vancouver skyline at the heated saltwater Kits pool, the largest pool in Canada. During summers, the beach hosts the largest Canadian Shakespeare festival.

Address : Vancouver, BC V6J 5N2, Canada

Zipcode : V6J 5N2

Location : 49.27424379999999, -123.1547084

Nearest Public Transport : WB Cornwall Ave at Arbutus St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Canada Place

Smack in the middle of Vancouver's downtown harbor front, Canada Place is an emblematic structure that welcomes tourists, locals and passersby to the Western coastline. A multi-purpose venue, this center is home to some of the iconic attractions of the city including Flyover Canada, VINCI Park parkade, Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver Convention Centre East and World Trade Centre office tower to name a few. Embark upon a journey to learn more about the rich heritage of the country on The Canadian Trail or admire the 90-foot white sails that are illuminated with different hues from dusk to dawn or visit the place at noon to hum to the tunes of first 4 notes of the national anthem played by the Heritage Horns. You can also experience the nooks and crannies of Canada come to life in the form of photographs at the Dream of Canada exhibit. The place is known to hosts some of the most spectacular events like the Canada Day, Christmas, National Aboriginal Celebration and more. Note: You can also gain in-depth knowledge about the historical and cultural heritage of the country through different walking tours.

Address : 999 Canada Pl, Vancouver, BC V6C 3T4, Canada

Zipcode : V6C 3T4

Location : 49.2876497, -123.11371029999999

Contact : +1 604-665-9000

Website : <http://www.canadaplace.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : WB w Cordova St NS Granville St Bus Station

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Sunset Beach Park

Explore one of the city's most rejuvenating beach parks, as you lounge back on a bench perched under the black locust trees that will captivate you with its sweeping vistas of English Bay and Vanier Park. Take a walk across green lawns or stretch by the sandy beaches to soak up some sun or just watch the boats launch into the ocean at the Sunset Beach. Take your partner on a romantic sail

in the yacht charters to admire a beautiful sunset. After an invigorating experience, grab a bite at the Bridges Restaurant nearby.

Address : 1204 Beach Ave, Vancouver, BC V6E 1V3, Canada

Zipcode : V6E 1V3

Location : 49.279948, -123.1386941

Contact : +1 604-873-7000

Nearest Public Transport : EB Beach Ave FS Jervis St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Spanish Banks Beach

A local's favorite, Spanish Banks Beach spreads over the west coast of the city. Composed of 3 sections including the west, the east and the extension, the beach captivates you with its jaw-dropping scenery of Vancouver's skyline. Backed by grasslands, come here for a relaxing walk or for a perfect barbecue with your family. This great coastal expanse is famous amongst soccer and volleyball players, swimmers, sunbathers, skimmers and kite boarders.

Address : British Columbia V6T 1A1, Canada

Zipcode : V6T 1A1

Location : 49.2764679, -123.2132619

Nearest Public Transport : Spanish Banks Loop Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Park Royal Shopping Centre

Offering a personalized retail experience with both an indoor shopping mall and an outdoor shopping village, the Park Royal Shopping Centre comprises of over 280 stores and restaurants waiting to treat you with its diverse mix of options. Fuel up at one of the many eateries before tackling the open-air pedestrian street for fulfilling your shopping needs.

Address : 2002 Park Royal S, West Vancouver, BC V7T 2W4, Canada

Zipcode : V7T 2W4

Location : 49.3248206, -123.1368195

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Oakridge Centre

Right in the center of the city, Oakridge Centre is a cornerstone shopping destination cramped with both local and international brands like Hugo Boss, Michael Kors, DKNY, Tiffany & Co. and more.

Address : 650 W 41st Ave, Vancouver, BC V5Z 2M9, Canada

Zipcode : V5Z 2M9

Location : 49.23204880000001, -123.1186817

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. CF Pacific Centre

A fashion hub in the heart of the city, CF Pacific Centre provides you with a luxurious shopping experience with some of the renowned shopping labels like H&M, Apple, Nordstrom and many more.

Address : 701 W Georgia St, Vancouver, BC V7Y 1G5, Canada

Zipcode : V7Y 1G5

Location : 49.2830966, -123.1184169

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. International Village Mall

Location : 49.2802661, -123.1067135

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Metropolis at Metrotown

The largest shopping mall in the city, Metropolis at Metrotown is an expansive shopping center that offers a galvanizing shopping experience with over 450 shops selling everything from fashion apparels to home furnishings and

electronics. A destination in itself, this sprawling center boasts of boutiques, extravagant restaurants and theaters. The mall also hosts several events throughout the year.

Address : 4700 Kingsway #604, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2, Canada

Zipcode : V5H 4N2

Location : 49.22677100000001, -123.00131799999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Chinatown

Established in late 1800s, this ethnic enclave embodies Vancouver's rich history, diverse cultures and reverberant future. Being the largest Chinatown in the country, this neighborhood is always buzzing with vibrant colors, remarkable cuisine, traditional markets and dynamic culture that reflects the glorious heritage of China. Come here and see the city from a completely different perspective as you learn more about one of the earliest communities who settled in the state of British Colombia.

Address : 106 Keefer St, Vancouver, BC V6A 1X4, Canada

Zipcode : V6A 1X4

Location : 49.27917679999999, -123.1018649

Contact : +1 604-632-3808

Website : <http://www.vancouver-chinatown.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : SB Quebec St at Keefer St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday Closed.

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. English Bay Beach

A pristine stretch of sand just a stone's throw away from downtown Vancouver, English Bay Beach or commonly known as the First Beach attracts sunbathers and adventure seekers from far and wide. Lounge back and soak up some unparalleled mountain scenery or take a plunge into the water or exercise your muscles by playing volleyball at this shoreline. It is a great place to tip your head back and

gaze at the sky during the international fireworks competition held for 3 nights during end of July or early August.

Address : M, Vancouver, BC V6C 3C1, Canada

Zipcode : V6C 3C1

Location : 49.2863114, -123.1434865

Contact : +1 604-873-7000

Website : <http://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/english-bay-beach.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : EB Beach Ave FS Burnaby St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 06:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Pacific Spirit Regional Park

A paradise for hikers, Pacific Spirit Regional Park on the western edge of the city features a network of trails hidden inside an oasis of over 750 hectares. The paths are well-known among the local residents and accessible throughout the year. Meander through the winding trails and disappear back into the peaceful forest. As you walk through one of the numerous hiking paths, soak up the beautiful views of the shoreline and bask in the smell of the Hemlock, Cedar, and Maple Leaf trees. If you are not much of a hiking enthusiast, there are horseback-riding and cycling options available too. The forests, pristine coastlines, cliffs and swamplands make this park a habitat for a wide variety of flora and fauna in the heart of the city.

Address : 5495 Chancellor Blvd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1E4, Canada

Zipcode : V6T 1E4

Location : 49.253286, -123.2156029

Contact : +1 604-224-5739

Website : <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/parks/parks-greenways-reserves/pacific-spirit-regional-park>

Nearest Public Transport : EB w 16 Ave FS Tolmie St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : May 30 - Sept 4 Daily 07:00hrs-22:00hrs; Sept 5 - Sept 25 Daily 07:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Vancouver

A label lover's paradise, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Vancouver is your place to grab the latest fashion trends of the renowned international brands like Armani, Hugo Boss, Guess and more for as low as 70% cheaper than the price all year round. Located just a stone's throw from the airport, the outlet features international labels galore with restaurants and cafes serving delicious meals.

Address : 1000-7899 Templeton Station Rd, Richmond, BC V7BoB7, Canada

Zipcode : V7BoB7

Location : 49.1973372, -123.140518999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.20. Aberdeen Centre

More than just a shopping center, Aberdeen Centre offers you a multi-cultural retail experience with majority of stores selling Asian products. Fill up your bags with some of the herbal products and other Asian goods at this shopping destination.

Address : 4151 Hazelbridge Way, Richmond, BC V6X 4J7, Canada

Zipcode : V6X 4J7

Location : 49.1839775, -123.133551899999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Cycling and Mountain Biking -**

Address : 1798 Georgia St W, Vancouver, BC V6G 2V7, Canada

Location : 49.2923183,-123.1339288

Contact No : +1 604-688-5141

Website : <http://www.spokesbicyclerentals.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB w Georgia St FS Denman St Bus Station

Entry Fees : Bike Rentals start at CAD 7.62 for 1 hour and CAD 22.86 for 6 hours. Rentals depend on the types of bikes.

Open / Close Time : Daily: 09:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 3

- **Skiing and Snowboarding -**

Address : 271 E 2nd Ave, Vancouver, BC V5T 1B8, Canada

Location : 49.2683303999999,-123.0988747

Contact No : +1 604-879-1833

Website : <http://www.vanski.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB E 2 Ave FS Main St Bus Station

Entry Fees : The price ranges from CAD 50 to CAD 75.

Open / Close Time : Monday to Wednesday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs; Thursday and Friday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs; Saturday: 11:00hrs-16:00hrs; and Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 25 minutes

- **Windsurfing and Stand Up Paddling -**

Address : 1300 Discovery St, Vancouver, BC V6R 4L9, Canada

Location : 49.275585,-123.201517999999

Contact No : +1 604-224-0615

Website : <http://windsure.com/>

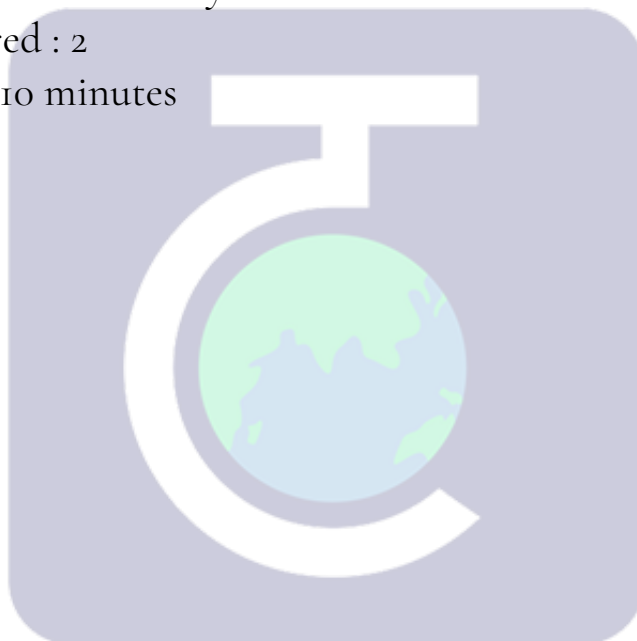
Nearest Public Transport : EB NW Marine Dr FS Locarno Cres Bus Station

Entry Fees : Windsurfing and skimboarding rentals for one day are CAD 120 and CAD 22.33 respectively whereas SUP rental for 1 hour is CAD 19.65.

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 10 minutes



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

There's always something exciting to do in Vancouver, from sporting events and cultural festivals, through to live theatre, art openings and culinary happenings. For water sports enthusiasts of all kinds, Vancouver has plenty of to offer. Positioned on the coastlines of Georgia Strait, English Bay and Burrard Inlet, the town claims a striking expanse of shore. Kayaking, waterboarding and scuba diving are all available to the visitors. Thunderbird Stadium and Empire Field are another good stadiums in the city.

- **Nat Bailey Stadium:**

Address : 4601 Ontario St, Vancouver, BC V5V 3H4, Canada

Location : 49.2432489,-123.10607649999997

Contact No : +1 604-872-5232

Website : <http://www.milb.com/index.jsp>

- **Pacific Coliseum:**

Address : 2901 E Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V5K 5J1, Canada

Location : 49.2858605,-123.0428068

Contact No : +1 604-253-2311

Website : <http://www.pne.ca/venuereals/pacific-coliseum.html>

10. Spas and relaxation

- **Spa Utopia Health & Wellness Center - North Vancouver:**

Address : 889 Harbourside Dr #160, North Vancouver, BC V7P 3S1, Canada

Location : 49.3137001,-123.09715289999997

Contact No : +1 604 9803977

Website : <http://spautopia.ca/>

- **Harbor Wellness Centre:**

Address : Harbour Centre Mall, Harbour Centre, 555 W Hastings St #7, Vancouver, BC V6B 4N4, Canada

Location : 49.2848194,-123.11205259999997

Contact No : +1 604 558 2585

Website : <http://www.harbormwc.com/>

- **Smile Thai Wellness Spa:**

Address : 235 Robson St, Vancouver, BC V6B 0E7, Canada

Location : 49.2786185,-123.1151701

Contact No : +1 604 630 3808

Website : <http://smilethaiwellness.com/>

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11. Key local guides and tours

For people interested in travelling to Vancouver for the first time, the experience may seem new and to an extent strange. However, innumerable touring companies and guides are available for your help. The tours start at around 40 CAD in Vancouver. A few of the tours are Vancouver Foodie tours, Cycle City Tours and Bike Rentals, Scenic Rush Driving Experiences, The Rocky Mountaineer Train and many more. Few of the famous local guides are Lois T. who loves showcasing Vancouver city and the beautiful north shore of the city to the travellers; Jenn is the one who loves sharing local experiences, culture and places with the visitors; Mahara S. ensures that the travellers savour the day with delicious local food, artisan shops, walks by the beach, visit birding sites or anything of the travellers' focus; and Eva S who ensures that the tour is professional and at the same time relaxed, friendly and comfortable.



12. Transportation hubs

The main airport accessible to Vancouver is the Vancouver International Airport, which takes 26 minutes to cover the 15 kilometre trip to the city's center in 36.12 CAD. Other airports are Vancouver Harbour Water Airport, Boundary Bay Airport, and the Victoria International Airport. Visitors can take the rail services provided by VIA Rail, The Rocky Mountaineer and Amtrak's Amtrak Cascades. These trains will arrive at 'Pacific Central Station' on 1150 Station Street. As for bus transportation, Vancouver is abundant with bus services, like those provided by Greyhound Canada and USA, Malaspina Coach Lines, Quick Coach, BoltBus, Pacific Coach Lines and the Perimeter Transportation. Vancouver also has ferry terminals provided by BC Ferries: Tsawwassen terminal in Delta and the Horseshoe Bay terminal in the West Vancouver. The major train stations in the city are Yaletown-Roundhouse Station, Vancouver City Centre Station and Burrard Station. Pacific Central station is the major hub in the city for trains and buses.

13. Transportation cost

For trains, VIA Rail, The Rocky Mountaineer and Amtrak's Amtrak Cascades provide the rail services for everyday rides, with fares starting at 30 CAD and increases depending on the type and destination. On the other hand, you can take the Greyhound Canada or the Malaspina Coach Lines, with fares at 15 CAD and monthly fares starting at 350 CAD. A one way ticket by bus takes around 2.75 CAD while a monthly pass is available at 91 CAD. The normal tariff of a taxi starts at 3.50 CAD.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

Vancouver is served by trains, buses and taxis to a great degree, largely because of the level of flexibility, convenience and its affordability. For tourists, this is an even greater advantage considering that the above mentioned means of transport have baggage allowances of up to eighteen kilograms. This means that small luggage like back pack or anything that amounts to the stipulated weight is carried for free once the commuter fee has been paid. For personal pets no extra charge is incurred as well.



Index**15. Must try food and local savouries**

From seasonal spot prawns, late summer tomatoes, a massive prime cut of steak, to a steaming bowl of ramen noodles, locals in Vancouver city get excited for almost anything that's served on the plate. The local food specialties in the city which one must try on their visit to the city are seafood, locally made cheese, and fresh produce. Do try the local berries here like the gooseberries.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

You can end your day with a red or white wine in a karaoke night in the highlighted places. Granville street, Yaletown and Gastown are excellent places in the city for restaurants, sports bar, pubs, live music venues and these areas attract the younger, university crowd of the country, making them the major centers for city's nightlife.

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- **Blue Water Cafe:**

Address : 1095 Hamilton St, Vancouver, BC V6B 5T4, Canada

Location : 49.276155,-123.121129

Contact No : +1 604-688-8078

Website : <http://www.bluewatercafe.net/>

Open / Close Time : Daily: 16:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Absinthe Bistro:**

Address : 1260 Commercial Dr, Vancouver, BC V5L 3X4, Canada

Location : 49.2733844,-123.0693824

Contact No : +1 604-566-9053

Website : <http://www.bistroabsinthe.com/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday and Thursday, Sunday: 17:30hrs - 20:30hrs Friday and Saturday: 17:30hrs - 21:00hrs Monday and Tuesday:

Closed

- **AnnaLena:**

Address : 1809 W 1st Ave, Vancouver, BC V6J 5B8, Canada

Location : 49.270821899,-123.1467779

Contact No : +1 778-379-4052

Website : <http://www.annalena.ca/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday, Sunday: 17:00hrs-00:00hrs;
Monday: closed

- **Paul's Omelettery:**

Address : 2211 Granville St, Vancouver, BC V6H 3G1, Canada

Location : 49.265975199,-123.1386833

Contact No : +1 604 737 2857

Website : <http://paulsomelettery.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily: 07:00hrs - 15:00hrs

- **Chambar Restaurant:**

Address : 568 Beatty St, Vancouver, BC V6B 2L3, Canada

Location : 49.2801271,-123.1099350

Contact No : +1 604-879-7119

Website : <http://www.chambar.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Wednesday: 08:00hrs-00:00hrs; Thursday
to Saturday: 08:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Miku Restaurant:**

Address : 200 Granville St #70, Vancouver, BC V6C 1S4, Canada

Location : 49.2870468,-123.1128433

Contact No : +1 604-568-3900

Website : <http://mikurestaurant.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday: 11:30hrs-22:30hrs; Friday and Saturday: 11:30hrs- 23:00hrs

- **Celebrities:**

Address : 1022 Davie St, Vancouver, BC V6E 1M3, Canada

Location : 49.2794165,-123.1299374

Contact No : +1 604-681-6180

Website : <http://celebritiesnightclub.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday : Open 24 hours Saturday and Sunday: Closed

- **Bar None Nightclub:**

Address : 1222 Hamilton St, Vancouver, BC V6B 2S8, Canada

Location : 49.2743773,-123.1226269

Contact No : +1 604-689-7000

Website : <http://donnellygroup.ca/bar-none/>

Open / Close Time : Friday and Saturday: 22:00hrs-03:00hrs; Sunday to Thursday: Closed

Index**17. Average meal cost**

For drinks and meals in Vancouver, tourist and visits can be assured of affordable purchases during their stay. A simple meal in Vancouver may cost up to 11 CAD – 16 CAD. For alcohol and beer lovers, the prices are rather accommodative depending on a person's preference. A dinner meal goes for up to 5 CAD to 9 CAD. Alcohol lovers and drinkers can get a drink for as cheap as 7 CAD. For coffee lovers, a cup of cappuccino goes for minimum of 5 CAD and a maximum of 6 CAD.



Index**18. Shopping**

Malls and shopping areas are numerous within Vancouver, and they offer thousands of varieties of commodities and services. The thrill of shopping in Vancouver can be experienced in the street shops and vendors or in the beautiful malls that encompass a myriad of goods and services under one roof. Shopping malls in Vancouver include City Square, Oakridge Centre and Kingsgate Mall. Shoes, clothes and electronics are some of the commodities that can be found within shopping malls in Vancouver.



Index**19. Tourist benefits**

Tourists can enjoy the benefit of VAT refund as Canada offers each of the tourists an advantage of having their amount paid as value added taxes on the goods back in their wallet. However, it must be noted that you can only avail the benefit if you have made a total purchase of more than 50 CAD. There are certain stipulations about the time frame that has to be maintained. You will have to kindly check with the tax officer to avoid missing the deadline.



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20. Essential local apps

Apps are enormously important when you are living, traveling and exploring in Vancouver of Canada. When you are in this city, you should have Translink to simplify public transportation, B.C Health service locator for nearby health services and Go parking app to help you navigate to the nearest available parking place. Vancouver tap, Food, Nightbound and On - the - Go Kids apps are quite interesting ones to have Vancouver Tap app is for accessing 600 fresh water sources while On - the - Go Kids app are for finding places that are friendly to children and allows kids' activities. Besides, Nightbound app gives you access on what happens inside clubs, gender ratio in them and the crowd size.



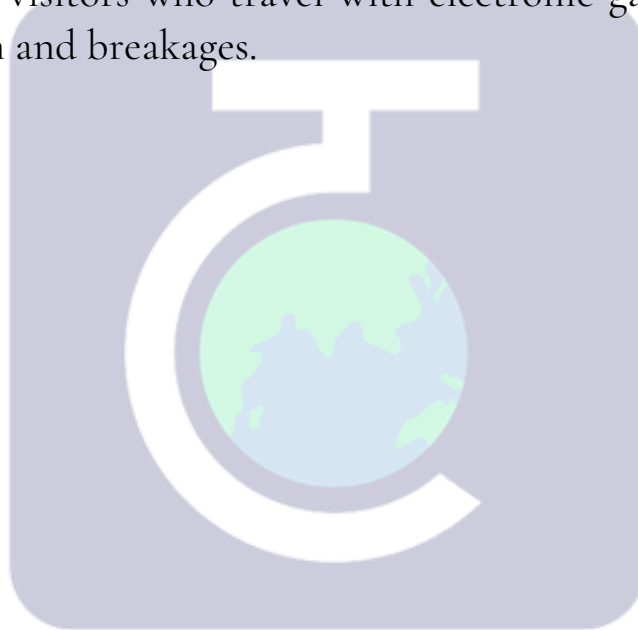
21. Driving

Visitors and guests who are travelling to Vancouver in Canada are free to drive around as much as they wish. However, they have to abide a few rules and regulations. For one, a guest must possess an International Drivers Permit which allows them not only to drive but also rent a car while in Vancouver. Insurance cover is another critical requirement that you should not miss. You must, however, possess a valid driving license from your country of origin. Also, it is advisable to note that the car that you will rent must be insured completely.



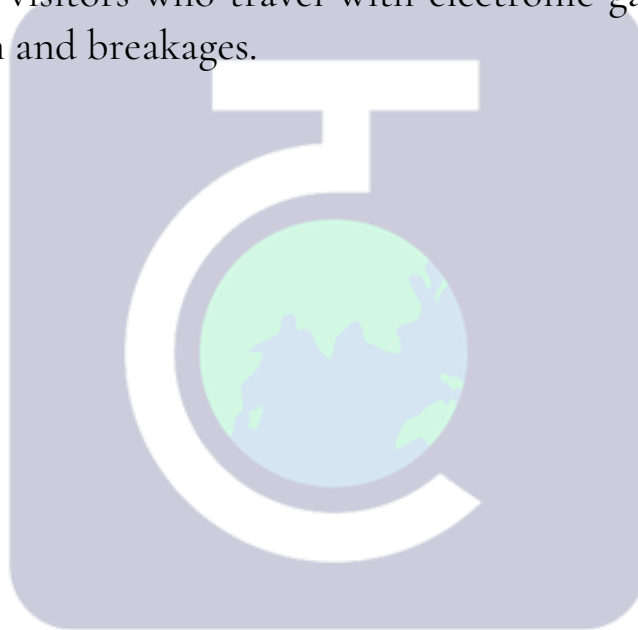
22. Travel essentials

Vancouver has a standard voltage with a frequency of 110 Volts and 60 Hertz. It is also important to note the fact that all the plugs are two pronged and as such some travel plug adapters do not fit. You will need a voltage adapter or a transformer if any of the equipment that you have brought from your home town does not match to the standard voltage of the city. A sturdy padded carrying case is essential for those visitors who travel with electronic gadgets like laptops to avoid the aggravation and breakages.



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24. Local currency

Canadian Dollar is the local currency of the city of Vancouver. It is coded as CAD. The currency exchange rate is 1 USD = 1.29 CAD.



Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

It is always necessary to carry the local currency while traveling through the city of Vancouver. You will be charged with a minimum of \$ 3 to \$ 4 for every transaction you make through ATM. Traveller's checks is an essential part of your tour. There are many shops and retailers that accept traveller's checks. However, you can even swipe your debit or credit card.



26. Staying connected

In Vancouver, the three major mobile network providers are Rogers, Telus and Bell. All networks in Canada operate using the GSM/UMTS/LTE system and thus CDMA phone are practically non-functional. It is recommended to have some cash in handy while filling your prepaid phone as not every shop will swipe your card for the same. You might even have prepaid phones available to make international calls.



27. Time Zone

The city of Vancouver follows Pacific Time Zone with UTC – 08:00 hours.



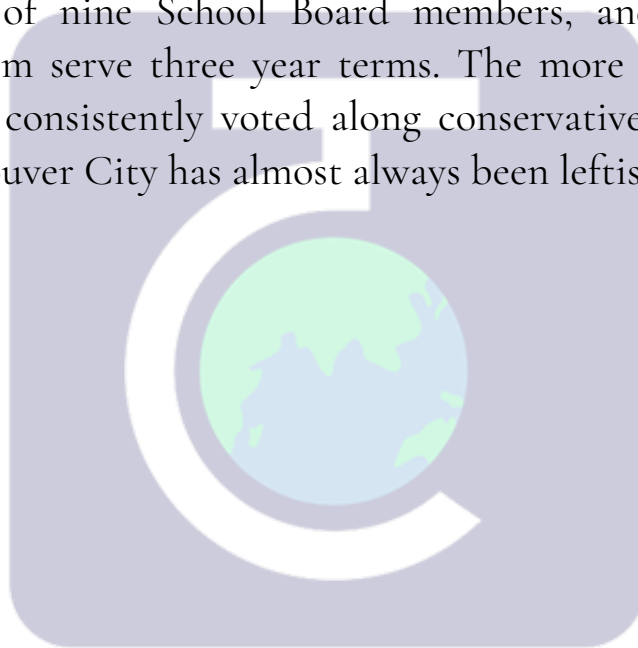
28. Languages

French and English are the most widely used languages across the entire city.



29. Political Scenario

The Vancouver Charter under which Vancouver is incorporated makes it quite different from other municipalities in British Columbia. The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921 is superseded by the legislation passed in 1953. The legislation grants Vancouver more powers than other municipalities under British Columbia's Municipalities Act. Vancouver is run by the eleven-member City Council, consisting of nine School Board members, and seven Park Board members, all of whom serve three year terms. The more affluent west side of Vancouver City has consistently voted along conservative lines. However, the eastern side of Vancouver City has almost always been leftist in its voting.



30. Economic Scenario

Vancouver is one of Canada's largest industrial centres. Port Metro, Vancouver's largest and most diversified port does more than 172 billion CAD in trade annually. Port activities generate 9.7 billion CAD in gross domestic product and 20.3 billion CAD in economic output. Vancouver's picturesque beauty has made it a tourist destination. It is the headquarters of forest product and mining companies. In recent years, Vancouver has become a great centre for software development, biotechnology, aerospace, video game development, animation studios, television production and film industry. Vancouver is a center for many lifestyle products due to its strong focus on lifestyle and health culture.



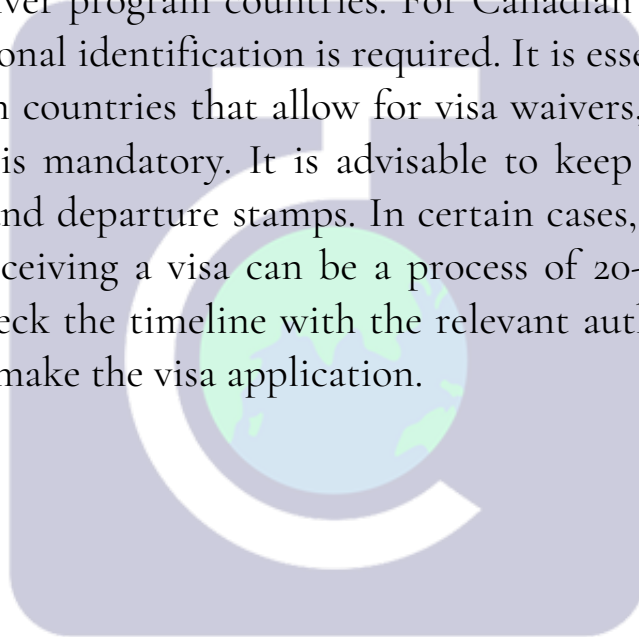
Index**31. Religious belief**

In Vancouver of Canada, there are 48.8% people not affiliated to any religion, including agnostic, atheist and humanist. 36.2% people belong to Christian, 5.7% people are affiliated to Buddhist group and 2.8% people belong to Sikh. Similarly, 2.2% people are having faith in Muslim and 1.4% people are Hindu. In addition to this, there is 1.8% people affiliated to Jewish and 0.9% people belonging to other religions. Very few, that is 0.1%, people are of Aboriginal spirituality.



32. Visa requirements

Vancouver is one of the many beautiful cities in Canada allowing for a rich cultural experience. For visitors who wish to have a piece of what Vancouver has to offer, they have to arm themselves with tourist invitation documents, identification material such as passports and digital photographs and more importantly medical examination reports. This is applicable to tourists who are outside the Visa Waiver program countries. For Canadian citizens who wish to visit Vancouver, personal identification is required. It is essential to note that for visitors who reside in countries that allow for visa waivers, electronic system of travel authorization is mandatory. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



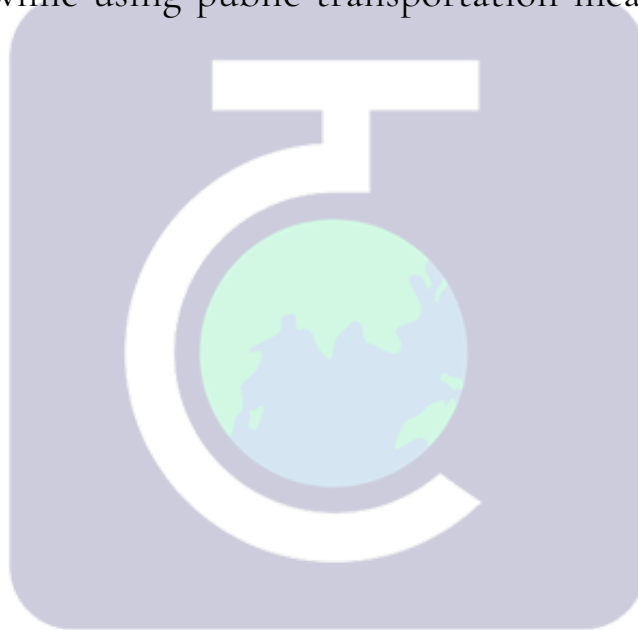
Index**33. Essential vaccination**

The city is a safe destination to visit. There are no immunizations that are mandatory before leaving for the city, but you may want get a tetanus booster just to be safe.



34. Theft and Safety

For those tourists travelling to Vancouver, it is prudent to note that despite the low crime rates within the city, taking care of personal belongings is mandatory. It is advisable to leave valuables and other personal belongings in a hotel room while walking in the city at night. Petty theft as snatching and pickpocketing are some of the key threats that a tourist should look out for while in the city at all times, and more so while using public transportation means such as buses and trains.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

There are a number of embassies and consulates spread across the entire city. A few of the places where one can find the embassies in the city are West Georgia Street, Suite 1160, West 10th Avenue, Russet Way West and Suite 2020. You can have more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/canada>.



36. Accessibility

Public buildings and utility areas such as shopping malls and museums are built with respect to people with disabilities in Vancouver. Tourists are encouraged to visit the city since no discrimination is present in regards to accessibility.



Index**37. Emergencies**

Medical complications that arise in the course of the visit can be addressed at the Vancouver General Hospital which accepts oversea insurance. Mount St. Joseph's Hospital is another good hospital in the city. For any SOS services, call 911.



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38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • Always be polite when talking to the locals in Vancouver • Remember to leave valuables in a hotel room while roaming on the streets to avoid theft and pick pocketing. • As a rule of the thumb remember to tip appropriately after receiving a service. • When in the bar, the tip that should be observed is 15-20 percent. • Be sure to carry an electrical converter when travelling to Vancouver. • It is advisable to note a cab number before getting inside. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. Don'ts: • Vancouver's streets are very clean; you should therefore avoid littering by all means. • Drinking in public is prohibited in Vancouver. • Buying things on the street is not advisable for visitors. • Smoking in public is prohibited unless it is done in public smoking zones. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.

Index**39.Tipping basics**

It is necessary to tip in Canada with a minimum of 15% of the total bill at restaurant. The hairdressers are paid 4 – 5 CAD as a tip. Porters are given a dollar or two to show gratuity. Moreover, taxi drivers are even paid up to 15% of the total fare of your travel.



Index**40.Pet info**

Vancouver does not shun from welcoming tourist who wish to travel with their pets. As a matter of fact, the veterinary service within the city that is available all times of the day is at their disposal if their pets get any medical complications. Pets are admissible into Vancouver on condition that their owners have a training certificate for their pets; they carry proper medical examination reports which include a blood test and a vaccination history.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

One of the most notable tourist attractions in Vancouver is the Capilano Suspension Bridge which is a landmark bridge owing to the fact that it is perched in the treetops. The height of the bridge allows you to view the ground and expansive growth below with awe and wonderment. It is one of the most beautiful sceneries a person can set their eyes, more importantly during winter. A walk on this majestic and magnificent bridge leaves you with the feeling of walking on treetops right below the sky. The Canada Place is another crucial part of Vancouver which is an iconic and beautifully designed ferry terminal. The meeting of land and water to allow for ferry docking coupled with the astounding architecture makes this place one of the reasons you should strive to travel to Vancouver. For spiritual enthusiasts, there are various churches that mark as instrumental attraction sites. It is a blissful green expanse that encompasses Taoist design and has continued to capture the attention of eastern spiritualists around the world. If you are interested in learning more about eastern religions, besides the amazing architecture and landscape design, you should visit the churches at least once.

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