



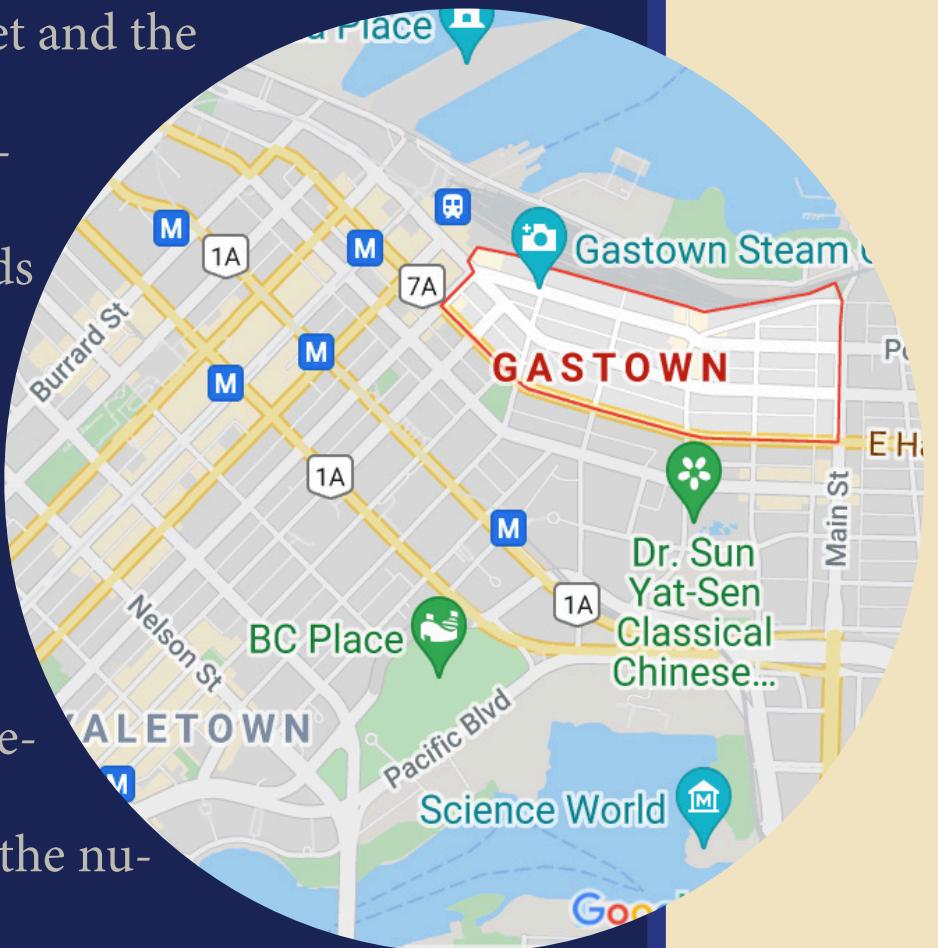
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is a retail and commercial district in Vancouver, British Columbia. It is bounded by Cordova Street and the waterfront between Richards Street and Main Street. The original Gastown settlement formed the nucleus for the City of Vancouver and is now a National Historic Site. Today, Gastown is a popular tourist destination and home to restaurants, gift shops, boutiques, galleries, nightclubs and bars.

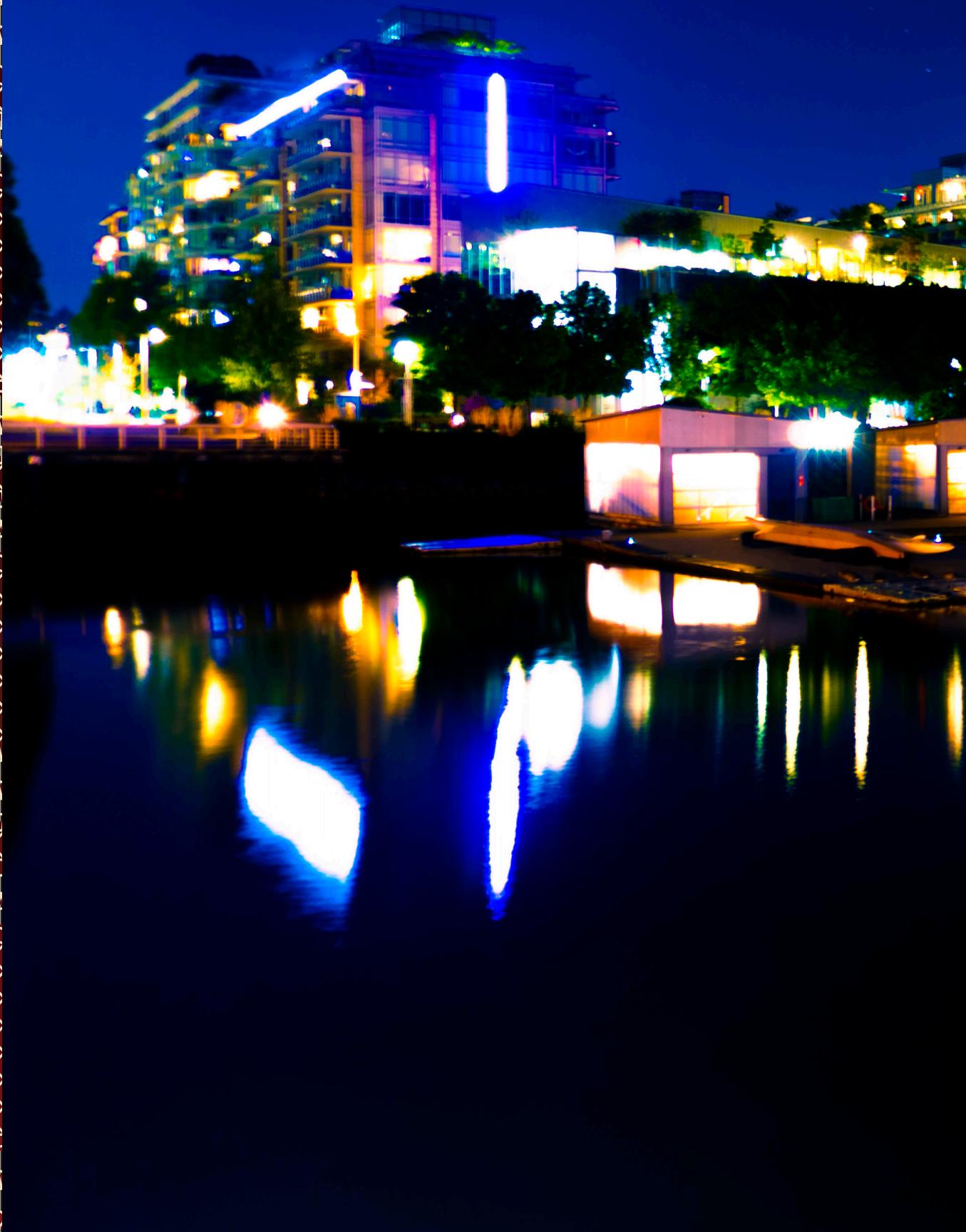




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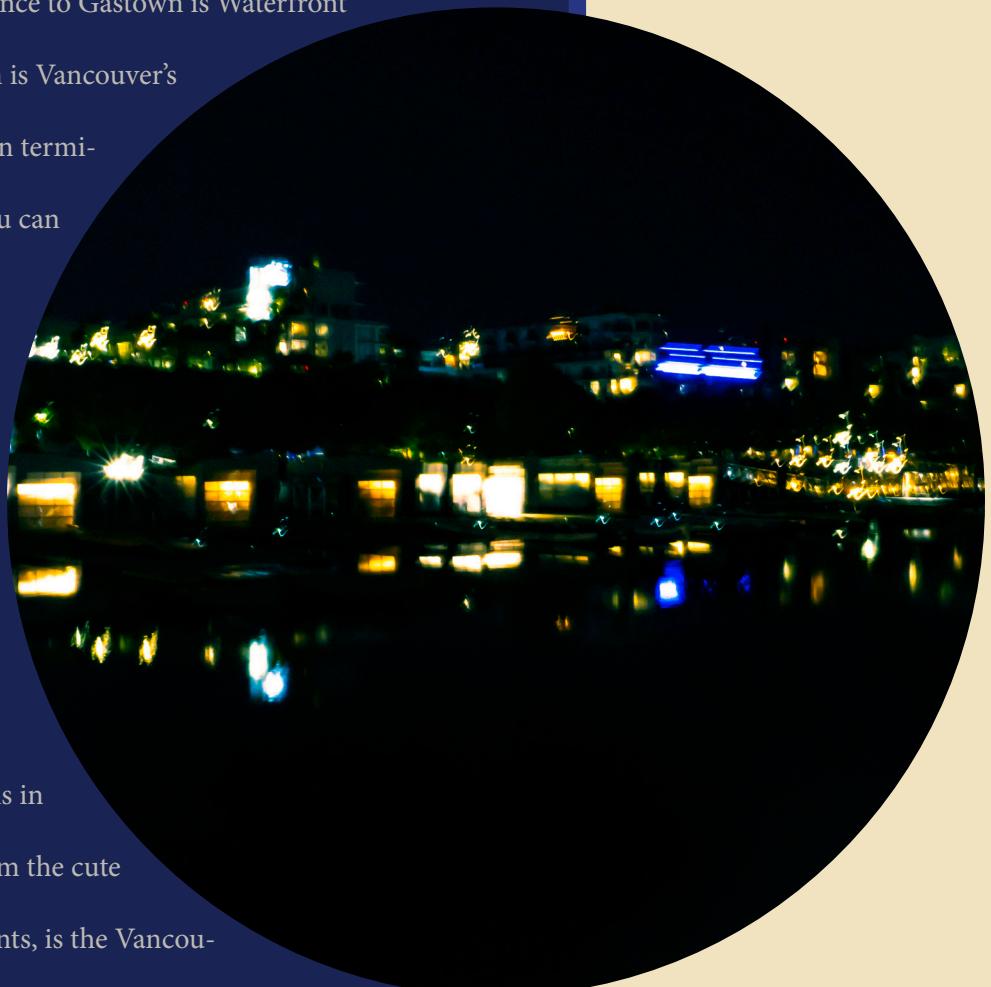
Gastown has a great collection of restaurants, pubs, and lounges - many which are relatively new and have added a trendy vibe to Gastown (which was, up until not too long ago, lacking). Gastown will be full of people out on the town, from drunken college kids seeking cheap beer at places like the Cambie or the Blarney Stone, to swanky socialites gossiping at Boneta, Cobre, and Chill Winston. Gastown isn't somewhere you'd drag your family at night to go sightseeing, but for drinking/eating with a destination in mind, it's a fun place to go to on a Friday night, definitely.





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is recommended if you are in the area and want a quick stroll, are looking for a great restaurant or want to find a good gift shop for souvenirs. Along Water Street, the district's main thoroughfare, are quaint shops including great places to shop and excellent places to eat. Near the entrance to Gastown is Waterfront Station. The station is Vancouver's main transportation terminus from where you can catch the SkyTrain to almost anywhere, or take the 15-minute SeaBus trip across Burrard Inlet to North Vancouver. One of the main attractions in Gastown, apart from the cute shops and restaurants, is the Vancouver Lookout at Harbour Centre. It's between Waterfront Station and Gastown. From the top you can see Vancouver for miles on a clear day, 360-degrees around. As well, Gastown has a number of quality art galleries. This includes the Coastal Peoples Fine Arts Gallery which is less than a block away from the Inuit Gallery of Vancouver. Representing BC's local Indigenous cultures, they both are well-worth a visit.





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