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TWO-DAY ITINERARY

Exploring Vancouver out on the water and along the waterfront gives you a unique perspective on this city. This two-day itinerary brings together both ocean-inspired adventure and culinary delights for a fun-filled experience.

ADVENTURES ON WATER: DAY ONE

Start your Vancouver adventure by taking to the seas and visiting with some of the region's most spectacular inhabitants, the whales! Companies including **Prince of Whales**, **Wild Whales Vancouver**, **Vancouver Whale Watch**, and **Steveston Seabreeze Adventures** all offer tours whisking you out onto the waters of the Gulf of Georgia where you might see orcas, humpback whales, minke whales, grey whales, porpoises, seals, sea lions, eagles, and a variety of seabirds. Tours range from intimate groups on Zodiac-style vessels that are big on adventure, to larger boats with modern comforts. No matter what you choose, you'll learn a lot about these powerful creatures.

After you get back downtown, enjoy a late lunch before taking some time to explore.. Consider a spa treatment at one of

Vancouver's five-star hotels, especially one that uses locally sourced ingredients such as west coast seaweed, sea salt or glacial mud. Or take a stroll down Robson Street, Vancouver's best known shopping district. Along with famous designer brands and quirky independent boutiques, you'll also find the people-watching is excellent. Grab a coffee at one of the many cafes and take in some of the atmosphere.

Tonight, make your way down to Coal Harbour, next to Stanley Park, where you'll board **Harbour Cruises'** Sunset Dinner Cruise. You'll take a leisurely tour past Vancouver's Canada Place, North Shore Mountains and Stanley Park while you enjoy live music and a West Coast-themed buffet. You'll have the perfect vantage point to watch the sun slowly disappear into the Pacific.



ADVENTURES ON WATER: DAY TWO

Kick off your day on Granville Island with a **Sea Vancouver** tour of the city! These are fast, fun Zodiac tours of the waters around the downtown peninsula. Your adrenaline will start pumping as your skipper takes you over to the North Shore, under the Lions Gate Bridge, around Stanley Park and down False Creek.

After your tour, bring things down to a more relaxed pace and take some time to explore. Located right on the water, opposite downtown, Granville Island was once industrial land, but in the 1970s, it was reclaimed and turned into a hub for arts and culture. Stroll the streets, peeking into artisan studios, galleries, craft stores and workshops as you pick up some souvenirs. For lunch, head into the

popular Granville Island Public Market where, among market vendors offering incredible local produce and seafood, you'll find a casual food court with excellent lunch options. Whatever you choose, take it outside for an al fresco meal with a view of the water.

After you've refueled, it's time for a different type of water adventure! Visit **Ecomarine Paddlesports Centres'** location on Granville Island where they offer tours, lessons and straight rentals of both kayaks and paddleboards, and accommodate everyone from absolute beginners to advanced experts. Afterwards, take one of **Aquabus'** or **False Creek Ferries'** adorable little boats from Granville Island back over to the downtown peninsula, then take a

beautiful walk around the seawall and over to picturesque English Bay Beach.

To cap off your time in Vancouver, tonight you'll experience the perfect Vancouver adventure, combining sea and air, and nature and culture, with **Harbour Air's** Fly 'n Dine to Bowen Island package. Take off from Coal Harbour in downtown Vancouver, and soar over Stanley Park, Burrard Inlet, the Coast Mountains and Howe Sound before landing dockside on Bowen Island. You'll then enjoy a laidback three-course West Coast dinner before making the scenic journey back downtown via the ferry and along the Sea to Sky Highway.



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INSIDER TIPS!

Whale Watching season operates from May through October. Many whale watching companies offer shuttle services from Downtown Vancouver.



WEST COAST/SEAFOOD DINING

- Sandbar Seafood Restaurant
- Cardero's Restaurant
- Joe Fortes Seafood and Chop House
- YEW seafood + bar
- LIFT Bar Grill View
- The Fish House in Stanley Park
- The Teahouse Restaurant
- Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar
- COAST Restaurant



ITINERARY ADD-ONS

- Try out the Vancouver Harbour Tour – a one-hour cruise around downtown – or the Indian Arm Luncheon cruise with **Harbour Cruises**.
- If you want a bit more adventure, try out a zodiac boat tour with **Vancouver Water Adventures**.