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# VAN COU VER

## TWO-DAY ITINERARY

**Vancouver's mild climate and close proximity to alpine peaks gives winter adventurers the best of both worlds! It's easy to plan an experience that brings together the cultural and culinary highlights of the city, with close-by snowy outdoor adventure.**

## WINTER IN VANCOUVER: DAY ONE

Ease into the day with a light breakfast at one of Vancouver's many local cafes, warming up for the day with a relaxing mug and a casual bite. After, walk over to **FlyOver Canada** for a virtual flight across the country. A unique 4-D flight simulation ride, this is an exhilarating experience that sees you soar across Canada. You'll quite literally experience the wind in your hair and the mist in your face!

Vancouver has experienced a huge surge in the number of craft breweries, and this afternoon, you'll get to visit three of them! Join your guide from **Vancouver Brewery Tours** at downtown's Waterfront Station, and from there you'll board their bus to sip and sample your way through some of the city's best craft brewing establishments, enjoying behind-the-scenes experiences along the way.

Tonight, you'll work up an appetite before dinner on the North Shore with **Grouse Mountain's Snowshoe Fondue** experience. After making your way across Burrard Inlet and to the base of the mountain, you'll head to the peak of the mountain via scenic Skyride. Breathe in that fresh alpine air and get ready for your snowshoe guide to take you on a tranquil one-hour tour through some of the most picturesque winter landscapes and city views you can imagine. At the end of the tour, you'll hang up the snowshoes and retreat to the cosy chalet for a three-course fondue dinner fireside in Altitudes Bistro. Dip your way through cheese, broth and chocolate fondues before heading back downtown to your hotel.



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## WINTER IN VANCOUVER: DAY TWO

This morning, get your bearings by heading up to the **Vancouver Lookout** for a 360-degree view of the city, suburbs, ocean and mountains. Your ticket is valid all day, so you can always head back to check out the view when the sun is setting. From here, it's a short walk to downtown Vancouver's main shopping centre, the **Pacific Centre** mall. You'll find lots of North America's best-known stores along with flagship department stores such as **Holt Renfrew** and **Nordstrom**. Looking to give your credit card a bigger workout? There are plenty more shopping options nearby such as on Robson, Alberni and Granville streets, or in historic downtown neighbourhoods like Gastown and Yaletown.

After your morning of retail therapy, settle down for a traditional afternoon tea at the **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver**. The city's "grand dame" serves an elegant tea including the classic scones, finger sandwiches and tartlets, along with a

"bubblegum tea" version for the kids. Grown-ups can opt to make their experience sparkle by upgrading to include a glass of bubbles. Work off your treats with an ice-skating session in the middle of the city – Robson Square offers free skating on their rink throughout the winter, with skate rentals available at low cost. It's a unique experience to glide around the ice just steps from bustling Robson Street!

Tonight, dine in grand style at **Hy's Steakhouse & Cocktail Bar**. A Canadian classic, the cosy, dark wood room with starched white tablecloths serves some of Vancouver's best steak and finest cocktails. But make sure you don't forget an order of their cheese toast – legendary! Interested in a nightcap? The subterranean **Prohibition** bar in the **Rosewood Hotel Georgia** is just the place for a beautifully crafted drink in refined surroundings.





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### OTHER HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS & EVENTS

- Stanley Park, Bright Nights
- VanDusen Botanical Gardens, Festival of Lights
- Capilano Suspension Bridge Park, Canyon Lights
- Grouse Mountain, Peak of Christmas
- Vancouver Christmas Market
- Aurora Winter Festival
- Christmas at FlyOver Canada

*\*Make sure to check specific dates of these events online, as they change annually.*

### RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

- Sutton Place Hotel
- Hyatt Regency Vancouver
- Pan Pacific Vancouver
- Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
- Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre
- Delta Vancouver Suites
- Blue Horizon
- Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver

### ITINERARY ADD-ONS

- Experience a winter wonderland while ziplining at **Grouse Mountain!**
- Sit back and enjoy a beer at a **Vancouver Canucks** ice hockey game.
- Enjoy a culinary experience with **Vancouver Foodie Tours** on their Gastronomic Gastown Tour or the Granville Island Market Tour.
- **Museum of Anthropology**
- **Vancouver Art Gallery**
- **WESTCOAST Sightseeing Hop-on, Hop-off**