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TWO-DAY ITINERARY

With historic neighbourhoods, waterfront artworks, multicultural attractions and live performance, Vancouver's cultural side plays out against a backdrop of spectacular nature.

EXPLORE VANCOUVER'S ARTS & CULTURE: DAY ONE

For those interested in fine arts, there's no better place in the city to kick off a visit than the **Vancouver Art Gallery**. Located right downtown in an imposing former courthouse building, the gallery combines both the traditional and the boundary-pushing all in one space. From French Impressionists to indigenous Canadian works, and an impressive collection of photographic art, the VAG has built a reputation for curating collections worth seeing. Take a break at the Gallery Café, with its beautiful hidden-gem patio overlooking bustling Robson Street.

From downtown, stroll into Stanley Park via the seawall, where you'll find some great examples of Vancouver's robust public art program – from historic statues to contemporary sculpture and colourful murals, the city has invested heavily in pieces that can be enjoyed by all.

Once you're in Stanley Park, make sure that you take time to visit the famous totem poles. The nine Indigenous poles at Brockton Point represent indigenous art from around British

Columbia. While most of these are now replicas (the originals having been sent back to their home villages or to museums for preservation), the two intricate gateways were carved especially for Stanley Park by Coast Salish artist, Susan Point. To really appreciate what the park represents to the Indigenous community, take **Talaysay's Talking Trees Tour**, where your indigenous guide and cultural ambassador will teach you about the plants traditionally used for food, technology and medicine.

Return to your hotel and get ready for a night out at the theatre! **The Arts Club Theatre Company** produces shows on three stages in the city: the Granville Island Stage, the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage in the South Granville neighbourhood, and the Goldcorp Stage in Olympic Village. Each season offers a mix of classics, musicals, contemporary works, and new works written specifically for the company. And all three stages are located in areas filled with local dining options, and spots for a post-show drink.



EXPLORE VANCOUVER'S ARTS & CULTURE: DAY TWO

This morning, take the opportunity to see Vancouver through a different lens—the lens of your camera. **Vancouver Photowalks** offers small, outdoor photography classes that give visitors a chance to explore different neighbourhoods while improving their holiday snaps! The two-hour classes are held in areas such as Gastown, Stanley Park, Chinatown and the Olympic Village.

After your tour, head to Chinatown to sit down for a traditional dim sum lunch. **Floata Seafood Restaurant** is the largest Chinese restaurant in Canada, and can accommodate up to 1,000 guests! The restaurant offers freshly made dim sum every day, and is a great introduction to the sights, sounds and smells of Chinatown. After lunch, stroll around

the Chinatown neighbourhood, making sure to stop at the tranquil **Dr. Sun Yat Sen Classical Chinese Garden**. This was the first classical Chinese garden built outside China when it opened in 1986. Like similar gardens, the elements of the structure, garden and pavilions are all loaded with symbolism. Unlock these meanings by taking a guided tour of the garden, included with your admission.

Get a true taste of coastal Indigenous culture with dinner at **Salmon n' Bannock Bistro**. A short taxi ride from downtown, this restaurant offers a contemporary menu that includes wild fish, organic and free-range meats, and bannock (a traditional bread) in dishes inspired by First Nations and other indigenous traditions.





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INSIDER TIP!

Check out the day-of, half-priced tickets available online each morning at ticketstonight.ca to plan a cultural night out while grabbing a great deal!

ITINERARY ADD-ONS

- **Museum of Anthropology**
- **Vancouver Art Gallery**
- **The Polygon Gallery**
- **Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art**
- **Vancouver Food Tour - Modern Chinatown Tasting Tour**
- **Granville Island**
- **Takaya Tours - West Coast Canoe Tour**

HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Listel Hotel
- Skwachays Lodge
- Opus Hotel
- The DOUGLAS
- The Granville Island Hotel
- Loden Hotel
- Rosewood Hotel Georgia
- The Burrard