

# Spring in Vancouver

SEE OUR CITY IN BLOOM

There's nothing quite like Vancouver in the spring. From our cherry blossom-lined streets to the scent of seawater crashing against the seawall, our temperate climate makes this the best time of year to experience the city's outdoor spaces. This two-day itinerary is guaranteed to put a spring in your step.

## At a glance

- World-class museums
- Botanical gardens
- Neighbourhood tour
- Farm fresh food

## DAY ONE

### A SPRINGTIME STROLL

You'll start your day in the beautiful coastal campus at the **University of British Columbia**. Just 30 minutes from downtown, the easily accessible grounds are home to the **Museum of Anthropology**, where you can discover much of our city's deep indigenous roots.

After exploring our history it's time to learn about the nature that helped shape it. A visit to the **Beaty Biodiversity Museum** will help you understand Vancouver's wildlife, environment and connection to the world around us.

### TREES AND TRANQUILITY

After lunch it's time to explore the campus' lush gardens. **UBC Botanical Garden & Greenheart Treewalk** is a hidden Vancouver gem, a stunning natural setting with 310 metres of suspension bridges strung high up in the rainforest.

Looking for space to reflect? You'll find it at the **Nitobe Memorial Garden** - a tranquil Japanese "stroll garden" and traditional tea house that's considered to be one of the most authentic examples outside of Japan. Cherry blossoms shower the garden in spring, making it the perfect time to visit this magical pocket of Vancouver.

### A TASTE OF VANCOUVER

You've seen our city and learned about its history, now it's time to get a taste for what Vancouver has to offer - literally. On the menu tonight is a gastronomic tour of historic **Gastown**, one of Vancouver's hippest neighbourhoods. With the help of **Vancouver Foodie Tours** you'll live like a local, sampling local cuisine and craft drinks.







## DAY TWO

### VANCOUVER'S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Here, we don't just embrace diversity, we exist because of it. Nowhere is this more apparent than in **Vancouver's Chinatown**, a historic neighbourhood that's stood for more than a century. Spend your morning strolling the streets of this vibrant hub, browsing the unique mixture of traditional Asian markets and hip boutique stores.

A must see on your visit is the iconic **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden**, which was the first classical garden of its type built outside China when it opened in 1986.

### A BURST OF COLOUR

After a traditional dim sum lunch, head south to **VanDusen Botanical Garden**. Opened in 1975, the 55-acre site comes alive during springtime when the Rhododendron and Japanese cherry blossoms are in bloom.

Alongside impeccably planted species from across the globe, the garden is also home to the **Shaughnessy Restaurant**, a relaxing retreat that's perfect for a late lunch or afternoon tea overlooking relaxing natural displays.

### EAT FRESH

It's not just the gardens that come to life in spring, with an abundance of fresh seasonal ingredients, the city's culinary scene does too. We don't just think sustainability, we grow, cook and taste it too thanks to restaurants like **Forage**, that pride themselves on farm-to-table fare that showcases the very best the Pacific Northwest has to offer.



### ITINERARY ADD-ONS

- Looking for more culinary treats? Try out **Vancouver Foodie Tours' Granville Island Market Tour**, a flavour-filled adventure through this local's favourite.
- Visiting in April or May? Join a whale watching adventure with **Prince of Whales, Vancouver Whale Watch, Wild Whales** or **Steveston Seabreeze**.
- Got an extra day or two? Take a ferry ride to Victoria's beautiful **Butchart Gardens**.
- Take "**A Wok Around Chinatown**" tour which includes a guided tour and traditional Dim Sum lunch.
- **Discover Canada Tours** "Vancouver Favourites Tour" explores **Stanley Park, Granville Island, Kitsilano, Queen Elizabeth Park, Chinatown** and **Gastown**.
- See the best Vancouver has to offer, including Stanley Park, Granville Island Public Market, and English Bay with the **Evergreen Adventures Essential Vancouver Tour**.

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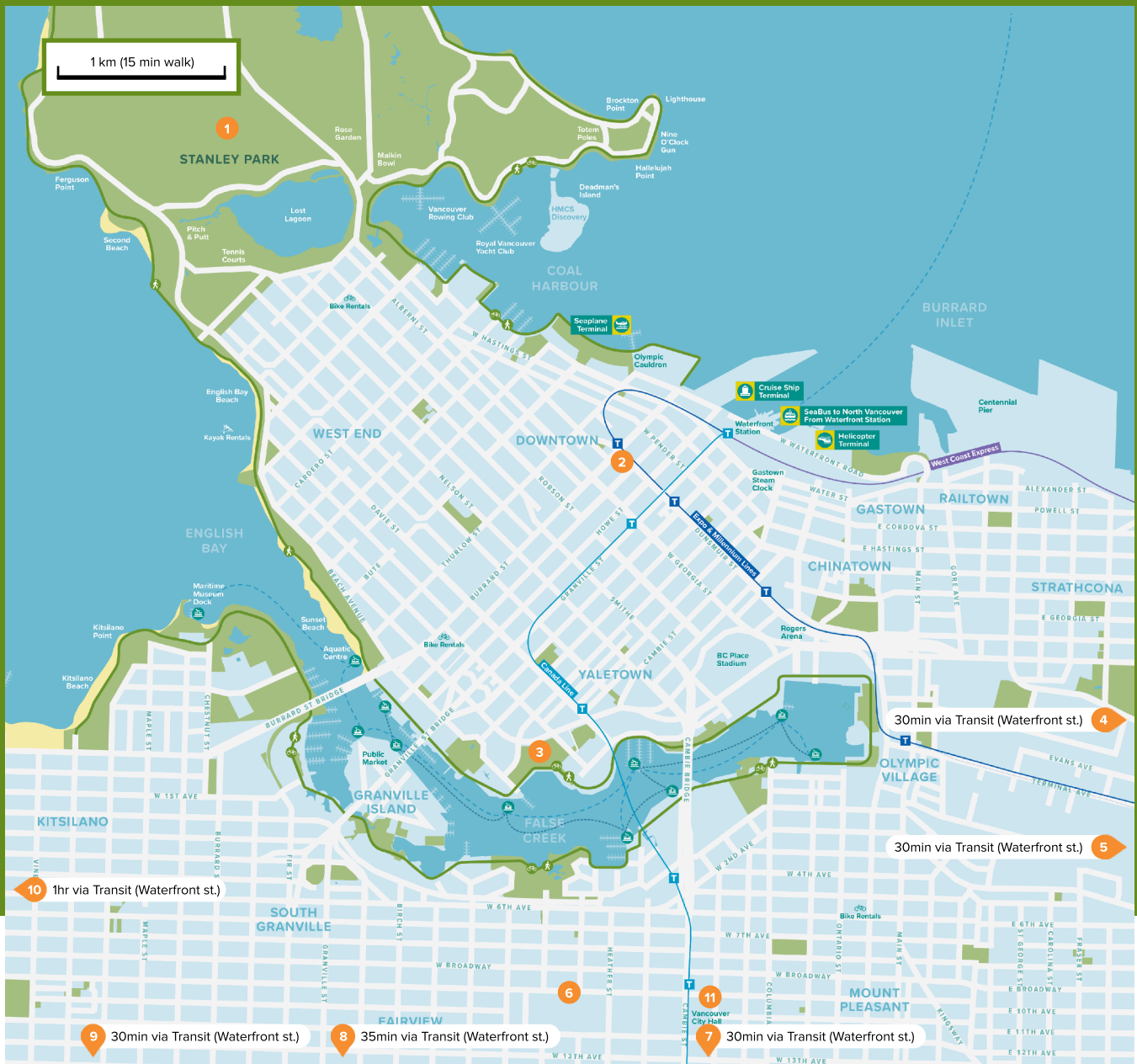
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# Springtime is the perfect time



## CHERRY BLOSSOMS

1. Stanley Park
2. Burrard Skytrain Station
3. David Lam Park
4. Graveley Street
5. East 3rd Avenue
6. 10th Avenue
7. Queen Elizabeth Park
8. VanDusen Botanical Gardens
9. West 22nd Avenue
10. Nitobe Memorial Garden
11. Vancouver City Hall



## INSIDER TIPS

- Experience our city at its Instagrammable best at the annual **Cherry Blossom Festival**, which takes place every year in April.
- Use **Westcoast Sightseeing's** hop-on hop-off tour to get around the city and visit top attractions like **VanDusen Botanical Gardens** and **Queen Elizabeth Park**.
- Don't miss the **Fairmont Waterfront hotel's** Hives for Humanity apiary. Over a quarter million honeybees produce over 200lbs of honey each season from the hotel's rooftop garden and nearby green spaces.



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