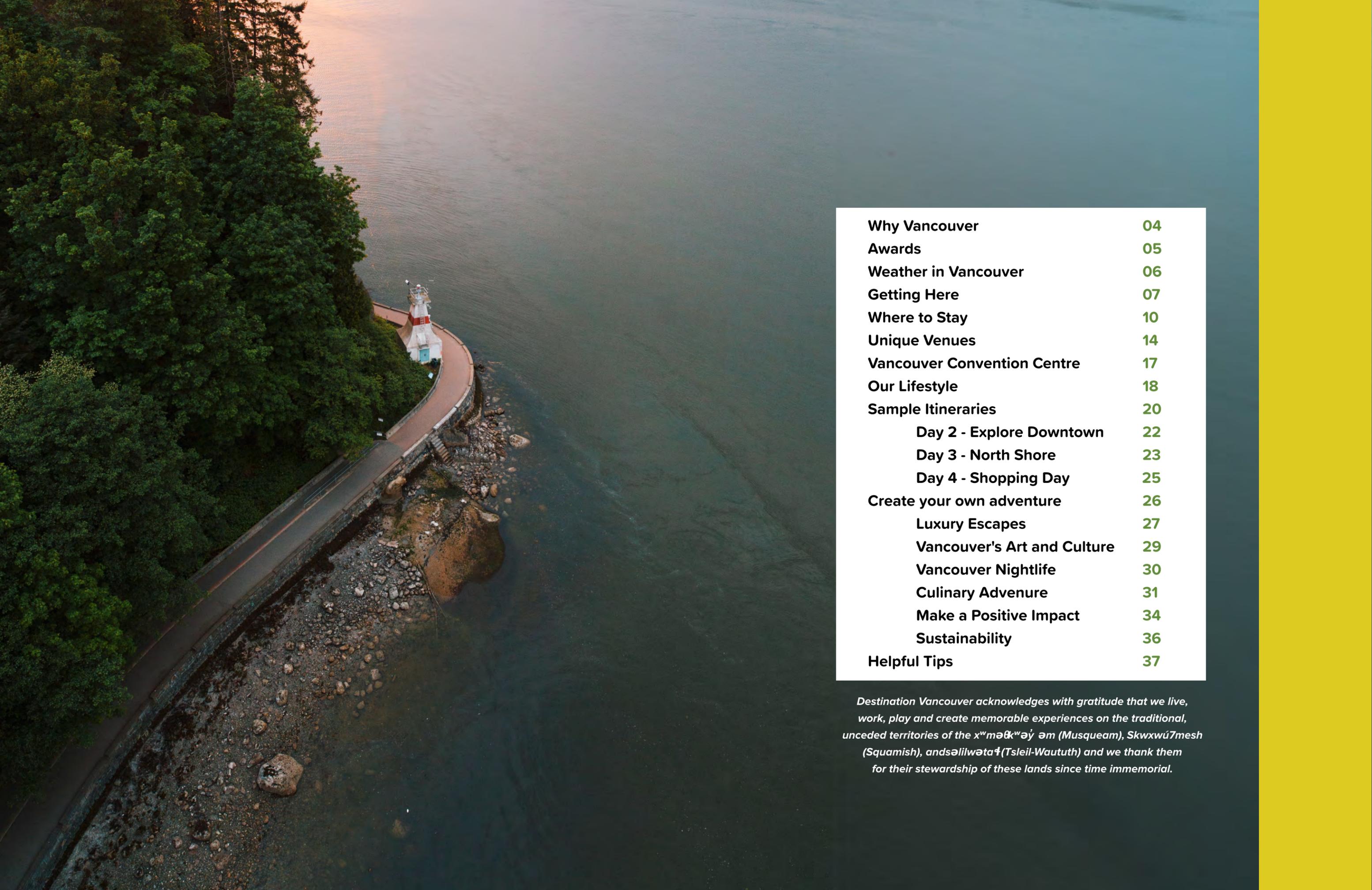


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Destination Vancouver acknowledges with gratitude that we live, work, play and create memorable experiences on the traditional, unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɣ̓ (Tsleil-Waututh) and we thank them for their stewardship of these lands since time immemorial.



Why Vancouver

We may have been voted Most Liveable City quite a few times, but we prefer the term Most Alive — and your delegates will see why. Here, we don't just sit in nature; we run, jump, ski, surf, start start-ups and brew breweries in it (among many other things). With endless adventures available to your team, this city will keep them inspired in and out of the boardroom.



AWARDS

VANCOUVER IS #1 IN CANADA AND NORTH AMERICA
KAYAK's City Index for Mindful Travellers 2023

TOP BEST CITIES IN NORTH AMERICA FOR INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS
International Congress & Convention Association (ICCA) 2019-2023

BEST AIRPORT IN NORTH AMERICA SKYTRAX WORLD AIRPORT AWARDS
Skytrax World Airport Awards 2024

TOP DESTINATION IN CANADA
TripAdvisor's 2019 Travelers' Choice Awards 2019

TOP 5 CITIES IN CANADA – TRAVEL + LEISURE
Travel + Leisure 2019 and 2023

WORLD'S MOST SUSTAINABLE CITIES
Lonely Planet 2021

BEST CITIES IN THE WORLD
Condé Nast Traveler 2018 and 2023

VANCOUVER IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST LIVEABLE PLACES, RANKING FIFTH MOST LIVEABLE CITY
Global Liveability Index by the Economist 2023

MICHELIN RESTAURANTS IN VANCOUVER
Michelin 2022 and 2023

FOURTH MOST DESIRABLE CITY IN THE WORLD
The Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards 2023

TIME'S WORLD'S GREATEST PLACES
TIME 2023

TESTIMONIALS

"Vancouver, we couldn't have picked a better location to hold our 2,500 persons incentive program where "Spectacular by Nature" brings our program to life" – James Koh, Amway Japan

- It was wonderful to work with the bureau, convention center, hotel and the city overall starting from the planning phase to the actual program execution. Many changes have occurred especially on the usage of the venues at convention center but Stephanie Johnson was quick to help and to ensure we had the venues we needed to do our business session and grand banquet. The hotels too were excellent to work with. All the key hotel staff we came in contact with very professional and flexible in meeting our needs. Last but not least is the city itself which is the main selling point. Its beauty surrounded by sea and mountain and lots of greens are the main attractions why we chose Vancouver as the incentive destination. Its proximity to Whistler is also a plus and the sole reason that 1,200 out of the entire group chose to go visit & ski there during our program.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Part of the beauty of this place comes from the diversity of our people. We're proud to be a safe, inclusive city, and you'll hear us say it in one of the 70+ languages spoken here (though English and French are our official languages).



OUR NATURAL PLAYGROUND

We're surrounded by some of the world's most beautiful (and accessible) nature, offering year-round mountain, rainforest, and ocean excursions. This is a take-your-breath-away, choose-your-own-adventure kind of place.



GETTING HERE IS SIMPLE. BEING HERE, EVEN EASIER

Here, you'll find non-stop direct flights to over 108 destinations, with 94 US and 34 international arrivals per day. And to get around, choose from skytrains, buses, taxis, Ubers, Lyfts, limousines, or your legs (we're very walkable).



GREEN VIEWS, THUMBS AND INITIATIVES

As the 1970s birthplace of Greenpeace, you'll find sustainable practices at every turn – from the six-acre living roof on the Vancouver Convention Centre, to our recycling programs, seasonal menus, hotel certifications and eco-transportation.



EXPERIENCES BEYOND THE 9-TO-5

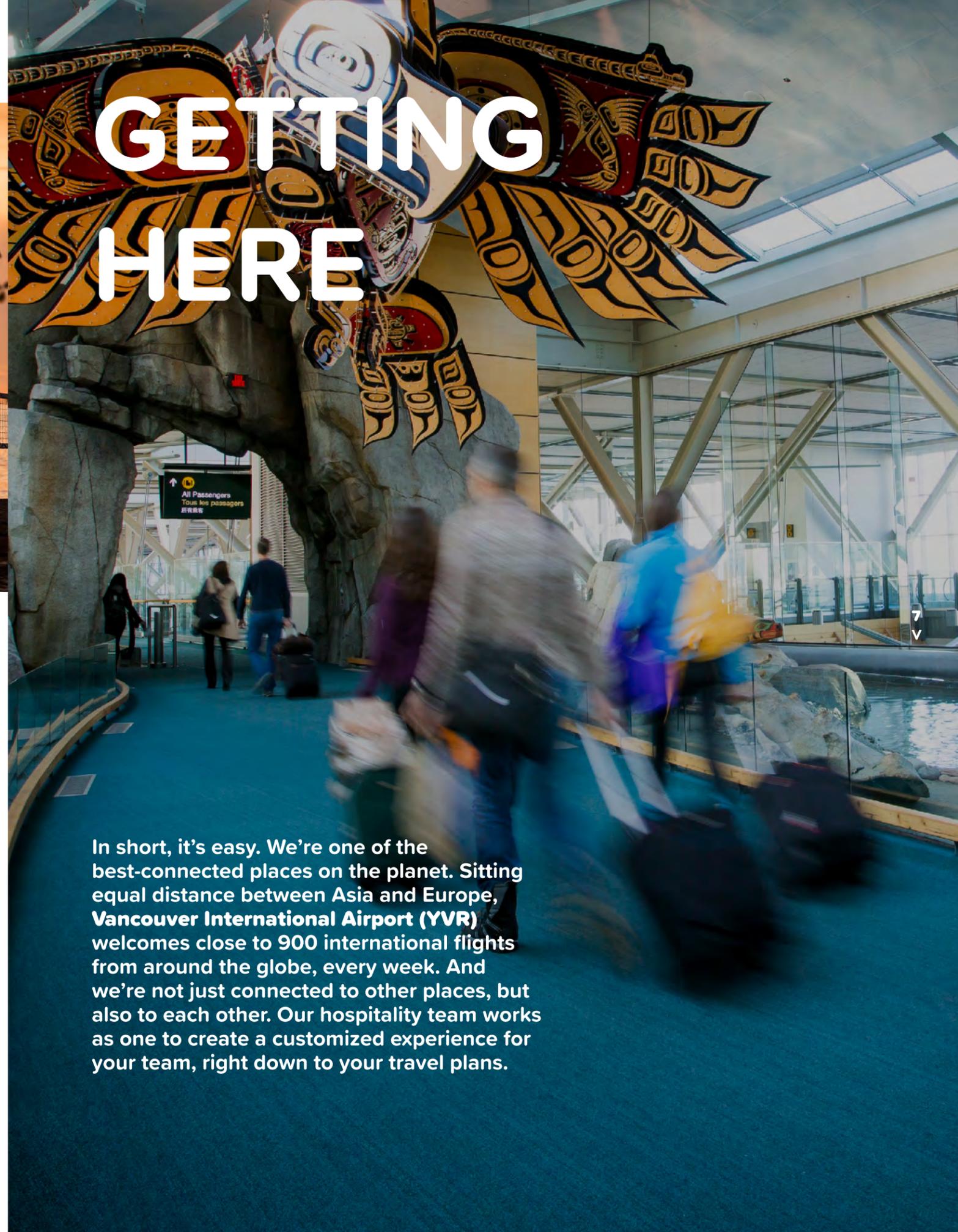
Our location makes us the perfect jumping- (driving-, sailing-, flying-) off point for adventure. In the days or even hours before and after a meeting, your delegates can easily add an experience that won't be so easily forgotten.



PARADISE FOR PEDESTRIANS

Where other cities might have your team travelling for hours in traffic, our walkability can't be beat. Our downtown core provides everything your team needs in 30-minutes walking time or less, helping you achieve both your sustainability and your budgetary goals.

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GETTING HERE

WEATHER IN VANCOUVER

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WINTER

January

High : 6°C (43°F) Low : 1°C (34°F)
Precipitation : 149.9mm (5.9")

February

High : 8°C (46°F) Low : 1°C (34°F)
Precipitation : 124.5mm (4.9")

March

High : 9°C (48°F) Low : 2°C (36°F)
Precipitation : 109.2mm (5.9")

SUMMER

July

High : 22°C (72°F) Low : 12°C (54°F)
Precipitation : 35.6mm (1.4")

August

High : 22°C (72°F) Low : 13°C (55°F)
Precipitation : 38.1mm (1.5")

September

High : 18°C (64°F) Low : 10°C (50°F)
Precipitation : 63.5mm (2.5")

SPRING

April

High : 12°C (54°F) Low : 4°C (39°F)
Precipitation : 76.2mm (4.2")

May

High : 16°C (61°F) Low : 8°C (46°F)
Precipitation : 61mm (2.4")

June

High : 19°C (66°F) Low : 11°C (52°F)
Precipitation : 45.2mm (1.7")

FALL

October

High : 13°C (55°F) Low : 6°C (43°F)
Precipitation : 114.3mm (4.5")

November

High : 9°C (48°F) Low : 3°C (37°F)
Precipitation : 170.2mm (6.7")

December

High : 6°C (43°F) Low : 1°C (34°F)
Precipitation : 177.8mm (7")

In short, it's easy. We're one of the best-connected places on the planet. Sitting equal distance between Asia and Europe, **Vancouver International Airport (YVR)** welcomes close to 900 international flights from around the globe, every week. And we're not just connected to other places, but also to each other. Our hospitality team works as one to create a customized experience for your team, right down to your travel plans.

YVR Accessibility

Getting to Vancouver by air

24.9

MILLION+ PASSENGERS SERVED



241

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ARRIVALS PER WEEK (EXCLUDING USA)

94

US FLIGHT ARRIVALS PER DAY



PREMIER GATEWAY TO THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION



VOTED BEST AIRPORT IN NORTH AMERICA



1573 CANADIAN NON-STOP FLIGHTS PER WEEK



NON-STOP ACCESS TO 108 DESTINATIONS

Getting to downtown from YVR



\$9.65 SKYTRAIN FARE – LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (CANADA LINE)

25

MINUTES TO DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER (9.3MI / 15KM)

\$37

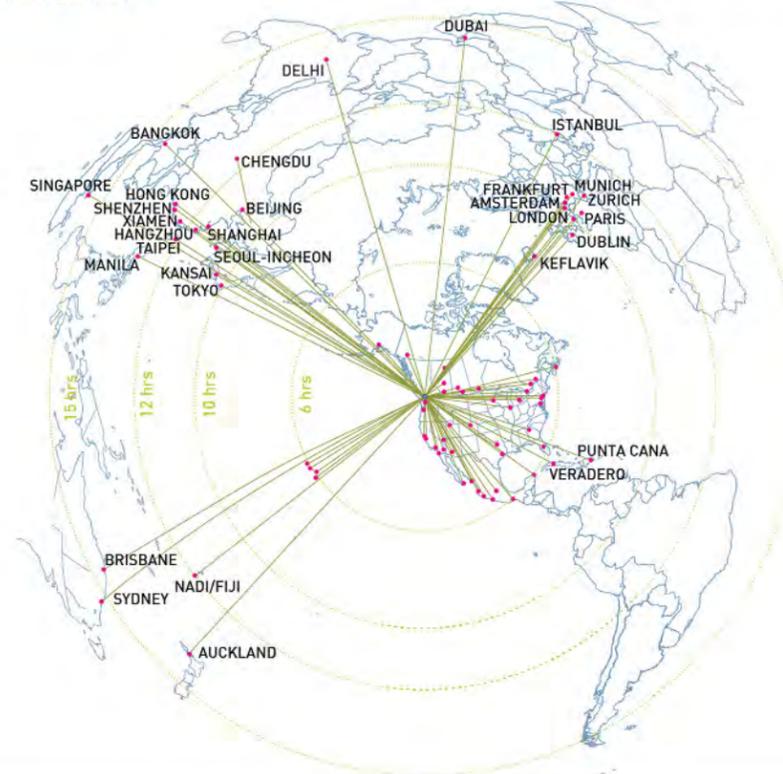
FLAT TAXI RATE (INCL. TAX, PLUS GRATUITY)



TAXI, UBER AND LYFT AVAILABLE IN VANCOUVER



Non-stop Destinations North America & International



Current route —
Est flight time from YVR (hrs) —

NON-STOP FLIGHT TIMES TO VANCOUVER

Auckland	13 hrs 15 min
Beijing	10 hrs 40 min
Frankfurt	10 hrs 25 min
Hong Kong	11 hrs 30 min
London	9 hrs 35 min
Tokyo	8 hrs 30 min
Shanghai	10 hrs 35 min
Sydney	14 hrs



NON-STOP FLIGHT TIMES TO VANCOUVER

Atlanta	5 hrs 30 min
Chicago	4 hrs 25 min
Dallas	4 hrs 15 min
Denver	3 hrs
Los Angeles	2 hrs 55 min
Mexico City	5 hrs 15 min
New York	5 hrs 40 min
Toronto	5 hrs

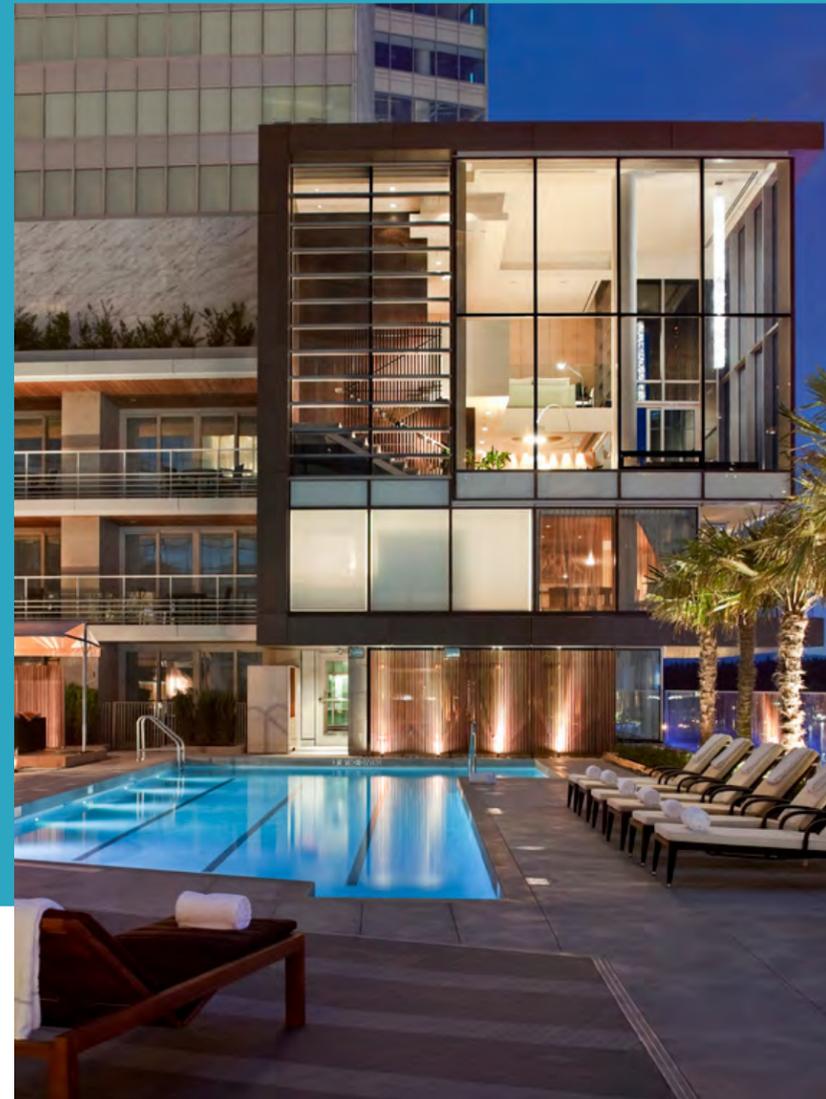
With 13,000 hotel rooms in walking distance of the Vancouver Convention Centre and another 10,000+ in Metro Vancouver, the question isn't really where to stay, but how to stay. Would your group prefer a boutique historic hotel, or a global brand?

An economical option, or suites to impress? Views of the ocean from the North, or views of the ocean from the South? With so many options, we've got room for every one of your attendees.

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WHERE TO STAY

Luxury Hotels



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Experience the epitome of luxury and functionality at Vancouver's premier hotels, each offering an unparalleled combination of opulence and cutting-edge meeting spaces. Whether you're looking for the classic Canadian comforts offered by Fairmont Pacific Rim, Rosewood, Paradox or the international appeal of Shangri-La, these establishments boast meticulously designed meeting spaces. Ideal for hosting high-profile events, conferences, or intimate business gatherings, these hotels also ensure a pampered retreat for your most important guest at the end of each day.

Hotels and Meeting Spaces

Inspire your attendees' minds at one of hundreds of meeting spaces within the downtown core and beyond. Afterwards, delegates can rest their heads in one of 13,000 hotel rooms in Downtown Vancouver or an additional 10,000 in Metro Vancouver.

DOWNTOWN CONVENTION HOTELS

	AAA RATING	TOTAL GUEST ROOMS	TOTAL MEETING SPACE (SQ FT/M)	LARGEST MEETING ROOM (SQ FT/M)	TOTAL MEETING ROOMS	CAPACITY THEATRE STYLE	CAPACITY BANQUET STYLE
1. COAST COAL HARBOUR VANCOUVER HOTEL	...	220	8,000/743	5,000/465	8	400	360
2. DELTA BY MARRIOTT VANCOUVER DOWNTOWN SUITES	...	225	18,000/1,672	6,500/604	11	270	200
3. FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER	556	63,000/5,853	11,400/1,059	16	1,500	1,000
4. FAIRMONT PACIFIC RIM	377	15,000/1,394	6,852/637	9	500	450
5. FAIRMONT WATERFRONT	489	24,000/2,229	7,050/654	14	780	590
6. HOLIDAY INN & SUITES VANCOUVER DOWNTOWN	...	245	6,415/596	3,500/325	4	225	150
7. HYATT REGENCY VANCOUVER	644	46,000/4,274	13,940/1,295	29	1,650	1,300
8. JW MARRIOTT PARQ VANCOUVER + THE DOUGLAS	517	65,000/6,039	15,604/1,450	29	1,800	1,200
9. METROPOLITAN HOTEL VANCOUVER	197	7,800/724	1,929/179	7	150	110
10. PAN PACIFIC VANCOUVER	503	42,000/3,901	6,808/632	20	700	600
11. PARADOX HOTEL VANCOUVER	147	15,000/1,394	5,360/498	7	450	360
12. PINNACLE HOTEL HARBOURFRONT	...	442	31,000/2,879	7,920/736	19	800	600
13. ROSEWOOD HOTEL GEORGIA	156	9,847/915	2,673/248	7	250	200
14. SHANGRI-LA VANCOUVER	119	6,814/633	1,830/170	6	128	120
15. SHERATON VANCOUVER WALL CENTRE	...	746	48,652/4,520	10,489/975	35	1,350	930
16. THE SUTTON PLACE HOTEL VANCOUVER	396	12,148/1,129	3,150/292	16	330	280
17. VANCOUVER MARRIOTT PINNACLE DOWNTOWN HOTEL	438	16,000/1,486	6,632/616	12	600	450
18. WEDGEWOOD HOTEL & SPA	83	2,849/264	1,029/95	3	60	55
19. THE WESTIN BAYSHORE VANCOUVER	499	51,334/4,769	15,521/1,441	35	2,000	1,400



We work collaboratively with all of our city's hotels to find the right meeting space and perfect guest rooms for your group. And with all hotels situated in the downtown core, your delegates will be just steps from the Vancouver Convention Centre.

- Under 15 Minute Walk
- Under 20 Minute Walk
- .-.-.- Under 30 Minute Walk

*Only includes 15 convention hotels. There are 13,000 total hotel rooms downtown.

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| 1 Coast Coal Harbour Vancouver Hotel | 10 Pan Pacific Hotel |
| 2 Delta By Marriott Vancouver Downtown Suites | 11 Paradox Hotel Vancouver |
| 3 Fairmont Hotel Vancouver | 12 Pinnacle Hotel Vancouver Harbourfront |
| 4 Fairmont Pacific Rim | 13 Rosewood Hotel Georgia |
| 5 Fairmont Waterfront | 14 Shangri-La Vancouver |
| 6 Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown | 15 Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre |
| 7 Hyatt Regency Vancouver | 16 The Sutton Place Hotel |
| 8 JW Marriott Parq Vancouver + The Douglas | 17 Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown |
| 9 Metropolitan Hotel Vancouver | 18 Wedgewood Hotel & Spa |
| | 19 The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver |

When's the last time you went to a meeting on top of a mountain? Or sat with colleagues at a table surrounded by swimming sea life? Or attended a corporate event in an old growth forest? You may have started to notice that we like to do things a little differently around here. So it should come as no surprise that you can, too. In Vancouver, invite your delegates to a venue they'll never expect – or forget.



UNIQUE VENUES

A little less conventional



STANLEY PARK PAVILION

Heritage building nestled within the Rose Gardens in Stanley Park with rustic charm and options for outdoor tenting on grass.

Capacity: 490 Dining / 960 Reception

[Website](#)



GROUSE MOUNTAIN

Enjoy 360-degree views of the city, sea and mountains, as well as a theatre, outdoor patio, alpine cabin and traditional log Hivus Feasthouse.

Capacity: 1000 Dining (with tents) / 1,000+ Reception (with tents)

[Website](#)



SCIENCE WORLD

Provides an imaginative backdrop for special events and includes many captivating exhibit galleries.

Capacity: 750 Dining / 1,200 Reception

[Website](#)



MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY AT UBC

Most noted are the tented or open-air events on the spectacular grounds overlooking the ocean amidst the soaring totem poles.

Capacity: 100 Indoor Dining space or 500+ Outdoor Dining space (with tent).

[Website](#)



VANCOUVER ART GALLERY

Historic turn-of-the century building with marble walls, columns and steps as backdrop to the contemporary and historic exhibits.

Capacity: 250 Dining / 500 Reception

[Website](#)

A little less conventional



BOAT AND YACHT CHARTERS

[Website](#)

Explore and celebrate an event on the Pacific Ocean while surrounded by mountains and cityscape. Vancouver has a plethora of yacht charter companies to choose from for your event.

Capacity: 275 Dining / 450 Reception
boatrentalsvancouver.com



ROCKY MOUNTAINEER STATION

[Website](#)

This bright and flexible 20,000ft² meeting and reception space is housed in a renovated mid-1950's locomotive maintenance building, combining a nostalgic feel with contemporary design.

Capacity: 750 Dining / 1,200+ Reception or 500+ Outdoor Dining space (with tent).
rockymountaineer.com/about-us/events-station



VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

[Website](#)

Offering formal dining among marine life, cocktail receptions in a living art gallery-style setting with tropical fish, reef sharks, and BC-themed exhibits, the Vancouver Aquarium is an unforgettable experience.

Capacity: 2,400 Dining / 6,000 Reception
vanaqua.org/groups



VANCOUVER LOOKOUT

[Website](#)

Situated high above the city, providing a spectacular 360° view of the urban and natural settings of the harbour and North Shore Mountains.

Capacity: Revised: 100 Dining / 220 Reception – Oct thru April only.
vancouverlookout.com



FIRST NATIONS LONGHOUSE

[Website](#)

The First Nations Longhouse is a wonderful event and conference venue. Book the 3,000ft² Great Hall year-round for meetings, receptions, cultural events and conferences.

Capacity: 400 Guests and wheelchair accessible
indigenous.ubc.ca/longhouse



COMMODORE BALLROOM

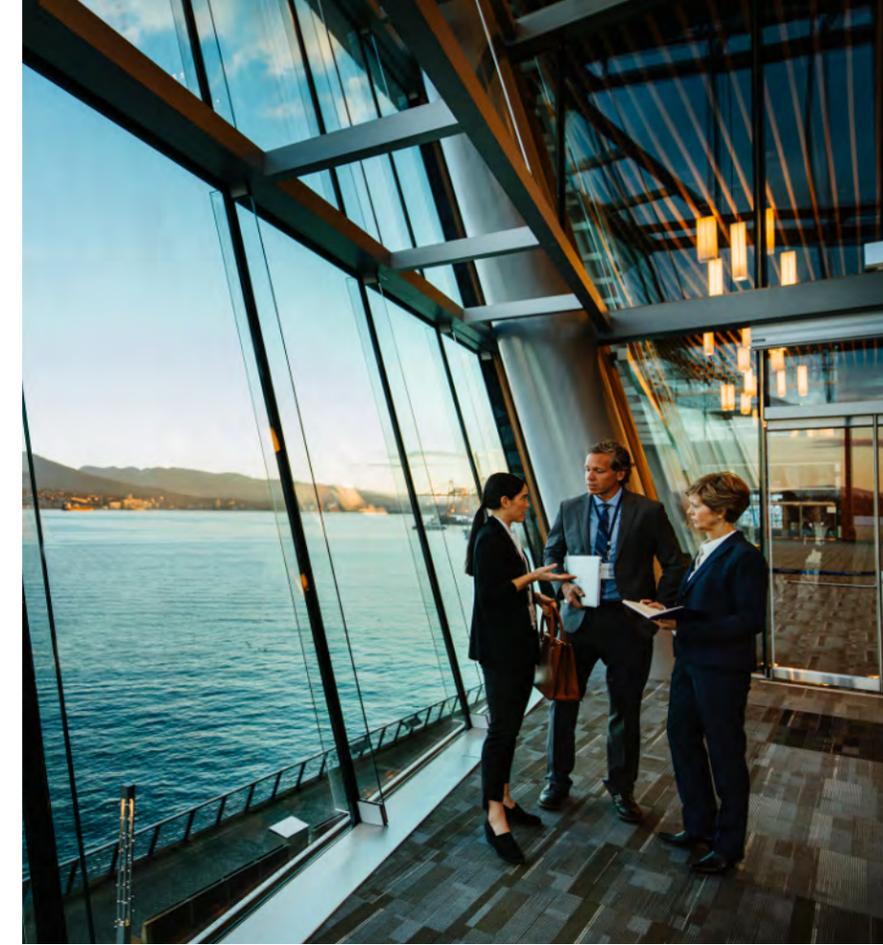
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This Art Deco venue has state of the art sound and lighting and a famous "sprung" dance floor.

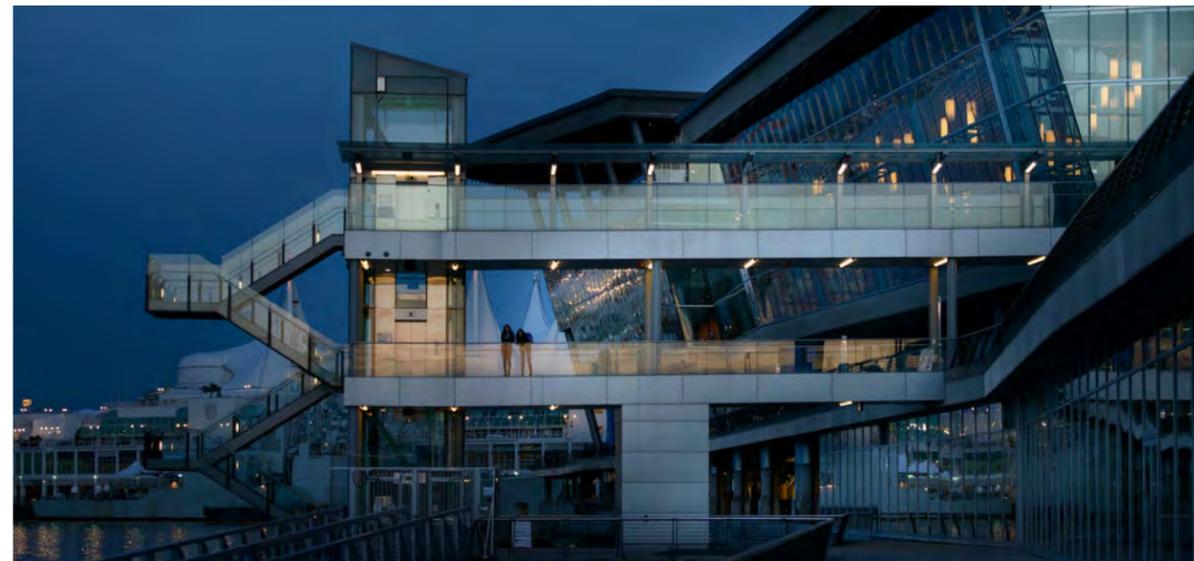
Capacity: 600 Dining / 900 Reception
commodoreballroom.com

Vancouver Convention Centre East & West Buildings

Experience an evening of sophistication and charm at the renowned Vancouver Convention Centre. With its stunning waterfront location and impeccable ballroom, the venue sets the perfect stage for an unforgettable gala dinner. Delight in exquisite cuisine, captivating entertainment, and seamless planning, ensuring a truly memorable event for all attendees.



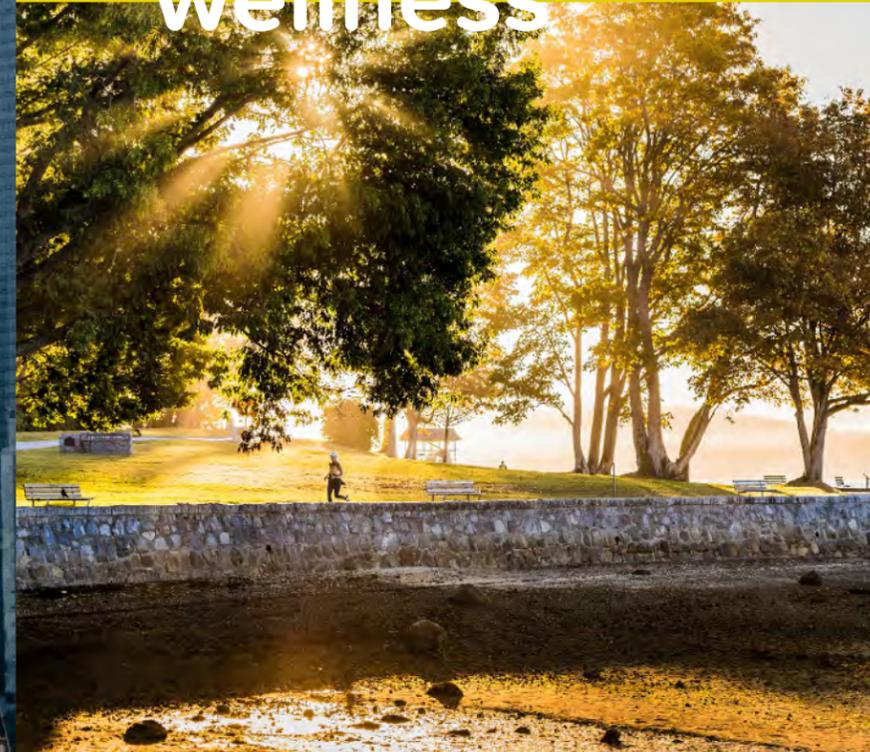
FUNCTION SPACE	WEST BUILDING	EAST BUILDING	COMBINED FACILITY
Combined Facility	220,500ft ² / 20,485m ²	91,205ft ² / 8,473m ²	311,705ft ² / 28,958m ²
Meeting Rooms	52	20	72
Ballroom Space	52,668ft ² / 4,893m ²	16,604ft ² / 1,542m ²	70,000ft ² / 6,500m ²
Pre-Function Space	129,993ft ² / 12,018m ²	11,018ft ² / 1,024m ²	141,011ft ² / 13,042m ²



It's a well-known fact that we Vancouverites take our health and wellness to heart. With this close connection to nature, who wouldn't be inspired to introduce a little balance to their lives – and to their meetings? Whether it's a pre-meeting jog along our 28km (17.4-mile) seawall, a group meditation session, or simply a sustainable, farm-to-fork menu, this is one of the best places on earth to provide your delegates an event that both relaxes the mind and reinvigorates it.

OUR LIFESTYLE

Embracing wellness



OUTSIDE INSPIRATION

Our connection to nature is undeniable, and we embrace it. Whether it's walking, running or cycling the Seawall – an almost 9km (5.5 mile) pathway hugging the coastline – or forest bathing (it's a real thing) in Stanley Park – our 400-hectare natural rainforest in the city. Here, being outside feels great on the inside.

REFLECTIVE SPACES

Sometimes, it takes a little stimulation to press 'stop'. And we have just the places for it. From the tranquil Nitobe Memorial Garden at the University of British Columbia (which is among the top five authentic Japanese gardens outside of Japan), to the 1931-built Vancouver Art Gallery, we've got places specifically designed to put your mind in rest-and-reflect mode.

CONSCIOUS CUISINE

Being mindful isn't just about resting the brain, but also actively using it to be more aware – which is reflected on menus across our exciting food scene. Diets of all kinds will be inspired, from gluten-free bakeries to award-winning vegan restaurants – Metro Vancouver is even the birthplace of plant-based health and nutrition brand, Vega.

MAKING TIME TO SPA-AAAAAH

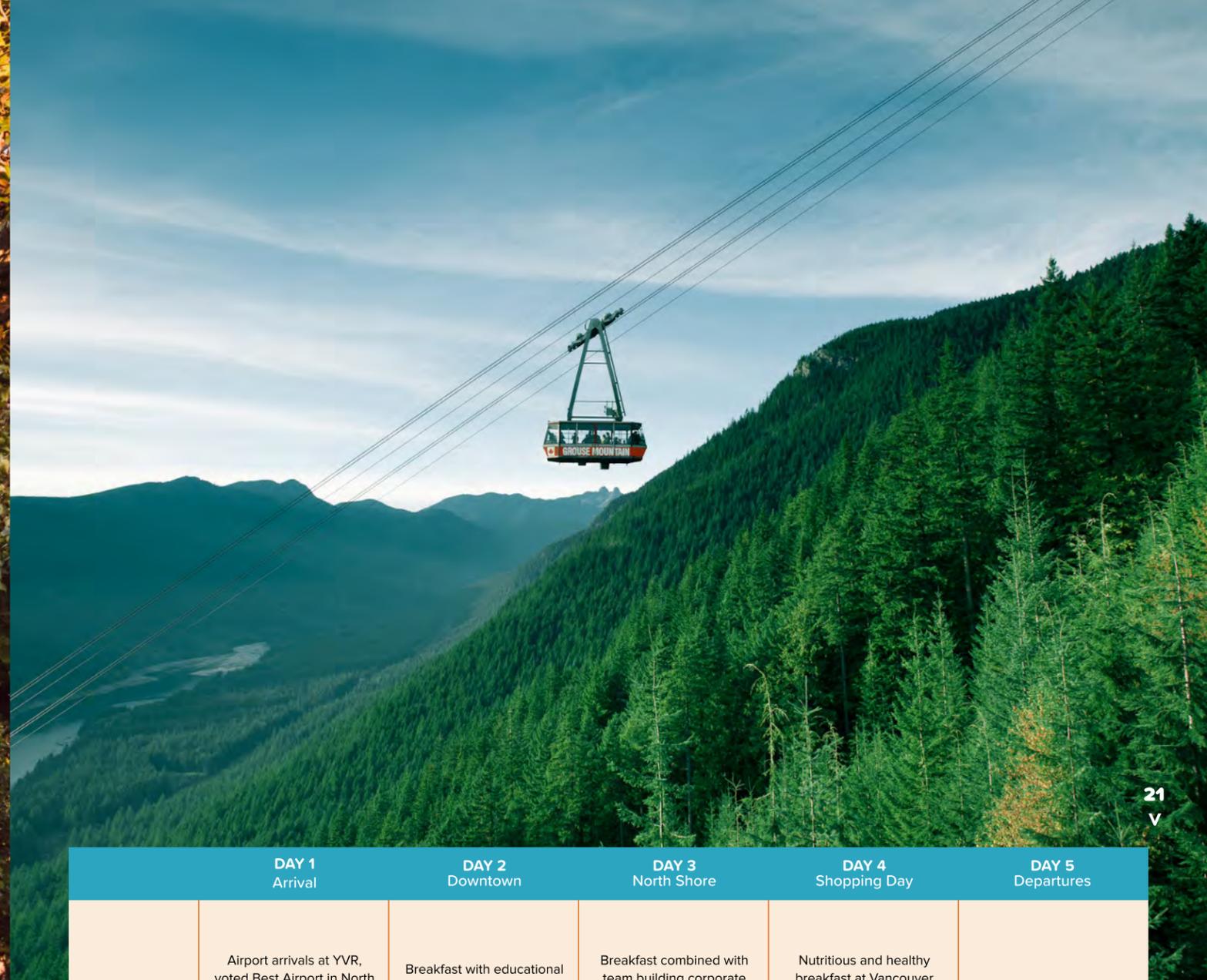
Now recognized as an important element of health and wellness (not just a treat), healing treatments and massages can be found all over the city at our many restorative spas. Whether you want to indulge in the authentic traditions of Asia, a contemporary West Coast-style retreat, or the latest cleansing trend from Europe, you'll find it here.

OH(M), AND WE CAN'T FORGET YOGA

As the birthplace of yoga giant, lululemon, we were early adopters of the benefits of yoga. And today we embrace these practices more than ever – and you can too, with over 1,500 classes per week to choose from, including paddleboard yoga, mountain-top yoga and, yes, even goat yoga.

[²⁴ Learn about health and wellness for meetings from the Vancouver Convention Centre](#)

SAMPLE ITINERARIES



	DAY 1 Arrival	DAY 2 Downtown	DAY 3 North Shore	DAY 4 Shopping Day	DAY 5 Departures
MORNING	Airport arrivals at YVR, voted Best Airport in North America twelve years in a row	Breakfast with educational or motivational speaker at host hotel	Breakfast combined with team building corporate social responsibility give-back activity	Nutritious and healthy breakfast at Vancouver Aquarium while surrounded by the wonders of marine life	
AFTERNOON	Hotel check-in and free time	Seawall cycling cultural experience, stop at the First Nations Totem Poles in Stanley Park – Vancouver’s green jewel. Lunch at Granville Island with its stunning waterfront views and delicious options	Relationship building activities in the North Shore excursion to both Grouse Mountain – “the Peak of Vancouver,” and Capilano Suspension Bridge Park	Embrace retail therapy and indulge in a shopaholic’s dream amidst the vibrant boutiques of Vancouver at Robson Street like lululemon and Arc’teryx. Explore luxury shopping at McArthur Glen Outlet Mall or the local shops in Gastown	Hotel check-out and departures
DINNER	Warm Canadian welcome reception at host hotel with local food, drinks, and entertainment	“West Coast” dine-around in Vancouver’s top restaurant neighbourhood, Yaletown	Gala or awards dinner at Science World, one of Vancouver’s unique venues!	Farewell dinner at the Commodore Ballroom, located on Granville Street, the heart of the city	

DAY 2 Cultural Experiences Downtown



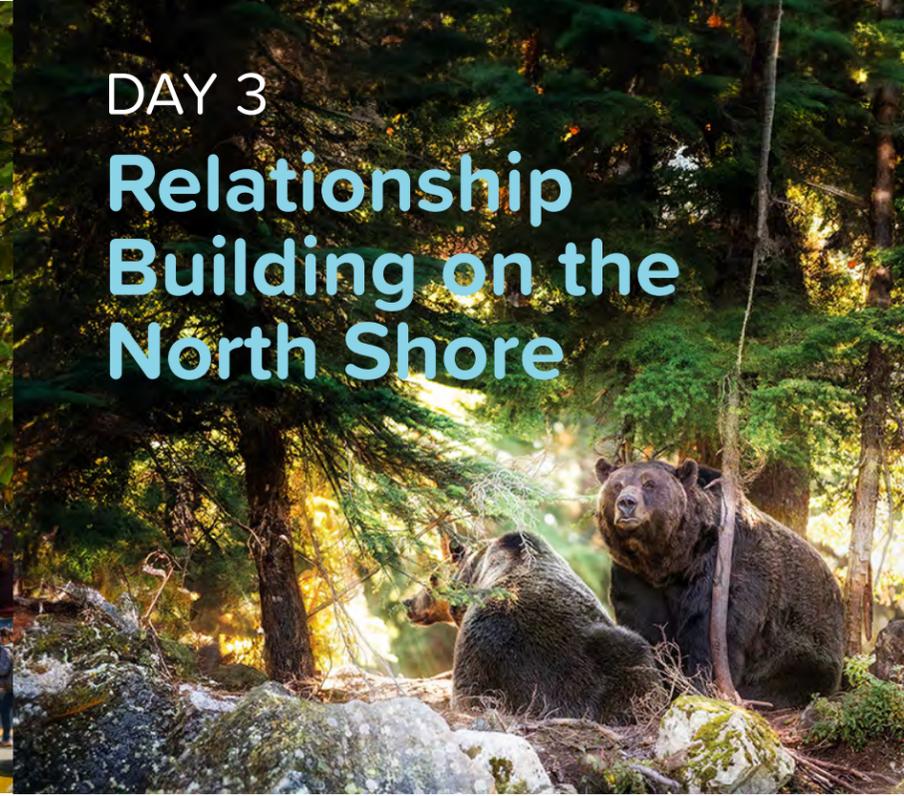
Start the day by fuelling up on a locally-sourced breakfast, you're going to need it. Whether you strap on your walking shoes or opt for pedal power with a ride from Mobi, the city's community bike share program, you'll find the best way to explore Vancouver is under your own steam. Alternatively you can visit Cycle City Tours & Rentals, who offer self-guided cycling routes as well as guided tours of local attractions like Stanley Park, Vancouver's 1,000 acre urban oasis.

Once your tour has finished head to Granville Island, a former industrial port that's been turned into an arts and culture hub. Do as the locals do and grab lunch from one of the many vendors in the Granville Island Public Market.

After lunch, you can enjoy a walk from Canada Place to FlyOver Canada, a multisensory 4D ride that sees you soar across the country from coast-to-coast.

Head towards Yaletown, a trendy and vibrant neighbourhood located in downtown Vancouver. It's known for its unique blend of historic charm and modern urban living. Share a meal and stories from your visit so far. Whether you want to sit down for a steak with city views on the rooftop of The Keg Steakhouse + Bar, sample Vancouver's best seafood at Blue Water Café.

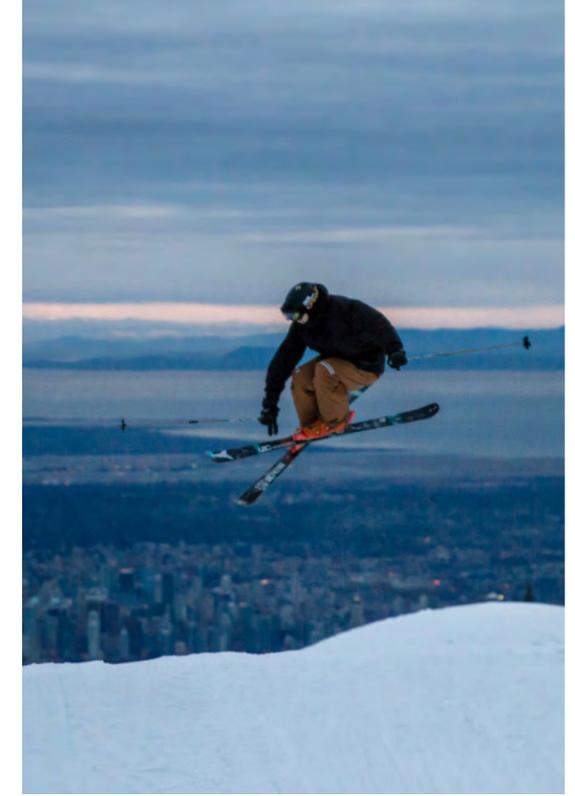
DAY 3 Relationship Building on the North Shore



Start your day with an active and engaging breakfast that combines team building with a corporate social responsibility give-back activity. Afterward, split your group into two teams, but don't worry, both teams will get to enjoy the same attractions. One group will begin their adventure at Grouse Mountain and end at the Capilano Suspension Bridge, while the other group will start at the Capilano Suspension Bridge and then visit Grouse Mountain.

GROUSE MOUNTAIN

It is the pinnacle of Vancouver, offering a breathtaking gondola ride to its 1,231-meter peak. Enjoy panoramic 360-degree views of the city, the sea, and the mountains. The mountain also features a theatre, outdoor patio, alpine cabin, and a traditional log Hiwus.



ACTIVITIES YOU CAN EXPERIENCE AT GROUSE MOUNTAIN

SUMMER	WINTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak Chairlift • Birds in Motion • Owl Talks • Ranger Talks • Skyride • Grizzly Bear Habitat • Lumberjack Show • Theatre in the Sky • Mountain Ropes Adventure • Skyride Surf Adventure • Mountain Zipline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skiing & Snowboarding • Lessons & Rentals • Terrain Parks • Skating Pond • Light Walk • Snowshoeing • Theatre in the Sky • Sliding Zone

PRIVATE AND BESPOKE EXPERIENCES

Corporate and Incentives adventure programs (such as Scavenger Hunt) First Nations Welcome and Art Program

DAY 3

Relationship Building on the North Shore

CAPILANO SUSPENSION BRIDGE PARK

It is a thrilling outdoor destination situated on Vancouver's North Shore. This remarkable experience has been captivating visitors since 1889.

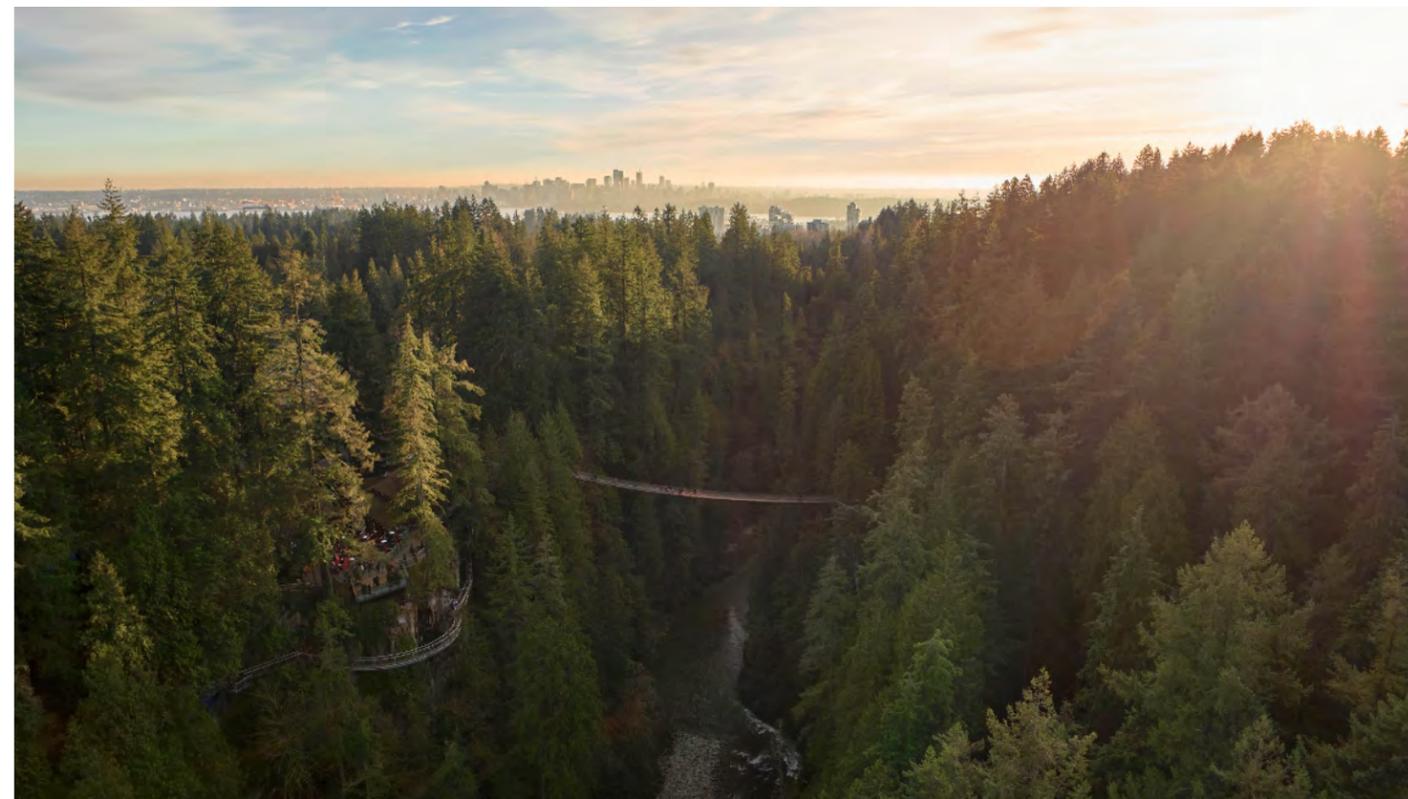
The park is nestled in the stunning Capilano River Canyon, where you'll be surrounded by the roar of white water and a magnificent forest canopy filled with giant Cedars and towering Douglas Firs. It's a truly exhilarating environment that immerses you in nature's grandeur.

In addition to its natural beauty, the park serves an important purpose by educating visitors about the delicate balance of one of the world's most ancient ecosystems. It provides an opportunity to understand and appreciate the intricate harmony of this primitive environment.

Prepare yourself for an unforgettable adventure as you explore the Capilano Suspension Bridge Park, connecting with nature and gaining insights into the remarkable ecosystem that thrives within it.

DINE IN STYLE

Conclude your incredible day by attending a gala or awards dinner at Science World - a unique venue that adds a touch of magic to your Vancouver experience!



DAY 4

Shopping Day

Experience the delight of a nourishing breakfast at Vancouver Aquarium, setting the tone for an unforgettable day. Energize amidst marine wonders and begin your day in the most revitalizing way!

Then, enhance your Vancouver adventure with a leisurely day of shopping, creating lasting memories. Explore the renowned shopping hub, Robson Street, catering to both shopping enthusiasts and those who enjoy leisurely window shopping. From its starting point around Granville Street, where you'll find entrances to Holt Renfrew and Pacific Centre shopping mall, the shopping district stretches down to Jervis Street. Delight in discovering a plethora of well-known North American fashion brands, along with a vibrant array of sporting goods, accessories, homeware, beauty products, and wellness offerings. Just a block away from Robson Street, near the intersection of Burrard and Alberni streets, lies a treasure trove of prestigious international luxury brands, alongside beloved local Vancouver names like Aritzia, lululemon, Arc'teryx and Saje.

Downtown's enchanting Gastown Neighbourhood is yet another vibrant facet of Vancouver. Catering to all tastes, Gastown boasts an eclectic mix of local retail experiences housed within authentic heritage buildings, further enriching your exploration of the city's distinctive charm.

In the evening, bid farewell with a memorable dinner at the Commodore Ballroom, located in the heart of Vancouver on Granville Street. This vibrant area comes alive at night, offering a diverse range of bars and clubs!

ELEVATE YOUR EXPERIENCE AT MCARTHUR GLEN DESIGNER OUTLET

Immerse yourself in a realm of retail enchantment, where premium brands and exceptional savings converge. From the latest fashion trends to exquisite accessories, this outlet beckons you to unearth treasures that effortlessly complement your unique style. While you explore, relish the captivating spectacle of planes gracefully soaring above, infusing an exhilarating touch to your shopping escapade. Amidst this dynamic atmosphere, discover beloved local Vancouver brands like Aritzia and Herschel Supply Co, infusing a touch of hometown charm into your shopping journey.

CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE



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Luxury Escapes in Vancouver

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VISIT THE LOCALS

What better way to start your Vancouver adventure than by spending time with some of our best known inhabitants? Companies including Prince of Whales, Wild Whales Vancouver, Vancouver Whale Watch, and Steveston Seabreeze Adventures offer intimate tours whisking you out onto the sparkling 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.

A UNIQUE ADVENTURE

Evergreen Adventures Glaciers and Whistler tour where you'll enjoy a captivating 45-minute journey along Canada's most scenic highway, in Canada; the "Sea to Sky" Highway. Your initial destination is the Sea to Sky Gondola, offering a swift 10-minute ascent to its summit, where breathtaking vistas of Howe Sound await.

After a brief drive you'll arrive at the Squamish Airport, where a private plane will be waiting for you. For approximately 50-minutes, you will fly over Garibaldi Park to admire the ancient glaciers tucked behind Whistler. Upon your return to the Squamish Airport a private vehicle will drive you to Shannon Falls to enjoy a gourmet boxed lunch with the cascading waterfalls as the perfect backdrop.

SKY HELICOPTERS

We invite you to experience the amazing sights of Vancouver and Sea to Sky region, and fly to the mountaintops of BC's Coast Mountains. Select one of our scheduled tours, enjoy world class flights to the Okanagan Wine district or create a unique personalized charter experience.

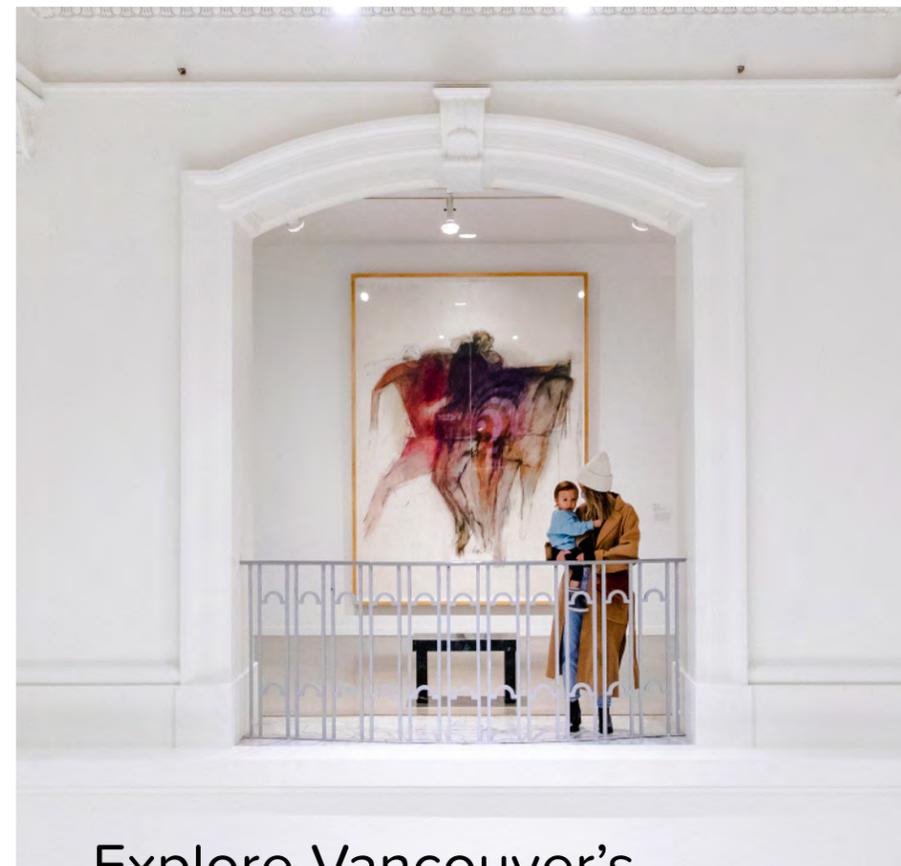
Luxury Escapes in Vancouver

AND RELAX...

After all of that excitement it's time to take it easy with an indulgent experience, choose from one of our fantastic city centre spas including CHI, the Spa at the Shangri-La Vancouver, Spa by JW at the JW Marriott Parq Vancouver, Vida Spa at the Sutton Place Hotel or Willow Stream Spa at the Fairmont Pacific Rim, each of its luxury treatment suites offers a "spa within a spa" experience with its own fireplace, private bath, changing area and relaxation lounge.

WRAP UP IN STYLE

Wrap your day up with a stunning sunset cruise. Departing from Coal Harbour, just steps from Stanley Park, Vancouver's 1,000-acre urban oasis, you'll board Harbour Cruises' Sunset Dinner Cruise. Your luxurious ride will take a leisurely tour around the city while you enjoy live music and a West Coast-themed buffet, before settling in for an unforgettable view of the crimson-soaked skies as the sun slowly sets into the Pacific.



Explore Vancouver's Arts & Culture

VANCOUVER ART GALLERY

For culture vultures there's no better place to start your day than at the Vancouver Art Gallery. Located in the heart of downtown the eclectic exhibition space is home to work from French Impressionists which hang alongside Indigenous artworks and groundbreaking contemporary Canadian collections.

MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY

We invite you to explore cultural history at the Museum of Anthropology on the University of British Columbia campus. Here, you'll immerse yourself in traditional and modern Indigenous Northwest Coast Art, as well as ethnographic objects from around the world. The MOA strives to preserve donated objects and make them publicly accessible in order to advance research and education, as well as to offer assistance and access to originating communities.

DR. SUN YAT-SEN CLASSICAL CHINESE GARDEN

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 stands 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.

THE POLYGON GALLERY

Take the panoramic seabus to North Vancouver to find the Polygon Gallery and prepare to immerse yourself in a visual feast of contemporary art! Imagine stepping into a dynamic world where creativity knows no bounds. The Polygon Gallery, with its sleek and modern architecture, is a stunning canvas that houses a constantly evolving collection of the most thought-provoking and captivating artworks.

BILL REID GALLERY

Visit the Bill Reid Gallery to immerse yourself in the captivating art and culture of the Indigenous peoples of the Northwest Coast, especially the Haida Nation. Experience the legacy of iconic artist Bill Reid, learn about indigenous traditions, and explore a vibrant hub of creativity in downtown Vancouver. It's a unique opportunity to appreciate art, engage with the community, and gain a deeper understanding of cultural heritage.

Nightlife in Vancouver



After dinner it's time to sample some of Vancouver's nightlife. Grab a craft beer in Gastown where the cobbled streets are lined with bars. Then follow the neon lights to Granville Street, hit up Yaletown's trendy bar scene or dance the night away at Celebrities Nightclub, one of Vancouver's best nightclubs in the heart of our LGBTQ2S+ community, Davie Village.

GRANVILLE STREET

Located in the heart of Vancouver, Granville Street is where you'll find Vancouver's main downtown entertainment district. Countless restaurants, bars and nightclubs make this a popular late-night hangout, particularly on the weekends. Many of the city's bus lines transit through Granville, making it a main thoroughfare for the city.

LIVE MUSIC IN VANCOUVER

Explore Vancouver's diverse live music scene with numerous venues offering performances every day. Whether you crave a big concert or an intimate setting, the city caters to all preferences. Catch renowned acts like Coldplay and Miranda Lambert at major venues, or experience the historic charm of Commodore Ballroom, hosting nearly 150 events annually since 1929.

MANSION NIGHTCLUB

Enter Mansion Nightclub's 9,000-square-foot space with soaring ceilings, dazzling lights, and a top-notch sound system—the ultimate destination for high-energy nightlife in western Canada. Get ready for an immersive adventure! On weekends, Mansion hosts celebrity after-parties, live performances, and big-name acts, ensuring non-stop dancing all night long!

THE KEEFER BAR

Experience The Keefer Bar, where classic vibes blend with modern flair in the heart of Vancouver's nightlife. Treat yourself to expertly crafted cocktails, soak up the cool vibes, and dive into the local scene. This spot's been ranked the 2nd best bar in Canada for 3 awesome years! And with a menu boasting over 25 unique cocktails, your next unforgettable night is already calling you to The Keefer Bar.



Culinary Adventure

TASTE THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Indulge in the Pacific Northwest's diverse culinary scene. From coastal delights to global fusion, embark on a gastronomic adventure. Check our restaurant list for all the mouthwatering options.

TASTY NEIGHBOURHOODS

Discover Vancouver's culinary treasures in Gastown, Yaletown, Commercial and False Creek, don't miss Granville Island Public Market! Immerse yourself in Gastown's historic charm, where trendy eateries serve up inventive dishes. Experience Yaletown's chic ambiance, with upscale restaurants offering refined flavors. Delight in Commercial's vibrant food scene, where diverse cuisines blend in a lively atmosphere. Vancouver's gastronomy awaits your taste buds in these gastronomic hotspots.

TAKE A BITE OUT OF VANCOUVER

In Vancouver, we don't just embrace diversity, we exist because of it, and that goes for our food too. Nowhere is Vancouver's eclectic cuisine more apparent than in Chinatown, a historic neighborhood that stands for more than a century.

BRUNCH CULTURE

Experience Vancouver's vibrant brunch scene along iconic streets like Robson, Main, and West 4th Avenue. Indulge in a diverse range of breakfast and brunch options, from trendy cafes to cozy eateries. Whether you're in the mood for classic eggs benedict or innovative culinary creations, your brunch cravings will be thoroughly satisfied.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Plan your visit to coincide with Canada's largest food and drink festival, Dine Out Vancouver. Taking place in January / February every year, this 17-day culinary event serves up delicious dining experiences.
- One of the best wine festivals in the world, the Vancouver International Wine Festival takes place every year in February.
- Taking place every June, Vancouver Craft Beer Week is Canada's biggest celebration of craft beer with ten days of events including an outdoor festival.
- Vancouver is famed for its spot prawns. The season to enjoy these delicious locally-caught treats however is short, and only runs for around 30 days every May.



SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD

Look for this Ocean Wise symbol on menus and seafood products. It indicates that the item is a sustainable, ocean-friendly choice.





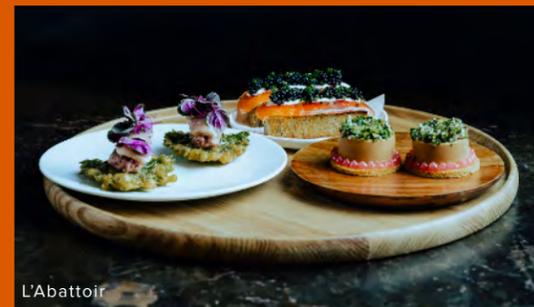
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MICHELIN Guide

Vancouver's culinary scene is widely regarded as one of the most exciting and varied in the world and recently announced its second addition of the MICHELIN Guide Vancouver. From multi-course Chinese feasts and the best sushi outside of Japan, to farm-to-fork, ocean-to-table, and molecular gastronomy. Inspired by flavours and techniques from around the world, yet grown, farmed and foraged with local secret ingredients.


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50+ RECOMMENDED

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VISIT THE MICHELIN GUIDE VANCOUVER FOR FULL LIST OF RESTAURANTS

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Group Dining

We're well-known for being a multicultural city, and you can expect the same celebration of diversity from our menus. From the best Chinese and Japanese cuisine outside of Asia (trust us – it's that good) to local, seasonal, farm-to-table ingredients like fresh seafood and foraged greens, your delegates will have the culinary world at their fingertips (and taste buds). Partner with a local restaurateur to have your event catered, or simply take a walk through any of our great restaurant neighbourhoods. Either way, you can anticipate a meal that's bound to become a memory.



RESTAURANTS	CUISINE TYPE	NEIGHBORHOOD	TOTAL CAPACITY SEATED	LARGEST PRIVATE ROOM CAPACITY
1. ANCORA WATERFRONT DINING & PATIO	SEAFOOD	DOWNTOWN	93	24
2. AL PORTO RISTORANTE	ITALIAN	GASTOWN	200	200
3. BLACK + BLUE	STEAK	DOWNTOWN	240	24
4. BLUE WATER CAFÉ + RAW BAR	SEAFOOD	YALETOWN	150	72
5. TAP & BARREL BRIDGES	SEAFOOD	GRANVILLE ISLAND	300	130
6. CACTUS CLUB CAFÉ COAL HARBOUR	WEST COAST	DOWNTOWN	600	44
7. CHAMBAR RESTAURANT	BELGIAN/FRENCH	DOWNTOWN	320	80
8. LA TERRAZZA	ITALIAN	YALETOWN	260	50
9. CINCIN	ITALIAN	DOWNTOWN	140	50
10. CIOPPINO'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL	ITALIAN	YALETOWN	200	40
11. COAST RESTAURANT	SEAFOOD	DOWNTOWN	160	36
12. FIVE SAILS RESTAURANT	WEST COAST	DOWNTOWN	140	16
13. FLOATA	CHINESE	CHINATOWN	1,000	1,000
14. GLOWBAL	WEST COAST	DOWNTOWN	300	60
15. GOTHAM STEAKHOUSE & COCKTAIL BAR	STEAK	DOWNTOWN	300	50
16. HAWKSWORTH RESTAURANT	WEST COAST	DOWNTOWN	110	63
17. HY'S ENCORE	STEAK	DOWNTOWN	90	60
18. KEG STEAKHOUSE + BAR YALETOWN	STEAK	YALETOWN	520	24
19. LABATTOIR RESTAURANT	FRENCH/WEST COAST	GASTOWN	200	50
20. LOFT AT EARLS YALETOWN	WEST COAST	YALETOWN	96	96
21. MAHONY'S TAVERN	PUB	DOWNTOWN	500	60
22. MIKU	JAPANESE	DOWNTOWN	204	24
23. MINAMI	JAPANESE	YALETOWN	280	40
24. PROVENCE MARINASIDE	FRENCH/SEAFOOD	YALETOWN	108	20
25. ROGUE KITCHEN & WET BAR	PUB	GASTOWN	375	60
26. STEAMWORKS BREWING COMPANY	PUB	GASTOWN	350	120
27. THE TEAHOUSE RESTAURANT	WEST COAST	STANLEY PARK	120	70

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Making a Positive Impact



THE SHARING FARM

The Sharing Farm grows food for The Richmond Food Bank and several community meal programs. On this 4-acre farm, your group can get their hands dirty building team spirit, while helping to grow healthy food for families in need. The farm welcomes groups of 10 to 60 people, and is open from May to October (opportunities may exist in April).

STANLEY PARK ECOLOGY SOCIETY

Invite your team to help The Stanley Park Eco-Stewards Program improve Stanley Park through various activities: removing invasive species, restoring degraded habitats, planting native species, decommissioning unsanctioned trails, and other enhancements.

PLAYSCHOOL PLAYSCAPES

Operated by Engagement Unlimited, these highly engaging group activities put teams to work building Outdoor Play Kitchens or Buddy Benches from all natural materials for daycares and elementary schools in need.

PROJECTS IN PLACE

This is a volunteer-run, non-profit society that will bring design and construction professionals together with your group to improve the local community. Construction professionals will lead teams of volunteers for a day, taking care of everything from sourcing materials and tools to coordinating first aid.



THE FOOD BANK

The Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society (GVFBS) welcomes volunteer groups of 10 to 50, for 3 to 4-hour shifts, to help sort the many thousands of pounds of food they receive at their distribution depot.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

From November to December 24th, colleagues can get together for a few hours of team building while packing toys for children or helping to unload and sort Toy Mountain. Volunteers are depended on for donation-sorting, gathering and packing. This is an excellent way for large groups and organizations (up to 50 people) to give back during the season of giving.

SALVATION ARMY BELKIN HOUSE

Salvation Army Belkin House is a state-of-the-art, multi-program facility located right in downtown Vancouver, accommodating up to 224 residents, and providing an average of 8,000 nutritious and balanced meals each month. Volunteer groups of up to 12 are welcome to help for 4-hour shifts.

Vancouver's Legacy Program

UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Vancouver is proud to be the first large city in Canada to adopt the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and align its work with the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In addition, the City of Vancouver also has a Healthy City Strategy, which is comprised of 12 long-term goals and ambitious targets to be reached by 2025. They are centered around meeting citizens' basic needs: housing, food, community, health, employment, safety, education, culture, transportation, and environment.

1. A Good Start: Vancouver's children have the best chance of enjoying a healthy childhood.
2. A Home for Everyone: A range of affordable housing choices is available for all Vancouverites.
3. Feeding Ourselves Well: A healthy, just, and sustainable food system.
4. Healthy Human Services: Equitable access to high-quality social, community, and health services.
5. Making Ends Meet and Working Well: Adequate income and access to a broad range of healthy employment opportunities.
6. Being and Feeling Safe and Included: A safe city in which residents feel secure.
7. Cultivating Connections: Vancouverites are connected and engaged in the places and spaces that matter to us.
8. Active Living and Getting Outside: All Vancouverites are engaged in active living and have incomparable access to nature.
9. Lifelong Learning: Access to lifelong learning and development opportunities.
10. Expressing Ourselves: Vancouver has a diverse and thriving cultural ecology that enriches the lives of residents and visitors.
11. Getting Around: Safe, active, and accessible ways of getting around.
12. Environments to Thrive In: Vancouverites have the right to a healthy environment and equitable access to livable environments in which they can thrive.



Green Sustainability

Sustainability isn't a buzzword here, it's a way of life. As soon as you arrive, you'll feel it. It's in the air we breathe, the lush green spaces intertwined with our city, and the iconic environmental institutions that call Vancouver home.



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<p>54%</p> <p>OF ALL TRIPS IN THE CITY ARE BY WALKING, CYCLING OR TRANSIT</p>	<p>95%</p> <p>OF VANCOUVER'S ELECTRICITY IS SUPPLIED BY RENEWABLE ENERGY</p>	 <p>OVER 2 MILLION KGS OF TRASH ALONG CANADA'S SHORELINE HAS BEEN COLLECTED THANKS TO VANCOUVER AQUARIUM'S SHORELINE CLEANUP PROGRAM</p>
 <p>SIX ACRES OF LIVING ROOF ON OUR CONVENTION CENTER</p>	 <p>450+ KM OF DESIGNATED BIKE LANES</p>	 <p>93% WALK SCORE 94% TRANSIT SCORE 95% BIKE SCORE</p>
<p>7!</p> <p>GREEN KEY HOTELS IN THE ROOM BLOCK</p>	<p>25+</p> <p>GREEN SPACES IN THE CITY</p>	

HELPFUL TIPS FOR MEETING IN VANCOUVER

Whether you're coming from elsewhere in Canada, North America or from abroad, getting here (and being here) is easy. But, we've gathered some helpful information to make travelling and doing business here even easier. If you have any questions, just ask – we're always happy to help.

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VISA

Delegates who require a visa and are attending a conference must apply for a business visa. Individuals have the option of a single-entry visa and a multiple-entry visa. Both are valid for a fixed period and cannot be used after they expire. Single-entry visas allow delegates to visit Canada only once. After individuals leave Canada, excluding travel to the United States, a new visa is required to travel back to Canada. Multiple-entry visas allow delegates to enter and exit Canada, usually for six months at a time, without having to reapply. It is valid for up to 10 years, or one month before your passport expiry date on your visa.

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION (ETA)

The Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is an entry requirement (similar to the ESTA in the USA) for visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada. The eTA is valid for 5 years or until the applicant's passport expires, whichever comes first, and costs \$7 CAD. Eligible travellers can apply online here: cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp

WHO DOES THIS APPLY TO?

The eTA applies to citizens of countries that are visa-exempt and lawful permanent residents of the USA flying to or transiting through Canada. Citizens of other countries must go through the visa process. To find out whether you will need an eTA or a Business Visa visit:

canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship.html

WHO IS EXEMPT?

Citizens of Canada and the United States of America do not need an eTA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You are welcome to speak with a member of our Convention Services team, who can provide additional information.

destinationvancouver.com/meetings/contact

You can also visit: cic.gc.ca

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SALES TAX IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Most goods and services in British Columbia are subject to a sales tax totalling 12% of the purchase price (7% PST + 5% GST). Please note alcohol is taxed at 15% (10% PST + 5% GST).

visit gov.bc.ca for more information

UNDERSTANDING VANCOUVER'S HOTEL ROOM TAX & FEE'S

The current tax/levy rate in Vancouver is 20.68% of the hotel room rate. Please note that there are three types of tax/levy involved:

> Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Taxed at 5% of hotel room rate

> Provincial Sales Tax (PST)

Taxed at 13.5% of hotel room rate (8% PST + 3% MRDT + 2.5% ME MRDT). MRDT: Municipal & Regional District Tax, which most major cities in BC collect.

> Destination Marketing Fee (DMF*)

Fee of 1.259% plus taxes. This is collected by majority of downtown Vancouver hotels to assist with the marketing of Vancouver as a destination.

The illustration below shows the breakdown of taxes for a hotel room rate of \$100, \$200 and \$300 and the applicable taxes. In all cases, you can see that the tax/levy rate is 20.68%.

HOTEL ROOM RATE	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
DMF at 1.259%	\$1.259	\$2.518	\$3.777
Subtotal room rate plus DMF	\$101.26	\$202.52	\$303.78
PST at 8%	\$8.10	\$16.20	\$24.30
MRDT at 3%	\$3.04	\$6.08	\$9.11
ME MRDT at 2.5%	\$2.53	\$5.06	\$7.59
Subtotal room rate plus DMF, PST, MRDT, ME MRDT	\$114.93	\$229.86	\$344.79
GST at 5%	\$5.75	\$11.49	\$17.24
Total	\$120.68	\$241.35	\$362.03
Tax/Levy rate	20.68%	20.68%	20.68%



DESTINATION VANCOUVER

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