

in the city

Vancouver

JUST ONE VISIT and you'll understand why Vancouver is regularly voted one of the best places in the world to live. Offering the cosmopolitan vibe of a major city, yet compact and simple to navigate, Vancouver also sits in a spectacular natural setting. Snow-capped peaks, pretty beaches and lush rainforest are within easy reach of the historic streets of Gastown, the exotic sights and smells of Chinatown and the laid-back delights of boho Granville Island. Whether you want to learn about First Nations culture and history, go whale watching or sea-kayaking, sit on the beach or simply enjoy some top-class dining, shopping and entertainment, multi-cultural Vancouver has it all.



Aerial view of Vancouver

Experience

1 Walking Tours

Vancouver is a great place to explore on foot. In just a few hours you can discover the city's early history on the celebrated streets of Gastown, explore Chinatown's vibrant laneways and take a tour through the trendy up and coming district of Yaletown.



Chinatown shop

2 Stanley Park

The jewel in Vancouver's crown, Stanley Park covers some 1,000 acres of old-growth rainforest and lies just a few minutes from the city centre. Bounded by a nine-kilometre-long sea wall, the park is a great place to hire a bicycle or take the hop-on, hop-off trolley bus to see its giant cedars, colourful totem poles, beautiful beaches and manicured gardens.

4 Seaplane Flight

There is no better way to appreciate Vancouver's magnificent natural setting than to take a thrilling seaplane flight. Departing from Coal Harbour, adjacent to the cruise ship terminal, a short 30 minute flight will give you a bird's eye perspective of the city and its proximity to the mountains and the lush forests of the coast.

3 Bard on the Beach

Set in a giant tented complex in spectacular Vanier Park, Bard on the Beach is an open-air Shakespearean festival that takes place each summer. As the professional repertory company takes to the stage you can watch the sun set over the mountains unforgettable experience.

5 Granville Island

Accessed by water taxi, this lovely island offers a refuge from the bustle of the city. Open air cafés with live music, an independent brewery and ships' chandlers vie for your attention and create a fun, relaxed ambience. The centrepiece of the island is the market, where local artisans and farmers sell a range of delicious produce such as Dungeness crabs and homemade cheeses.



View to Yaletown from False Creek



Stanley Park



Granville Island

Eat

6 Cin Cin

A winding stone staircase leads upwards from bustling Robson Street to this celebrated Vancouver restaurant, recognised for its contemporary Italian menu and award-winning wine cellar.

7 The Fish House, Stanley Park

Amongst the spectacular gardens and forests of Stanley Park lies the Fish House. Here you can feast on mouth-watering dishes such as salmon wellington, oysters and steamed mussels whilst taking in the scenic beauty of the park.

8 Bacchus at the Wedgewood Hotel

Elegant surroundings, superbly attentive service and sublime modern French cuisine are the hallmarks of this award-winning restaurant. This is the place to see and be seen in Vancouver. Go along for Sunday brunch or just pop in for afternoon tea.

9 Tojo's

Hidekazu Tojo is considered a master of sashimi and his renowned Japanese seafood restaurant never disappoints. For a meal to remember try the melt-in-the-mouth sushi, lightly-fried red tuna wrapped with seaweed or the sautéed halibut cheeks.

Sleep

10 Experience: Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver

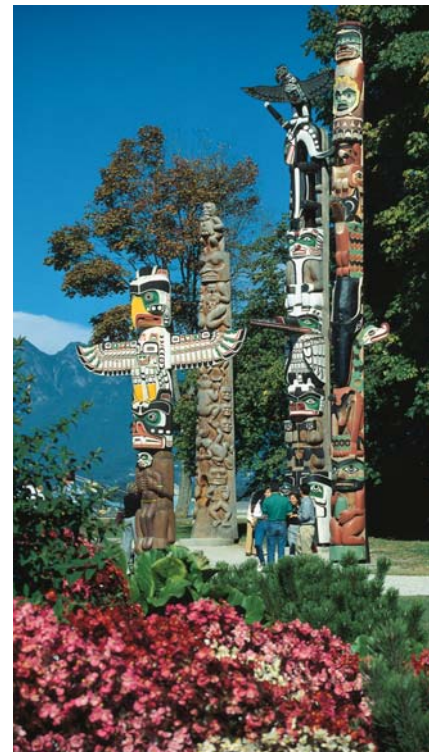
If you want a luxury waterfront hotel in Vancouver, with views that do justice to its superb location, then the Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver is the one for you. The hotel boasts a choice of restaurants, a fitness club, spa, and a rooftop saltwater swimming pool – the perfect place to watch the cruise ships and sea-planes coming and going.

11 Clean and Comfortable: Listel Hotel

Superbly located on Robson Street, one of the city's main shopping thoroughfares, the Listel Hotel is a stylish, modern place with a variety of comfortable rooms, many furnished with original works of art. Attached to the hotel is the superb O'Doull's Jazz Bar and Restaurant.

12 Splurge: Wedgewood Hotel and Spa

One of our favourite hotels, the Wedgewood Hotel and Spa offers a haven of quiet sophistication, old world charm and courtesies, all with modern amenities. Privately owned, this small boutique-style hotel is furnished with antiques and offers a superb spa and restaurant (Bacchus, see above).



Stanley Park



Bacchus restaurant, Wedgewood Hotel

FACT file

A nine day trip to western Canada including stays in the Rocky Mountains, a trip on the Rocky Mountaineer train and two nights in Vancouver starts from £1,620 per person. For more information, please contact our Canada specialists on 01993 838 700.

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