

### Best brunch

Cafe Medina

556 Beatty Street

Milestones

1109 Hamilton St 2425 Cambie St 1145 Robson St

Cafe Regalade

2836 West 4th Avenue

**Caffe Barney** 

2526 Main St

**Dockside Restaurant** 

Granville Island Hotel 1253 Johnston Street

The Keg

688 Dunsmuir Street

**Bacchus Restaurant & Lounge** 

Wedgewood Hotel & Spa 845 Hornby Street

Cafe Zen

1631 Yew Street

**Market by Jean Georges** 

Shangri-La Hotel 1115 Alberni Street, 3rd Floor Sophie's Cosmic Cafe

2095 W 4th Ave

**Twisted Fork Bistro** 

1147 Granville St,

The Hurricane Grill

1137 Marinaside Crescent

The Roof Restaurant & Bar

Hotel Vancouver (Afternoon Tea) 900 West Georgia Street

**Pan Pacific** 

300-999 Canada Place

**Arms Reach Bistro** 

4390 Gallant Ave #107C North Vancouver

**Tomahawk** 

1550 Philip Avenue North Vancouver

Wendel's Bookstore & Café

9233 Glover Rd Fort Langley

Northview Golf and Country Club

6857-168th Street

Surrey



Cafe Medina
556 Beatty Street
www.medinacafe.com

"Snug spot for coffee, & an eclectic daytime menu including waffles with unique toppings." -Google review

"A place that is brilliant enough to serve lavender lattes is going to have a phenomenal menu, and they do." -Yelp review





## Best pub



## **The Raven**1052 Deep Cove Road www.theravenpub.com

We ordered a late night snack of pizza and wings and both were amazing! The pizza was cooked perfectly with a yummy combination of veggies, meat and cheese without being greasy. The wings were fantastic! What a great place to have as your neighbourhood pub!



Steamworks

375 Water Street

**Storm Crow Tavern** 

1305 Commercial Drive

Wolf & Hound

3617 West Broadway

Lion's Pub

Terminal City Club 888 W Cordova St

The Irish Heather Gastropub

212 Carrall St

**Local Public Eatery** 

2210 Cornwall Ave

**Kingston Taphouse & Grillle** 

755 Richards Street

**New Oxford** 

1144 Homer St

The Bimini

2010 W 4th Ave

Johnny Fox's Snug

1033 Granville St

The Raven

1052 Deep Cove Road

John B. Pub

1000 Austin Ave

**Black Bear Neighbourhood Pub** 

1177 Lynn Valley Road

North Vancouver

**Brown's Socialhouse** 

20159 88 Ave, Langley

Lou's Grill

2852 Gladys Ave

Abbotsford

## Best patio

Tap & Barrell

Olympic Village 1 Athletes Way

Cardero's

1583 Coal Harbour Quay

**Bridges** 

1696 Duranleau Street

**Cactus Club** 

1790 Beach Avenue 1085 Canada Place 1790 Beach Avenue 588 Burrard Street 575 West Broadway 1530 West Broadway 1136 Robson Street 357 Davie Street

The Galley Patio & Grill

Jericho Sailing Centre 1300 Discovery St

**Black and Blue** 

1032 Alberni St

**Gotham Steakhouse & Cocktail Bar** 

615 Seymour St

Reflections

Rosewood Hotel Georgia (4th floor) 801 West Georgia Street

**Joe Fortes** 

777 Thurlow Street,

**Yaletown Keg** 

1011 Mainland St

Lift

333 Menchions Mews

Marine Lounge & Model Room

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club 3811 Point Grey Road

The Beachhouse Dunderave

150 - 25th Street, West Vancouver

Pier 7 Restaurant & Bar

25 Wallace Mews, North Vancouver

The Boathouse

14935 Marine Drive, White Rock

**Uli's Restaurant** 

15021 Marine Dr, White Rock



The Galley Patio & Grill 1300 Discovery St

www.thegalley.ca

"If you're looking for a place to have a few drinks and stare at the gorgeousness of this city, this is the place."

"It doesn't feel like summer unless you've made a trip to this place on a sunny afternoon dubbed one of the best patios in Vancouver." -Yelp reviews



## Best sushi



Miku Restaurant
70-200 Granville Street
www.mikurestaurant.com

"The best overall sushi, food, service experience we have had in Vancouver since we moved here. The staff are exceptional and make recommendations based on knowing the entire menu and many tables let you watch the chefs prepare." -Google review

"The best sushi I have ever had! 'Yelp review





### Miku

70-200 Granville Street Granville Square

Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar 1095 Hamilton St

**Ebisu** 827 Bute St

Kamei Royale 1030 W Georgia St #211

Minami 1118 Mainland St

**Sushi Bella** 152 Lonsdale Ave Tojo's

1133 W Broadway

**Toshi** 181 E 16th Ave

Zen
2232 Marine Dr #101,
West Vancouver

**Tengoku** 10194 152 St, Surrey

**Sushi Gio** Walnut Grove 20177 88ave, Langley



## Best high-end restaurant

Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar 1095 Hamilton St

C Restaurant 2-1600 Howe Street

CinCin Ristorante + Bar 1154 Robson St

**Cioppino's Mediterranean Grill** 1133 Hamilton St

**Coast** 1054 Alberni St

**Gotham Steakhouse & Cocktail Bar** 615 Seymour St

**Hawksworth Restaurant** 801 W Georgia St Joe Fortes
777 Thurlow Street

La Quercia 3689 W 4th Ave

Le Crocodile 909 Burrard St #100

**L'Abattoir** 217 Carrall St Not that high end .... but nice

Raincity Grill
1193 Denman St
Not really "high-end" but still a
great place for a nice meal.



Le Crocodile
909 Burrard St, #100
www.lecrocodilerestaurant.com

"This is my GO TO place for all special occasions, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations."
-Yelp review

"I think there is a distinction between artistry and craft, and for me Le Crocodile is an exquisite example of craft throughout the entire experience" -Google review







## Best dessert



Cheesecake, Etc. 2141 Granville Street www.cheesecakeetc.com

"Cheesecakes here are amazing! Light, fluffy, and the perfect amount of sweetness. Drinks are unique as well." -Google review

"If you are lucky, you might come on a night when the owner will play his piano! "

-Yelp review





Capstone Tea & Fondue 1429 Robson Street

Cheesecake, Etc. 2141 Granville St

Ganache 1262 Homer St

**Glowbal Grill Steaks & Satay** 1079 Mainland St Crème Brûlée Trio

**Graze Restaurant** 3980 Fraser St Vegan Dessert

Le Crocodile

909 Burrard St #100 Pick any from the menu.

**True Confections** 866 Denman St 3701 W Broadway

Thomas Haas Chocolates & Patisserie 2539 West Broadway Avenue Unit 128, 998 Harbourside Drive North Vancouver



### Best BC wine

**Blue Mountain Winery** - Okanagan Falls www.bluemountainwinery.com *Pinot Gris* 

Burrowing Owl Estate Winery - Oliver www.bovwine.ca Pinot Gris, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay

Cedar Creek Estate Winery - Kelowna www.cedarcreek.bc.ca/ Cabernet Merlot

**Copper Moon Winery** - Kelowna *Merlot (cheap and good)* 

**Desert Hills Estate Winery** - Oliver www.deserthills.ca *Shiraz* 

**Joie Farm** - Naramata www.joiefarm.com *Noble Blend*  **Nk'Mip Cellars** - Osoyoos www.nkmipcellars.com

**Black Hills Estate Winery** - Oliver www.blackhillswinery.com Note Bene

**Osoyoos Larose** - Oliver www.osoyooslarose.com

**Silver Sage Winery** - Oliver www.silversagewinery.com *Pinot Noir* - "*The Passion*"

**See Ya Later Ranch** - Okanagan Falls www.sylranch.com *Pinor Noir* 

**Sumac Ridge Estate Winery** - Summerland www.sumacridge.com



Burrowing Owl www.bovwine.ca

"Balance is a time-honored goal in the making of premium wines and working toward balance is a way of life at Burrowing Owl Estate Winery. Founder Jim Wyse is committed to balance, well beyond that of the fine, world-class wines being produced. A kind of Hippocratic oath ("to do no harm") underlies the creative viticultural and enological practices at Burrowing Owl."

-Online review







### Best view



### Grouse Mountain 6400 Nancy Greene Way www.grousemountain.com

"Grouse mountain is a must see for anyone visiting the vancouver area. skiing, hiking, zip lining, good food, even fine dining if you want it, all with amazing views of vancouver and the gulf islands."

-Google review

"Great place with a huge panorama of the city!"

-Yelp review



### Shangri-La Hotel

If you can get into a room on a high floor, they have spectacular views 1128 West Georgia Street

### **English Bay**

West of the downtown peninsula. Point Grey on the south and Point Atkinson on the north form the bay's entrance from the Strait of Georgia.

### **Spanish Banks**

Series of beaches along the shores of English Bay in the West Point Grey neighbourhood.

### **Queen Elizabeth Park**

Looking north
Cambie St and W 33rd Ave
The highest point in Vancouver spectacular views of the park, city,
and mountains on the North Shore.

#### **Seasons in the Park**

Queen Elizabeth Park Set in Queen Elizabeth Park, the restaurant offers a breathtaking panoramic view of the city skyline and North Shore mountains.

#### **Grouse Mountain Gondola**

6400 Nancy Greene Way N Vancouver

### **Cypress Mountain**

6000 Cypress Bowl Rd West Vancouver Top of the sky chair

#### Salmon House on the Hill

2229 Folkestone Way, W Vancouver

### **Burnaby Mountain Park**

Looking up Indian Arm 800 Burnaby Mountain Pkwy Burnaby

### **Horizon Restaurant**

Burnaby Mountain 100 Centennial Way, Burnaby, BC V5A 2X9

### Top of the Diez Vista Trail

Diez Vista Trail Belcarra

### From a sailboat

### Best schools

### **Primary schools**

St. George's School
Junior Campus
3851 West 29th Ave
www.stgeorges.bc.ca

**General Wolfe Elementary School** 4251 Ontario St. wolfe.vsb.bc.ca

**St. Augustine Elementary** 2360 Commercial Dr www.faithandfoundation.com

All the public schools are great Vancouver School Board 1580 West Broadway www.vsb.bc.ca

Anything on the North Shore
North Vancouver School District
2121 Lonsdale Avenue
www.nvsd44.bc.ca

### **Secondary schools**

**St. George's School** Senior Campus: 4175 West 29th Ave hwww.stgeorges.bc.ca

Langley Fine Arts School 9096 Trattle Street Fort Langley www.langleyfinearts.com

**St. Patrick Regional Secondary School** 115 E 11 Ave, Vancouver www.stpats.bc.ca/

### <u>Post-secondary schools</u>

The University of British Columbia (UBC) 2329 W Mall www.ubc.ca

Simon Fraser University (SFU) 8888 University Dr, Burnaby www.sfu.ca



*University of British Columbia* 2329 W Mall www.ubc.ca

"A world leading university. Beautiful campus, very diverse and great professors!"

An exceptional school with great facilities and student life. And the views! If you get a chance, go to the 8th floor of the CS building and look out a SW-facing window. The libraries are great for resources and studying, too."

-Google reviews



## Best golf course



Point Grey Golf & Country Club 3350 SW Marine Drive www.pointgreygolf.com

"I've had the privilege to golf here a few times

– it's a private club with a respectable history.

One of the premier country clubs in Vancouver, it exudes what a proper golf club should."

"Lovely location on SW Marine Drive. There is ample parking and the Clubhouse itself is quite nice, bright and very quiet."

-Yelp reviews

Point Grey Golf & Country Club 3350 SW Marine Dr www.pointgreygolf.com

University Golf Club 5185 University Blvd www.universitygolf.com

Capilano Golf & Country Club 420 Southborough Dr West Vancouver www.capilanogolf.com

Northview Golf & Country Club 6857-168th St, Surrey www.northviewgolf.com Canal Course Ridge Course Peace Portal Golf Course 16900 4th Ave, Surrey www.peaceportalgolf.com

The Redwoods Golf Course 22011- 88th Ave, Langley www.redwoods-golf.com

Furry Creek Golf & Country Club 150 Country Club Rd, Furry Creek www.golfbc.com/courses/furry\_creek







## Best park

### **Stanley Park**

1,001-acre public park that borders the downtown area and is almost entirely surrounded by the Pacific Ocean. The park has a long history and was one of the first areas to be explored in the city.

### **Pacific Spirit Park**

5495 Chancellor Blvd The park contains over 73 km of trails, 50 km of which are designated multiuse. Park Centre located on W 16th Ave.

Whytecliff Park - West Vancouver Located near Horseshoe Bay Neighbourhood, the original name of which was White Cliff City.

**Lighthouse Park** - West Vancouver Popular 190-acre park covered with rugged, virgin rainforest. Point Atkinson was first charted by Captain George Vancouver in 1792 Cates Park - North Vancouver
Offers 6 km of waterfront trails that wind
past sandy beaches and through a mixed
forest of Douglas Fir and Bigleaf Maple.
Viewpoints of tranquil Indian Arm to the
north and busy Burrard Inlet to the south.

Crescent Beach - Surrey 12160 Beecher St

The best beach access is at the end of Beecher, Sullivan and Target Streets. Blackie Spit Park offers its own beach access, lots of parking and a trail system. This is where you'll find the Crescent Beach Pier, next to Wickson Rd.

Golden Ears Provincial Park - Maple Ridge One of the largest parks in the province, it's prized for its recreational opportunities. The extensive system of trails within the park provides an excellent opportunity for hiking and horseback riding.



### Stanley Park

Vancouver

"This is one of the most beautiful parks I've ever seen. The view of the bay is incredible from here. Is very well maintained and has separate lines for people running cycling and skating. The trees are absolutely majestic and if you get to come during the autumn as I did it will be a great spectacle of colors."

-Google review







## Best dog park



**Spanish Banks Beach Park** 4900 NW Marine Drive

When the best dog park in the city. During the summer it's one of the very best places to watch the sun go down. Awesome place for a swim when the tides up and there is a lifeguard on duty in the summer. When its low tide it's even more fun for the pooch. You can walk the flats almost out to the freighters and it's always good fun the race the tide back in.

-Yelp review



### **Spanish Banks Beach Park**

4900 NW Marine Dr

Features water access; dogs are allowed to be off leash from 6 am to 10 pm. Acres of sand at low tide. Bring a towel as your pooch will be soaked in seawater at the end of it.

### Kits Dog Beach, Hadden Park

1905 Ogden Ave

Features water access. Located between Vanier Park and the Kitsilano Beach by the Maritime Museum. There is always a good crowd of dogs there and is a frequented spot by many of the Meet Up groups. Just note the change of hours in the summer. During fall, winter and early spring, the beach is dog friendly from 6 am 'til 10 pm, BUT these hours become restricted to 6 am 'til 10 am and then 5 pm 'til 10 pm from May 1 to September 30. Although the signage is not that clear, these rules are heavily policed.

### John Hendry (Trout Lake) Park

3300 Victoria Dr

Features water access. The boundaries are from the north end of the lake, the ball field on the west, the football field on the east, and the lake to the south.

### **Fraser River Park**

8705 Angus Dr at W 75th Ave

### **Ambleside Park**

West Vancouver

The eastern section of the park, save for an exercise area for humans, is all off leash. Dogs can swim in the ocean or play on the beach. A sea-wall walk is a nice stroll and there are a couple of fields for chasing balls and what have you. There is some fencing restricting access to the Pitch and Putt golf course, otherwise is it a wide open area and most of the dogs are quite friendly. The forest from the Park Royal side of the area is riddled with many trails.

### **Blackie Spit**

3136 McBride Ave, Surrey
Fully fenced dog park featuring a mixed
terrain of grass, gravel and sand to the
east of the main parking lot at McBride
Avenue and Wickson Road. There's a
covered area for rainy days. Further to the
north of the primary dog park is Blackie
Spit dog off-leash beach - fully fenced in
with a shoreline to explore and a swimming area for dogs.

## Best rainy day activity

Fifth Avenue Cinema 2110 Burrard St

**Granville Island** 1689 Johnston St

### Hike the Grouse Grind

6400 Nancy Greene Way North Vancouver 2.9-kilometre trail up the face of Grouse Mountain, commonly referred to as "Mother Nature's Stairmaster." Very challenging.

### **Kayak on Indian Arm**

Indian Arm is steep-sided glacial fjord surrounded by spectacular mountains. There are many destinations along Indian Arm that range from only a half hour to a full day paddle.

**Museum of Anthropology at UBC** 6393 NW Marine Dr

Put the rain boots on and enjoy the empty sea wall

### Running

Huffington Post's top places to run in Vancouver: Stanley Park Seawall, Iona Beach Jetty, Stanley Park trails, Steveson Dyke, False Creek Loop, Burnaby Central Park Trails, Jericho Beach, Pacific Spirit Park, UBC, Trout Lake and Burrard Bridge.

### Skiing at Whistler

Spend the day at one of Vancouver's coffee shops

Stay in, binge on Netflix shows

**Vancouver Aquarium** 845 Avison Way

Vancouver Art Gallery 750 Hornby St

**Vancouver Canucks Game at Rogers Arena** 800 Griffiths Way



Vancouver Aquarium

845 Avison Way www.vanaqua.org

"The 4D show is amazing and don't miss the dolphin show. It will blow you away."

Wonderful aquarium, concentrating on the sea life of the Pacific Northwest. Excellent tanks with wildlife from various parts of the coastline. We loved the beluga whales, with a lovely underwater viewing gallery."

-Google review



## Best walk



### The Seawall

"Biking, jogging, walking, strolling, sunbathing. This place is perfect for it all. It's a nice trail around Stanley Park with an amazing view. One of those must-see must-do things in Vancouver."

"One of the things that makes Vancouver so special"

-Yelp reviews



### **Deep Cove**

Fronts on to Indian Arm, a branch of the Burrard Inlet. The area is the traditional territory of the Tsleil-Waututh and Skwxwú7mesh of the Coast Salish First Nations.

### Fort to Fort Trail in Fort Langley

The Fort to Fort Trail is a pleasant 4 seasons trail linking Ft Langley to Derby Beach. It can be combined with other trails and roads for a longer ride.

### Jericho Beach

Located on the N side of Jericho Park at the west end of Point Grey Rd. The east side of the beach caters to swimmers and the west side to sailboats and windsurfers.

### Kitsilano Beach

Sometimes tranquil and sometimes teaming with people, the beaches in Kitsilano are always a wonderful place to walk. You can walk from one beach to the next via some short and scenic residential detours.

### **UBC Pacific Spirit Park**

5495 Chancellor Blvd

Surrounds the endowment lands of UBC on the shores of Georgia Strait in the Pacific Ocean. The park contains over 73 km of walking/hiking trails, 50 km of which are designated multi-use and available for cycling and horseback riding.

### The Seawall

Scenic 22 km path that lines Vancouver's waterfront. Perfect for a walk, cycle or jog, it is the most popular recreational spot in the city. It's divided into two clearly marked sections - one for walkers and joggers (closest to the water), and one for cyclists and inline skaters (inside path).

### **Spanish Banks**

Spanish Banks are remote beaches that rise out of Burrard Inlet at low tides. There is direct access to the banks from Locarno Beach all the way to Acadia Beach 2.5 km along NW Marine Dr. Just walk across the sand bars, and you'll end up at the edge of the banks.

### **Stanley park**

Stanley Park in downtown Vancouver is a beautiful and astoundingly huge network of hiking/walking/biking trails that add up to a staggering 200 kilometres. The park has a long history and was one of the first areas to be explored in the city.

### **UBC Malcolm Knapp Research Forest trail**

Established in 1949 from a Crown grant. The forest is located near Maple Ridge and a section of the park contains well marked trails used by hikers and joggers.

### Best hike

#### **Baden Powel Trail**

Rugged but well-maintained 48 km trail that extends from Horseshoe Bay to Deep Cove. In between, the trail winds through the heavily forested North Shore Mtns.

#### **Buntzen Lake Diez Vistas**

An excellent day trip from Vancouver, you can hike this 15km-route all the way around Buntzen Lake or simply hike to the first few peaks. Once you reach the high point, the trail meanders along the ridge with sensational views of the city.

### The Chief

The Chief towers high above the town of Squamish and is a popular hiking destination that offers scenic views of Howe Sound and several mountains in Garibaldi Provincial Park. Hikers can complete all three peaks of the Chief in a day or just choose to do a shorter trip to the South Peak that still offers a spectacular view.

### Golden Ears Park, Maple Ridge

One of the largest parks in the province, it's prized for its recreational opportunities. The extensive system of trails within the park provides an excellent opportunity for hiking and horseback riding.

#### **Grouse Grind**

2.9-kilometre trail up the face of Grouse Mountain, commonly referred to as "Mother Nature's Stairmaster." The trail has become part of the fabric of Vancouver with more than a hundred thousand hikers a year taking on the challenge of the rugged terrain and steep climb, up an approximate 56% slope (30°), which starts at the Valley Station of Grouse Mountain and finishes at the Peak's plateau.

### Lynn Canyon

This rainforest world deep in the forest of North Van features several trails: the Twin Falls Loop Trail is a 30 minute trail that takes you across the suspension bridge, then Twin Falls Bridge and over two waterfalls, the Thirty Foot Pool Trail is a quick trail across the suspension bridge to the impressive Thirty Foot Pool, and the Beaver Trail follows the Baden Powell Trail to Lynn Headwaters Regional Park.

### **UBC Pacific Spirit Park**

Popular network of trails for hikers, walkers, runners, and mountain bikers alike. Much of the park is in deep forest, however, stairs lead to various beaches along the ocean. Steep stairs descend through thick forest to finally open up at these unexpectedly beautiful beaches.



Grouse Grind 6400 Nancy Greene Way, N Vancouver www.grousemountain.com

"Everybody knows, you ain't a Vancouverite unless you've done the world famous Grind."

"It is definitely a challenge, but the reward of getting to the top and feeling accomplished outweighs the pain and hatred for life that you'll have while ascending to the peak"

-Yelp reviews



# Best weekend getaway



### Whistler-Blackcomb www.whistlerblackcomb.com

"This ski resort is amazing. If you live in BC or have any way of getting here, and you ski or snowboard, you must experience Whistler Blackcomb. The first time I skied at Whistler Blackcomb I was amazed by now incredibly large the mountain is. There is truly nothing like it in Canada, and Whistler is often argued to be the best resort in North America, if not the world."

-Yelp review



#### **Bowen Island**

Outdoorsy activities, and art galleries, theater, concerts, landmarks, and Snug Cove shopping and dining.

### **Harrison Hot Springs**

Small community in the Fraser Valley known for its hot springs.

### Naramata

Farms, orchards, wineries and local artists' studios/galleries. Swim in Okanagan Lake or enjoy hiking/mountain biking trails.

### Pemberton, BC

Jet boating, horseback riding, fishing, golf, hiking, mountain biking, mountain/ice climbing, paragliding, and skydiving.

### **Pender Island**

Sub-Mediterranean climate with open farmland, rolling hills, lakes, coves and beaches.

### **Township of Langley**

Museums and historic/heritage sites, farm-fresh produce, winery tours, Fraser Valley's biggest casino and year-round festivals.

### **Okanagan Valley**

Ski in winter, swim in summer. Head to Kelowna for a wine festival or Penticton for the Peach Festival. Osoyoos' arid desert is home to rare plants and animals.

#### **Sunshine Coast**

BC's best-kept secret, stretching along 180km from Langdale to Lund with many coastal towns in between. Fish, sail, kayak/canoe, hike, bike. A wide range of B&Bs make it a nice weekend getaway.

#### Vancouver Island

Golfing, hiking, biking, kayaking, fishing, surfing, swimming and picnicking, bird and whale watching, as well as indoor activities like museums, heritage sites, live theatre, art galleries, and luxury spas.

### Whistler-Blackcomb

200+ marked runs, 8,171 acres of terrain, 16 alpine bowls and 3 glaciers. Summer activities include hiking/ biking trails, the Whistler Mountain Bike Park, and sightseeing on the PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola.

#### Seattle

See the Space Needle, waterfront ferris wheel, Pioneer Square, Pike Place Market, Myrtle Edwards Park, Klondike Gold Rush Park, the original Starbucks, and the iconic Hat N' Boots in Oxbow Park.

### Whidbey Island

Hike or fish the many beaches or stroll the many shopping venues. 2 hours drive south of Vancouver.

### Must-attend events

### **Abbotsford International Airshow**

*Mid-August*, 2014. The region's biggest celebration of flight, complete with hundreds of airplanes and dozens of air displays. www.abbotsfordairshow.com

### Canada Day at Canada Place

July 1, 2014. City's biggest celebration of the leading national holiday. www.canadaday.canadaplace.ca

### **Celebration of Light**

July 26, July 30 & August 2, 2014. Vancouver's biggest event, and the largest offshore fireworks competition in the world. www.hondacelebrationoflight.com

### **Christmas at Canada Place**

December 2014. Celebrate with various activities, entertainment, lights and décor. www.christmas.canadaplace.ca

### Seattle Seahawks game in Seattle

The crowd at CenturyLink Field is notoriously loud during home games for this Seattle-based NFC West division team. www.seahawks.com

### Langley's International Festival/Canada Day

June 30th & July 1st, 2014. Canada Day celebrations in Langley will have a multiculti flavour this year, as organizers of the popular festival are responsible for it. www.langleycanadaday.ca

### Vancouver International Jazz Festival

June 20 - July 1, 2014
Performances in parks, community centres, concert halls, clubs, public plazas, and in various neighbourhood streets.

www.coastaljazz.ca

### **Vancouver International Boat Show**

Boating experts from all over the world educate, inspire and entertain.

www.vancouverboatshow.ca

### **Vancouver PRIDE Parade**

August 3rd, 2014 (36th Annual)
The Pride Parade is the largest parade in W
Canada, and one of the largest in NA.

www.vancouverpride.ca



Abbotsford Airshow www.abbotsfordairshow.com

"It's one of the world's major air shows.

There's an energy to it. People who love planes are attached to this show. I know people who have been attending for years.

The same people come back over and over and it has captured the imagination of the those who come. ,,

-Dan Stefanson

Executive Director, Tourism Abbotsford



## West-coast experiences



-Morning ski, afternoon golf, evening sail -Ski Cypress in the am, golf Point Grey in the pm -Morning sail, afternoon ski, and evening bbq



**Desolation Sound** 



Hiking the Grouse Grind (followed by beer and wings at the top)



Vancouver's coffee shops



Eagles at Brakendale near Squamish during the winter



Going to Granville Island market for local produce, cheese and breads (yummy)



West Coast Trail



Spring skiing



Cycling the Boundary Bay Dyke Trail



The West Coast Express



A weekend at Tofino

## Hidden gems

#### **Ambleside Park**

As West Vancouver's gateway park, Ambleside is fully accessible and has spectacular views of Stanley Park and downtown.

Clayburn Village Store & Tea Shop 34810 Clayburn Rd, Abbotsford

#### **Crescent Beach**

12160 Beecher St, Surrey BC
The best beach access is at the end of
Beecher, Sullivan and Target Streets.
Blackie Spit Park offers its own beach access, lots of parking and a trail system. This
is where you'll find the Crescent Beach
Pier, next to Wickson Rd.

### **Deep Cove**

Deep Cove offers ocean sports, parks, trails and quick access to the mountains.

### New restaurants in Gastown

This neighbourhood crackles with energy, with its dynamic streetscape, cutting edge boutiques and design stores, one-of-a-kind galleries, and award winning dining scene.

### Hatzic Lake, Mission

An oxbow lake adjoining the Fraser River on the east side of Mission. The lake is very shallow and warm and is popular for swimming, water sports and water-skiing and a few commercial campgrounds.

### **Jericho Sailing Centre**

1300 Discovery St

Modeled, not after a yacht club, or a sailing club but, after a community centre, offering a wide variety of low cost, naturally-powered ocean access programs.

### **Lynn Valley Canyon**

Great for a family picnic, a hike, or a swim in one of the many popular swimming holes. Of note is its suspension bridge that sways 50 meters above the canyon.

### White Rock Seawall

White Rock borders Semiahmoo Bay and is surrounded on three sides by South Surrey.

### Steveston Village, Richmond

Historic salmon canning centre at the mouth of the South Arm of the Fraser River. Since 1945 it has hosted an annual Steveston Salmon Festival on July 1.

### Sandy Cove Beach (shhhh!)

Small, waterfront enclave along West Van's shoreline. Bordered on both sides by steep rocks ensuring it is not only private but also very hard to find! To get there, drive west on Marine Drive past Dundarave Beach, until you see a small bridge and a street called Rose Crescent. Park your car, then go underneath the bridge, and follow the very short trail to Sandy Cove beach.



Sandy Cove Beach

Sandy Cove is a quaint beach tucked away between two rock headlands. The sun shines for a long time and it's good for keeping an eye on young kids--they don't have far to run or crawl. No matter where they go, they're always in your sight. The beach is best at mid tide - so do check the tide tables before you go"

-Online review



### Vancouver facts

It's actually a very small town...

You can ski and golf on the same day

More than 95 % of BC businesses have fewer than 50 employees

> The Teahouse restaurant in Stanley Park was built in 1938 as an officer's mess for the coastal defenses.

Vancouver is the most densely populated Canadian municipality

It's actually not as wet as you might hear -- helps keep people from Ontario away.





Stanley Park is 10% bigger than New York's Central Park

There is a 6 degree temperature difference between Vancouver and Whistler. This is usually a good gauge to determine if it is raining or snowing in Whistler.

Consistently rated one of the most liveable cities in the world to live

> New Westminister was the capital for British Columbia

Coal Harbour was named because there was coal there a one time.

## Sporting teams...

Get ready to jump on and off the band wagon



The Lions ROARED in '64

Each team's fan base is very finicky. It's a love/hate relationship





- 1. The Canadians are a very cheap and fun afternoon watching baseball.
- 2. Whitecaps are great fun for the family.
- 3. Lions are always in the hunt for the grey cup.
- 4. The Canucks will rebuild.

Pick any team other than the Canucks to follow Vancouverites can be quite fickle with their teams... especially the Canucks.



Good time to join the Canucks bandwagon now we are at the bottom once again!







The fans are passionate



We actually won a Stanley Cup! (about 100 years ago, unfortunately)

The Memphis Grizzlies used to be the Vancouver Grizzlies.



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