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We're happy to have you here, and we hope you enjoy Vancouver as much as we do.

Sincerely,

Royce Chwin
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BC Sports Hall of Fame

The BC Sports Hall of Fame opened the door to the world's first fully immersive Digital Indigenous Sport Gallery, a virtual extension of the largest known permanent gallery in the world dedicated to Indigenous sport. The digital experience includes a 360-degree virtual reality tour of the gallery, featuring 14 Indigenous athlete interviews, 20 3D captured artifacts, and additional interactive components. More than 40 past and active Indigenous athletes are featured in the gallery, including Carey Price (ice hockey), Richard Peter (wheelchair basketball), Angela Chalmers (middle distance running), Phil Mack (rugby), and Justina Di Stasio (wrestling).

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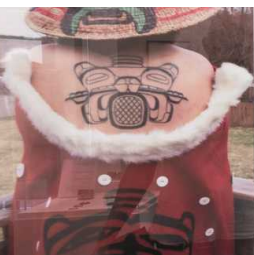


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vancouver.ca/vandusen (Map 1, E9-10)



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Vancouver Aquarium

Dive into unforgettable family adventures at Canada's largest aquarium, nestled in the heart of Stanley Park. Connect with over 65,000 incredible animals, from rescued sea otters and splashing sea lions to other extraordinary species from around the world. Soak up memories that last a lifetime at Vancouver Aquarium!
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Bloedel Conservatory

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Flyover's signature Awaken Canada takes guests to locations like Toronto's CN Tower and Quebec City, as well as some remarkable spots way beyond the beaten path. Filming took the creative team to the far edges of the country, including the Yukon's Mount Logan and Nunavut's Baffin Island. Awaken Canada highlights many places that visitors might only ever see through the lens, so our creative team wanted to make sure it was the best view possible.



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Things to do this Fall



Vancouver is home to dozens of world-class attractions, parks, festivals, events and places you'll want to visit. Here are a few highlights to consider as you explore the city.

(For more information on festivals or events; check out www.VancouversBestPlaces.com or www.DestinationVancouver.com.

Arts Club Theatre

A Vancouver theatre company with locations on Granville Street, Granville Island and near Vancouver's Olympic Village. Fall shows include "Heist" at the Stanley Theatre on Granville Street running to October 18th. Check out the show - Big Stuff at the BMO Theatre - Olympic Village Stage (Oct.14th. - Nov. 1st) or Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors on the Lindsay Family Stage on Granville Island. www.artclub.com



Vancouver Aquarium

One of the city's top year-round attractions that's home to sea otters, stellar sea lions, thousands of fish, live experiences and a 4D theatre.



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Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art

Showcasing work by one of Canada's most famous artists, Haida First Nation master carver Bill Reid. www.billreidgallery.ca



Capilano Suspension Bridge

one of Metro Vancouver's most visited tourist attractions, featuring an exciting walk across the suspension bridge, Cliffwalk, and Treetop Adventures. Easily accessible by public transit or, even better, by hopping on one of their free shuttle buses that leave from Canada Place, Hyatt Regency, or Blue Horizon Hotel on Robson Street. www.capbridge.com

Chinese Canadian Museum

First of its kind in Canada, this Museum shares and amplify Chinese Canadian history, contributions, and living heritage.



English Bay & Vancouver's West End

Vancouver's premier urban beach and the West End is perfectly situated between the city's best-loved and most popular destinations. The world-famous Stanley Park (and its wrap-around seawall) is literally the West End's backyard. English Bay makes the Pacific Ocean accessible to everyone, year-round.

UBC Botanical Garden

Immerse yourself in the world of wild-collected plants at UBC Botanical Garden! Garden highlights include internationally recognized collections of magnolias and maples.

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

Located in Vancouver's Chinatown. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden is a registered museum and one of Vancouver's top tourist attractions. It is a unique venue for cultural programming including guided tours, concerts, festivals, exhibitions, receptions, and educational programs.

FlyOver Canada

An exciting 30-minute unique 4D flight simulation ride & film experience located at Canada Place.

Forbidden Vancouver

Guided walking tours in Gastown, Stanley Park, the West End and other parts of downtown Vancouver. www.forbiddenvancouver.ca

Granville Island

Granville Island is famous for their expansive Public Market but the entire 40 acre "island" is a Jewell in Vancouver's outdoor spaces, cultural and artisan districts, and a hub for both indoor and outdoor theatre and performances. With hundreds of both free and ticketed performances year round, 7 theatres and 11 restaurants and bars, and dozens of retail shops, there is always something to explore, but it's the hidden studio's, pop up performances and the over 100 artisans on the Island that lend it its charm. PS- Granville Island was recently voted Vancouver's Best Places in the Rain, so don't let that stop you.



Gastown

the historic old quarter of downtown Vancouver with excellent bars, restaurants and touristy souvenir stores. Home of Chocolats Favoris; visit for some great Ice Cream - 14 Water Street. www.chocolatsfavoris.com

The Improv Centre

Check out one of Vancouver's best comedy theatres. Located across from the Kids Market on Granville Island, the Improv Centre specializes in theatresports-style improv shows. Check out "Deadly Dinner Party" running to Oct. 30th. Hilarious take on beloved whodunnits like Agatha Christie novels, Clue, and Knives Out.

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Kids Market

Located at the entrance of Granville Island; where to bring young children to burn off some energy. Shops, food, entertainment and activities to make every visit memorable for you and your family.

H.R. MacMillan Space Centre

Located in Vanier Park; hosts Vancouver's planetarium and has great exhibits for all ages.



Things to do this Fall

Gulf of Georgia Cannery

A museum at a former salmon cannery in Richmond's Steveston Village, a great place to visit year-round.



Museum of Anthropology

New Exhibit this Fall: "I use my Haida Eyes" (closing Oct.12th.) Ongoing until January 2027, Tupananchiskama: Ancient Andean Cosmovision explores the enduring worldviews of ancient Andean civilizations through nearly 100 exquisite pre-Columbian ceramic, textile, bone and wood works.

Museum of Vancouver

The Museum of Vancouver (MOV) connects Vancouverites to each other and connects the city to the world. An enthusiastic civic advocate, MOV is dedicated to encouraging a deeper understanding of Vancouver through stories, objects and shared experiences. www.museumofvancouver.ca

Lonsdale Quay

Located over the water from Vancouver's Seabus Terminal, the Quay is a vibrant and colourful public market. One of the best daytrips you can take; jump on the Seabus; go over the water and enjoy the shops, restaurants, visit the Polygon Gallery, and the Inuit Gallery across the street.

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Vancouver Maritime Museum

A great museum and the best place to learn about the Pacific Northwest and Arctic's maritime history.



Maplewood Farm

The best place to see farm animals, and a fun attraction to take very young children in North Vancouver.

Spa & Massage

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VanDusen Botanical Garden

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MONOVA:

The Museum of North Vancouver - a venue in the Shipyards District where you can learn about the history of Vancouver's North Shore.



Vancouver Art Gallery

The city's best place to admire art, located downtown beside the Hotel Vancouver.

Science World

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Horse & Carriage Rides in Stanley Park

For years, a Vancouver gem; home to the famous AAA Horse & Carriage tours through the park. Spring, Summer or Fall, cozy up under the blankets and enjoy a wonderful experience together. Open 10 am daily. Book online at www.stanleypark.com

Grouse Mountain

Grouse Mountain - the best year-round mountain attraction is celebrating 100 years in 2026. www.grouse100.com. Offerings this summer include its Wildlife Refuge with resident Grizzly bears, Mountain Zipline, Mountain Ropes Adventure, Lumberjack Show, Birds in Motion demonstrations, Peak Chairlift rides, Theatre in the Sky, restaurants, and unparalleled views of Vancouver. Just opened last year, the Blue Grouse Gondola features 15 towers, 27 eight-person cabins and an average trip time of 5.5 minutes, allowing the new lift to operate at a capacity of 1,000 people per hour. In addition, the North Shore's only lift-accessed Mountain Bike Park, and a new alpine, gravity-fed Mountain Coaster are both open this summer. www.grousemountain.com

Stanley Park

One of the largest and famous public parks in the world, surrounded by a beautiful 10-kilometre seawall with stunning views. Explore the 400-hectare natural West Coast rainforest and enjoy scenic views of water, mountains, sky, and majestic trees as you hike through kilometres of trails, beautiful beaches, local wildlife, great eats, natural, cultural and historical landmarks, along with many other adventures, including Canada's largest Aquarium. Park is open from 6am to 10pm unless otherwise posted, and access to washrooms is available from dawn until dusk.



Vancouver Lookout

a skyscraper with 360-degree views from its observation deck, making it a top place for photos and admiring the region on sunny days. Open daily from 10:00am until 6:00pm

Vancouver Mysteries

Outdoor adventure games in downtown Vancouver. It's not a "place," it's an activity and an experience. It's still, however, in our opinion, one of the region's top things to do!

Vancouver Police Museum

An interesting museum showcasing the city's police and criminal pasts. The region's top things to do! (Closing Oct.31st. moving mid November to Gastown Level 2 -351 Abbott St.)

Granville Island



This “island” in the middle of the city is an urban oasis filled with fine waterfront restaurants, theatres, galleries, studios, shops, cafés and a spectacular public market.

Shopping & Dining

In the 1970's, Granville Island began its successful transformation from an industrial wasteland to one of the most beloved public spaces in Vancouver.

As Vancouver's premier artistic and cultural hub, located in an urban, waterfront location and steeped in a rich industrial and maritime heritage, this unique destination attracts millions of visitors each year from Vancouver and around the world.

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The charm of Granville Island lies in its unexpected mix of uses. The famous Public Market, open daily from 9 am to 6 pm, is home to more than 50 independent food purveyors and contributes to the Island's appeal as a renowned culinary destination. In the Net Loft Shops and in the Artisan District, many of Canada's best artists and designers can be found.

Granville Island is home to many cultural venues and hosts numerous performing arts and cultural festivals year-round.

The “Island” has eleven restaurants and bars, with three of them distilling and brewing on site, 7 indoor theatres and performance venues, and dozens of outdoor performance spaces. Granville Island also has a 60 room boutique hotel, making it a perfect destination for a staycation for locals, and a lovely location for visitors outside of the busy downtown core.

Operationally self-sustaining, Granville Island receives no funding from any level of government and is not part of the City of Vancouver, operating in a not-for-profit model, home to more than 300 businesses and employing more than 3,000 people.
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- 2 Duso's Fine Foods
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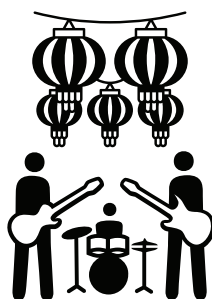
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The West End is a walker's paradise, perfectly situated between the city's best-loved and most popular

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Go to westendbia.com/neighbourhood-events



Davie Street

Lower Davie (Cardero to Denman) includes a full selection of shops and services while Davie Village, further east, is home to Vancouver's vibrant gay community, complete with four permanent pride-coloured crosswalks at Bute Street. The concentration of restaurants, bars and pubs in the area successfully create one of the city's most vibrant entertainment districts.

(Map 1, E,F,G-3)

Denman Street

Boasting a selection of restaurants that's second to none, Denman Street bustles with activity and, closer to Robson and Georgia streets, acts as a gateway to Stanley Park. Moving south toward English Bay, this eclectic thoroughfare transforms into a beach promenade, complete with gelato shops, public art and spectacular sunsets.

(Map 1, G3-10)

Alberni & Burrard

There's no better place to shop than Alberni Street! Luxury is just one block to the north of Robson, starts at Burrard Street and ends at Bute St. Referred to as Vancouver's "Luxury Zone" or "Luxury Row", Alberni Street and its environs are home to the majority of luxury brands in Vancouver. (Map 1, E6-7)



Come for the views. Stay for the neighbourhood.

The West End puts Vancouver's best experiences within easy reach - from Stanley Park, English Bay and the seawall to cozy neighbourhood cafes, diverse eateries, arts and culture and nightlife.

This fall and winter, experience the West End from the inside out.



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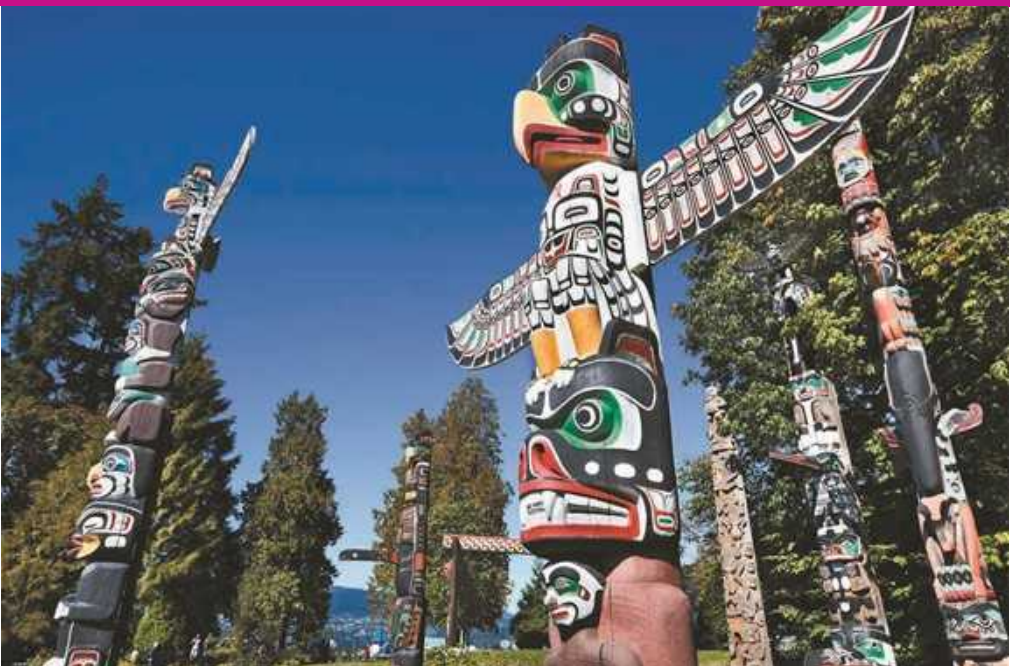


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Stanley Park



The gem of Vancouver, this 1,000-acre park was established in 1896 smack-dab in the centre of the city (Map B). Spanning 404 hectares (1,000 acres), Stanley Park is home to a variety of wildlife and tree species including towering hemlock, fir and cedar. Beyond the spectacular scenery, the park offers attractions for the entire family. vancouver.ca/parks/parks/stanley (Map A)

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Try the following fun-filled activities:

- Hit one of many forest trails, or walk, jog, cycle or in-line skate around the 22-kilometre (13.7-mile) seawall.
- Take a scenic, fun-filled horse-drawn carriage tour of the park and its sites.
- Check out the view of the majestic view of the Lions Gate Bridge from the Prospect Point lookout.
- Visit Stanley Park Nature House on Lost Lagoon to learn about the park's flora and fauna and social history. stanleyparkecology.ca vancouver.ca/parks/parks/stanley (Map A)



Did you know?

The Nine O'Clock Gun fires nightly at 9pm from Brockton Point. This old cannon has fired almost nightly for about 100 years! It is a Vancouver tradition!

MAP A - Stanley Park



Feature Story: Stanley Park

**A green jewel in an urban setting:
Stanley Park's history**

Stanley Park has been Vancouver's favourite urban playground for as long as the city itself has been in existence. When members of city council convened for their second meeting on May 12, 1886, just five weeks after the city was incorporated, high on the agenda was the matter of a civic park. Council drafted a petition asking the government of Canada to hand over the 1,000-acre military reserve located on the peninsula of land jutting into Burrard Inlet at the "First Narrows". The federal government complied, and in October, 1888, Governor General Lord Stanley came to town to dedicate the park. In the rest of the country, Stanley is best known for donating the silverware that became the National Hockey League's championship trophy. Here in Vancouver, he is known for the park that bears his name.



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The city's founders prided themselves on their foresight-edness. Urban parks were, and still are, considered the hallmark of a progressive community. But more than community spirit motivated these pioneer politicians, who were mainly merchants and land speculators. By forestalling the possibility that the military reserve might ever be sold off as real estate, they were protecting the value of their own property investments elsewhere in the city.



Feature Story: Stanley Park



No one had consulted the park's original inhabitants, the First Nations people who had used the peninsula for generations before the arrival of outsiders. The Squamish people had occupied seasonal camps at Whoi Whoi (*Lumberman's Arch*), Staitwouk (*Second Beach*), and Chaythoos (*Prospect Point*) and were still living there when the park was created. There were several fishermen and millhands living with their families near Brockton Point on land they were never allowed to acquire, and a group of "Kanakas" (Hawaiians) living in Coal Harbour. All of these people were eventually displaced by the government in order to create a pristine wilderness for the residents of the city to enjoy.

Of course, there was nothing pristine about the park. Loggers had been busy since the 1860s hacking down the original tree cover, and the first thing the city did after taking control was to carve out a scenic road around the perimeter of the peninsula. There is still a First Nations presence in the park. A cluster of totem poles near Brockton Point serves to remind visitors of the first inhabitants.

The original park reserve was an island, cut off at high tide by the rising waters of Coal Harbour and English Bay as they merged in the low area now occupied by Lost Lagoon. The water was crossed by a log bridge until the stone causeway was built in 1916, creating the small lake. The name Lost Lagoon comes from a Pauline Johnson poem: *It is dusk on the Lost Lagoon And we two dreaming the dusk away, Beneath the drift of a twilight grey, Beneath the drowse of an ending day, and the curve of a golden moon.*

The ashes of the famous poet, who lived out her final years in Vancouver, are buried beneath a cairn near Third Beach. Between the world wars, the biggest change to the park was the construction of the main road linking the Georgia Street entrance with Lions Gate Bridge. A group of British investors built the bridge to provide access to their North Shore real estate development, the British Properties. It opened in November 1938, by which time work crews had completed the road, known subsequently as The Causeway. It had been approved by voters in a public plebiscite and carried out largely as a Depression-era make-work project. For many years this thoroughfare featured one lane of traffic in each direction and a middle lane, known aptly as the "suicide lane" because it was open to traffic for passing in either direction. Nowadays, traffic is controlled by signal lights.



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Before Stanley Park Became a Park

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Horses have done many different jobs for humans right here in Vancouver's Stanley Park! Horses were already a part of this area's history some time before the park's official opening in 1889. It may well be that the first horses in Stanley Park accompanied miners seeking gold in the late 1850s.



Then, the park was designated a Government Military Reserve in 1859 in preparation for an expected American attack. Horses would have been used for related logging and building.

Between the 1860s and the 1880s extensive private logging took place in Stanley Park. Some of the trails in the park were first cleared for logging. Oxen were used to remove the logs, but horses carried humans and supplies.

Touring The Park Now

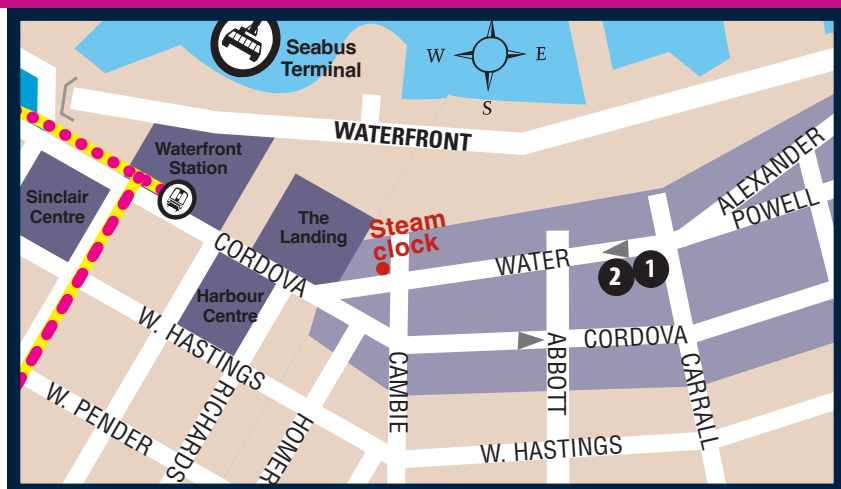
Discovering Stanley Park by horse-drawn tram (an open carriage, easily accessible from both sides, with rows of seats facing forward) is a unique and memorable experience. Sitting in the open air, protected from rain by the tram's forest-green canopy and from cold by red plaid, wool blankets, the visitor relaxes while learning about the historical and natural features of the area, listening to the clip clop of the Gentle Giants' hooves and inhaling the fresh scent of cedar and the sea.



In the early 1980s, AAA Horse & Carriage, then a fledgling company, reintroduced horses to the park after a thirty year absence. Through the fifties, sixties and seventies, transportation around Stanley Park was limited to cars and buses. Gerry O'Neil, recently moved from Quebec City, where horse-drawn carriages are popular among both tourists and locals, and his wife, Kathryn, saw the need for an alternative.



Gastown - MAP



Gastown

Gastown has a vibrant cultural scene with street-side cafés, cutting-edge galleries and shops selling one-of-a-kind Vancouver souvenirs, fine First Nations artwork and wearable originals from local designers. Feeling peckish? Try cured meats in Blood Alley (where butchers once thrived) and ethnic fare ranging from French to Latin fusion. gastown.org (Map 1, B8-10)



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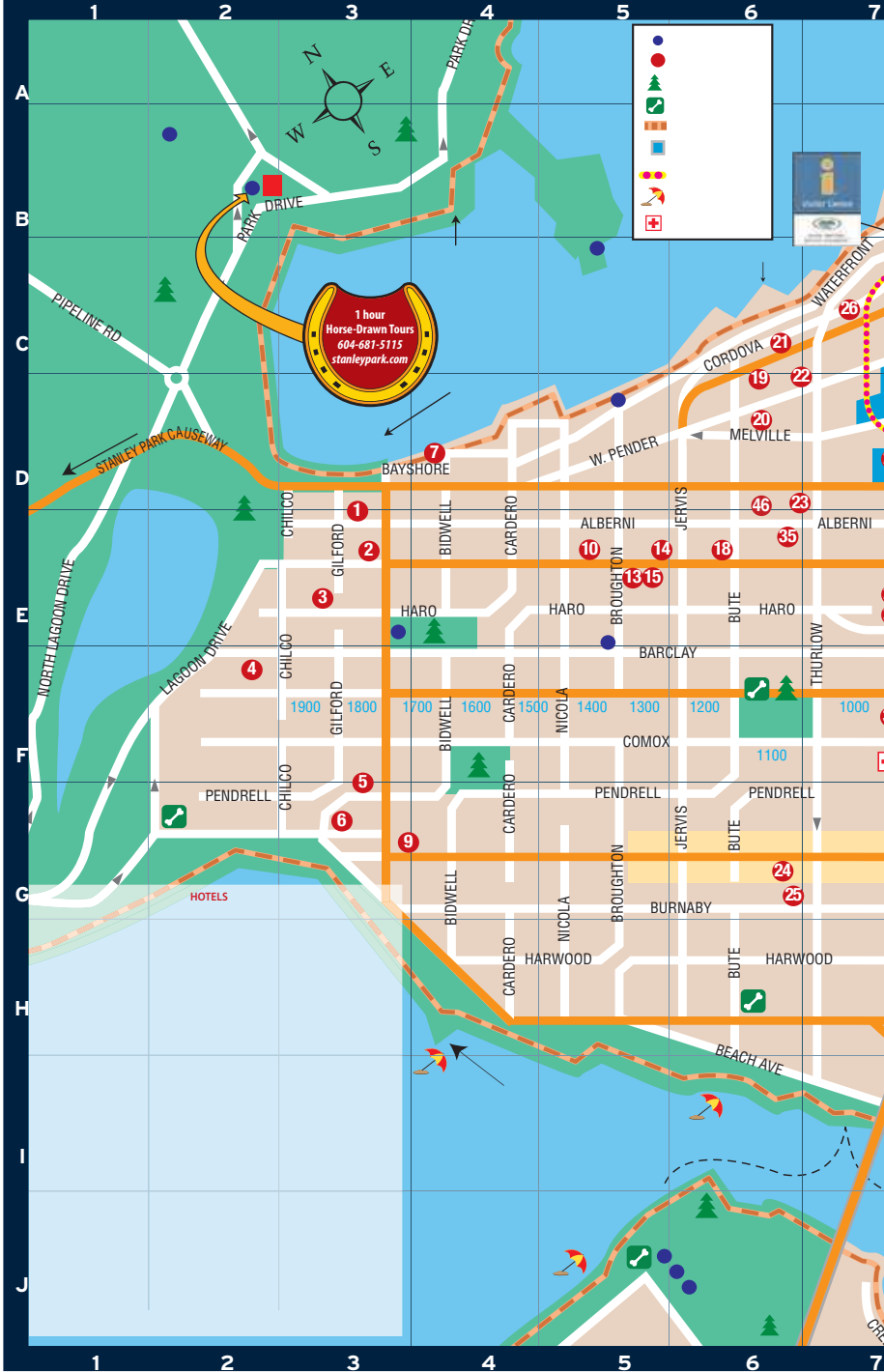
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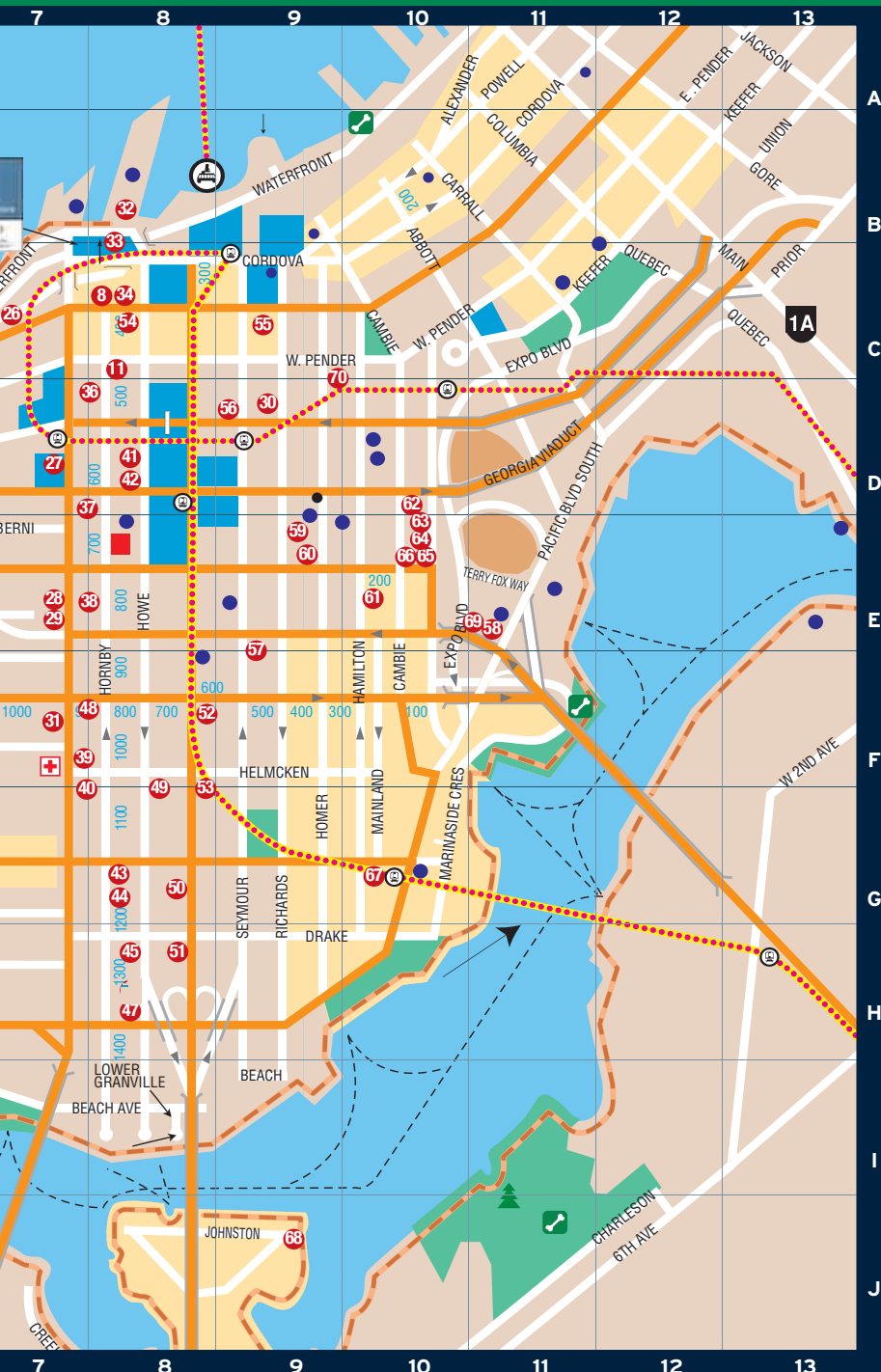
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MAP 1 - Downtown Vancouver





MAP 2 - Vancouver



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Spanish Banks

UBC Museum of Anthropology
UBC Rose Gardens
Nitobe Garden
Beatty Biodiversity Museum
Wreck Beach
UBC Botanical Garden

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK



ENGLISH BAY

The Old Hastings Mill Store Museum

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Downtown Vancouver

STANLEY PARK

Kitsilano Beach
H.R. MacMillan Space Centre
Museum of Vancouver
Maritime Museum

CORNWALL

BURRARD

GRANVILLE

South Granville

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Sea Island Centre

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MAP 3 - Lower Mainland





Arts & Culture

From local bands in intimate venues to packed concert houses, Broadway musicals to Italian operas, open-mic nights to annual festivals, Vancouver's arts scene leaves nothing to be desired.

Live Music

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604.684.9222 | coastalpeoples.com

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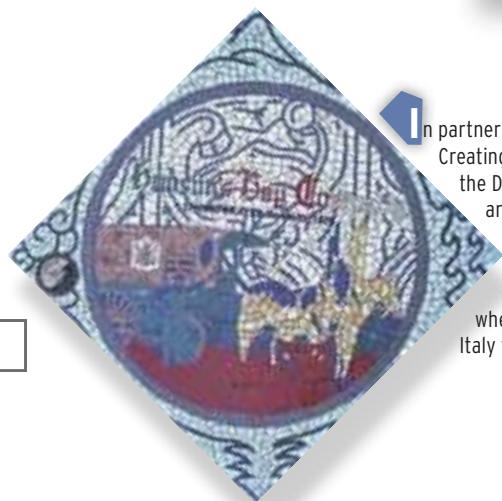


Feature Story: Mosaics

Art Under Foot

Whether a long-time resident or a visitor, the next time you are walking in downtown Vancouver, take a moment to look down. An exciting discovery is literally at your feet and provides an impressive visual tour of historical and contemporary Vancouver through beautiful mosaic tiles.

Back for its 15th year anniversary, the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (DVBIA) launched the mosaic public art project aimed at beautifying downtown streetscapes.



In partnership with the City of Vancouver and the Creating Employment Through Art co-op (CETA), the DVBIA commissioned accomplished mosaic artists - Liz Calvin and Bruce Walther - to spearhead the design and production of the mosaics. Calvin became passionate about mosaics traveling through Europe where she attended a mosaic art school in Italy for one year.

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Walther, a self-employed artisan for more than 15 years, has done numerous stained glass commissions for private residences as well as public art projects, residential tile work, and community mosaic workshops.

The concepts behind the twelve original tile mosaics - each measuring nine square feet and containing between 3500 and 4500 hand cut ceramic pieces - reflects the culture, history and geography of downtown Vancouver.





Each mosaic took approximately 160 hours to create. Calvin and Walther worked with CETA, a collective of artists who are residents of the Downtown Eastside, some of whom are challenged with addictions or mental illness, to develop the mosaics. The group's purpose and philosophy is explained on its website: ***"Just as CETA pieces broken tile together into a beautiful mosaic, CETA also strives to act as a catalyst for putting lives back together through art and enterprise."***

One of the mosaics tributes Dal Richards; a Vancouver legend. With a career spanning over a half century, and with all of the charisma and style it takes to be a Big Band leader, Dal is an icon of Vancouver's music scene. The success of his impressive orchestra, boasting an amazing five night-a-week 25-year run at the Panorama Roof of the Hotel Vancouver and 25 years of live CBC National Radio broadcasts has led to friends and fans affectionately dubbing him Dr. Swing.



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Some of the other mosaics feature historic Granville Street's entertainment district awash in the neon glow of the 1950s, The Hudson Bay Company circa 1670, tributes to notable architecture including the 1929 nurse from the Art Deco Georgia Medical Dental Building, and the Princess Marguerite II, a historic steamship, passing under the Lions Gate Bridge.



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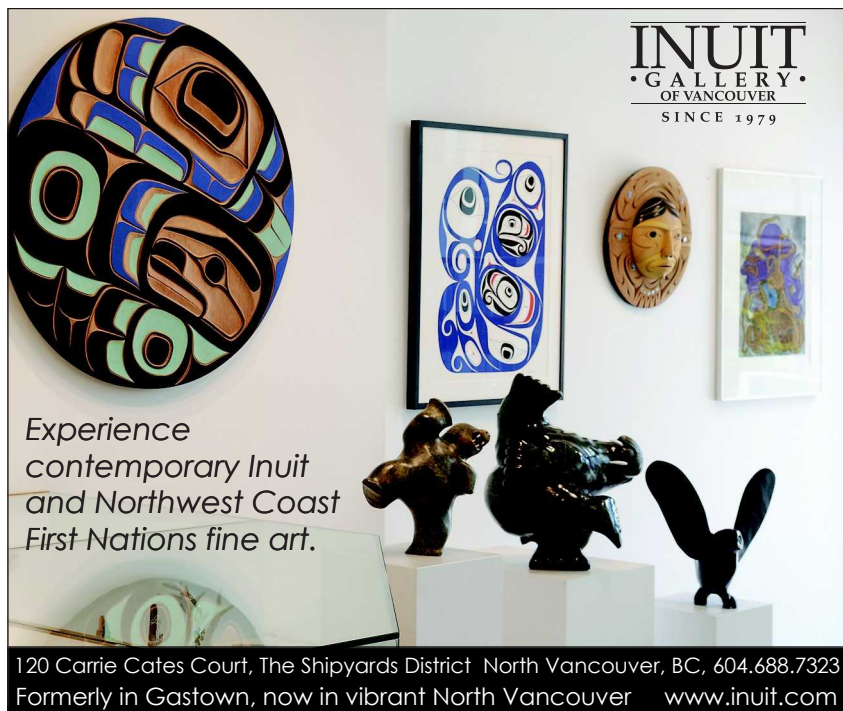
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MAP D - North Shore



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