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Vancouver, British Columbia



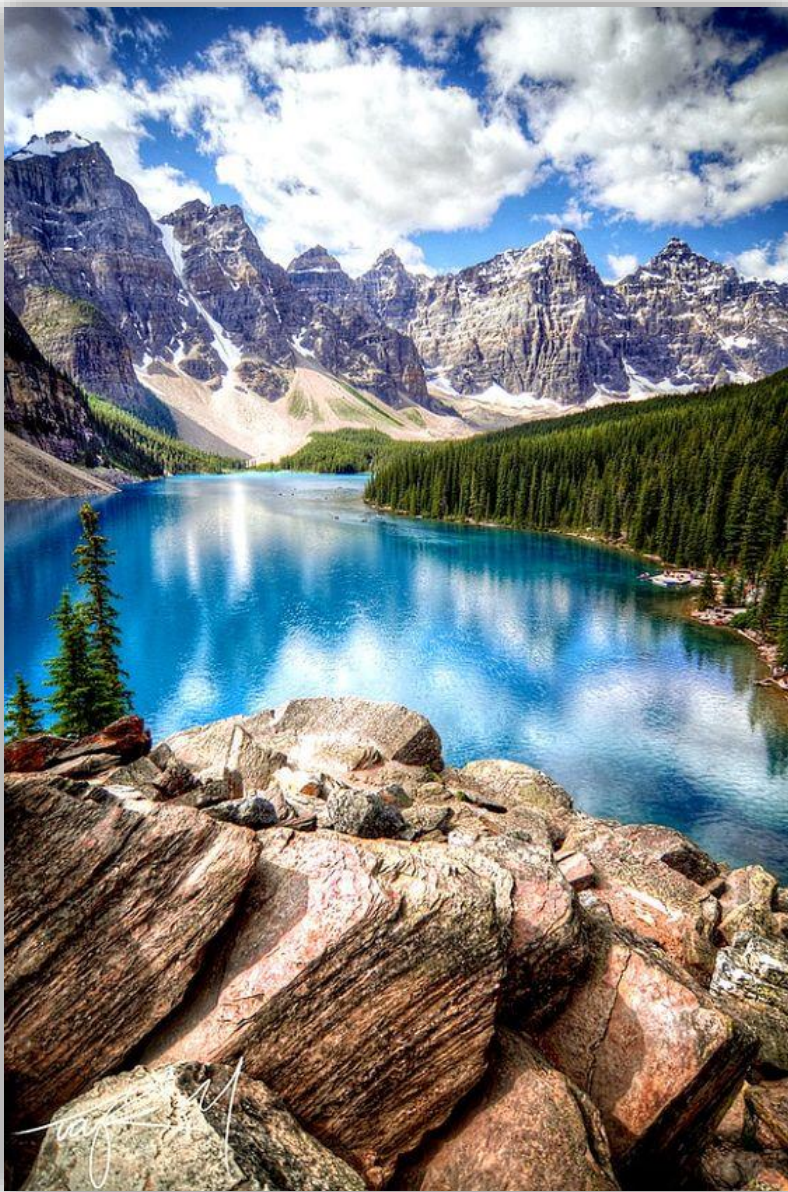


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Vancouver was founded as “*Gastown*” by an Englishman with a penchant for beer and storytelling. Today *Gastown* is a historic section of the Canadian metropolis, and the lively pubs still reflect the area’s former status as a sort of community drinking center. The city’s forests, grand parks, and impressive suspension bridge beckon travelers to explore them, as do the city’s shops and museums. Relive the glory of the 2010 Winter Games with visits to Olympic venues and the marvelous Olympic Cauldron.



Vancouver – Canada

- Vancouver, Bordered on its northwestern edge by spectacular Stanley Park – one of the continent's largest downtown green spaces – Vancouver's compact city center is surrounded on three sides by water, with Burrard Inlet to the north, False Creek to the south and English Bay to the west.
- B.C.'s biggest metropolis has been a hotbed of sustainability for decades, befitting the home of one of the world's largest urban parks and the historic spot where Greenpeace was founded. Already recognized as having the smallest carbon footprint of any major city in North America.
- Vancouver was ranked 13th by Conde Nast readers on a list of the top 25 cities to visit. Vancouver beat out heavyweights Sydney, Paris and Venice. Cities were scored on ambience, friendliness, culture and sites, restaurants, lodging and shopping. Vancouver was previously named "Best City in the Americas" by Condé Nast Traveler readers in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2009 and 2010.
- Just over 663,000 revenue passengers on 199 sailings passed through Port Metro Vancouver facilities in 2011, a 15 percent rise over 2010. Vancouver's Canada Place and Ballantyne Pier are major terminals for cruise ship journeys to and from Alaska during the May to September season. The cruises, which run up to two weeks, follow one of two main routes – although each shares the same path along a tranquil, coastline of islands known as the Inside Passage. As a world-renowned destination in its own right, Vancouver is a popular feature of many Alaska cruises, offering passengers a "two for-one" vacation that combines a great city experience with a spectacular wilderness odyssey.





Vancouver

Winter in Vancouver, British Columbia, is a special time of year, here's ideas of what you can do in and around the city:

- **Sightseeing:** The Vancouver area is surrounded by some of the most stunning natural beauty in the world: mountains, ocean, rainforest, parks and beaches. With endless options for activities, sights and attractions, Vancouver is a city that begs to be explored. By coach or minibus, horse-drawn carriage or helicopter, bicycle or on foot.
- **Chinatown:** Few neighborhoods in Vancouver embody the city's history, diverse cultures and vibrant future like Chinatown.
- **Vancouver Aquarium:** This underwater wonderland is home to a dizzying variety of fish and aquatic mammals in natural habitats. Kids can gape at the multi-colored life inside a tide pool, and marvel at deadly piranhas, scary insects, and even a shark.
- **Ice-skate:** Right in the heart of the city's shopping district, the Robson Square ice skating rink offers visitors free skating, and skate rentals for just \$4 a pair.
- **Spas:** The city's spas are popular with locals and visitors alike, getting wrapped in seaweed, slathered with Moor mud, exfoliated, massaged, manicured, pedicured, and purified, etc.



City Tour

Hit some of Vancouver's most popular sites on this fantastic sightseeing tour. In just a few hours, you'll see Vancouver's major sights (Gastown and Yaletown, Stanley park, etc..) and learn a wealth of information from a guide who knows its history and culture inside out. This is a great way for first-time visitors to get a great overview of the city.





Restaurants

Vancouver has a diverse array of gastronomic options. Many cutting-edge establishments are perfecting what we call Modern Canadian fare. Vancouver is all about "localism," with many restaurants emphasizing the provenance of their ingredients and embracing products that hail from within a 100-mile-or-so radius of the city, or at least from within BC.





Rogue Kitchen & Wetbar really know how to throw a party! Rogue's team takes pride in creating options for almost any budget and taste. Our fashion forward contemporary design combines lighting and warm colors with industrial steel wall fixtures and exposed brick. Enjoy the casual and tasty food and the fun Canadian atmosphere.





Specializing in Central Thailand cuisine, **Salathai** combines flavors customary to Thai food: spicy, sour, sweet, salty, bitter, with exceedingly royal flair. Having served the Thai Royal Family, the dishes are all prepared and presented in much manner as befitting royalty.





Kaya opened its doors in July 2012, by a few people who have grown up with Malaysian comfort food.... Offering original tastes of Malaysia fused with west coast flares that are lavish in flavor and unique in texture and aroma, Kaya is a true gastronomic delight! With profound influences from Portugal, India, Indonesia, and China, Malaysian cuisine is diverse, complex and inviting. Come and experience this intriguing spectrum of flavors and culinary adventures.





Just moments from Waterfront Station, Al Porto Ristorante is the perfect setting for your party. Featuring classic Italian charm and warm candlelight ambiance, the executive chef has carefully created a selection of menus featuring the best in classic Italian fare that is certain to satisfy even the most discerning tastes. Make your gathering experience warm and delicious at Al Porto.



THE BLARNEY STONE

Established in 1972, the Blarney Stone is the longest running Irish Pub in the City of Vancouver and arguably the most recognized pub in British Columbia. More than just an Irish pub, the Blarney Stone is Vancouver's institution for Irish inspired food, Irish entertainment, and Irish atmosphere. Voted best Irish pub in Vancouver, the Blarney stone is both a local favorite and popular tourist destination.





For over 20 years, Ciao Bella has had the pleasure of serving fine, authentic Italian cuisine to patrons from both Vancouver and around the world. The romantic setting in Ciao Bella sets the mood for a delightful dining experience. Whether you are choosing from one of our 120 pasta combinations, our great selection of seafood, or our chicken, veal, or vegetarian dishes, we know you will appreciate the fresh quality ingredients.

Buon appetito!



forage

Casual, comfortable and affordable, Chef Chris Whittaker's Forage celebrates all things British Columbia. Forage loves working to create community. Whether it's a West End cause or part of the burgeoning movement committed to farm to table fare.

Forage connects diners to local fishers, foragers and farmers. They also bring you the best in local craft distilleries, breweries and wineries. The service is designed for sharing many plates family style.





Nicli Antica Pizzeria is the first certified Neapolitan pizzeria in Vancouver. Located in the culinary epicenter of Vancouver, Gastown, the brick walls of the century old building are juxtaposed against the design of a bright and contemporary interior. Chef David Tozer's menu highlights the season's freshest, local ingredients alongside a robust beverage program. An experience at Nicli Antica Pizzeria will bring to mind the touchstones of Italian culture — family, authenticity, and incredible food and wine.





Welcome to Nightingale where modern Canadian cuisine gets social. The approach to dining introduces simple seasonal dishes — packed with natural flavor — that focus on quality, excellence and fun. Served up in a lively space, the fresh crudo and charcuterie, creative house-made pastas, pizzas, crisp salads and seasonal veggie dishes can be enjoyed with friends old and new; paired with local craft beers, complementing wines or on-tap gin & tonics from the buzzing bar.



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