

CANADA - Vancouver

Vancouver holds a special place in our hearts. Not only do we have family there, but we've visited many times for vacation and as a docking point for an Alaskan cruise. Here are some suggestions of our favorites when visiting the Canadian west coast!

Where To Stay **Fairmont Pacific Rim**

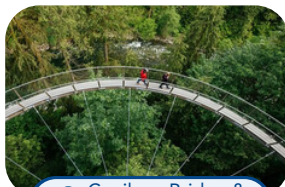
This luxurious waterfront hotel offers stunning views of the harbor, mountains, and the city. It's located in the heart of downtown, steps from Canada Place, the seawall and the cruise ship doc. The rooms are large with lots of room. There is a rooftop pool, delicious restaurant and you're walking distance from tons of sites.



Things To Do

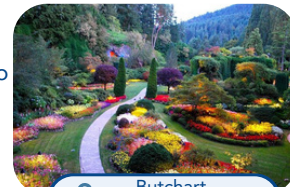
Capilano Bridge & Grouse Mountain

A favorite for our families. You get to walk in the forest at the Capilano Suspension Bridge then see the amazing aerial view from a ride on the largest aerial tramway in North America! Kids loved it!



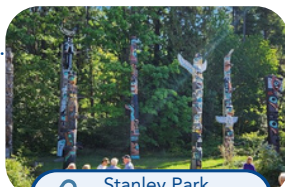
Butchart Gardens (Victoria)

Take a ferry to Victoria (the views are amazing - you may even see whales or sea lions) and go to Butchart Botanical Gardens. This is one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. During your day in Victoria check out the Empress Hotel for tea or a snack too!



Stanley Park Bike Tour

Stanley Park is the "green heart" of Vancouver. Enjoying the park by bike is a great way to see the 1,000-acre park and the various sites. Ride along and see the First Nations totem poles, the famous Brockton Point, the city, the mountains, and all the gorgeous scenery.



Gastown Scavenger Hunt

Gastown is the oldest neighborhood and is famous for the steam clock, cobblestone streets, breweries and eateries. This scavenger hunt had us energized as we were guided through the landmarks, solving puzzles, taking photos and completing challenges - it was a blast and a great way to see the city.



Granville Island Food Tour

Granville Island is a vibrant public market with colorful food, produce stores, handcrafted gems, and unique gifts. A great way to experience Vancouver's food culture is to browse and taste food from local vendors and artisans. You will love the yummy cheeses, desserts, and more!



Vancouver Flyover Experience

This interactive simulated flight shows you the history, culture, and amazing viewpoints of Vancouver and Canada. From your seat under the high-dome screen, you will careen through the sky, hurtle over mountains, and even feel the wind in your face.



Other Recos

Eating

There is no shortage of awesome eats in Vancouver:
Cactus Club - casual eats with local, fresh ingredients
Joe Fortes - famous seafood and chop house
Steamworks - steam-powered brewpub in Gastown
Bao Bei - Chinese brasserie
Alouette Bistro - delicious French bistro in downtown

Other Sites

Vancouver offers a mix of urban charm and natural beauty. Be sure to check out **Yaletown** for waterfront dining and chic nightlife. Explore **Kitsilano Beach** for a laid-back seaside vibe. For a cultural experience, visit the **Museum of Anthropology at UBC** or stroll through the public market and street art of **Mount Pleasant**. Don't miss the scenic views from **Queen Elizabeth Park**, a shopping visit to lively **Robson Street**, or a ferry ride to **Lonsdale Quay** for waterfront dining and local markets. **Science World** and the **Vancouver Art Gallery** also offer engaging experiences for visitors of all ages.



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