

Join Us In Vancouver!

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**N**estled between the majestic coastal mountains and the tides of the Pacific Ocean lies Vancouver, a city that attracts travellers from around the world who are drawn to its spectacular scenery and energetic lifestyle.



A visit to Vancouver would not be complete without a visit to Stanley Park, Vancouver's urban oasis. This green giant of natural beauty is over 1000 acres — the largest city-owned park in Canada and the third largest in North America. Originally opened on Sept. 27, 1888, the park's landscape is thickly populated with enormous trees — such as the Douglas fir — that can be up to several hundred years old and measuring 76 metres (250 ft.). Be sure to take advantage of Stanley Park's famous view of Coal Harbour and put on your walking shoes for a leisurely stroll along the park's 10 km paved seawall.

Just one block away from the host Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, you will find Vancouver's answer to Rodeo Drive. A shopoholic's dream, Robson Street features over 200 shops, and when you need a quick pick-me-up, there are plenty of cafés and spa services for retail rejuvenation. Spoil yourself in trend-setting fashion boutiques or take in lunch as you relax and people-watch from a sidewalk café. With a weekend average of some 80,000 street goers, you're sure to find some like-minded power-shops to rub elbows with!

A bustling traditional Chinatown lies just east of the downtown core. Stop in at one of the many restaurants for a delicious dim sum lunch and then enjoy shopping at the

various markets before visiting the tranquil Dr. Sun Yat Sen Gardens, Vancouver's living treasure. See how fifty-two master craftsmen utilized treasured natural materials to create this unique expression of Chinese culture. This garden is the first of its kind on the North American continent.

Visit the world's first Historic Steam Clock, enjoy a hot latte or a cold beer on a sidewalk patio and watch life go by in the historic neighbourhood of Gastown, located just ten minutes northeast of the hotel. Noted for its quaint cobblestone streets, late-Victorian architecture and unique First Nations galleries and souvenir shops, it's a great place to unwind.

Formerly home to the roll-up-your-sleeves blue collar haven of loading bays and brick warehouses, Yaletown is now home to many of the 'who's-who' of Vancouver. Celebrities and urban trendsetters alike make it the neighbourhood of choice for the hip and stylish, whether as a trendy nighttime destination or for a taste of NYC-style loft living. Condominium buildings, towering over renovated brick-warehouse lofts, surround Yaletown's streets. You'll know you're in Yaletown when you see its iconic raised sidewalks and narrow streets; you'll know you've left when the steady stream of high-end galleries, chi-chi fashion, fancy restaurants and trendy salons end.



Vancouver skyline.



Stanley Park.



Chinatown.



Stanley Park.



Shopping in Gastown.



Historic Steam Clock.

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