

DESIGN YOUR DAY DESCRIPTIONS

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Vancouver's First Nations Cultural Tour

Duration: 4 – 4.5 hours

Transfer pick up, private charter bus, guided tour

Visit to Vancouver's Stanley Park and the First Nation totem poles; learn about the significance and stories of the first nation peoples, totem poles and the history of the park.

Continue the tour west to the University of British Columbia; visit the Museum of Anthropology with a guided tour by a curator/expert will speak about select First Nations artifacts and displays at the museum.

MOA houses one of the world's finest collections of Northwest Coast First People's art in an award-winning building designed by Canadian architect Arthur Erickson. Opened in 1976, the concrete and glass structure is based on the post-and-beam structures of northern Northwest Coast First Nations. MOA's Great Hall displays huge totem poles, feast dishes, and canoes from the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nisga'a, Gitxsan, Haida, and Coast Salish peoples, while smaller pieces in gold, silver, argillite, wood, and other materials are exhibited elsewhere in the galleries. The Museum grounds were designed by landscape architect Cornelia Oberlander and feature indigenous plants and grasses and spectacular views of mountains and sea. The outdoor sculpture complex includes two Haida Houses and several totem poles by some of the finest contemporary First Nations artists of the Northwest Coast. MOA also has the world's largest collection of works by Haida artist Bill Reid, a gallery devoted to a collection of European ceramics unique to North America, and a series of innovative Multiversity Galleries showcasing MOA's world-wide research collections.

Return to downtown Vancouver.

The tour will end at the Bill Reid Gallery (admission included). The Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art, opened in May 2008, located at 639 Hornby St, Vancouver BC V6C 2G3 in downtown Vancouver. This public art gallery is named after Bill Reid (1920 – 1998), the acclaimed Haida master goldsmith, carver, sculptor, writer, spokesman and one of Canada's greatest artists. The Gallery is devoted to understanding and appreciating contemporary Aboriginal art of the Northwest Coast.

Fly n' Sea Vancouver

Duration: 4.5 hours

Private transfer picks up from downtown hotels to Westin Bayshore hotel to the SEA Vancouver dock for a zodiac boat tour

(90 min tour).

The fleet consists of open-air, purpose built, zodiac-style vessels are Vancouver's fastest and safest way to view the city from the sea. Waterfront Sightseeing Adventures begin cruising along the Vancouver Inner Harbour, then soaring up to 55 Km/h as we cross the Burrard Inlet. Along the way our experienced, qualified and passionate skippers will provide a fascinating array of information, highlighting the sights of Vancouver's Coal Harbour, Northshore, English Bay, False Creek and Stanley Park. With over 30 possible points of interest, each adventure is tailored to the interests of our thrill seeking passengers.

Short transfer/shuttle from SEA Vancouver dock to Harbour Air Seaplane terminal on the Coal Harbour waterfront

Experience Harbour Air's 'Vancouver Classic Panorama' flightseeing tour by seaplane (20 min in air)

Tour over the city and North Shore Mountains, this tour departs from downtown Vancouver's Coal Harbour and includes a complete aerial view of the city and surrounding parks and beaches. The exhilarating spray of the water is always a highlight during take-off and landing

Return transfer - drop off to downtown hotels



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Vancouver's West Coast Sea Safari

Duration: 4 hours

Transfer pick up from downtown hotels to Sewell's Marina at Horseshoe Bay, West Vancouver.

With the deep history of Howe Sound on the doorstep of Horseshoe Bay, a 2-hour boat tour has something for everyone. The 30 ft. rigid hull inflatable boat is native to the Howe Sound coast line and within minutes, you will be soaring like the eagles at high speeds, seeing what our beautiful backyard has to offer. With an experienced guide at the helm, all you have to do is sit back, with the refreshing sea mist in your face, take in the towering cliffs of Anvil Island, the seals at play at Pam Rocks, the caves of Bowen Island, and many more picturesque sights only seen from the water. Cruise along the water's surface, surrounded by BC's unique Coastal Mountains, taking pictures with seals bathing in the sun, or cruising through the waves on our natural roller coaster. This unique opportunity to see nature is only 25-minute drive from downtown Vancouver.

Return to Horseshoe Bay dock and transfer to the Shangri-La hotel in Vancouver for a hosted lunch.

Return transfer and drop off at downtown hotels.

Vancouver City and Craft Brewery Tour

Duration: 4.5 hours

Transfer pick up from downtown hotels, private charter bus and guided tour.

This tour is a great introduction to the scenic and historic highlights of Vancouver and includes visit to a local Craft brewery with tastings and refreshments. Enjoy a scenic tour as you soak in the scenery of Stanley Park a 1,000-acre natural oasis surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, where you can see First Nations Totem Poles. Travel to Vancouver's original viewing point, Prospect Point and the popular English Bay. Immerse yourself in the aromas of the eclectic Granville Island Public Marketplace, before making your way to the historic cobblestoned Gastown district and Canada Place, located in the heart of the waterfront.

The tour includes 1 local Craft Brewery visit with some light refreshments (snacks) provided; learn about creations and inspiration for new beers and about brewing in Vancouver and what it takes to make craft beer and samplers of the brewery's specialties and classic beers.

It's easy to fit in shopping time! Depending on your tour departure time you will have time in the morning or afternoon. In downtown Vancouver you will find easy access to Pacific Centre Mall, Robson Street, and the new Nordstrom's flagship Canada store and Canada's original luxury department store Holt Renfrew.

Vancouver Urban Luxe and Nature Tour

Duration: 4 hours

Transfer pick up, private guided charter Mercedes sprinter bus

North Shore Coast Rainforest Adventure Tour:

Crossing over the Lynn Canyon Suspension Bridge, experience a magnificent Rain Forest Walk in Capilano Canyon with captivating views of the Canyon below. Indulge your desire for knowledge, and discover lichen, moss, ferns, and flowering plants which grow under the mantle of some of the oldest and largest trees. Marvel at giant cedars, towering Douglas firs and Hemlock. Visit British Columbia's oldest known Yew tree and let our experienced nature guides explain the significant medicinal importance of these marvelous trees. Discover one of the world's most primitive Ecosystems in the Temperate Rain Forest of the Pacific Northwest. Learn and observe the life cycle of the Pacific Salmon.

Tour includes a gourmet snack and drink.

Return transfer to downtown to hosted lunch at Virtuoso preferred 5 star - Hotel Rosewood Hotel Georgia.



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Cycling Experience in Stanley Park

Duration: 3 – 3.5 hours

Roundtrip minibus transfer from hotel

See the city the way locals do....BY BIKE!

Vancouver is known for its natural environment and bike-friendly culture. This tour combines the best of Stanley Park, Coal Harbour and English Bay in a fun guided tour. Small groups will be led by our expert local guides and shown the best sights and views, hidden gems and interesting stories the city has to offer.

Guests will be transferred/accompanied to the bike shop on Hornby street, where they will meet their guide. All of the high quality comfort city bikes are set up including a water bottle and helmet with each bike. After a short safety briefing, the group breaks up and heads out towards Stanley Park. Enjoy a leisurely bike ride including photo stops, bathroom breaks and your tour guide's commentary. You will end up at your starting point, before your transfer/walk back to the hotel.

Ocean and Peaks Guided Sea Kayaking

Duration: 3 – 3.75 hours Roundtrip transfer from hotel

Guided kayaking tours are an excellent way to enjoy the water, vistas and adventures Vancouver has to offer. Beginning with an introduction to the sport of kayaking and the gear needed to safely enjoy it, our guided tours are excellent for beginner and experienced paddlers alike.

You will be transferred from the hotel to the paddlesport centre on Granville Island. After gearing up and receiving all necessary instructions set off from the dock and paddle away in the protected waters of False Creek. This calm waterway is full of interesting commerce, floating homes, marinas, birds, seals and unique vistas of the city's attractions such as Science World and BC Place stadium. Enjoy this relaxing kayak experience, while your quide recounts Vancouver's heritage along the way.

After your activity, you will be transferred back to the hotel (approx. 20 min. transfer)

Different Faces of Vancouver

Duration: 4 hours

Roundtrip transfer from hotel

See Vancouver from the best vantage point, naturally. This tour is a perfect combination of great scenery, historical interpretation, and a chance to breath in pristine rainforest air. Walk along the sea shore with unparalleled views of the West-Coast Mountains and sandy beaches overlooked by impressive Totem poles. At Beaver Lake the wonders of Vancouver's coastal rainforest await. Marvel at the giant cedars, towering Douglas firs and hemlock. Next it's off to discover the downtown neighborhoods. Your nature guide offers an in-depth look at Vancouver's natural beauty and history. Discover the West End, Yale Town, ChinaTown and Gastown. You'll have memories of an enlightening encounter with the untamed Vancouver — a once-in-a-lifetime experience you'll share with friends for years to come.

Gastronomic Gastown Tour

Duration: 3.5 hours

Exclusive minibus transfers to and from Gastown

1867 - Established the same year that Canada became a nation, Gastown was born and grew into Canada's third largest city – Vancouver. The Gastown district today retains its historic charm, independent spirit and distinctiveness.

Discover Gastown's best eating and drinking establishments, savour gastronomic delights while learning about the neighborhood's storied past and seeking historic architecture. Experience some of Vancouver's hottest restaurants that local foodies adore.



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Breakfast with the Bears on Grouse Mountain

Duration: 5.25 hours

Roundtrip transfer from hotel

Enjoy a private breakfast experience at Grouse Mountain.

You will begin your day with a drive over the Lions Gate Bridge to Vancouver's North Shore to the base of Grouse Mountain Skyride. While you're being whisked up to the Peak of Vancouver your ranger will give you plenty of information about Grizzly bears and their habitats. A short walk will take you over to the bear habitat, where you will watch the 2 Grizzlies being fed and you will have a lot of opportunities to ask questions and take photos.

You then will enjoy breakfast in the Grouse Chalet.

Following breakfast with the bears, enjoy some leisure time and the spectacular views of the city and the lower mainland before you will return by the skyride to the Grouse Mountain base and continue your tour to Capilano Suspension Bridge and Treetops Adventure. Stroll through colourful tree shaded gardens with traditional totem poles and native displays and cross the 450-foot suspension bridge overlooking the magnificent canyon. The Treetops Adventure on the other side of the canyon will take you on a 650-foot-long rainforest canopy walk through the very heart of the forest.

After your visit, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Eat...Taste...Shop, on Granville Island

Duration: 4.5 hours

Exclusive minibus transfers to and from Granville Island

People come to Granville Island for 2 main reasons - to eat and to shop. Noisy and chaotic, yet irresistibly atmospheric, Granville Island is Canada's second most-visited destination, behind Niagara Falls, and Vancouver's destination for lovers of food, art and culture. Offering fresh, local, seasonal produce, alongside a slice of local life, this is where guests rub elbows with Vancouver's chefs as they shop for tonight's menu.

During the tour, guests will savour a cornucopia of fine foods from independent farmers and food artisans throughout Vancouver and beyond, from cheeses to locally-made charcuterie, melt-in-your-mouth donuts, to silky smooth chai. Touring the Granville Island Public Market will be one of the most authentic ways to experience Vancouver – after all, what better way to feel the pulse of a city than to immerse yourself in the action?

Fueled by your finds during your culinary tour, you will then have time on your own to discover another part of Granville Island, where artisans work away in their studios creating one kind of pieces. Explore the eclectic shops and artisans that cover the bustling Island, meet the artists and experience what they do.



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Ultimate Vancouver City and Nature Tour

Duration: 6 hours

Exclusive motor coach transfers

This tour is the perfect combination for those who want to explore both, the bustling city and its natural beauty, with plenty of opportunities for spectacular photo shots.

First explore the metropolis of Vancouver from the business district to trendy Yaletown. Then you'll glimpse into the city's mixed native, European and Asian cultures in the T&T Asian Market, legendary Chinatown and historic Gastown. Discover the thriving residential area known as the West End, as you head into Stanley Park to see the famous West Coast Totem Poles.

Continue over Lions Gate Bridge to the North Shore for a visit to the tranquil setting of Lynn Canyon Suspension Bridge, followed by Capilano Salmon Hatchery, where you will learn and see the life cycle of the Pacific Salmon. You then will be guided through the Coastal Rainforest of the Capilano Canyon, where you will expand your knowledge and discover lichen, moss, ferns and flowering plants, which grow under the mantle of the Douglas Fir, Cedar and Hemlock trees.

You will work up a healthy appetite and will be presented with a picnic lunch prepared for you by an Olympic Culinary Chef, which is served on bright and beautiful French china, stemware for the beverages and crisp linen to catch the crumbs.

After your tour, you will be dropped off at your hotel.