CONNECTING YOU TO THE BEST OF VANCOUVER

Vancouver is a destination like no other. A city connected to nature, breathtaking views of the harbour, mountains and the picturesque city skyline greet you at every turn. The city is compact and you can explore beaches, shopping, art, expansive parks and green spaces all in easy walking distance. With a bounty of fresh, local ingredients food lovers will delight in the West Coast restaurant scene. An unforgettable destination and also, a starting point to explore Whistler, Vancouver Island, the Rocky Mountains and Okanagan wine country.
GETTING TO VANCOUVER IS SIMPLE

With over 24 million passengers served in 2017, Vancouver International Airport (YVR) is growing each year. Only 2 hours from Los Angeles, 5 hours from New York and just 9 hours to London. A growing hub to Asia-Pacific, Shanghai is just over 12 hours, Tokyo is 10 hours and Sydney just 14 hours.

Downtown Vancouver from the airport is a 30 minute taxi ride or train. Fairmont Vancouver Airport accommodation and dining is located within the airport near US departures.

YVR STATS
- Over 200 arriving international flights per week (excluding USA)
- 70+ arriving USA flights per day
- 200+ arriving domestic flights per day
- 56 airlines serve YVR, connecting people and businesses to more than 127 non-stop destinations worldwide
- YVR has been voted best Airport best Airport in North America by Skytrax 8 years in a row
VANCOUVER BY THE SEASONS

British Columbia’s climate is the exception to Canada’s typical extreme weather. Year round you will find a mild climate with average temperature range from 6C to 10C (42-50F) in the winter, 8C to 13C (46-59F) in fall and spring. Summers are pleasant, with highs around 25C (77F) and winters can be rainy but when the sun comes out you will see beautiful snow-capped mountains. Spring and fall bring beautiful colours ranging from the pink spring cherry blossoms to oranges and red maples in fall.

SPRING
One of the most stunning seasons, Vancouver is in pink bloom with cherry blossoms. The weather is mild enough to enjoy outdoor activities but spring skiing or snowshoeing at the local mountains is still available through to April.

KEY EVENTS:
- World Rugby Sevens
- Vancouver Whitecaps
- Vancouver Opera Festival
- BMO Vancouver Marathon
- JFL Northwest Comedy Festival

SUMMER
It’s time to take advantage of our location with great group water sports like sailing, kayaking or dragon boat racing, all easily accessible in this water connected city. Whale watching tours and harbour cruises are other favourites.

KEY EVENTS:
- Vancouver International Jazz Festival
- Honda Celebration of Light
- Vancouver Canucks Baseball
- Bard on the Beach
- Theatre Under the Stars
- Vancouver Pride Parade

AUTUMN
Fall is a great time to enjoy Vancouver’s culinary and arts scene. A host of craft breweries and distilleries are set up in close proximity for group tours. There are many sports to enjoy with hockey season starting and soccer and football in full swing.

KEY EVENTS:
- Vancouver International Film Festival
- Vancouver Canucks Hockey
- Vancouver Opera
- Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
- Whitecaps and BC Lions

WINTER
In winter you will be captivated by the beauty of snow-capped mountains inviting your group to visit the mountains for a taste of winter. Take the Skyride gondola up to Grouse Mountain to enjoy some snowshoeing, skiing, skating then enjoy après and a delicious fondue.

KEY EVENTS:
- Vancouver Christmas Market
- VanDusen Festival of Light
- Chinese New Year festivities
- JFL Northwest Comedy
- GOH Ballet

MORE INFO FROM TOURISM VANCOUVER
GET OUTSIDE
Stanley Park, Vancouver’s most visited attraction is 1001 acres of natural beauty in the city. Walk, cycle or run the seawall, a paved oceanfront trail that circles the entire park. Across the water, mountains inspire hikers, bikers and snow sport lovers.

INNOVATION IN BUSINESS
Vancouver is a dynamic business center, with tech, industry and world class universities, research facilities and teaching hospitals. It is also known as Hollywood North with booming movie productions. Microsoft, Amazon and local digital darlings, Hootsuite and Electronic Arts headquarter here, as well as lululemon, MEC and Arc’teryx retailers.

A GREEN CITY
Recently named the most sustainable city in North America and ranked highest in the world for lack of air pollution, Vancouver tops the list of environmentally conscious destinations. An accessible transit system and a walkable downtown core make it easy and eco-friendly to get around.

CULTURAL ESCAPES
Vancouver is vibrant with arts, culture and festivals. Public art is found throughout the city (and our hotels). The Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver Museum, and the Maritime Museum offer glimpses into Vancouver’s history, while the Vancouver Art Gallery showcases historical and contemporary exhibits.

SPORTING LIFE
Vancouver has hosted International and regional events such as the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Rugby World Sevens and FIFA Women’s World Cup. The inspired natural setting is ideal for classic outdoor events; running, tennis, regattas or yoga anyone? And everyone loves the action of a professional hockey or soccer game.

DIVERSE NEIGHBOURHOODS
A compact and walkable city, makes it easy to explore. Historic Gastown is lined with trendy cafes and shops, and the colourful West End and Kitsilano have beaches and patios to watch the sun set.
VANCOUVER FOR MEETINGS

The award-winning Vancouver Convention Centre is a green-designed, state-of-the-art facility on the waterfront in beautiful downtown Vancouver. This facility sets the tone for exceptional meetings and showcases the natural surroundings and green philosophy of Vancouver with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum Certification and sophisticated technology and connections. Vancouver has been host to leading city wide conventions, worldwide conferences, such as TED and international sporting events and has been awarded numerous accolades including #1 Convention City in Canada and #2 in North America, Watkins Research Group.

This is just a sampling, there are so many to choose from with heritage theatres, sports venues and nature inspired locations.

THE POLYGON GALLERY
Just minutes from downtown Vancouver, this new waterfront landmark on Vancouver’s North Shore, is a one-of-a-kind space to encounter photography and media art.
CAPACITY:
200 Dining / 1,400 Reception (can accommodate an additional 1,500 for an event)

VANCOUVER AQUARIUM MARINE SCIENCE CENTRE
A marine setting with windows into British Columbia’s ocean life and tropical fish and reefs is the setting for formal dining or cocktail receptions.
CAPACITY:
350 Dining / 1,400 Reception

VANCOUVER ART GALLERY
An elegant setting with marble columns and a grand staircase with open space for events. Contemporary and historic exhibits provide an art inspired venue.
CAPACITY:
250 Dining / 500 Reception

GROUSE MOUNTAIN
Just 30 minutes from downtown and a breathtaking Skyride gondola to the top with a traditional log Hiwus Feasthouse, indoor and outdoor areas featuring sweeping city, mountain and ocean views.
CAPACITY:
1000 Dining / 1000+ Reception

UBC MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY
Spectacular grounds overlooking the ocean amidst the soaring totem poles. Perfect for open air events.
CAPACITY:
120 Dining / 1,000+ Reception

> FOR MORE LOCATION CHOICES
THREE DISTINCT FAIRMONT HOTELS

Vancouver enjoys a reputation of being a walking and bike friendly city with a downtown that is easy to navigate. You will want to get outside and explore. Choose from three of Vancouver’s most impressive downtown addresses for your event. Fairmont Hotels in downtown Vancouver include the historic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, the ultra-modern Fairmont Pacific Rim and the west coast eco-friendly Fairmont Waterfront, each iconic in their own way and distinctly suited to your delegates’ tastes. Our venues can accommodate everything from small breakout meetings to show-stopping galas and everything in between. Experienced Conference Service Managers are with you every step of the way to ensure your event is unparalleled.

>WATCH VIDEO
FAIRMONT PACIFIC RIM
Biking the seawall in Stanley Park, or exploring the West Coast’s cocktail scene? Staying in for a day of indulgence at Willow Stream Spa, or sampling the country’s best sushi? Fairmont Pacific Rim brings all of the city’s charm to your doorstep with incomparable views of the North Shore Mountains and Coal Harbour and easy access to the thriving downtown. Not to mention some of the most sought-after drinks and dining in town at The Lobby Lounge and Botanist.

FAIRMONT WATERFRONT
Immerse yourself in relaxed West Coast luxury at Fairmont Waterfront and connect to British Columbia’s culture. Breathtaking views of Vancouver’s harbour, coastal mountains and city are reflected through floor-to-ceiling windows and in the thoughtfully designed guest rooms. The essence of local cuisine and fresh ingredients garnished by rooftop garden herbs and honey from the hotel hives can be discovered in ARC restaurant.

FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER
Fairmont Hotel Vancouver stands as a grand reflection of Vancouver’s history and the signature copper roof tops a beautifully constructed stone building. Holding a prime downtown location, the hotel is a center of the fashion and entertainment district. Lined with luxury boutiques the lobby is stylish and sophisticated and the lively Notch8 Restaurant & Bar delights guests’ palettes. The friendly concierge team and their canine ambassadors offer a warm welcome to visitors.
FAIRMONT EATS
A bounty of ingredients from local farms, fresh seafood and award winning wines set the table to delight your taste buds. Five restaurants at three hotels capture the diversity of cuisine in Vancouver:

FAIRMONT PACIFIC RIM
- **BOTANIST** Botanist is home to a Cocktail Lab and Bar, Champagne Lounge, Garden and Dining Room; all inspired by the principles of botany and the Pacific Northwest.
- **GIOVANE CAFÉ + EATERY + MARKET** The city’s best casual Italian café, serving daily breakfast, lunch, aperitivo and weekend brunch; giovane’s market features artisanal items, sourcing the best of B.C. and Italy.
- **THE LOBBY LOUNGE** Where Vancouver’s bold and beautiful gather over, rave-worthy sushi and the city’s finest cocktails, with nightly live music.

FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER
- **NOTCH8** A mix of new and old world charm, this lively restaurant reflects the romance of travel in an elegant dining atmosphere. Notch8 brings a new era of glamour to the lobby of Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

FAIRMONT WATERFRONT
- **ARC RESTAURANT & BAR** Simple, fresh and local. ARC is the perfect setting to enjoy West Coast Cuisine featuring local, seasonal specialties and incorporating herbs from the rooftop garden.
The culinary world is your oyster here with fresh seafood, locally grown produce and award-winning BC wines. Multicultural and cosmopolitan flavors mix to offer visitors an array of dining selections. We have curated a sample of the best for group dining events, all in easy walking distance from our properties and the Vancouver Convention Centre.

- **BLUE WATER CAFE** Beautiful, trendy and modern Yaletown location with innovative, fresh seafood creations.
- **BRIDGES** The patio at Bridges on Granville Island is the place to be when the sun comes out. Enjoy fresh, casual seafood as boats sail by.
- **CIN CIN** Mediterranean/Italian cuisine with beautiful décor and a terrific wine selection.
- **CIOPINNO’S** This critically-acclaimed Mediterranean eatery boasts one of the largest wine cellars in Vancouver.
- **COAST** Famous for their seafood towers, this is a true West Coast dining experience. A lunch for 10 or an evening for 260, Coast has private dining rooms, lounge space and cocktail reception areas for your group gathering.
- **CRAFT** This casual local favorite features fresh regional fare and makes all of their own breads, sauces and dressings in house. With over 100 beers on tap – from classic lagers to obscure ales – you’ll find your picture-perfect pint at CRAFT.
- **GLOWBAL** With 400 seats, a year-round patio and a number of fun and funky private dining rooms, Glowbal offers a lively ambiance for your group’s big night out.
- **GOTHAM STEAKHOUSE** Sleek downtown hotspot for Hollywood North celebs and astounding AAA tender beef.
- **ITALIAN KITCHEN** A fresh take on the “old country”, Italian Kitchen blends old-world charm with modern luster.
- **NIGHTINGALE** A lively atmosphere where modern Canadian cuisine gets social. House-made pastas, pizzas, crisp salads and seasonal veggie dishes are perfect for sharing.

**VANCOUVER DINING**

Food Truck Festival

Gastown L’Abattoir Restaurant
DAILY ITINERARY SUGGESTIONS

A warm, welcoming city on the edge of nature will charm your delegates. We have put together some ideas to build an itinerary that will create lasting memories and entice people to visit again and again.

1 HOUR
- **FLY OVER CANADA** Soar Coast to Coast with your feet dangling as you are immersed in the inside of a huge four story spherical screen.
- **HARBOUR CRUISES** Enjoy this fully narrated one hour tour of the Burrard Inlet. *(Summer months)*
- **GRANVILLE ISLAND** Cruise False Creek in chartered mini ferries, stroll the colourful market and enjoy a patio lunch watching boats sail by.
- **CYCLE STANLEY PARK** Take some bikes for a cruise along the seawall through Stanley Park and beautiful English Bay.
- **CRAFT BEER TOUR** Spend the afternoon touring Vancouver’s craft microbrewery scene.
- **SHOP DOWNTOWN** Stroll through Vancouver’s shopping districts that range from brand names to ultra luxury on Robson and Alberni streets, Nordstrom in Pacific Centre or local boutiques in Gastown.

2-3 HOURS
- **SEE, TASTE AND LAUGH WITH VANCOUVER FOODIE TOURS** Discover what makes this a first class foodie city on these guided walking tours. Our faves are the ‘Guilty Pleasures Gourmet Tour’ and the ‘World’s Best Street Eats Tour’.
- **CORPORATE CRUISES WITH MAGIC CHARTERS** Tour around Stanley Park and up False Creek at peak sunset hour. Spectacular city, mountain, and ocean views. *(Summer months)*
- **CAPILANO SUSPENSION BRIDGE & GROUSE MOUNTAIN** Take a gondola ride up Grouse Mountain, just a 30 minute bus ride away. Select activities such as zip lining, wild life watching, a lumberjack show or a First Nations cultural program. In the winter try snowshoeing or skating followed by a warming fondue. Enjoy lunch with a view of the downtown skyline, then stop at the spectacular Capilano Suspension Bridge on the way home.

4 HOUR
- **HOP-ON HOP-OFF BUS** Visit the most popular attractions on your own time to get a great overview of the city highlights including historic Gastown, Chinatown, Robson Street, Stanley Park, English Bay, the Granville Island Public Market, and Yaletown.
- **SEAPLANE / HELIJET TOURS** Take a panoramic flight over Vancouver for wonderful city, mountain, and ocean views, or opt for a longer flight to land on an alpine lake, or tour Victoria or Whistler for the day.
- **WHALE WATCHING** The Salish Sea provides excellent whale watching opportunities due to its resident and transient killer whale (orca) population. In addition to orcas and other types of whales, you may see seals, sea lions, porpoises and bald eagles. *(April to mid-October)*
EXPLORE THE REGION

Vancouver is perfectly situated to explore the rest of Western Canada, and there are many options for pre and post meeting excursions. Easily accessible areas include Whistler, Victoria and Vancouver Island, the Okanagan wine region or even a Rocky Mountaineer train adventure or a Vancouver/Alaska cruise.

VICTORIA & BUTCHART GARDENS
You can travel by coach and ferry to Vancouver Island with a narrated tour to the world-famous Butchart Gardens and downtown Victoria. Visit the historic buildings, Royal BC Museum and try afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. Alternatively, take a 35 minute flight harbour to harbour flight.

SEA TO SKY
Travel the Sea to Sky corridor to Whistler and enjoy stunning mountain and ocean views. The Sea to Sky Gondola is a must visit on this journey. Hike or take the gondola to the top for unbelievable views of Howe Sound. The perfect spot for a mountaintop lunch with food and beverage service on their expansive patio.

WHISTLER VILLAGE
Guided tours depart daily up the magnificent Sea to Sky Highway, with stops at Shannon Falls and scenic viewpoints. Enjoy ample time exploring Whistler village, taking an adventure tour, or riding the World’s highest gondola, the Peak to Peak.

WINE COUNTRY
There are more than 120 wineries in the Thompson Okanagan Valley – just 5 hours from Vancouver. They range from intimate, family-run vineyards to magnificent estate wineries set amongst sparkling lakes and golden deserts. Many with accommodations, restaurants, bistro or picnic areas.
MORE GROUP ACTIVITIES
Bring your group together for a team building activity such as a Hidden Mystery tour or Amazing Race themed event where your clients can sightsee while they are working together.

OR TRY A NEW ACTIVITY SUCH AS:
- Dragon Boating
- Lawn Bowling
- Cooking Classes
- Paddle Boarding

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE IDEAS
- Build a mudpie kitchen for at risk youth with Engagement Ltd.
- Do something for the community like Random Acts of Kindness or Scavenger School Supplies hunt through Outback Team Building
- Neighborhood Cleanup

Cycle City Tours in English Bay
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