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**SWEET & SAVORY WALKING TOURS SHOWCASE  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON**

**VANCOUVER, Wash.** — Food enthusiasts can now sample mouthwatering treats at a wide variety of independently owned ethnic restaurants, cafés, bakeries and other one-of-a-kind specialty shops all within historic downtown Vancouver, Wash. The first-ever Sweet & Savory Food Walking Tours will be held this month providing the opportunity to explore the city's increasingly popular food scene all while receiving a history lesson.

"The Sweet and Savory tours are a great way to sample everything from authentic Greek food to amazing gelato and delectable cupcakes all within the city's downtown core," said Kim Bennett, president and CEO of the Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office. "The tours are designed to introduce locals and visitors to downtown Vancouver's lively food scene and expose them to the rich history of the area."

Chocolate Tasting & More, owned by Savina Darzes, is well known for its tours in Portland and Lake Oswego, Ore., but this is the first time the company has ventured across the Columbia River into Washington. Under the guidance of Darzes, and local Vancouver resident Ramona Perkins, walkers will be able to nibble on a sizzling Greek appetizer, enjoy an Egyptian sandwich, and take a trip to the islands without ever having to leave the mainland. They can then satisfy their sweet teeth with scrumptious gelato and cupcakes and sip Turkish coffee.

The walking tours will follow a 1-1/4 mile route and include stops at:

- Dolce Gelato
- Enchanted Tea & Gifts
- Hula Boy Charbroil
- Pyramid Café

- Touch of Athens at the Hidden House
- Treat (cupcake bakery)
- Woody's Tacos

There are currently two tours scheduled for Thursday, June 16, and Saturday, June 25, both from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. The walks are limited to 10 participants who will spend 15 to 20 minutes at each local business. Because the tours are new to Vancouver, there is a special introductory fee of \$27 per person. Reservations are required and may be made online at [www.ChocolateTastingAndMore.com](http://www.ChocolateTastingAndMore.com). The deadline for reservations is 5:00 p.m. the day prior to each walk date.

**About Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office**

Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office (formerly Southwest Washington Convention & Visitors Bureau) is an economic development organization responsible for competitively marketing Vancouver and the surrounding area as a destination for meetings, conventions, and group and leisure travelers. The organization's mission is to promote Vancouver and Clark County by increasing convention and visitor business. For more information call (360) 750-1553, or log on to [www.VisitVancouverUSA.com](http://www.VisitVancouverUSA.com).