



Fall in Vancouver: Day One

When the leaves start to turn colour and the weather cools down, Vancouver offers a great place to watch the seasons transition. With both a mild climate and close proximity to the mountains, you'll find plenty to both indoors and outside.

A great way to get to know Vancouver is to board a **Big Bus** sightseeing tour. Hop on and off the bus at 22 of the city's favourite sightseeing stops, or stay on-board for the full 90-minute loop with commentary provided. One of those stops is Granville Island, Canada's second most visited attraction after Niagara Falls. Here, you'll leave the bus to explore the area's gourmet side with a tour of the Granville Island Public Market with **Vancouver Foodie Tours**. Meet your expert guide for a two-hour insider's look at the market, meeting vendors, learning about the city's culinary history and, of course, sampling the goods!

Formerly an industrial wasteland, Granville Island was rehabilitated in the late 1970s and is now known for its rich artistic community. After your tour, take a stroll around to explore the many galleries, theatres, studios and workshops that dot the island, and maybe pick up a souvenir or two. If you're feeling hungry, the area boasts lots of options most of which are local, seasonal ingredients – grab a casual bite from a market stall, or something more substantial from places like **Bridges Restaurant, Bistro and Bar; Dockside Restaurant; or The Sandbar Seafood Restaurant.**

After lunch, continue exploring the cultural theme with a visit to the **Museum of Anthropology** at the University of British Columbia. Housed in a striking building designed by Arthur Erickson, the museum is known for having one of the world's best collections of Northwest Coast First Nations art, including many pieces by Bill Reid, one of Canada's most recognised aboriginal artists. Don't miss the spectacular Great Hall with its soaring 15 metre-high glass walls, containing totem poles, house posts and carved figures.

Tonight, explore Vancouver's oldest neighbourhood, **Gastown** on **Forbidden Vancouver's** "Prohibition City" walking tour. When prohibition hit the city in 1917, Vancouver's law-abiding citizens were forced into an underworld of mobsters, rum-runners and bootlegging just to get a drink. Through spirited storytelling, you'll learn about Vancouver's edgy early days as you discover the neighbourhood and the characters of the era. After your tour, delve into the "new Gastown" with dinner at one of the areas coolest restaurants such as **Wildebeest, Bambudda, or The Irish Heather Gastropub.**



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Start of this morning's sightseeing with a breath of fresh air! Join **Cycle City Tours** for "The Stanley" tour, exploring Vancouver's legendary Stanley Park on two wheels. As you cycle through the park's dedicated bike trails and the seawall, your guide will share information about the biodiversity of the temperate rainforest, importance to First Nations groups, as well as secrets from the park's 125 year history. After your tour, remain in the park to visit the **Vancouver Aquarium**, a leader in marine stewardship and ocean research.

Return your bikes, then refuel at **Steamworks Brewing Company** near the Waterfront Station. After ordering from their casual, gastropub-style menu, make sure you try one of their beers, brewed on-premises using steam power! Along with year-round favourites, Steamworks offers some seasonal varieties, including their Pumpkin Ale, available each fall. After lunch, take a short walk over to Canada Place to take a (virtual) flight across the whole country.

FlyOver Canada is one of Vancouver's newest attractions, offering a breathtaking, 4-D flight simulation ride that sees you soar across the country, complete with wind, scents, and mist! Later this afternoon, stroll over to **Robson Street**, the city's best known shopping thoroughfare. Shop the street's many big name stores, independent boutiques, and galleries, or just stick to the sidewalk and do some window-shopping instead.

The Yaletown neighbourhood was originally the end of the line for the train that crossed Canada, and formerly housed warehouses and textile shops. Now surrounded by gleaming modern condos, those warehouses are home to chic boutiques, design stores, and great restaurants. Tonight, explore the streets of Yaletown and then choose somewhere to eat; will it be steak at **The Keg Steakhouse + Bar** or Italian at **La Pentola**?



Insider Tips!

Purchase a two day Big Bus ticket and use it to get around both days! Attractions can also be bundled with your ticket.

Fall Events:

- Vancouver International Film Festival
- Visit Stanley Park's Ghost Train
- Fright Nights at the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE)

