

NASPA WRC: Sites and Attractions

Attractions

A full map of the attractions and cultural sites can be found here: [Vancouver Sites and Attractions \(2026\)](#).

For a full guide that provides sightseeing tips and other travel-related information, visit [Destination Vancouver Guide](#).

Around Downtown Vancouver

- **[Vancouver Art Gallery](#)**: A gallery that showcases Canadian, Indigenous, and international art, including special exhibitions and educational programs ([map](#))
- **[Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art](#)**: A gallery that is dedicated to celebrating the rich artistic traditions of the Northwest Coast and contemporary Indigenous art ([map](#))
- **[Gastown](#)**: The oldest neighbourhood in Vancouver, known for its cobblestone streets, Victorian architecture, iconic Steam Clock, boutique shops, and art galleries ([map](#))
- **[Canada Place](#)**: A picturesque waterfront landmark that overlooks the Vancouver Harbour and the mountains by the city of North Vancouver ([map](#))
- **[Stanley Park](#)**: The largest urban park in Vancouver, known for its scenic trails and beaches along the Seawall ([map](#))
- **[English Bay](#)**: Situated on the western edge of downtown Vancouver, this popular beach is lined with amenities, making it a lively spot to relax, socialize, and be active ([map](#))
- **[Vancouver Seawall](#)**: Regarded as the world's longest uninterrupted waterfront path, the 28 km seaside greenway is a long pathway for walkers, runners, and cyclists that extends from the Vancouver Convention Centre to Spanish Banks Park ([map](#))
- **[Yaletown](#)**: Originally situated at the end of the Canadian Pacific Railway, this area transformed into a contemporary urban hub because of the World's Fair (Expo 86) and now sits alongside the Seawall and oversees the stunning skyline of Vancouver ([map](#))
- **[Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre](#)**: The Roundhouse showcases the first passenger train to enter Vancouver on May 1887, and it now sits there as a designated heritage monument ([map](#))
- **[səəqəlxenəm ts'exwts'áxwi7 \(Rainbow Park\)](#)**: The first park in Vancouver to be gifted a name by the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, featuring innovative design, dynamic play areas, art installations, and multi-dimensional walkways ([map](#))

False Creek

- **[Granville Island](#)**: Originally an industrial manufacturing area, this lively public space located underneath the Granville St Bridge is now known for its public market, galleries, theatres, and restaurants ([map](#))
- **[Aquabus](#) and [False Creek Ferries](#)**: Two separate ferry services that offer convenient, accessible, and scenic transportation to major destinations including Granville Island, Yaletown, and [Science World](#) ([schedules](#), [routes](#), [itineraries](#))

North Vancouver

- **[Grouse Mountain](#)**: Located in the North Shore, the mountain oversees a stunning view of Vancouver and offers a variety of cultural, educational, and outdoor adventures ([map](#))

- **Capilano Suspension Bridge:** Since 1889, this bridge has offered visitors an unforgettable rainforest adventure park experience, combining breathtaking views, lush rainforest trails, and a deep connection to the natural and cultural heritage of the area. ([map](#))
- **SeaBus:** Another ferry service that offers convenient, accessible, and transportation from Downtown Vancouver (at Waterfront station) to North Vancouver (at Lonsdale Quay) ([schedule](#))
- **Lonsdale Quay and Shipyards District:** A vibrant waterfront neighbourhood in North Vancouver that offers a blend of culinary delights, unique shopping, and stunning landscapes ([map](#))

Chinatown

- **Chinese Cultural Centre Museum:** A museum that ensures that Chinese Canadian stories could be seen, heard, and celebrated ([map](#))
- **Chinatown Storytelling Centre:** This centre honours the sacrifices made by previous generations by encouraging intergenerational dialogue that will inspire resolve in current and future challenges ([map](#))
- **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden:** This Ming Dynasty-style garden-home that was a collaborative effort by community members, the Canadian Government, and the People's Republic of China ([map](#))

Burnaby

- **Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre:** A cultural centre that honours, preserves, and shares the history and heritage of Japanese Canadians and Japanese culture in Canada ([map](#))

UBC

- **Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Society:** A place that addresses the colonial impacts of Residential Schools and other policies imposed by the Canadian government on Indigenous Peoples, ensuring that this history is acknowledged, examined, and understood by the public ([map](#))

Kitsilano

- **Museum of Vancouver:** A museum that focuses on Vancouver's history, with strong programs, exhibitions, and collections that intend to bring people together and inspire conversation about the future of the city ([map](#))

Places of Worship

There are various places of worship around Vancouver and throughout the Lower Mainland. These places can be found on online maps, including Google Maps and Apple Maps.

Self-Directed Campus Tours

University of British Columbia (UBC)

Visitor Website: <https://visit.ubc.ca/>

A self-guided walking tour guidebook can be found here: [UBC Welcome Centre: Campus Highlights Self-Guided Tour \(UBC Vancouver\)](#).

An online self-guided tour can be found here: [Self-Guided Virtual Tour \(UBC Vancouver\)](#).

An online self-guided tour for the Museum of Anthropology (MOA) can be found here: [Self-Guided Virtual Tour \(Museum of Anthropology\)](#)

Top Attractions:

- [Museum of Anthropology](#) (MOA)
- Beaty Biodiversity Museum
- Chung Lind Gallery
- Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery
- [UBC Botanical Garden](#)
- [Nitobe Memorial Garden](#)
- [UBC Rose Garden](#)
- Wreck Beach
- Pacific Spirit Park

Transiting to UBC from Sheraton Wall Vancouver Centre

Recommended one-way bus routes: 4, 14, 44

Note: The 44 will arrive at the **main bus loop**, which is by the UBC Aquatic Centre, UBC Life Building, and AMS Student Nest. The 4 and 14 will arrive at the **secondary bus loop**, which is by the UBC Bookstore and Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre. Both are near each other.

Simon Fraser University (SFU)

Campus Tour Website: <https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/tours-events.html>

(no visitor website)

To explore SFU Burnaby campus at your own pace, stop by Student Central (just at the entrance of Maggie Benston Centre, in Convocation Mall) and pick up a copy of SFU's self-guided campus tour brochure.

An online self-guided tour can be found here: [Self-Guided Virtual Tour \(SFU Vancouver, Burnaby, Surrey\)](#).

Top Attractions

- SFU Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology
- Burnaby Mountain Park
- Barnet Marine Park

Transiting to SFU from Sheraton Wall Vancouver Centre

Recommended one-way bus route: R5

Note: The R5 is by the Burrard SkyTrain station, which is a 10-minute walk away from the Sheraton Hotel. Another bus can be taken *to* or *around* the Burrard SkyTrain station, which includes the 2 or 44.