

Vancouver, BC

Description:

- Summer is pleasantly warm (22 – 30 degrees C). Think about it! Ocean breezes make it a few degrees cooler on the water. Ideal for hiking, mountain biking or golf.
- Known for its natural beauty & cultural diversity
- It was the discovery of gold that drew European settlements to the region in the mid 1800's.
- 1867 - "Gassy Jack" opens a saloon for the forestry workers on the shores of Burrard Inlet. A community evolved into what is now known as "Gastown".
- 1870 – Gastown incorporated as the town of Granville. This historic district has late Victorian and Edwardian architecture.
- 1886 – Granville incorporates into the city of Vancouver now that it has a population of 1000.
- As of 2010 the population of Vancouver is 2.4 million. 53% of BC population.
- "2011 Most Livable City" by Economist Intelligence Unit – the 8th time for this award since 2002
- Hosted Expo '86 World Exposition and the 2010 Winter Olympics.
- Ranked #1 in top 10 best dog friendly city by DogFriendly.com

Architectural Interest:

- Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden – 1st full scale scholar garden built outside of China
- Vancouver Public Library Square – Roman Coliseum meets Reconstructionist, Post-Modernism
- Architectural marvels include; Hotel Europe, the Chinatown Millennium Gate and the Mole Hill Neighborhood. Tours are broken into six districts: False Creek North and Yaletown, the West End, Victory Square and Gastown, Chinatown, Strathcona, and the downtown business core.

Other points of Interest:

- Grouse Mountain
- Museum of Anthropology
- Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Vancouver Aquarium
- San Francisco has its trolleys, Venice its gondolas; Vancouver has its flying Beavers and Otters or "Floatplanes". Take flight on a tour through the air.
- BC Wine Country
- For all of you Foodies there is a "Food Tour" showcasing local artisan fare.

Vancouver will soon lead the world in Green Building Design and Construction thanks to the innovative "Greenest City Initiative". The city will reduce energy consumption in new homes 33% by 2020 w/ the goal of being carbon neutral by 2030.