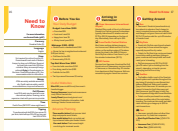


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Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



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Tips for a smooth trip



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 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

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Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, liberated this timber-panoramic bar during the war. The showpiece is a painting by Papa Hemingway in town. Dress code: smart casual. Hours: 6.30pm-2am.

Lonely Planet's Vancouver

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighborhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Vancouver.

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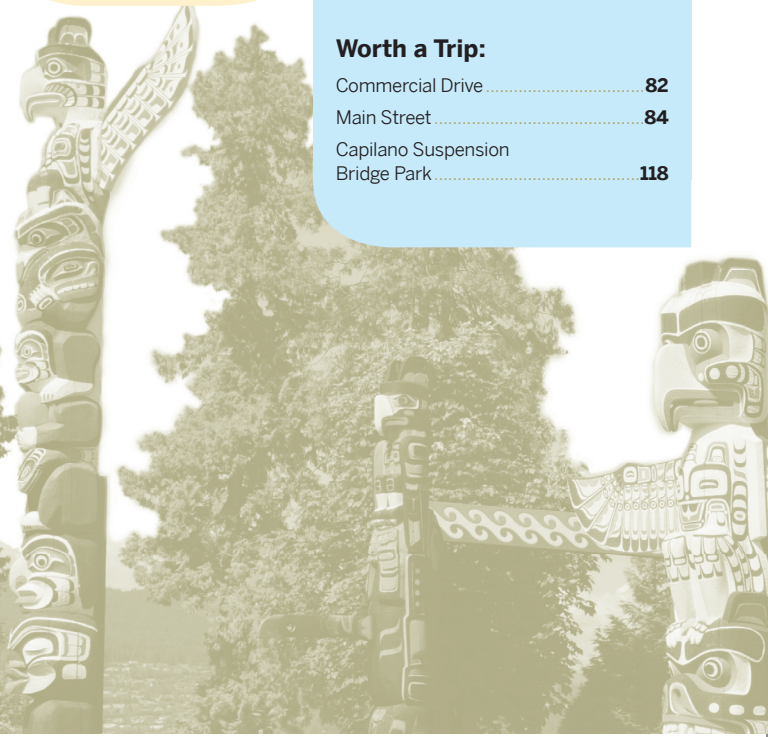
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Welcome to Vancouver

First-time Vancouver visitors are easy to spot. They're the ones suddenly stopping on the sidewalks after glimpsing the nearby snow-capped peaks framed by downtown's shiny glass towers. But there's more than scenic selfies to Western Canada's biggest city. Walkable neighborhoods, drink-and-dine delights and memorable cultural and outdoor activities make it easy to fall for this lotusland metropolis.



Vancouver Top Sights

Stanley Park (p24)

Canada's largest urban park offers dramatic forest and mountain-framed seawall vistas plus a 400-hectare woodland studded with trails, attractions and sunset-hugging beaches. Watch for raccoons, beavers and a multitude of chattering bird life.





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Vancouver Art Gallery (p28)

The region's most important gallery, the VAG is a vital part of Vancouver's richly diverse cultural scene. Contemporary exhibitions – often showcasing renowned photoconceptualists – jostle for chin-stroking attention with blockbuster visiting shows.



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Vancouver Police Museum (p46)

A hidden gem exposing the seedy underbelly of Vancouver's not-too-distant past. Located in a heritage building that formerly housed a coroner's court and autopsy room. Check your nervous disposition at the entrance.



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Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden & Park (p48)

This delightful oasis is one of Vancouver's most tranquil ornamental green spaces. Framed by tile-topped walls surrounding a mirror-calm pond, its covered walkways provide sigh-triggering respite from clamorous Chinatown.