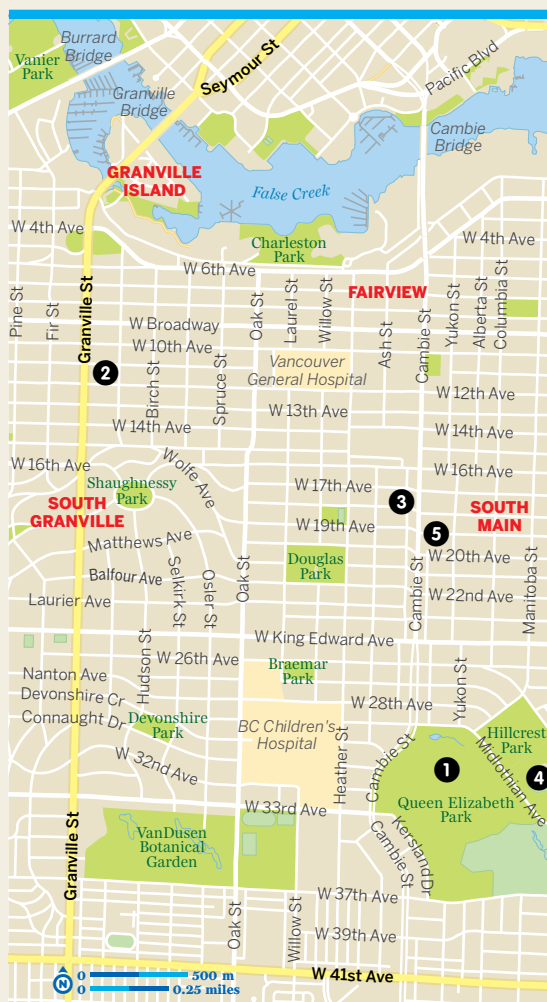


Fairview & South Granville

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Neighborhood Top Five

- ❶ Weaving uphill to the summit of **Queen Elizabeth Park** (p148) to take snaps of the mountain-backed cityscape, before ducking into jungly **Bloedel Conservatory** (p148) to hang with the exotic birdlife.
- ❷ Scoffing Vancouver's best fine-dining Indian food at **Vij's** (p153).
- ❸ Hanging out with a Belgian beer on the street-side patio at **Biercraft Bistro** (p153).
- ❹ Basking in the sun with a beer at a **Vancouver Canadians** (p156) baseball game at Nat Bailey Stadium.
- ❺ Catching a foot-stomping flamenco show at **Kino Cafe** (p155).

For more detail of this area see Map p280 ➔

Explore Fairview & South Granville

Start your exploration of Fairview's Cambie St (also called Cambie Village) by taking the Canada Line to Broadway-City Hall station. From here, you can nose south along Cambie on foot, ducking into the independent shops and restaurants lining the strip (especially between 15th and 21st Aves). This is not a heavily touristed district, so you'll get a good glimpse of local life. You can continue walking along Cambie to Queen Elizabeth Park or catch bus 15 if you're in a hurry.

Bus number 10 from downtown runs right through the busier South Granville neighborhood. Jump off the bus on the south side of Granville Bridge (coming from downtown) for an uphill stroll via several galleries on Granville St. It flattens out around Broadway which is also where the majority of the shops start. It's full of browseable fashion boutiques and homewares stores, and there are also a couple of high-end restaurants that rank among Vancouver's best.

Each area makes for a leisurely couple of hours, but it's a 30-minute walk between the two along Broadway. The 99B-Line express bus covers the same ground in under 10 minutes if you want to easily hit both neighborhoods on the same day. Not a nightlife hot spot, the handful of local bars here are a good way to escape the crowded city-center scene.

Local Life

- ➔ **Shops** South Granville is busy with locals buzzing between boutiques and chatty coffees.
- ➔ **Dinner and movie** Fairview's Cambie Village is popular for dinner at a local restaurant before a flick at one-screen Cineplex Park Theatre (p155).
- ➔ **Parklife** Summertime cooling-down means Queen Elizabeth Park (p148) where you can picnic on the grass and feel as if you're far away from the city.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Train** Fairview's main Cambie St shopping and dining area is sandwiched between the Canada Line SkyTrain stations at Broadway-City Hall and King Edward.
- ➔ **Bus** The number 15 service runs along Cambie St; the number 10 runs along South Granville. The two streets are linked along Broadway by the 99B-Line express service and the slower number 9 bus.
- ➔ **Car** There is metered parking on Cambie and South Granville, with some limited street parking available throughout both areas.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The **Bloedel Conservatory** (p148) in Queen Elizabeth Park helps Vancouverites escape their winter blues. It's hard to avoid the city's gray-skied cold season without jetting off to sunnier climes (which many locals do) but this glass-roofed, climate-controlled garden is a much cheaper alternative. Step inside on a chilly day (expect your spectacles to fog up) and you'll find tropical flowers, a balmy climate and bright-plumed birds strutting about as if they're in a far warmer region.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Vij's (p153)
- ➔ La Taqueria Pinche Taco Shop (p149)
- ➔ West (p153)
- ➔ Pied-a-Terre (p151)
- ➔ Salmon n' Bannock (p150)

For reviews, see p149 ➔

Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Biercraft Bistro (p153)
- ➔ Pekoe Tea Lounge (p154)
- ➔ Kino Cafe (p155)
- ➔ Elysian Coffee (p154)
- ➔ Marquis (p154)

For reviews, see p153 ➔

Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Oscar's Art Books (p156)
- ➔ Walrus (p156)
- ➔ Oliver + Lilly's (p158)
- ➔ Lusso Verde (p158)
- ➔ Ian Tan Gallery (p159)

For reviews, see p156 ➔