

Kitsilano & University of British Columbia (UBC)

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Neighborhood Top Five

- 1 Immersing yourself in UBC's magnificent **Museum of Anthropology** (p163), preferably on a free tour that brings to life the institution's wealth of First Nations art and artifacts.
- 2 Shopping for yoga gear and fancy teas with the cool locals on **West 4th Avenue** (p166).
- 3 Stepping back into nostalgic yesteryear Vancouver at Vanier Park's **Museum of Vancouver** (p165).
- 4 Tucking into locally sourced farm-to-table comfort dishes at **Fable** (p168).
- 5 Strolling (or jogging) the fern-lined, tree-shaded trails in **Pacific Spirit Regional Park** (p167).



For more detail of this area see Map p282 and p286 →

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Many of Kitsilano's best restaurants are packed on weekends and finding a table can be a problem. Consider dining off-peak or coming on a weekday when you'll have your pick of the best options. Breakfast and brunch is almost as popular as dinner among weekend-ing locals so follow the same rule for your first meal of the day: come early or late or wait for a weekday.

Best Places to Eat

- Fable (p168)
- Bishop's (p170)
- Maenam (p168)
- Naam (p170)
- Sophie's Cosmic Café (p170)

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Best Places to Drink

- Corduroy (p171)
- Galley Patio & Grill (p171)
- Fringe Café (p171)
- 49th Parallel Coffee (p173)
- O5 Rare Tea Bar (p173)

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Explore Kitsilano & UBC

Kitsilano and UBC occupy the same peninsula, but you'll hit Kits first when traveling from downtown. The number 4 bus will take you along West 4th Ave, which is Kitsilano's best shopping district (especially on the stretch west of Cypress St). Walk five blocks north from West 4th and you'll come to Broadway, the other main Kitsilano thoroughfare. West of Trafalgar St this major Vancouver artery takes on a village-like ambience and is well stocked with restaurants and stores (including some excellent bookshops). A fun fusion of groovy patchouli and slick retail therapy, Kits is great for a spot of easy urban exploring – add the three museums in Vanier Park plus dinner on West 4th and you'll have a full day out.

From Kits, you can hop back on a westbound-bus (4, 9 or 99B-Line) and you'll soon arrive at the end of the peninsula on the sprawling UBC campus. An excellent half-day hangout, UBC has some great attractions, including museums, galleries and ornamental gardens. It's also a tranquil break from the busy downtown streets and there are live music and theater venues here if you fancy extending your visit – there are plenty of buses to and from UBC's main bus loop to get you back downtown.

Don't forget the beaches here, either: the peninsula is lined with great sandy spots, from summertime-packed Kits Beach to UBC's naturist Wreck Beach.

Local Life

- **Hangouts** On languid summer days, everyone in Vancouver seems to be soaking up the rays at Kitsilano Beach (p165). Arrive early to find a good spot.
- **Sunsets** Snagging a perch and watching the multi-hued evening sky from the Galley Patio & Grill (p171) is a popular Kits-area pastime.
- **Culture** The Bard on the Beach (p173) Shakespeare festival is a local legend: watch a show in a huge tent, with the hulking mountains as your scenic backdrop.

Getting There & Away

- **Bus** Services 4 and 9 run through Kitsilano on West 4th Ave and Broadway respectively, eventually reaching UBC. The 99B-Line express also runs along Broadway to UBC.
- **Train** Take the Canada Line SkyTrain service from downtown to Broadway-City Hall, then hop the 99B-Line express bus to UBC.
- **Car** There is metered parking on West 4th and Broadway in Kitsilano as well as surrounding side streets. There is metered parking plus six public parkades (parking lots) at UBC.