

Yaletown & Granville Island

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Neighborhood Top Five

1 Wandering the deli stands at **Granville Island Public Market** (p100), gathering some goodies and then heading outside into the sun to catch a busker and watch the boats slide by.

2 Weaving around the Granville Island artisan studios and picking up a

pottery souvenir at the **Gallery of BC Ceramics** (p114).

3 Dining with Yaletown's professional socialites at **Blue Water Café + Raw Bar** (p106).

4 Catching a show with the locals at the **Granville Island Stage** (p112).

5 Taking a beer-making tour and tasting at **Granville Island Brewing** (p103).



For more detail of this area see Map p274 and p275 ➔

Explore Yaletown & Granville Island

Yaletown and Granville Island lie on opposite banks of False Creek but it's easy to see both on the same day. Save most of your time for Granville Island with its unique shops and public market. Be sure to stroll the entire island, not just the market end. Poking around the back alleys, you'll find cool artisan studios, and you'll also escape the crowds that jam the market area in summer. Johnston St, Cartwright St and Railspur Alley are particularly worth exploring. The pedestrian and traffic entrance to Granville Island is under the south end of Granville Bridge. Here, Anderson St takes you right onto the island, just a few steps from the 'mainland'.

Yaletown is a miniferry ride away. Compact and easy to explore, it radiates a block or two either side of Hamilton St. There is some worthwhile shopping, and the city's renovated warehouse district is stuffed with dining options, a few of them among Vancouver's finest. Book ahead at fancier Yaletown joints and you'll nosh with some of Vancouver's VIPs.

Local Life

- ➔ **Produce** The Public Market (p100) is always stuffed with fruit and veg but the summertime farmers market – from June to October – is even better for fresh-picked local treats such as blueberries, peaches and cherries.
- ➔ **Beer** Most Granville Island Brewing (p103) beverages are now produced off-site, but locals know that the small-batch beers still made on the island are superior. Hit the brewery's liquor store and pick up a couple.
- ➔ **Theater** Granville Island is the heart of Vancouver's theater scene and hosts several theaters and festivals. Locals save money on main stage shows by checking the daily half-price deals at www.ticketstonight.ca.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Bus** The number 50 runs from downtown and stops near the entrance to Granville Island. Bus 10 stops on the south side of Granville Bridge – meaning a five-minute stroll under the bridge to reach the island.
- ➔ **Train** The Canada Line runs from downtown to Yaletown-Roundhouse Station, a short walk to all Yaletown's main attractions.
- ➔ **Car** There is metered parking in Yaletown. Free parking (up to three hours) is available on Granville Island but is severely limited at peak times.
- ➔ **Miniferries** Granville Island is accessible by miniferry from the West End and Yaletown side of False Creek.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Yaletown takes part in the city's annual **Dine Out Vancouver** (www.tourismvancouver.com) event, when local restaurants offer deals for midwinter dinners, and also hosts its own Taste of Yaletown for 10 days mid-October, when restaurants offer three-course menus for \$25, \$35 or \$45. Check out www.yaletowninfo.com.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Flying Pig (p103)
- ➔ Edible Canada at the Market (p107)
- ➔ Blue Water Café + Raw Bar (p106)
- ➔ Rodney's Oyster House (p105)
- ➔ Go Fish (p106)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Raw Canvas (p108)
- ➔ Granville Island Brewing Taproom (p110)
- ➔ Artisan Sake Maker (p110)
- ➔ George Lounge (p108)
- ➔ Yaletown Brewing Company (p108)

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Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Gallery of BC Ceramics (p114)
- ➔ Paper-Ya (p114)
- ➔ Granville Island Broom Company (p115)
- ➔ Goorin Bros Hat Shop (p113)
- ➔ Sport Gallery (p115)

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