

Kitsilano & University of British Columbia (UBC)

Neighborhood Top Five

1 Museum of Anthropology (p164)

Taking a guided tour of Vancouver's best museum, with its immersive array of First Nations art and artifacts as well as fascinating, sometimes mysterious, exhibits from cultures around the world.

2 Bard on the Beach

(p175) Watching a Shakespeare show in a tented Vanier Park theater, as the sun sets over the mountains behind the stage.

3 West 4th Avenue

(p166) Shopping for yoga gear, vinyl records or great travel books, and stopping for artisan ice cream.

4 Museum of Vancouver

(p166) Noodling around the nostalgic displays illuminating the yesteryear city, before adding the two other nearby museums to your day out.

5 Kitsilano Beach

(p166) Sunning yourself with the locals on the area's best beach.



For more detail of this area see Map p282 ➔

Explore Kitsilano & University of British Columbia (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. 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 villagelike ambiance and is well stocked with restaurants and stores (including some excellent bookshops). A fun fusion of groovy patchouli and slick retail therapy, Kits is ideal for 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 and often underrated attractions, including museums, galleries and gardens. It's also a tranquil break from the busy downtown streets and there are even live music and theater venues here if you fancy extending your visit. Don't forget the beaches, either: the peninsula is lined with great sandy hangouts, 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 (p166). Arrive early to find a good spot.
- **Sunsets** Watching the multi-hued evening sky from the Galley Patio & Grill (p174) is a popular Kits-area pastime.
- **Free Shows** The summer-long Kitsilano Showboat (p175) is a beloved tradition. Snag a bleacherlike perch, meet the locals and watch grassroots acts from Morris dancers to brass bands.

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 bus 9 or the 99B-Line express bus along Broadway to UBC.
- **Car** There is also 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.

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 are almost as popular as dinner among weekenders, 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

- Mr Red Cafe (p170)
- Fable (p172)
- AnnaLena (p173)
- Naam (p173)
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Best Places to Drink

- Corduroy (p174)
- Galley Patio & Grill (p174)
- Koerner's Pub (p174)
- Fringe Cafe (p175)
- 49th Parallel Coffee (p174)

Best Places to Shop

- Silk Road Tea (p176)
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- Kidsbooks (p176)
- Zulu Records (p177)
- Thomas Haas (p176)