

Yaletown & Granville Island

Neighborhood Top Five

1 Granville Island Public Market (p99) Wandering the deli stands and gathering some goodies before heading outside to catch a busker or two and watch the boats slide by in twinkling False Creek.

2 Gallery of BC Ceramics (p112) Perusing the eclectic pottery and picking

up a unique local-made souvenir; then wondering how to pack it for home.

3 Blue Water Cafe (p104) Dining with Yaletown's professional socialites in a chichi setting while indulging in top-end seafood dishes.

4 Liberty Distillery (p108) Diving into arti-

san island-made liquor at the taste-tastic happy hour.

5 BC Lions (p111) Catching all the razzmatazz of a Canadian Football game and cheering on the local team; face-painting optional.



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

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Granville Island's off-season **Winterruption** (www.granvilleisland.com) festival runs every February and is a great way to hang out with the locals while enjoying a few eclectic events. Despite the cold, there's a party atmosphere with street performers and wandering groups of Vancouverites checking out art demonstrations, music shows and the ever-popular booze-tasting walking tour. Many events are free, with others bookable in advance; check the website for details.



Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Bistro 101 (p106)
- ➔ Go Fish (p105)
- ➔ Edible Canada (p106)
- ➔ Blue Water Cafe (p104)
- ➔ Flying Pig (p103)



Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Liberty Distillery (p108)
- ➔ Central City Brew Pub (p106)
- ➔ Granville Island Brewing Taproom (p108)



Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Gallery of BC Ceramics (p112)
- ➔ Paper-Ya (p112)
- ➔ Granville Island Broom Company (p112)
- ➔ Xoxolat (p111)
- ➔ Umbrella Shop (p112)

Explore Yaletown & Granville Island

Yaletown and Granville Island lie on opposite banks of False Creek but it's easy to see both on one 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 Public 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. Yaletown is a short miniferry ride from Granville Island. Compact and easy to explore, it primarily radiates a block or two either side of Hamilton St. There are some worthwhile shopping options here and, if you want to join the locals, stay for dinner. The city's renovated warehouse district is stuffed with dining options, a few of them among the city's finest dine-out options where you'll nosh with some of Vancouver's VIPs.

Local Life

➔ **Produce** The Granville Island Public Market (p99) is always stuffed with fruit and veg but the summertime farmers market – from June to October – is even better for fresh-picked local treats.

➔ **Beer** Most Granville Island Brewing (p103) beverages are now produced in factory quantities off-site, but savvy locals know that the small-batch tipplers still made on the island are superior. Hit the brewery's on-site liquor store and pick up a couple.

➔ **Theater** Granville Island is the heart of Vancouver's theater scene. Locals save money on main-stage shows by checking the daily half-price deals at www.ticketstonight.ca.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Bus** Bus 50 runs from downtown and stops near Granville Island's entrance. Bus 10 is also popular and stops on the south side of Granville Bridge.

➔ **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. There is free parking (up to three hours) on Granville Island but availability is severely limited at peak times.

➔ **Minif ferries** Granville Island is accessible by miniferry service from the West End and Yaletown side of False Creek.