

# Local Information

## Library Publishing Forum 2019



The Library Publishing Forum is arguably the *best* reason to visit Vancouver in May 2019, but it's not the only thing to see and do. This document features recommendations and ideas from a team of local volunteers, including restaurants, sightseeing opportunities and more.

We respectfully acknowledge the Coast Salish People on whose traditional territories the Library Publishing Forum community will be privileged to gather, work, learn, and play.

### Notes:

- Use of this document is subject to [LPC's Code of Conduct](#).
- The [Travel information on the Forum website](#) includes details about Vancouver's public transportation system and regional travel options.
- If you're interested in sharing hotel costs with another Forum participant, check out the [Roommate Coordination document](#).

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# Vancouver - Stay & Explore

Vancouver is a popular tourist destination and bustling cruise ship port of call (hence the price of accommodation from May to September!). SFU's Vancouver campus at Harbour Centre is located one block from the downtown Vancouver waterfront, which affords picturesque views of the North Shore Mountains and Burrard Inlet. Stay awhile and make the most of all the city has to offer.

## Weather

The rumours are true - Vancouver is nestled in temperate rainforest and does indeed get a lot of rain. The weather in late spring can vary widely, with an average temperature in May and June of 9°-20° celsius and an average rainfall of 60mm-70mm.

We recommend packing a light water resistant jacket and/or umbrella in case 'Raincouver' lives up to its reputation.

## Food and beverage near the conference venue

Vancouverites love to eat and the city offers an impressive selection of food trucks, restaurants, pubs, and cocktail lounges. We have highlighted some of our favourite eateries and watering holes near the conference venue in [this Google Map](#) for your convenience.

## Sightseeing

Kick-start your sightseeing with these [10 Must See Attractions](#) from [Tourism Vancouver](#).

Here are a few of our favourites that didn't make the list:

1. **[Stanley Park by bike](#)**. No trip to Vancouver is complete without a visit to Stanley Park. Rent a bike from one of numerous vendors located near the entrance to the park at the intersection of Georgia and Denman or test out the city's [Mobi bike share system](#). With 10 km of seawall, you'll enjoy scenic views at every turn. The park is just minutes from downtown and easily accessible from the conference venue by [public transit](#) (#19 bus).
2. **[Granville Island](#)**. Granville Island is Vancouver's answer to Seattle's Pike Place Market. Home to factories, plants and sawmills in the early 1900s, "i"Granville Island is now a cultural district with theatres, locally-owned shops, artisan studios, and purveyors of tasty food (don't miss the fish-and-chips at [Go Fish!](#)). It is easily accessible by [public transit](#) from the conference venue (#50 bus), but our favourite way to get there is via the [False Creek Ferries](#).
3. **[Museum of Anthropology at UBC](#)**. MoA features one of the world's most impressive displays of Northwest Coast First Nations art, as well as extensive collections from around the world and a wide range of temporary exhibitions. The building itself was designed by renowned architect Arthur Erickson and overlooks the mountains and ocean. It is easily accessible by [public transit](#) from the conference venue.

4. **[The SeaBus](#)**. Part of Metro Vancouver's public transit system, the SeaBus connects downtown Vancouver to North Vancouver. During peak hours, boats depart every 15 minutes from Waterfront Station (just one block northwest of the conference venue). For the price of [public transit fare](#), riders are treated to picturesque views of downtown, the North Shore Mountains, Burrard Inlet, and the iconic Lions Gate Bridge. Crossing time is less than 15 minutes.
  - Once in North Vancouver, visit [Lonsdale Quay](#) (North Vancouver's version of Granville Island), grab a drink on the [Tap & Barrel - Shipyards](#) patio, or explore the many cafes, eateries, and shops on Lonsdale Avenue.
5. **[Capilano Suspension Bridge](#)**. Originally constructed in 1889, Capilano Suspension Bridge stretches 450 feet (137m) across and 230 feet (70m) above Capilano River. Admission includes access to the [Cliffwalk](#) and [Treetops Adventure](#). A [free shuttle](#) departs regularly from Canada Place (just a few blocks northwest of the conference venue).

### Off the beaten path

6. **Local brewery tours**. Vancouver's east side has a booming craft beer scene, leading some to call it 'Yeast Van.' A number of companies, including [Vancouver Brewery Tours](#) and [Canadian Craft Tours](#), offer tours with stops at multiple breweries.
7. **[Forbidden Vancouver Walking Tours](#)**. Partake in walking tours and events that celebrate the darker side of Vancouver's history.

Additional sightseeing resources: [Hello BC](#) and [Lonely Planet - Vancouver](#).

### Accessibility in Vancouver

Tourism Vancouver provides [accessibility guides and resources for visitors](#). Also see [the LP Forum's Accessibility F.A.Q.s](#) online.

## Near Vancouver

### Whistler

Host to alpine sporting events during the 2010 Winter Olympics, the resort town of Whistler is well worth a visit at any time of the year. See the [Tourism Whistler](#) website for a comprehensive list of [spring and summer activities](#).

#### Getting there:

- **By car**. Located just 1.5 hours from downtown Vancouver on the Sea-to-Sky corridor (Highway 99), Whistler makes for an easy day trip. On your way, stop in Squamish to check out [Shannon Falls](#), the [Stawamus Chief](#), and the [Sea-to-Sky Gondola](#), and have brunch at [Fergie's Cafe](#).

- **By bus.** [Greyhound](#) and [Pacific Coach](#) offer multiple trips daily between Whistler and Vancouver. Whistler-bound buses depart from Pacific Central Station, located at the Main Street-Science World Station (just four stops from the conference venue by [Skytrain](#)). Perhaps the most economical mode of travel, round-trip tickets start at \$54.
- **By train.** [Rocky Mountaineer Sea to Sky Climb](#) is a three-hour sightseeing train trip between North Vancouver and the resort town of Whistler. The train winds along the Sea-to-Sky corridor, offering impressive views of Howe Sound, Squamish, and Cheakamus Canyon.

## Victoria/Vancouver Island

One of the oldest cities in the Pacific Northwest, Victoria was founded in the mid-19th century as a British colonial settlement. The city has preserved many of its historic buildings but, as the capital of British Columbia, its Legislative buildings are perhaps the best known. Victoria's Chinatown is the second oldest in North America after San Francisco's.

### Getting there:

- **By float plane.** [Harbour Air Seaplanes](#) offers regular daily flights between downtown Vancouver and Victoria's scenic inner harbour. Flights depart from the Vancouver Convention Centre/Canada Place, just a few blocks northwest of the conference venue.
- **By ferry.** [BC Ferries](#) offers hourly sailings between Metro Vancouver (Tsawwassen Terminal) and Victoria (Swartz Bay Terminal) from May to September. Tsawwassen Terminal is accessible by [public transit](#) from the conference venue.
- **By luxury ferry.** V2V offers daily passenger ferry service from downtown Vancouver to Victoria's inner harbour. Sailings depart from the Vancouver Convention Centre/Canada Place, just a few blocks northwest of the conference venue.

### Sightseeing:

- Visit the [Tourism Victoria](#) website for a comprehensive list of sights and activities, including everything from [whale watching](#) to high tea at [The Fairmont Empress](#). Victoria is fondly known as "The Garden City" and [Butchart Gardens](#) in late spring is not to be missed.

## Seattle

When in Vancouver, why not pop south to another well-known city in the Pacific Northwest: Seattle. One-way travel time from Vancouver to Seattle is approximately 3-4 hours.

### Getting there: From Vancouver

- **By bus.** A number of companies offer regular coach bus service between Vancouver and Seattle. ([Bolt Bus](#) has a reputation for being the most affordable). Buses depart from Pacific Central Station, located next to Main Street-Science World station (just four stops from the conference venue by [Skytrain](#)).

- **By train.** Amtrak-Cascades travels between Vancouver and Seattle multiple times daily. Trains depart from Pacific Central Station, located next to Main Street-Science World station (just four stops from the conference venue by [Skytrain](#)).

**Getting there: From Victoria**

- [Clipper Vacations](#) offers high-speed passenger-only ferry travel between Victoria's inner harbour and Seattle. One-way travel time is less than 3-hours.

**Sightseeing:**

- See the [Visit Seattle](#) website.

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