Taste Vancouver

A three-day culinary adventure

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If you like to experience travel through your tastebuds, then Vancouver offers the perfect pairing of cultural and culinary delights. Let us be your guide for a two-day gastronomical experience that showcases some of the Pacific Northwest's most sensational cuisine.

DAY ONE

Work up an appetite

Kick off your day on a **Big Bus Vancouver** tour. Complete with commentary, the tour is the best way to see the city with hop-on, hop-off tickets that make it easy to get around Vancouver's most popular attractions.

Stay on board and soak in the views until you reach **Granville Island**. Once little more than industrial land, the island has been transformed into a cultural and culinary hub with artisan stalls and local producers at every turn. The jewel in the island's crown is the **Granville Island Public Market** – grab lunch from one of the market vendors and dine al fresco while enjoying spectacular views of downtown. After eating, jump on the trolley and head back to downtown for an afternoon gelato at **Bella Gelateria**.

Crack open a craft beer (or two)

In Vancouver, we love our craft beer. This evening you'll get to hail the ale with an organized **Vancouver Brewery Tour**. Just steps away from your hotel, you'll board a private bus before being whisked away to explore behind the scenes of some of our city's favourite breweries, sampling your way through ales, sours, and saisons along the way.

Vancouver's MICHELIN scene

Vancouver's vibrant culinary scene is home to an impressive collection of **MICHELIN-recognized restaurants**, offering everything from innovative coastal cuisine to refined tasting menus. One standout choice is the acclaimed MICHELIN-recommended **Hawksworth Restaurant**, where Chef David Hawksworth pairs regional ingredients with time-honoured French techniques and unique West Coast flair.

DAY TWO

Wake up to waffles

Fuel up for the day by grabbing a leisurely bite at one of Vancouver's favourite spots, **Café Medina**. Here you can indulge in hearty, unique dishes such as the Middle Eastern-inspired breakfast tagine or opt for lighter fare like their Liège style waffles with a lavender café latte.

Spend the rest of the morning and early afternoon at the **Vancouver Art Gallery**, right in the heart of the city, and known for its ground-breaking exhibitions, especially those that focus on local Indigenous and Asia Pacific artists.

A taste of Vancouver

After feeding your mind, it's time to feed your stomach. **Vancouver Foodie Tours' Gastronomic Gastown tour** starts just a couple of blocks away. This three-hour experience explores the history of the city's oldest neighbourhood and includes stops at four locally-owned restaurants where you'll sample classic Canadian cuisine paired with cocktails, craft beer and BC wines.

Dinner and drinks

At night, you'll head to the **Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel** to experience Vancouver's vibrant food scene at **Botanist**. Chef Hector Laguna's menu is firmly rooted in the Pacific Northwest with a focus on sustainable seafood, local produce and the very best producers from the culinary community. While you're here, take some time to visit the restaurant's exclusive champagne bar where you can enjoy classic cocktails alongside a host of experimental concoctions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Plan your visit to coincide with Canada's largest food and drink festival, **Dine Out Vancouver**. Taking place in January / February every year, this 17-day culinary event serves up delicious dining experiences.
- One of the best wine festivals in the world, the **Vancouver International Wine Festival** takes place every year in February/March.
- Vancouver is famed for its **spot prawns**. The season to enjoy these delicious, locally-caught treats, however, is short, lasting only about 30 days each May.

ITINERARY ADD-ONS

- Spend the day with **Swallow Tail Tours** on their **Sea Foraging Experience** or on a **Vancouver Wine Tour.**
- **Vancouver Foodie Tours** has two more delectable tours to choose from, each exploring a different neighbourhood of the city: the **Granville Island Market Tour** and the **Downtown Asian Eats Tour**.

SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD

- Look for this **Ocean Wise** symbol on menus and seafood products. It indicates that the item is a sustainable, ocean-friendly choice.

DAY THREE

Take a bite out of Vancouver

In Vancouver, we don't just embrace diversity, we exist because of it, and that goes for our food too. Nowhere is Vancouver's eclectic cuisine more apparent than in **Chinatown**, a historic neighbourhood that's stood for more than a century.

Filled with neon lights, traditional market stalls and amazing eats, this morning you'll take a bite out of Chinatown with **A Wok Around Chinatown tour** which serves up a traditional Dim Sum lunch alongside a guided tour of one of Vancouver's most iconic areas.

Swap the city for the skyline

After experiencing the very best of Chinatown, it's time to work off some of those calories while experiencing spectacular views of the city. Start by taking a short walk to **Canada Place**, where you can board a free shuttle which will whisk you over to the **North Shore** and the stunning coast mountains that rise above our city.

Step off the bus at the base of **Grouse Mountain**, the peak of Vancouver, where you'll enjoy a spectacular gondola ride to the 1,231m peak. High above the city, you can explore hiking trails, see a lumberjack show, or visit the resident grizzly bear, Coola.

Dinner with a view

Stay up the mountain to enjoy a spectacular sunset, then make your way to **The Observatory, Grouse Mountain**'s spectacular mountain top restaurant which serves up delicious French-inspired cuisine against a backdrop of the glistening city lights below.

Showcasing the very best seasonal ingredients, this upscale eatery is a great way to taste the unique flavours of the Pacific Northwest as part of a truly memorable dining experience.

Some adventures need a reservation

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RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS

1. Blue Water Café + Raw Bar
2. Tojo's Restaurant
3. Hy's Steakhouse & Cocktail Bar
4. Hawksworth Restaurant
5. Miku Restaurant
6. Ancora Waterfront Dining & Patio
7. Salmon n' Bannock Bistro
8. Le Crocodile
9. Minami

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