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2019-20 DISCOVERY GUIDE

DON'T MISS
**STEVESTON
VILLAGE**

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**BLUE CANOE
WATERFRONT
RESTAURANT**

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A man and a woman are seated at an outdoor dining table. The woman, with long blonde hair and wearing a white shirt, is smiling and looking at a large metal platter of seafood being presented to her. The man, wearing a dark patterned shirt, is looking at her with a smile. The platter is filled with lobster, crab, and other seafood. In the background, there are buildings and a waterfront setting under a clear sky.

WELCOME TO RICHMOND

Richmond is defined by the dynamic convergence of Pacific culture and authentic Canadian coastal experiences. Real, raw and unvarnished, it's a place constantly redefining itself through the discovery of anyone exploring it.



DON'T MISS
**BRITANNIA
BREWING CO.**

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EAT

800+ eateries serve amazing cuisine from right here and around the world. Let Richmond's menus be your guide as they tell the story of the city.

DIM SUM

Richmond is the best place in Canada—if not North America—to enjoy dim sum.

Continental Seafood Restaurant [22](#) is a local favourite and one of Metro Vancouver's only restaurants still offering traditional cart-service dim sum.

Try fresh-to-order dim sum at three Richmond mainstays: **Fisherman's Terrace** [23](#), a popular and celebrated Cantonese restaurant famous for shrimp dumplings; **Empire Seafood Restaurant** [24](#), serving both traditional and innovative dishes; and **Jade Seafood Restaurant** [25](#), where their selection of dumplings steals the show.

Make reservations in advance. Walk-in wait times can get quite long, especially on weekends. Dim sum is only served between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

FOOD STREET

Alexandra Road, known by locals as Food Street, boasts over 75 restaurants across three blocks.

At **Haroo Korean Homestyle Cuisine** [26](#), numerous banchan (Korean side dishes) complement staples like kimchi fried rice and buchimgae (fried pancakes).

G-Men Ramen [27](#) offers traditional ramen along with brothless varieties and donburi (rice bowls) featuring everything from spicy cod roe to octopus.

Claypot Hot Pot 28 lets you cook your own food in a tabletop hot pot, featuring two kinds of broth on the bottom, a grill above it, and a steaming basket on top.

Snowy Village Dessert Café 29 serves up bingsoo (a Korean shaved ice dessert) frequently topped with sweet red beans, fruits, and other tasty garnishes.

Get your dim sum fix with siu mai (pork dumplings) topped with shaved black truffles at **Yue Delicacy Restaurant** 30, and finish with tea- or milk-based drinks and Asian desserts at **Leisure Tea & Coffee** 31.

Take transit or a taxi to Food Street as parking is scarce. Many restaurants there take cash only, so visit an ATM as well.

STEVESTON

While there's a world of choice when it comes to food in Steveston, fresh seafood is the star. Find it cooked to perfection at any of the lively wharf-side eateries: **Blue Canoe Waterfront Restaurant** 32, **Catch Kitchen + Bar** 33, **Sockeye City Grill** 34, or **Steveston Seafood House** 35, which is just up the street from the harbour. You can also buy it fresh at **Fisherman's Wharf** 36, straight from those who caught it.

Fish and chips are a major part of Richmond's culinary identity. Locals passionately debate who makes them best: **Pajo's** 37, deep fried in a crispy tempura batter, or **Dave's** 38 traditional British style.

For dessert, choose from 12 different flavours of freshly-made waffles at **Damien's Belgian Waffles** 39 or head to **Screamers Soft Serve & Treats** 40 for their signature treat, a flavoured slurpee (you may know it as a slushy) mixed with soft serve ice cream.

WINE AND BEER

Richmond's up-and-coming producers make wine, beer, and spirits with heart and soul.

Canada makes some of the world's best icewine, and **Lulu Island Winery** 41 is BC's largest exporter of it. They also produce red, white, blueberry, and raspberry wine.

Canada Berries 42 produces a range of icewine and numerous fruit wines, like blueberry, apple, strawberry, peach, raspberry, blackberry, and cranberry.

Country Vines Winery at Richmond Country Farms 43 offers local grape-based wines, which you can enjoy on the patio in the heart of their picturesque farm.

All wineries have tasting rooms for you to sample their unique varietals.

Beer lovers are also spoiled for choice. With a mission to “Keep beer weird”, **Fuggles & Warlock Craftworks** ⁴⁴ creations include Gin & Lime Pilsner, Destiny IPA, The Last Strawberry Wit, Kiwami Plum Sour — stop by their tasting room to give them a try.

Britannia Brewing Co. ⁴⁵ focuses on “West Coast local” and their Steveston tap house is a popular place to enjoy good, local food and craft beer.

Monkey 9 Brewing Company ⁴⁶ also offers a gastropub experience, complete with a range of flagship beers and tasty food.

Richmond is also home to one of Canada’s only authentic sake brewers, YK3, thanks to the water quality—key to good sake—which is very similar to that found in Japan. There’s no tasting room at YK3’s brewery location but you can enjoy YK3’s handcrafted sake in Richmond’s **Ebisu Japanese Restaurant**. ⁴⁷

Please drink responsibly. Take a taxi or ride transit if you choose to drink.



DON'T MISS
**DINESTY
DUMPLING
HOUSE**

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DUMPLING TRAIL

THE DUMPLING TRAIL'S 20 RESTAURANTS SERVE UP SOME OF THE MOST DELECTABLE DUMPLINGS THIS SIDE OF THE PACIFIC, EARNING IT A SPOT-ON CNN TRAVEL'S 12 MOST ENTICING FOOD AND DRINK TRAILS IN THE WORLD.

MUST-TRY DUMPLINGS

Xiao Long Bao: Shanghainese pork and soup-filled dumplings.

Har Gow: Shrimp dumplings wrapped in a tapioca starch pastry.

Siu Mai: Pork and shrimp dumplings with often ornate toppings.

Wontons: Versatile pork and/or shrimp dumplings commonly steamed or added to soup.

Check out all the restaurants at DumplingTrail.com

DON'T MISS
**RICHMOND
OLYMPIC
OVAL**

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EXPERIENCE

Go whale watching, experience simulated Olympic sports, try a ninja obstacle course, and wind down with a bike ride along the water—all before dinner.

RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL AND THE OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE 49

Climb to new heights at the Olympic Oval's 44-foot climbing wall. Other drop-in activities at the Oval include group fitness programs, public skating, hockey, track, volleyball, and batting cages.

Leave time to explore the Olympic Experience, North America's most interactive sports museum where you can feel the rush of ski jumping, the speed of bobsleighbing, and the glory of winning with state-of-the-art sport simulators. Check out Olympic artifacts and memorabilia, then test your athletic skills and accuracy.

BIKING

Richmond's scenic mountain and shoreline views await your pedal power. Rent a bike at **Village Bikes** 50 in Steveston or **Krusty's Bicycles** 51 in Central Richmond. Major bike paths are highlighted on the map, and suggested itineraries are available online at VisitRichmondBC.com/biking.

PLAY

There are plenty of awesome ways to keep moving and have a ton of fun, especially if you're travelling with kids.

Try something new at **Apex Adventure Plex** 52, where you'll find a trampoline park, bubble soccer arena, parkour area, and even a ninja obstacle course.

Pack a swimsuit for **Watermania** 53, an indoor waterpark with diving boards, waterslides, whirl and wave pools, and so much more.

6Pack Indoor Beach 54 offers year-round beach volleyball and archery tag (for guests twelve or older), plus equipment rentals.

Got a need for speed? **Richmond Go-Karts** 55 has one of Western Canada's longest and fastest tracks at 800 metres (half a mile) long — it's also the only outdoor go-karting facility in the Vancouver area. For high-action and high-speed indoor go-kart racing check out **TBC Indoor Racing** 56 and **Speeders Indoor ProKarts** 57.

GOLF

Golfers should visit **Mayfair Lakes** 58, a scenic 18-hole public course in the shadow of the North Shore Mountains, open year-round. Another local favourite is **Mylora Executive Golf Course** 59, an 18-hole executive par 57 course that is challenging and fun for all ages and levels. More casual golfers enjoy **West Richmond Pitch & Putt** 60, where you can bring your own equipment and golf in a zero-pressure, fun environment (open April to October).



DON'T MISS
WHALE
WATCHING
TOURS

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WHALE WATCHING

NOTHING COMPARES TO THE MAJESTY OF NATURE'S GENTLE GIANTS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT—OTHER THAN SEEING IT IN PERSON. WHALE WATCHING TOURS TAKE PLACE DURING WHALE MIGRATION SEASON (APRIL TO OCTOBER). THERE IS A 90% WHALE SIGHTING SUCCESS RATE, AND IF WHALES ARE NOT SPOTTED, OPERATORS WILL OFFER YOU A FREE RETURN PASS.

THE EXPERIENCE

Tours depart from Steveston and cross through the Strait of Georgia towards the Gulf and San Juan Islands, while professional guides teach you about local marine life and ecosystems. Some tours provide hydrophones to hear the whales vocalizing.

MORE THAN WHALES

Keep an eye out for seals, porpoises, otters, eagles, and other birds, and be sure to take a sea lion tour if you're visiting between April and mid-May. Thousands of male sea lions migrate to the region from California to hang out at the Steveston jetty for the spring.

DON'T MISS
STEVESTON
TRAM



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DISCOVER




Richmond's art and history are largely influenced by the city's multiculturalism, geographical location, and inspiring natural landscape.

ART

The **Richmond Art Gallery**  houses contemporary art exhibitions of living, professional artists from across Canada. Contemporary art fans should also visit **Lipont Place** , a striking art and cultural centre that integrates business, art, design, and culture through exhibits and pop-up shows.

Over 200 pieces of public art decorate our streets. See them all with a self-guided public art walking tour map available at the Richmond Cultural Centre. If you're arriving by plane, don't miss YVR's Northwest Coast First Nations Art—it's the largest such collection on public display in the world.

MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE POINTS OF INTEREST

The **Richmond Museum**  features preserved pieces from Richmond's early history. Find it in the Richmond Cultural Centre, along with the Richmond Art Gallery—both are free to visit. There's also the **Steveston Museum and Visitor Centre** , built in 1905 as Steveston's first bank. Today, it gives visitors a look into the area's past, together with the adjoining **Japanese Fishermen's Benevolent Society Building** , which presents its history through the perspective of the area's Japanese settlers.

Explore railway history in the early 20th century at the **Steveston Tram** 5, and learn how trams contributed to the development of Richmond's city centre.

Discover historic Steveston through a number of short walking tours available seasonally from the Steveston Museum. If you would like a longer tour, join the Steveston Heritage Experience that takes you back in time visiting four celebrated attractions—**Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site** 6, the **Steveston Tram** 5, **Steveston Museum** 7, and the **Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site** 8. You'll also sample old-time flavours - available select dates.

Take a relaxing stroll through **London Heritage Farm's** 9 picturesque 19th century farmhouse, which showcases life in Steveston from 1880-1930 along with beautiful botanical gardens, a tea room, and a gift shop.

You'll also want to check out **Minoru Chapel** 10, one of Richmond's first churches, originally built in 1891.



DON'T MISS
GULF OF
GEORGIA CANNERY
NATIONAL
HISTORIC SITE

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NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES

TAKE A STEP BACK FROM THE BUSTLE AND ENERGY OF THE CITY TO VISIT A SIMPLER TIME.

Every visit to Richmond's National Historic Sites tells a story of the vibrant fishing industry that shaped our city. The **Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site** 8 is where you'll discover what was once BC's biggest salmon cannery, packing up to 2.5 million cans of salmon each year until the 1930s. Not too far away, you can get a glimpse of life for multicultural workers in Steveston's fishing industry a century ago at **Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site** 6.



DON'T MISS
**MCARTHURGLEN
DESIGNER OUTLET
VANCOUVER
AIRPORT**

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SHOP

You're going to want to leave some space in your luggage.

Steveston Village's quaint boutiques and artisans sell one-of-a-kind handmade items, perfect for gift-giving. Big and bustling **CF Richmond Centre** ¹¹ offers brands like Apple, Sephora, and H&M, and **Lansdowne Centre** ¹² features big box and specialty stores. Don't miss **McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Vancouver Airport** ¹³, where you can score designer items at up to 70% off retail.

Richmond also has numerous malls featuring Asian products, like **Aberdeen Centre** ¹⁴, where diverse retailers sell a range of imported goods. **Yaohan Centre** ¹⁵ features a large Asian grocery store and an abundance of retailers and service providers, and **Parker Place's** ¹⁶ shops sell everything from electronics to herbs. There's also the **Richmond Public Market** ¹⁷, a lively marketplace with vendors offering fresh produce, flowers, and gifts.

If you're visiting in the summer, the **Richmond Night Market** ¹⁸ offers a food and retail experience unmatched anywhere else in Canada. Here, retailers sell unique accessories and knick-knacks at street-side prices. And if you're looking for artisanal, small-batch products, visit the **Kwantlen St. Farmers Market** ¹⁹ (every Tuesday, April 16 - October 8) and the **Steveston Farmers & Artisans Market** ²⁰ (on select Sundays between May - September). In the wintertime, find your fix of locally baked, grown, caught, and crafted products at the **Cannery Farmers' Market** ²¹ (October to April on select Sundays).

DON'T MISS
**RICHMOND
NIGHT
MARKET**

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FOOD COURTS

FORGET FAST FOOD—THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF AMAZINGLY AUTHENTIC AND AFFORDABLE DINING OPTIONS IN THE FOOD COURTS OF RICHMOND'S ASIAN MALLS.

NOTE: Many restaurants on this list are cash-only, so visit an ATM before you go.

ABERDEEN CENTRE 14

Yougo Chicken's popcorn chicken nuggets, a Taiwanese street food staple, are extremely popular and pair well with noodle soup. Hong Kong street food highlights the menu at **Bubble Waffle Café**, and **Wu Fung Dessert's** chicken wings are nothing short of marvelous in all their crispy, juicy goodness.

PARKER PLACE 16

Parker Place (Aberdeen) BBQ Meats is known for their succulent barbecued meats to go. Arguably Richmond's best gua bao (Taiwanese hamburger) can be found at **Joy's Taiwanese Kitchen**. Locals love the banh mi sandwiches at **Lai Taste**, a Vietnamese eatery. And you can finish off with dessert from **Icy Bar**, like a deliciously fresh mango tapioca drink.

RICHMOND PUBLIC MARKET 17

Xi'An Cuisine is locally revered for its hand-pulled noodles, fried up or added to soup. Try Taiwanese street food at **Chef Liu Kitchen**, or opt for their large homestyle meals. And be sure to pair your food with an exotic Calpis or wintermelon tea from **Peanuts Bubble Tea**, one of Richmond's first bubble tea stalls.

RICHMOND NIGHT MARKET 18

While it isn't a food court, over 100 food vendors serve 500+ dishes from around the world at the Richmond Night Market in the city's North, open on weekend nights from May to October. Stalls sell everything from German pork hock to Chef James' famous Xin Jiang Man BBQ skewers, with many offering authentic Asian snacks and street food.



DON'T MISS
**CATCH
KITCHEN + BAR**

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