



Vancouver Christmas



HAVING A VANCOUVER CHRISTMAS?

What is your favourite Christmas memory? As time goes by I hope we all have fond memories that bring back a day when we laughed and spent time together with friends and family.

Christmas memories especially the good ones are why we look forward to this time of year. However you celebrate the holidays, we hope you will share your life and your joy with others you come across at this special time of year.

*We wish you a "Sheng Dan Kuai Le", "Seng Dan Fai Lok", "Joyeux Noel", "Nollaig Shona Dhuit", "Frohe Weihnachten", "Merii Kurisumasu", "Feliz Navidad", "Buon Natale", "Maligayang Pasko", "S Rozhdestvom Kristovym", "Gesende Kersfees", "Kala Christouyenna", "Sung Tan Chuk Ha", "Boze Narodzenie", "Och Ett Gott Nytt År", "Sawadee Pee Mai", "Milad Majid", "Mitho Makosi Kesikansi", "Sretan Bozic", "Zalig Kerstfeast", "Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena tova", "Shub Naya Baras" (Good New Year - Hindi), "Srozhestvom Kristovym", "Chuc Mung Giang Sinh" and of course a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU & YOURS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!***



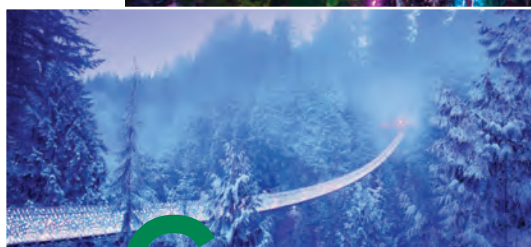
Located in downtown Vancouver on the Jack Pool Plaza (Olympic Cauldron) the Vancouver Christmas Market will be returning from the 22nd of November to the 24th of December 2017, and will be open daily from 11:00 am to 6:00pm (December 24 - to 6 pm)

Named as one of the 10 most "Spectacular Holiday Markets around the World", the Vancouver Christmas Market is a can't miss Vancouver Christmas event! Celebrating the rich and unique German culture with all who enter through the gates, the Vancouver Christmas Market is a showcase of traditional German crafts, delicious food, and entertainment for all ages. During the pre-Christmas season the market is also the perfect destination for combining a family outing with some Christmas shopping. A special children's area is being created as the "Kids Market", and will give youngsters the chance to make their own Christmas gifts. The kids can enjoy a Carousel ride, personalize their gingerbread and decorate candles and their chocolate lollipop.

The centre piece of the Vancouver Christmas Market is the 30 foot high "walk in" Christmas tree decorated with 36,000 glittering lights, surrounded by more than 75 traditional wooden booths and the always popular Christmas Carousel.



Capilano Suspension Bridge



**Celebrate Canyon Lights,
A Winter Festival
November 23, 2017 to January
28, 2018. Capilano opens at
11:00am daily. Canyon Light
Tickets valid from 4pm on-
ward to 9:00pm each day
except Christmas Day. Adult/
Senior: \$42.95, Senior 65+:
\$38.95, Youth 13-16: \$26.95,
| Child (6-12): \$14.95**

Re-capture the feeling of wonder and excitement of the holiday season and be amazed by the hundreds of thousands of lights throughout the park. The suspension bridge, Treetops Adventure, Cliffwalk, the rainforest and canyon are transformed into a world of festive lights and visual enchantment.

This year the 30-ton Douglas firs of Treetops Adventure receive star treatment. Tree tops Adventure is a series of seven suspension bridges attached to eight 250 years old Douglas firs with viewing platforms, reaching up to 110 feet above the forest floor. These magnificent Douglas firs will be lit above and below the collars, making these trees the eight tallest Christmas trees in the world!



Back by popular demand, go on a Snowy Owl Prowl, decorate gingerbread cookies (by donation) and sing-along carols with the holiday band. Two new children's activities this year include decorating wooden ornaments and make your own holiday badge (by donation) in the Winter Craft Tent.

Christmas Light Displays



We all love Christmas lights; maybe it's just the flashing ones that mesmerize us! Whatever the magic we experience, the good thing is that you are outdoors, enjoying time together. Here is a list of a few Christmas displays in Vancouver worth visiting...

- CandyTown - Yaletown - November 25th.
- Vancouver Art Gallery - Children's Festival Tree Lighting Dec.1st.
- Robson Square - 150,000 LED lights
- St. Paul's Hospital - Lights of Hope Display & Sheraton Wall Centre
- Canada Place - Woodward's Window & Tree Display (Nov. 23 - Dec.31st)

- Bright Nights at Stanley Park
- Granville Island - The Island is beautifully decorated
- Festival of Lights at VanDusen Botanical Garden
- Bloedel Conservatory, Queen Elizabeth Park
- Elm Grove at English Bay (Beach Avenue at Bidwell Street)
- George Wainborn Park (on False Creek at the foot of Richards Street)
- 1690 Matthews Avenue, Canucks Place
- 450 Beach Ave Jervis Street @ Beach Ave George Wainborn Park
- 2504 East 1st. Avenue
- E 12th Avenue & Semlin Drive
- 2253 E 6th Avenue - 4399 Prince Edward St.
- 1803 E 12th Avenue
- Sophia Street & E 17th Avenue
- 3288 E 27th Avenue
- 2791 East 44th Avenue
- Joyce Street & Monmouth Avenue
- 1412 Laurier Avenue
- 2175 W 16th Avenue
- 2696 West 41st Avenue - 3236 W 1st Avenue - 325 W. 41st Avenue
- 3224 - 3228 37th Avenue
- Aberthau Mansion (4397 W 2nd Avenue)
- 2400 - 2900 Trinity Street (5 City Blocks)
- 6080 Ross Street (lights & music from 7 - 10pm)
- 1489 McRae Avenue - Vancouver Hycroft Mansion
- 329 Nigel Avenue one block east - 28th and Cambie.
- 2400 - 2900 Trinity Street - 5 City Blocks
- 6530 Marine Crescent



Van Dusen Gardens

Festival of Lights



Located in Vancouver
VanDusen Gardens
(34th. & Oak St) the annual
"Festival of Lights" will be
returning from December 1st.
to January 7, 2018. Open
daily from 4:30pm to
9:00pm. except Dec. 15 -
Dec. 24th. Open to 10:00pm



Enjoy the opportunity to have pictures taken with Santa and a listen to a variety of school choirs who will show off their talent during their performances on stage!

With so many holiday events happening all across Vancouver in these final days before Christmas, it pays to be choosy when deciding which to attend.

One event that never fails to deliver is the annual Festival of Lights at VanDusen Botanical Garden.

Now in its 27th year, the Festival of Lights is a Vancouver holiday tradition. Running from December 1 - January 7, 2018 (except Christmas day), the event draws huge crowds every evening to witness the 1.4 million lights adorning the gardens.

Take the perfect holiday instagram and share it with #vandusenFOL.

All tickets include a free ride on the carousel!

Volunteers are a huge part of this event checking each individual light over a period of eight weeks. After the lights have been checked, VanDusen's 12 staff gardeners plus six extra temporary workers brought in from other Park Board sites work full time for six weeks to install the lights.



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Annual Bright Nights in Stanley Park



Located in Stanley Park, next to the Stanley Park Train. "Bright Nights" runs from the 30th of November to the 6th of January. *(closed Christmas day)*

Vancouver Park Board and British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund invite everyone to nights of magic and illumination for the 20th annual Bright Nights in Stanley Park.

Get in the spirit of the Holidays - take a train ride through a west coast forest transformed with two million twinkling lights, see the animated displays and listen to holiday sounds as you enjoy hot chocolate, fresh popcorn and roasted chestnuts.

Enjoy laughter and artistry from live performers in the Park. Christmas tunes serenade you as you ride the train. Professional and community choirs and bands will also be in the Plaza on special nights. And don't forget to visit Santa in his workshop!

Admission is by suggested donation of \$4.00 per person, plus a few cans of food for the Vancouver Food Bank.





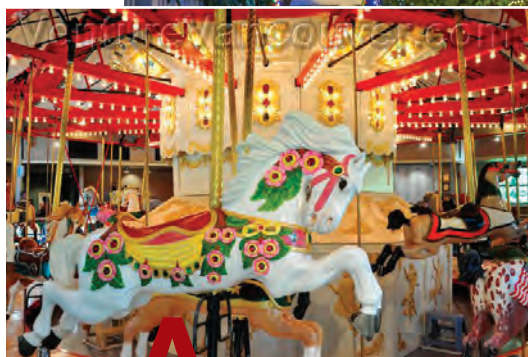
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Burnaby Village Museum



A Season of Old fashioned Fun and Spectacular Light Displays


Stroll through the streets of the Village to see wreaths, cedar swags and vintage-themed displays will. At the bandstand, visitors can create their own magical holiday show with lights that change colours to sound.

Special entertainment is scheduled throughout the season including theatre performances, community choirs, street characters and musicians. Many family-favorite activities are back including a craft for children, baking in the Farmhouse and, of course, visits with Father Christmas.

Burnaby Village Museum


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November 25-January 5, 2018

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Kissing Under the Mistletoe!



From the earliest times mistletoe has been one of the most magical, mysterious, and sacred plants of European folklore. It was considered to bestow life and fertility; a protection against poison; and an aphrodisiac.

Kissing under the mistletoe is first found associated with the Greek festival of Saturnalia and later with primitive marriage rites. In Scandinavia, mistletoe was considered a plant of peace, under which enemies could declare a truce or warring spouses kiss and make-up. Later, the eighteenth-century English credited with a certain magical appeal called a kissing ball. At Christmas time a young lady standing under a ball of mistletoe, brightly trimmed with evergreens, ribbons, and ornaments, cannot refuse to be kissed. Such a kiss could mean deep romance or lasting friendship and goodwill. If the girl remained unknissed, she cannot expect not to marry the following year.



The custom of exchanging a kiss under the mistletoe can still be found in many European countries as well as in North America. Thus if a couple in love exchanges a kiss under the mistletoe, it is interpreted as a promise to marry, as well as a prediction of happiness and long life. Today, kisses can be exchanged under the mistletoe any time during the holiday season.

Look for mistletoe hanging above the pathways at the Vancouver Christmas Market. When you come across some, stroll underneath and exchange a kiss.



THE MUST-SEE SHOW OF THE HOLIDAYS!

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