

NUSOD 2013

Vancouver, BC, Canada

August 19-22



University of British Columbia

Department of Electrical and Computer
Engineering

Why Vancouver

- Vancouver
 - Vancouver is a cosmopolitan city with a vibrant and multicultural population of two million. Located on Canada's spectacular West Coast, and surrounded by ocean and mountains, Vancouver is one of the worlds' most beautiful cities. Readers of Condé Nast Traveler magazine consistently voted Vancouver the "Best City in the Americas."
- Location: halfway between Europe and Asia Pacific
- Mild climate: Average maximum temperature in August is 21°C.
- International Flavour: diverse local population, cultural attractions, ethnic cuisine
- Unforgettable Attractions, Activities & Adventure
- More info: <http://www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/>

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■ Location

- UBC is only 20 minutes by car to downtown or the airport. The Vancouver International Airport is easily accessible from UBC, offering direct flights to major cities around the world. The city centre is easily accessible by public transit, with many bus routes offering frequent service.

■ Campus Attractions and Venues

- UBC is situated on Vancouver's west side, surrounded by temperate rainforest and sandy beaches. UBC's natural setting is complemented by nearby shops and restaurants located within walking distance of guest rooms and meeting space. Our vibrant neighbourhood has quality community services such as banks, restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacy, libraries, campus attractions and recreation.
- The University features the Museum of Anthropology, Beaty Biodiversity Museum, Botanical Gardens, and plenty of other great attractions. UBC also offers an Aquatic Centre with Olympic-sized indoor and outdoor pools, the University Golf Club and other athletic facilities available to the public. Vancouver's best hiking trails and beaches are located right on campus, throughout Pacific Spirit Park.



Accommodations at UBC

- On-campus hotel accommodations



West Coast Suites

\$189



Gage One-Bedroom Suite

\$159



Gage Studio Suite

\$119



Gage Single

\$49

West Coast Suites

Hotel suite with king bed in bedroom and double sofa bed in living room. Features include luxury linens and amenities, fully-equipped kitchen with microwave, flat-panel TV, complimentary coffee service, wireless internet and in-room safe.

Gage One-Bedroom Suite

Suite with queen bed in bedroom, queen sofa bed in living room and private washroom. Features include telephone, flat-panel TV, fully-equipped kitchen and complimentary coffee service.

Gage Studio Suite

Studio apartment with double bed, private washroom, sitting area with telephone and flat-panel TV, fully-equipped kitchen and complimentary coffee service. Maximum 2 guests per suite.

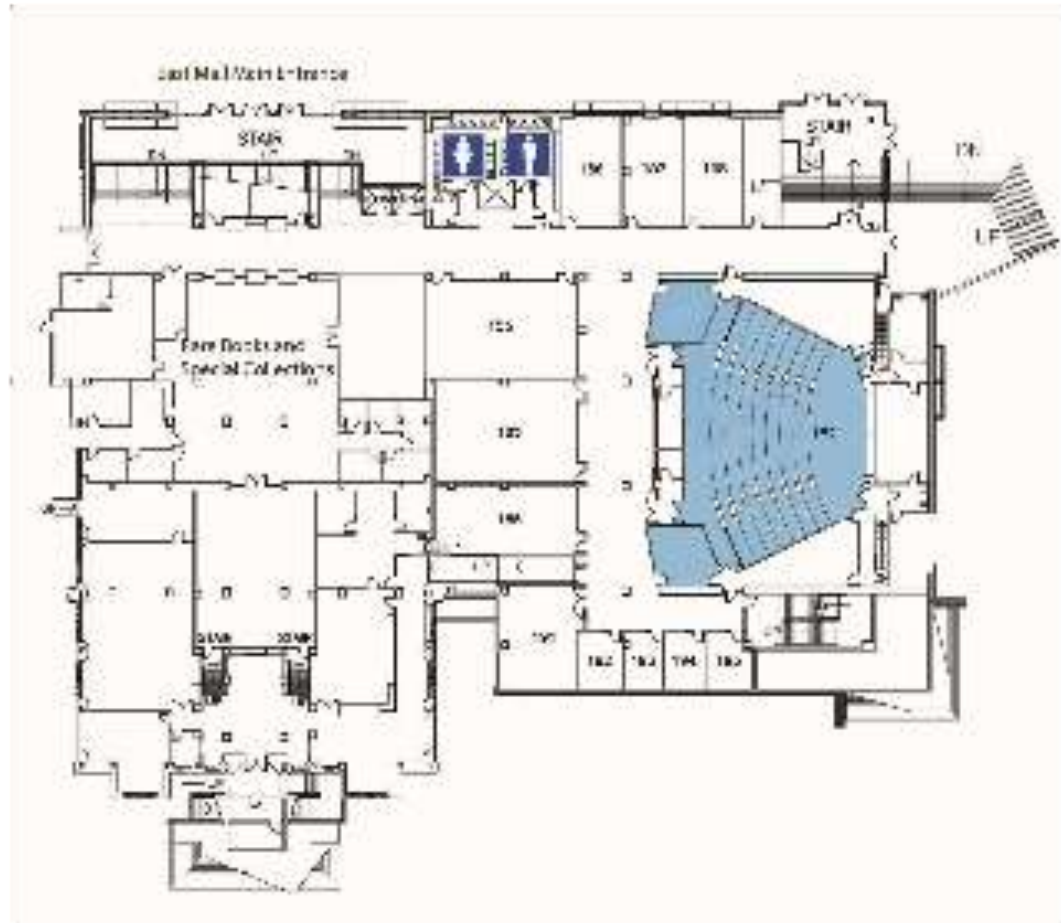
Gage Standard Single

Private bedroom with single bed in a six-bedroom shared apartment. Guests share a washroom, lounge with flat panel-TV, breakfast bar and kitchen (not equipped with dishes, cooking utensils, etc.).

Apartment-style with 6 rooms shared with other NUSOD participants

Conference Meeting Space

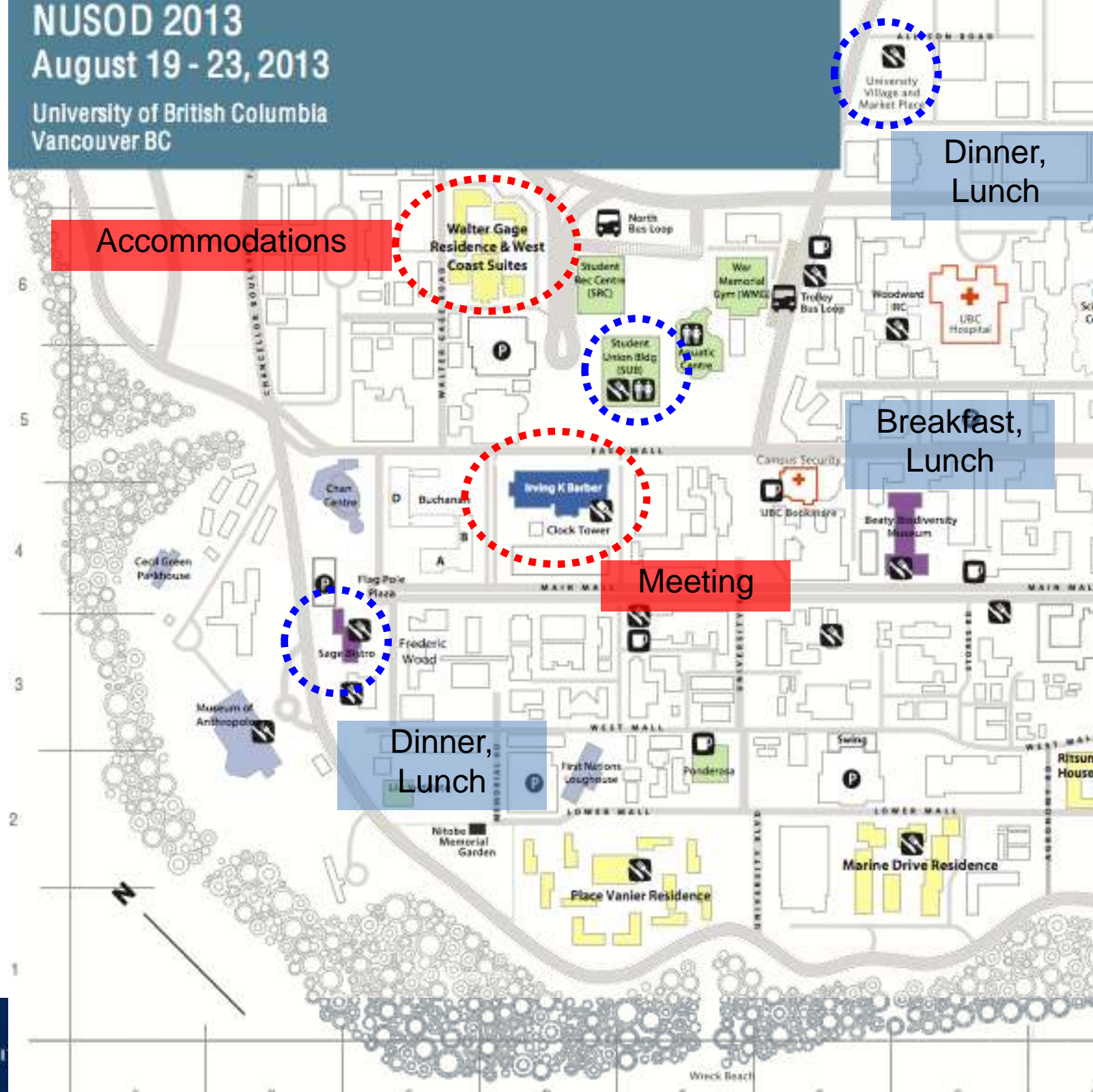
- At UBC, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre (Library)



Completed in 2008, the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre incorporates modern architecture and bright, open meeting spaces. This building features a 157-seat tiered theatre, 6 classrooms, 5 seminar rooms, 2 boardrooms and a variety of informal study areas, and a 130-seat café. It is connected to the main library and the Chapman Learning Commons. For rates information, please refer to the Academic Meeting Space rate sheet.

Map:

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Budget

- Mountain-top banquet at Grouse Mountain
 - <http://www.grousemountain.com>
 - Bus from UBC
 - Gondola
- Meeting rooms
- Catering, reception
- Paypal fee collection
- Hotel deposit
- NUSOD Registration fee estimate
 - based on 60 participants: \$460 CDN
 - based on 90 participants: \$390 CDN



Flights

Scheduled International Destinations

International Destination Flight Times:

Amsterdam	9.25 hours
Auckland	17.5 hours
Beijing	11 hours
Cancun	5.75 hours
Frankfurt	9.75 hours
Hong Kong	13 hours
London	9 hours
Manila	14 hours
Mexico City	5.25 hours
Nadi	14.25 hours
Nagoya	10.25 hours
Osaka	11 hours
Puerto Vallarta	5 hours
Shanghai	12 hours
Seoul	11.25 hours
Singapore	18.5 hours
Sydney	18 hours
Taipei	12.25 hours
Tokyo	9.75 hours



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Adventure:

HALF DAY EXCURSIONS

VANCOUVER CITY TOUR

Our experienced guides will escort you to the magnificent 400 hectare (1,000 acre) Stanley Park with time to wander among the original Native Indian Totem Poles and a stop at Prospect Point. The coach will then wind its way past English Bay and the famous beaches of the polar bear swim, along fashionable Robson Street and over False Creek to Queen Elizabeth Park where guests can admire a panoramic view from this extinct volcano with its sunken gardens.

NORTH SHORE EXCURSION

Make the short journey across the magnificent Lions Gate Bridge to the North Shore and the world-famous Capilano Suspension Bridge. Constructed in 1889, the bridge today spans 137 metres (450 feet) across and is suspended 70 metres (230 feet) above the Capilano River. A five-minute transfer takes you to the base of Grouse Mountain for a 1,128 metre (3,700 feet) Skyride ascent to the top of the mountain. Once at the top guests can take in the "Theatre In The Sky" presentation, visit the Refuge for Endangered Wildlife or just roam around the top of the mountain taking in the beautiful scenery.

AFTERNOON CRUISE

If you are coming to Vancouver expecting to see breathtaking scenery, you will not want to miss cruising through Indian Arm! This luncheon cruise aboard the M.V. Constitution travels through Vancouver's inner harbor, the Burrard Inlet, and then North into the wonderful setting of Indian Arm.

Enjoy the panoramic vistas, the pristine Silver Falls, large waterfront homes, wildlife and more. Indian Arm is a true photographer's delight!

CHINATOWN WALKING TOUR

Explore Chinatown's intriguing sights and fragrances and get an up close and personal look into Vancouver's important Asian community. Glimpse into the centuries old herbal culture of Chinese pharmacy and admire the beauty of the jade, ivory, china, and silk of the Orient. The experience is complete with a visit to the authentic Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.

GRANVILLE ISLAND SNAPSHOT

Come and join the locals on Granville Island! Our guide will conduct an introduction to the many treasures available around the island. Printmakers, glass artists, potters, and craftspeople work and display their creations around the island. Visit the lively public market, enjoy street performers, take a tour of the brewery or step into the exclusive Kids Only Market (nobody is too old!!!).

LIGHTHOUSE PARK RAINFOREST WALK

Just 30 minutes away from downtown Vancouver, enjoy the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest. An easy trail takes you down a typical rainforest to the shoreline and overlooking English Bay. See, smell, hear the forest and learn the wonders of this unique ecosystem where moss, fern, lichen, and some of the oldest and largest trees that have endured in the Lower Mainland grow.



Adventure:

HALF DAY EXCURSIONS

STANLEY PARK BIKE TOUR

Hop on your bike and peddle the most scenic and popular route in Vancouver – the Seawall around Stanley Park, North America's largest park in a city. We'll take you to the foot of Stanley Park, set you up with a bike, map and point you in the right direction for an afternoon of leisurely fun! You will also be provided a helmet and water bottle!

HOWE SOUND SEA SAFARI

Grab a seat on a custom-designed, high-speed, rigid hull inflatable outboard equipped with individual headphones and an experienced guide at the helm and you won't miss a thing. Our Howe Sound safari takes you on a 2-1/2 hour adventure to the stunning scenery and wildlife, which make coastal British Columbia world famous.

SAILING REGATTA

How about a real West Coast experience? Come dressed in your jeans and running shoes and be prepared for a real hands-on experience as you learn to sail on small racing boats in the waters of beautiful English Bay. An instructor will be on board each boat of four guests while you learn to sail. After an hour's instruction, you can pit your skills against your colleagues with a short race that will leave you grinning from ear to ear!

AIR GROUSE ZIPLINE

Ride to the top of Grouse Mountain and then join the adrenaline-pumping Air Grouse Mountain Zipline course 1,128 metres (3,700 feet) above the beautiful city of Vancouver. The "Air Grouse" experience takes you

high above the alpine rainforest, careening through the air at speeds of more than 50 km (30 mi) per hour. The three-line adventure circuit combines adrenaline with exploration of British Columbia's breathtaking old-growth forests. Along the way, visitors will learn about indigenous flora and fauna and meet Grouse's two orphaned grizzly bears.

CHEF GUIDED MARKET TOURS

There is no better way to take in the distinct cultures present in Vancouver than through your taste buds. Culinary-adventurers can join some of the province's top chefs for small-group guided tours of Vancouver's top foodie districts. The popular Granville Island Public Market tour giving insider tips on the local growers, butchers, seafood and produce that populate the vibrant public market. Chinatown and Commercial Drive tours offer a delicious glimpse into one of North America's oldest Chinatowns and "The Drive" - Vancouver's eclectic European district.

FLOAT PLANE TOUR

An ideal introduction to Vancouver and to float planes, take a tour from the center of downtown and experience the exhilaration of viewing the surrounding mountains and waterways from above! Or take a 20 minute panoramic flight from downtown Vancouver's Coal Harbor to Horseshoe Bay for a "Fly and Dine" experience – enjoying your dinner with the spectacular views of the ocean and mountains. After dinner a limousine will pick you up for a 30 minute drive to downtown Vancouver.



Adventure:

FULL DAY EXCURSIONS

WHISTLER RESORT BY LAND

Starting with a scenic ride along the Sea to Sky Highway, this excursion will take you to the alpine village of Whistler. From crisp mountain air to crystal clear lakes and lush emerald forests, Whistler Resort is a natural year-round playground. You may decide to go for lunch at the top of the mountain or to enjoy an unlimited bounty of outdoor activities or simply to stroll through the cobblestone walkways and exquisite boutiques.

VICTORIA

Sail through the Gulf Islands on board a BC Ferry to Victoria, the province's capital city and the last stronghold of British refinement. Many of the brick and stone buildings from the last century have been restored, adding to the scenic beauty of the city. British influence remains today in its red double-decker buses, turn-of-the-century buildings, and tweedy woolen shops. Your tour also includes a visit to the Butchart Gardens, World-famous for spectacular year-round floral displays.

BOWEN ISLAND EXCURSION

Enjoy a short ride to Horseshoe Bay before boarding a ferry for magical Bowen Island. Upon arrival in Snug Cove, we start our interpretive nature walk through the rainforest, which takes us around Killarney Lake at the foot of Mt. Gardner. Coming back to the village we meet for a picnic lunch prepared by a local Culinary Chef. After roaming the quaint village of Bowen Island, you are taken to Snug Cove to return to downtown Vancouver either by ferry or floatplane (optional).

WHITEWATER ADVENTURE

Join the fun and enjoy a full day of exciting Class III and IV rapids. Self-bailing, state of the art rafts provide the ultimate in safety and comfort on this one-day adventure. You'll raft along inspiring wilderness with glaciers, waterfalls and the opportunity to see wildlife in their natural habitat. Everyone on the raft has a paddle, and under the direction of your experienced guide, a sense of teamwork is quickly established.

WHALE-WATCHING ADVENTURE

Every year between May and November, Orca whales pursue migrating salmon in the Georgia Strait, the channel that separates the mainland from Vancouver Island. Embark a semi-covered vessel for safari guided by a trained naturalist. Admire these magnificent creatures, which were worshipped by the natives, hunted by our forefathers, and who have intrigued scientists ever since.

HELI-RAFTING EXCURSION

Show your meeting delegates the beauty of British Columbia from both air and river on a Heli-Rafting excursion. Tours begins with a breathtaking helicopter ride over volcanoes and waterfalls followed by a thrilling whitewater rafting experience in Whistler. Exceptional food, knowledgeable guides and incredible scenery make this single-day rafting getaway the experience of a lifetime. Tours are available April through September and last six hours.



Pre & Post Conference Travel

WHISTLER

From Vancouver, a scenic two-hour drive north along the Sea to Sky Highway leads to Whistler.

Points of interest along the way include:

- Shannon Falls plummeting down 335 metres (1099 feet)
- BC Museum of Mining in Britannia Bay
- Eagle watching in Squamish and Brackendale between November and January - one of the largest bald eagles gatherings the world.

Once in Whistler, the European ski resort styled village offers a wide selection of restaurants, coffee shops, spas and retail stores.

Until the ski season starts in late November, the mountains are turned over to hikers and mountain bikers.

- Hiking exists at all levels and beginning with the valley trail - a paved 20 km (12 mi) low-grade trail winds around the village, golf courses and lakes
- For alpine hiking the Whistler Village Gondola takes hikers up until the middle of October to Alpine forest
- The PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola -the highest and longest unsupported horizontal lift span in the world provides spectacular views from 415 metres (1,362 feet) above the valley floor
- Four championship golf courses are open until mid October



VICTORIA & VANCOUVER ISLAND

A ninety-minute ferry ride provides access to British Columbia's capital city - Victoria (also accessible from Vancouver by floatplane or helicopter). In Victoria, highlights include traditional afternoon tea at The Fairmont Empress hotel, the Butchart Gardens, the Royal British Columbia Museum, Chinatown and the Galloping Goose Trail.

Vancouver Island region features:

- 20 wineries and vineyards clustered in the Saanich Peninsula and the Cowichan Valley.
- First Nations totems in Duncan
- Murals and sculptures adorn the buildings and walkways in Chemainus
- Miles of sandy beach and rugged coast at the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve lends to many outdoor recreation activities such as whale watching, surfing, kayaking and beachcombing

FRASER VALLEY

Travel east through the rolling farmlands of the Fraser Valley to:

- Fort Langley National Historic Site's original buildings and interactive displays
- The Greater Vancouver Zoo in Aldergrove featuring over 600 different animals from all over the world in a 49 hectares (120 acre) park.
- Harrison Hot Springs Resort with two mineral-rich springs

Pre & Post Conference Travel

THOMPSON OKANAGAN VALLEY

The Thompson Okanagan valley is a four to six hour drive or short flight into Kamloops, Penticton, or Kelowna. With its green valleys, bountiful orchards, crystal clear lakes and mountain resorts, the area abounds with things to do and see.

- For golfers more than 50 courses
- For the wine lovers, more than 100 wineries
- Hiking from easy nature walks to strenuous backcountry hikes

KOOTENAY ROCKIES

A days drive from Vancouver or short flight into Cranbrook, Castlegar or Trail. This region encompasses four mountain ranges. And there is plenty to do:

- Hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding
- Canoeing, kayaking and fishing
- Cattle rides from dude and guest ranches
- Golf
- Natural mineral hot springs

CANADIAN ROCKIES

Towering over the plains of British Columbia and Alberta are the majestic peaks of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Travelling by air or by land, each season in the Rockies has its own unique and exciting selections of activities. Take an Ice Explorer ride across Athabasca Glacier, a float trip down the Bow River or visit Lake Louise, Victoria Glacier or the Columbia Icefields. Whether you are just out for an incredible sightseeing journey or you want to try your hand at a variety of adventures, the Canadian Rockies has something to suit every taste.

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER TRAIN

Rocky Mountaineer offers unique train journeys through the scenic landscapes of British Columbia and Alberta ranging in length from 2 to 16 days. Best known for the internationally-acclaimed Rocky Mountaineer train, a two-day, all daylight rail journey through Canada's West and the Canadian Rockies, the company also offers a daily three-hour experience between the 2010 Winter Olympic host cities of Vancouver and Whistler, BC.

Enhance your Vancouver meeting and convention experience by taking advantage of the incredible pre and post opportunities Vancouver and British Columbia have to offer you and your delegates. For more options contact your Convention Services team at Tourism Vancouver.



Vancouver – Alaska Cruises

Vancouver's Two Cruise Ship Terminals -

The Port's two cruise terminals, Canada Place and Ballantyne, are 30 minutes away from the Vancouver International Airport. A distinctive white sail design, five-star hotel, and the Vancouver Convention Centre make Canada Place an attractive start and finish to any cruise experience. Ballantyne is located east of the city centre and close to Canada Place. The cruise terminals are both modern, secure, world-class and situated in the heart of the city.

US Direct Program - For US passengers the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and Port Authority have created the US Direct Program. Designed exclusively for US citizens and permanent residents, the program pre-identifies arriving cruise ship passengers, then directs them right through immigration and onto a bus to their same-day departing Alaska cruise.

Reducing Emissions - Vancouver is the first port in Canada to implement a shore power infrastructure for cruise ships at the Canada Place cruise ship terminal. Up to three ships can plug in, enabling them to shut down their engines and save approximately 10 hours of emissions daily.



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