



Winter in
VANCOUVER
 A Natural Complement to Your Ski Holiday
 or Northern Lights Adventures

Nestled between snow-capped mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Vancouver is the ideal urban addition to any Canadian winter holiday, perfect for both skiing enthusiasts and Northern Light seekers. With its mild winter temperatures, the city presents a haven of experiences, from MICHELIN Guide-acclaimed culinary delights and the enchanting Canyon Lights at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park to unique neighborhood discoveries. The climate enables a multitude of activities, merging urban adventures with mountain excursions, making Vancouver a leading destination for adventure year-round. While each season offers its own charm, most of Vancouver's celebrated experiences are accessible throughout the year. We recommend a stay of three to four nights, allowing guests to fully immerse themselves in the destination and embrace the vibrant culture of the city.

DECEMBER

Revel in the luminosity of Vancouver's festive season. The city sparkles with magical light displays and events, stretching from Capilano Suspension Bridge to Stanley Park. Be enchanted by the holiday show at FlyOver and find unique gifts at the Vancouver Christmas Market. Wander along Robson Street for shopping and discover the boutiques of Gastown.

JANUARY

Ring in the New Year by attending one of our local national sports teams' games. Experience the energy at a Vancouver Canucks hockey game or the Vancouver Warriors lacrosse matches. Dive into the vibrant arts scene with visits to the Vancouver Art Gallery and Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art, or make your way to Kitsilano to explore waterfront museums.

FEBRUARY

Embrace Vancouver's winter charm with outdoor ice skating at Robson Square and the Shipyards District. Winter activities at Grouse Mountain include ice skating, skiing or snowboarding, and snowshoe tours. February also features the Love Lights at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park and the city's Hot Chocolate Festival.

MARCH

Vancouver's temperate climate often brings an early spring, with blossoms beginning to appear in March. This is an ideal time to cycle the seawall or wander the trails in Stanley Park. Don't miss a visit to the Vancouver Aquarium for an encounter with local marine life, a favorite among visitors of all ages.

>> FAST FACTS



Winter Season

December to March

Average Temperature 1°C (34°F) to 8°C (46°F)



A CITY SITUATED IN NATURE



COMPACT & WALKABLE DOWNTOWN



3 to 4 Nights Recommended

Multicultural City

DIVERSE & VIBRANT CULINARY SCENE



MICHELIN Guide Vancouver
Dine Out Vancouver Festival
Mid-January – early February

TOP 5 WINTER MUST-DOS

City Lights : Illuminate your winter nights in Vancouver with the mesmerizing Canyon Lights at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park and the magical Festival of Lights at Van Dusen Botanical Garden, complemented by the vibrant Lumière event and the enchanting lights of Grouse Mountain.

Food Tours : Explore Vancouver's vibrant food scene through guided tours with Vancouver Foodie Tours, A Wok Around Chinatown, and Taste Vancouver Food Tours. Visit the lively Granville Island market to the historic streets of Chinatown and Gastown's culinary innovations, offering a rich tapestry of flavors and experiences.



Ice Hockey : Immerse yourself in Canada's beloved winter sport by attending a high energy Vancouver Canucks game, where the thrill of hockey ignites the spirit of the city.

Stanley Park : Explore Stanley Park's rainforest trails and the scenic Seawall for unparalleled views of Vancouver. This tranquil 1000-acre oasis is perfect for biking and walking adventures on the edge of the city.

Arts & Culture : Dive into Vancouver's vibrant cultural scene, from the Lunar New Year celebrations and gourmet experiences at the Dine Out Vancouver Festival to exploring rich Indigenous culture through museum exhibits and art galleries.



INSIDER TIP Granville Island is a must-visit destination year-round, offering a particularly tranquil experience in winter. With fewer crowds, it's the perfect time to explore its markets, art galleries, food tours, and artisan shops. Getting there by Aqua Bus or False Creek Ferry provides a picturesque route and scenic tour of False Creek's waterfront.