

Things to Do in Vancouver, BC

The conference venue is well-located within Vancouver and a number of top visitor attractions are only a short walk or cab-ride away.

Nearby Attractions

Vancouver's [Gastown](#) was the city's first downtown core and is a unique, vibrant neighbourhood full of shops, restaurants, and bars. The [Marine Building](#) is listed as among the best art deco buildings in the world. [Stanley Park](#) encompasses 400 hectares of natural West Coast rainforest and offers visitors a wide range of experiences, including: beaches, pitch'n putt, running and cycling trails, restaurants, and the [Vancouver Aquarium](#). Rent a bike at <https://www.vanaqua.org/> or one of the other bike rental companies along Denman Street to explore the park.

The BC Labour Heritage Centre has developed a self-guided [Labour History Walking Tours](#) which you can access by downloading their app. Even if you don't have time for the full tour, you can check out the [We Are All Workers](#) project at the Vancouver Convention Centre, a few short blocks from the conference venue.

There are lots of other options for themed walking tours around Vancouver, both guided ([Activities | Walking Tours in Vancouver \(destinationvancouver.com\)](#)) and self-guided ([10 Self-Guided Walking Tours in Vancouver, Canada + Create Your Own Walk \(gpsmycity.com\)](#)).

Slightly Further Afield

[Granville Island](#) is anchored by the Granville Island Public Market, though the Island is also home to restaurants, bars, artisan galleries, and the Vancouver Island Brewing Company. It is easily accessible via the hop-on hop-off shuttle or by cab or ride-share.

For those not afraid of heights, the [Capilano Suspension Bridge](#) crosses the raging Capilano River to a series of shops and restaurants. [Grouse Mountain](#) offers ziplining, a chairlift to the Peak, wildlife viewing, and hiking (all of which are available after a 10 minute gondola ride to the top of the mountain). Both the Bridge and Grouse Mountain have free shuttles which leave regularly from Canada Place, about five blocks away from the conference venue.

There are lots of nearby neighbourhoods with their own unique charm. Go to Little Italy on [Commercial Drive](#) for espresso, check out the beaches in [Kitsilano](#), or take the [SeaBus](#) from Canada Place to [Lonsdale Quay Market](#) and the [The Shipyards District](#).

Vancouver has a vibrant craft beer scene and many of its breweries are clustered in East Van, either Strathcona or Mount Pleasant. Check out [Vancouver Craft Breweries](#) for a full list, along with maps, or go to [CRAFT Beer Market](#) in Olympic Village to try them all in one spot.

Consider buying a day pass or booking a sightseeing cruise on the [False Creek Ferries](#), which offers water taxi service between [Science World](#) at the tip of False Creek and the [Museum of Vancouver](#) in Vanier Park, with stops at Olympic Village and Granville Island.

Hop-On, Hop-Off Shuttle

The Vancouver City Hop-on Hop-off tour bus picks up passengers right at the conference venue and provides access to seven points of interest around Vancouver: Canada Place, Gastown, ChinaTown, Robson Street, False Creek, Granville Island Public Market, and Stanley Park. See [Vancouver City Hop-on Hop-off Tour with Two Route Options 2023 \(viator.com\)](#) for more information about the service, the route, and to reserve tickets.

