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Welcome Message

On behalf of the City of Vancouver, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our queer-friendly city.

Vancouver and British Columbia have long been one of the most progressive jurisdictions anywhere in establishing equal rights for all of our citizens, including same sex marriage, which was legalized here in July 2003.

In addition to being the host city to the 1990 Gay Games, the 1996 International AIDS Conference, the 2004 International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association's annual convention, the 2008 Inter-Pride Conference, 9th International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Tourism and the 2011 North America Outgames, Vancouver offers a wide variety of gay and gay friendly events year round.

I am delighted you have chosen to visit queer-friendly Vancouver. We invite you to explore our neighbourhoods to experience the many queer specific and world-class amenities we have to offer.

We look forward to the prospect of welcoming you back many times in future.

Sincerely,

Tim Stevenson
Vancouver City Councillor
What’s On

Whether it’s the hottest club scene events, current Pride information, live theatre, or specialty LGBTQ+ extravaganzas, check out Gayvan.com’s What’s On pages to fast track details: www.gayvan.com

OutLookTV
After a decade long hiatus, OutLookTV was resurrected in November 2011 and is a queer magazine-style show which brings LGBTQII+ stories to air in Vancouver and across Canada. After airing on TV, all episodes are then uploaded to YouTube, where they can be enjoyed by audiences around the world. http://outlooktv.ca

Vancouver Pride Parade & Festival
2017 marks the 39th annual Pride Celebrations in Vancouver, which now attract estimates of hundreds of thousands of people to the Pride Parade, and tens of thousands to the live music, exhibits, food venues and beer garden at the Pride Festival @Sunset Beach, following the Parade. Our front cover gives a quick view of the festivities. Details: www.vancouverpride.ca

Coronation
The Dogwood Monarchist Society, the Mother Court of Canada, produces the spectacular Coronation Ball each year in March. 2017 marked the 46th year this spectacular glam event was held in Vancouver. Congratulations and best wishes to Empress 46 Jane Smokr and Emperor 46 Tommy D, for continued success in 2017. We heard rumours that 2018 may return to The Commodore Ballroom. www.mothercourt.ca/Coronation.html
RUBBOUT Weekend
Rubbout weekend will celebrate 27 years in 2018, with a wide range of events and activities, including the infamous Gear Swap, Puppy Play Parties and more. Check out dates and times: www.rubbout.com

Vancouver Queer Film Festival
This annual world-class event features LGBTQ+ focused film from around the globe. Festival passes or individual screening tickets are available, August 10–20, 2017. Visit their web site for details: www.queerfilmfestival.ca

RUFFparty and Mr. RUFF
MN Events produces the RUFF party series and the Mr. RUFF contests in Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle. Partial proceeds go to support local non-profit organizations. A full schedule of events can be found at: www.mnevents.ca

Lesbian Events
Several lesbian production companies produce an ongoing series of lesbian-specific events year-round, including the Chicks Ahoy Boat Cruise, Chicas and Hershe Bar events. Further upcoming event details and links to lesbian event production companies can be found at: www.gayvan.com/whatson2/lesbian

STRUT 2017
STRUT Vancouver is an annual walk-a-thon that raises funds to support the Foundation of Hope’s efforts towards charities that actively support LGBTQ+ refugees & newcomers. “A Mile in Heels is Easier than a Lifetime in the Closet”. Find out more on the Facebook page for STRUT 2017.

Vancouver Men’s Chorus
Vancouver Men’s Chorus events are tradition for many in Vancouver, with an annual series of concerts, and other activities the non-profit association holds each year. Visit: www.Vancouvermenschorus.ca

Queer FM Radio Network
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BOLDFest
BOLD, the producer of BOLDFest is a non-profit society whose mission is to "raise the visibility of older lesbians, and to provide a venue to meet and to share information and opportunities for learning, networking, and organizing." Details: www.boldfest.com

Tickets Tonight
Tickets Tonight is your one stop shop for entertainment access. It's Vancouver's only Day-Of Half-Price ticket outlet, as well as a full Ticketmaster outlet for regular advance tickets. Get tics at the Tourism Vancouver Visitor Centre, 200 Burrard Street, or visit www.ticketstonight.ca for today's half-price shows.

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Bars & Pubs

Vancouver’s LGBTQ+ community has a thriving bar, pub and nightclub scene, offering a diverse mix of events and spaces for everyone.

Whether you enjoy a relaxing afternoon pub atmosphere, an open-air outdoor patio, a view of the never ending street action, or a state-of-the-art club scene, Vancouver has it all. The following pages offer a glimpse of what’s available in world-famous Davie Village. Locations are highlighted on our Maps on pages 11 and 25.

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Bars & Pubs

Celebrities
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Numbers
Numbers Cabaret is a multi-level Levi style bar with live DJs, dance floor, pool, darts and specialty theme nights, including Karaoke Box nightly. Vancouver’s longest operating gay club is still going strong after more than 37 years, with big screen monitors and recently updated sound and lighting systems. 1042 Davie Street, 604.685.4077 www.numbers.ca (See ad page 7)

PumpJack Pub
The PumpJack is a great place to stop for a cold one while exploring Davie Village. After a major renovation and expansion, they now offer numerous leather/fetish specialty nights, special Patio Days and a dancefloor, with multiple large screens and big sound. Sunday Keggers are legendary. 1167 Davie Street, 604.685.3417 www.pumpjackpub.com

The Junction
Enjoy daytime and early evening cocktails with a full pub menu while lounging on the expansive outdoor patio, then head inside for some of the hottest nightclub action in town. Weekly shows feature Vancouver’s top female impersonators and popular DJs spin nightly with state-of-the-Art sound and lighting until 3 a.m. 1138 Davie Street 604.669.2013 www.junctionpub.com
Fountainhead Pub
Located centrally in Davie Village with a large outdoor street level, heated patio, pool table, video monitors and off sales beer and wine. This upscale pub offers a relaxed atmosphere, with diverse clientele, good food at reasonable prices, friendly attentive staff and great people watching. 1025 Davie Street. 604.687.2222 No Cover www.thefountainheadpub.com

Odyssey
The iconic Odyssey Bar & Nightclub has reopened in a new location with a state-of-the-art lighting and sound system. The revival of Shower Power and ongoing special events featuring some of Vancouver’s hottest DJ’s and entertainers, top off the weekly calendar. Downtown location within easy access of major hotels. Thursday to Saturday from 9 pm. 686 W Hastings Street, 604.408.8802 www.theodyssey.ca

1181 Bar + Lounge
1181 is one of Vancouver’s top boutique lounge spaces centrally located in the Davie Village. This low key hot spot is sleek and beautiful, yet inviting and unpretentious. 1181 features handmade signature cocktails with premium ingredients, as well as a fantastic variety of local and import beers and wines. 1181 Davie Street 604.787.7130 www.1181.ca
H.I.M - Health Initiative For Men
H.I.M. is a community-based organization dedicated to strengthening the health and well-being of gay men. Their approach includes physical, sexual, social and mental health. Five locations; check their web site for details.
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HIM is here for you.
HIM is dedicated to strengthening the health and well-being of gay men.
Davie Village is conveniently located within easy walking access, or a short taxi ride from all major downtown hotels. Vancouver's fabulous sandy beaches, beautiful parks and spectacular natural scenery are also just steps away, making the Davie Village a must-see for visitors and a great place to base yourself, or to start your exploration of LGBTQ+ friendly Vancouver.

Considered by many to be the heart of Vancouver's gay community, this thriving neighbourhood offers a wide range of reasonably priced unique restaurants, outdoor patios, bars and pubs, fashion outlets, hotels and spas, travel agencies, specialty shops, bookstores and more. Home to many of Vancouver's most popular gay pubs, night clubs and dance bars, the Davie Village also offers a popular men's sauna and 24/7 shops and services.

Enhancements to the Village include the now world-famous rainbow crosswalks at the corner of Bute & Davie, which make for unique and colourful selfies and photo ops. Permanent LED strip lighting lines the three blocks of Davie, illuminating the Village with computer programmed light shows, in rainbow colours during pride and additional colours during many seasonal events.

The Heart of Davie Village Public Space Improvement Project is planning ongoing projects to enhance the 2.3 million dollar Jim Deva Plaza area, with year round events, and as a hub for the LGBTQ+ community. Jim Deva Plaza is a living memorial to the late Jim Deva, one of Vancouver's best known gay pioneers and heroes, located just half a block from his beloved Little Sister's Book & Art Emporium. A colourful special speakers corner is also a fitting tribute.

8. West End BIA Office (4F)
   Health Initiative For Men Office (3F)
9. Little Sister's Bookstore
10. Samurai Japanese
11. F212 Steam
12. Fmunity Office
Vancouver’s West End is a dynamic part of the stunning downtown peninsula, home to three great commercial streets, high density residential dwellings, gorgeous sandy beaches and some of the city’s best restaurants, shopping, nightlife and accommodations.

Vancouver’s vibrant West End is one of the city’s most cosmopolitan neighbourhoods, in a unique urban setting on a stunning peninsula that forms downtown Vancouver. Bordered by gorgeous sandy beaches with palm trees on two sides, Stanley Park on another, and the shining glass towers of downtown to the northeast, the West End is a must-see part of any visit to Vancouver.
Winning the #1 title spot of Great Neighbourhood in the fifth annual Great Places of Canada competition, and Best Neighbourhood in Best of the City in 2016, along with Vancouver being consistently named the most livable city in North America, makes the West End definitely a fabulous place to be.

Within easy access of all major downtown hotels, and home to a number of hotels itself, the upper Davie Street area is home turf for Davie Village, the world-renowned 24/7 hub for Vancouver’s LGBTQ+ community, offering a great selection of pubs, nightclubs, restaurants, shops and services.

Lower Davie Street and Denman Street converge on the edge of spectacular English Bay and Stanley Park. Grab a spot on one of the sunny patios overlooking the bay and relax under Canada’s largest outdoor stretch of palm trees. Stunning sunsets highly recommended.

As Denman Street meets Lower Robson Street, you will find yourself in yet another fascinating world to explore, with delicatessens, bakeries, pizzerias, noodle shops and a wide range of Asian-inspired eateries. Also a great place to rent a bike to explore the area.

Large scale world-class annual events in the West End include the Vancouver Pride Parade and Festival, celebrating 39 years in 2017, as well as the Honda Celebration of Light international fireworks competition, which will feature Japan, the UK and Canada on feature nights in 2017.

The West End Community Plan for neighbourhood improvements is ongoing throughout the area, with recent additions including the Lumiere Festival, the festive Trolley Tour, and an ongoing calendar of events in Jim Deva Plaza.

To find out more about this intriguing part of Vancouver’s colourful mosaic, be sure to visit the West End Business Improvement Association web site: www.westendbia.com
Granville Island is a unique, highly recommended part of the Vancouver experience, within easy access of the downtown core and Davie Village. You can easily spend a full day exploring this fascinating urban oasis, or visit several times during your stay, as it is home to theatres, numerous one-of-a-kind galleries, specialty boutiques, large public market, shops, restaurants, pubs, buskers, fantastic scenery and more. You can also base yourself here at the luxurious Granville Island Hotel.

Getting to and from the Island can be a fun and scenic experience in it's own right; via the Aquabus or False Creek mini-ferries, by car or public transportation over the Granville Street bridge, or hop aboard The Vancouver Trolley, which includes Granville Island as a popular stop on their city tours.

Granville Island
Detailed Information on Granville Island
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Granville Island (1812 Boatlift Lane)
Kitsilano Beach (North End of Beach)

A. CMHC - Granville Island
B. Granville Island Hotel
C. Vancouver Water Adventures
Gastown

Made up of proudly independent, totally authentic, and uniquely stylish businesses that are driven to create and share what they love, Gastown delivers unique experiences and offers one-of-a-kind products to discerning visitors.

Vancouver’s roots are in Gastown, where Gassy Jack opened his first saloon back in 1867. Fast-forward to 2017 to what is now one of the city’s most interesting and vibrant areas that still has its edge, with upscale boutiques, unique stylish restaurants, art galleries, and creative new entrepreneurs, who are transforming this dynamic part of town.

Gastown’s most famous landmark is the The Gastown Steam Clock, which during the day is a popular tourist stop and world-renowned photo opportunity. By night this exciting area shifts gears to become an entertainment centre, with a wide selection of bars, nightclubs and live music venues.

Designated a National Historic Site in 2009, Vancouver’s historic heart is the epicenter of independent design, culture, food and fashion, Gastown delivers one-of-a-kind experiences to visitors and locals alike.

Gastown Business Improvement Society
Discover the Original Vancouver: Gastown is the historic and cultural heart of Vancouver, and its epicentre of independent thought and creative spirit. Home to talented professionals passionate about sharing their craft and skills, Gastown crackles with energy. Its dynamic streetscape, cutting edge boutiques and design stores, one-of-a-kind galleries, and local food scene make it Canada’s coolest neighbourhood.

A destination for design and fashion, Gastown is a place where art and commerce merge. It is also a place where people like to hang out at night and is quickly becoming the social hub of Vancouver. To find out more about Gastown’s 55 restaurants, bars & cafes or the 100 plus retail stores, visit: www.gastown.org.
Gorgeous beaches, fabulous mountain backdrops, stunning city views, year-round gardens, and many attractions of interest, are just some of the reasons Stanley Park is a popular destination for LGBTQ+ Vancouverites and visitors alike. Twenty-seven kilometers of forest trails crisscross this amazing park, making for a seemingly out-of-the-way hike, within a major urban setting. Many have also chosen to exchange vows in the park, whether with a small outdoor ceremony by the sea, or a full-service catered event with all the trimmings.

Highlights of the 1001 acre park include the stunning 8.8 km Seawall around the park, The Vancouver Aquarium, Lost Lagoon, First Nations Totem Poles, Second Beach Pool, Third Beach, Beaver Lake, Lions Gate Bridge, The Stanley Park Miniature Train, Stanley Park Horse Drawn Tours, Theatre Under The Stars, Brockton Athletic Fields, Pitch and Put, Brockton Point Cricket Club, The Vancouver Rowing Club, the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Stanley Park Pavilion and more.

Tall Douglas Fir, Western Red Cedar and Sitka Spruce are among the magnificent tree species that give a natural feel to this urban oasis. Garden enthusiasts can also enjoy spectacular Rhododendron and Azalea hybrids in the Ted and Mary Greig Rhododendron Garden and the Stanley Park Rose Garden right next to the Stanley Park Pavilion is a must see.

Wildlife is another fascinating feature of Stanley Park, where you can see raccoons, ducks, turtles and even the occasional coyote. All the squirrels you will see are descendants of eight pairs from New York’s Central Park, which arrived back in 1909. We even saw a playful-looking otter frolicking freely on rare ice that formed for a few weeks this past winter, and there is ample
evidence of busy beavers at work, all around the perimeter of Lost Lagoon.

Stanley Park is also the setting for one of the largest Great Blue Heron colonies on the continent, and photographers gather each spring when they return to nest in the park, adjacent to the public tennis courts.

Kudos over the years include; "Top Urban Park in the World", "Best City Park", "Most Beautiful Park" and more. See for yourself; explore this "Jewel of Vancouver", via the stunning Seawall, by bike or car, boat or trolley, horse drawn carriage, or on one of the many guided tour excursions offered throughout the park.
Dining

LIFT Bar & Grill
Lift Bar & Grill's breathtaking location on the waterfront is just one reason to stop by this stylish and elegant West Coast style hot spot. Extraordinary Urban Dining options, Signature Cocktails, Whet Plates and stunning views are all part of the experience. Relax and unwind in several chic indoor settings, or on one of their gorgeous outdoor decks. 333 Menchions Mews, 604.689.5438  www.liftbarandgrill.com

Forage
Casual, comfortable and affordable, Chef Chris Whittaker's Forage celebrates all things BC. Forage loves working to create community. Whether it's a West End cause or part of the burgeoning movement committed to farm to table fare, Forage is there. 1300 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC, V6E 1C5 604.661.1400  www.foragevancouver.com
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Dining

Samurai Japanese Restaurant
Some of the best sushi this side of Tokyo is served up in this small, family owned and operated shop. Huge portions of home-style Japanese fare and the largest sushi we have ever seen, offered at unbelievable prices. They also offer their menu as a convenient takeout service. Call ahead and pick it up minutes later, or stop by to order in person. Situated in the heart of the Davie Village. 1108 Davie Street. www.samuraisushi.ca 604.609.0078

De Dutch Downtown
Originally started as a Dutch Pannekoek House in 1975, De Dutch now has 23 restaurants, with more on the way and a diverse menu that offers something for everyone. The popular West End location is on Lower Robson Street and is packed every year as the Pride Parade goes by and the Canada Place location is right at the seawall. 1-1725 Robson St. 604.687.7065 or 60-1055 Canada Place, 604.647.7530 dedutch.com

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Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art

The Bill Reid Gallery is named after Bill Reid (1920–1998), the acclaimed Haida master goldsmith, carver, sculptor, writer, spokesman and one of Canada's greatest artists. The Gallery is devoted to understanding and appreciating contemporary Aboriginal art of the Northwest Coast. 639 Hornby St. 604.682.3455 billreidgallery.ca

Vancouver Artgallery

Housing a permanent collection of more than 10,000 artworks and featuring an ongoing rotation of world-class visiting exhibitions, the Vancouver Artgallery is a must-see stop for locals and visitors to Vancouver. Visit their website for full details on current and upcoming events. 750 Hornby St. 604.662.4719 vanartgallery.bc.ca
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Beaches

Vancouver is blessed with a series of sandy beaches on the shores of the Pacific, within walking distance, or an easy commute of the downtown core. Nine major beaches of note are of interest to Vancouverites from all walks of life, and range from those with spectacular scenery, eateries and watersports, to North America’s largest naturist beach. In this edition, we are featuring three beaches closest to downtown, as well as a special mention on the naturist beach, with map listings for the remaining five.

English Bay Beach
Located at the westernmost end of Davie Street, just down the hill a few blocks from Davie Village, English Bay is home to a number of stylish restaurants, the Stanley Park Seawall, street vendors, a concession, washrooms, kayak rentals, swimming raft with large slide, two volleyball courts, seasonal lifeguards, and sixty-six palm trees, the largest stretch in Canada. A great place for catching a sunset under the palms, before heading up the hill for cocktails in the village.

Sunset Beach
Sunset Beach is just steps from residential towers of the West End, and is officially a quiet beach for most of the year, with no amplified sound allowed, making it a fab spot to soak up some rays during the summer months. Things do change up considerably for Pride however, as this is site of the annual Pride Festival at Sunset Beach. Nothing quiet about this day for sure, with vendors and exhibitors of all kinds, beer gardens, a live performance stage, and very large crowds. Spectacular scenery, foot passenger ferry service to Granville Island and beyond, as well as the most amazing sunsets make this a must see stop, especially on August 6 during Pride 2017.

Second Beach
A leisurely fifteen minute stroll northwest along the Stanley Park seawall from the foot of Davie Street, will bring you to Second
Beach. Amenities include a large heated outdoor pool, a cafe, washrooms, playground, picnic shelter, seasonal lifeguards, and easy access to the many trails in the natural rainforest of Stanley Park. A lovely sandy beach makes for delightful pit stop during park explorations, or a destination in itself for catching a few rays.

Wreck Beach
Located just below UBC, Wreck Beach is Vancouver’s world famous clothing optional naturist beach. North America’s largest naturist beach stretches over seven kilometres along the shoreline, with a main sandy beach area, as well as numerous smaller beaches that can be accessed via a system of trails. Large enough to have family friendly areas, mainstream tanning spots, and sections popular with LGBTQ+ tanners. Easily accessed by car, bike, or transit, the only downsides are that it’s somewhat physically challenging to reach, down a steep incline with hundreds of steps, and not wheelchair accessible. Also good to remember you have to climb back up after a day at the beach.
Specialists

Little Sister’s Book & Art Emporium
Everything from exotic to erotic can be found at Little Sister's Book & Art Emporium. A cornerstone of Vancouver's LGBTQ+ community for decades, Little Sister's has a wide selection of LGBTQ+ literature, as well as all the latest Pride gear. 1238 Davie Street, 604.669.1753 littlesisters.ca

Topdrawers
Gear For Men features a large selection of designer underwear, swimwear and activewear from around the world in its small shop on Davie St. (at Howe). Topdrawers celebrates its 25th anniversary (and 14th online) this year! 809 Davie Street, 604-684-4861 www.topdrawers.com

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Vancouver is the starting point for many international travellers, but is also the main transportation hub for visiting other exciting destinations within the province, and beyond. Many visitors also opt for a Two Nation Vacation when visiting the region, by including Seattle in nearby Washington State, and their neighbouring state of Oregon.

**Whistler Blackcomb**
Whistler Blackcomb, voted North America’s top ski resort for many years, is located within two hours of downtown Vancouver. 2018 will mark the 26th Anniversary of the Whistler Pride and Ski Festival, with eight days, multiple events, and three thousand-plus guys and gals. Always a spectacular lineup of guest performers, it’s a good idea to check for updates well in advance of 2018, and grab your tickets as soon as possible. The Gayvan.com team has visited this fabulous festival for many years and have already got plans in place for 2018. See our Whistler pages for more.

**Victoria**
British Columbia’s capital city, Victoria, is located on the southernmost tip of spectacular Vancouver Island, just a short Helijet, floatplane, catamaran or commercial flight from Metro Vancouver. Pride celebrations kick off on Canada day, and the festivities are getting bigger and better every year. Now celebrating over a week of annual Pride festivities, with a dramatic backdrop of wonderful Victorian architecture, excellent hotels, and fab restaurants, Victoria is a great addition to any visit, or an amazing destination in its own right. Check our Victoria section for additional details.
Kelowna
Kelowna, the largest city on stunning Okanagan Lake, is within easy access of Vancouver and Victoria, and has a thriving LGBTQ+ community that is home base for the annual Okanagan Pride Festival. This popular annual multi-day event continues to see growing support from the local community in terms of partnership and attendance, with many returning events and some fun new twists.

Seattle
Celebrating 43 years of Pride in 2017, Seattle is considered by many Vancouverites as our sister city across the border. Year round travel both ways is convenient and fun for the LGBTQ+ community, with Seattle Pride being a big draw every year, but also for quick weekend getaways, shopping excursions, and more. Our Seattle pages have more information and links of interest.

Cannon Beach
Oregon is a popular destination for Canadians from all walks of life, and also a great destination to include for visitors to the Pacific Northwest. Cannon Beach is part of the spectacular Oregon Coast, and a photographers dream. Stunning seascapes complement full service amenities, great regional wine and beer, and a fine selection of accommodation options. Visit our Cannon Beach pages to find out more.

Further Adventure
Other fascinating adventure destinations include the lush rainforests of Haida Gwai, the magnificent Kootenay Rockies and the vast wilderness of Northern B.C., to name a few. Vancouver-based Pacific Coastal Airlines, the sixth largest airline operating out of YVR, offers regularly scheduled flights and charters to 65+ destinations throughout the province.

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Whistler & Pemberton

Whistler Blackcomb, the world renowned, world-class ski resort located within two hours of downtown Vancouver.

Whistler Blackcomb is world-class in every sense, with fabulous accommodations, excellent restaurants and pubs, a thriving nightlife and shopping galore. What is not as commonly known is that Whistler is fast becoming famous as a full service, year round destination, featuring world class golf courses, river rafting, horseback riding and a multitude of other exciting outdoor adventures.
Whistler Pride & Ski Festival
The festival offers a robust programming schedule that includes daily Après Ski (Happy Hour) social events, early evening programming like Comedy Shows, and late night parties like the themed Cowboy Party, to genre specific parties for the Bears, Lesbians and Circuit Boys. Something for everyone; the only thing that is missing is you! For more information visit: www.gaywhistler.com

Pemberton
Located just north and west of Whistler Village, Pemberton BC, in the beautiful Pemberton Valley, offers great alternate accommodation options to those in Whistler. Travel east of the Village to Mt. Currie, Lillooet Lake, and Ivey Lake.

Pemberton’s year-round adventure offers everything from world-class golfing, mountain biking, horseback riding and jet boating in summer, to Heli-skiing, alpine skiing and snowboarding in winter.

Pemberton Valley Lodge
Short and long-term stays are welcome in this mountain inspired setting. This Pemberton hotel has been voted #1 in the region and offers upscale amenities and spacious, beautifully appointed guest suites. Its proximity to Whistler makes it easy to access the hustle and bustle of the world-class mountain village, but a quick retreat back to the calm oasis of Pemberton. 1490 Portage Rd. Pemberton, BC, 1.877.894.2800 www.pembertonvalleylodge.com

Whistler Village Inn + Suites
Whistler Village Inn & Suites, one of downtown Whistler’s favourite hotels, offers two side-by-side lodges and the perfect mix of value and location. Shops, restaurants, nightclubs and the Gondolas for Whistler and Blackcomb mountains are all less than a two-minute walk away. Relax in any style with a choice of hotel rooms, lofts and suites overlooking Whistler village. 4429 Sundial Place, Whistler, 604.932.4004, 1-800-663-6418 www.whistlervillageinnandsuites.com

Even the most adventurous need a good retreat.

Pemberton Valley Lodge is a spacious all-suite hotel with personalized service in a spectacular setting. It’s urban style and comfort meets mountain adventure getaway.

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Victoria
British Columbia's Beautiful Capital City

British Columbia's capital city, Victoria, is located on the southernmost tip of spectacular Vancouver Island, just a short HeliJet, floatplane, catamaran or commercial flight from BC's lower mainland region, Metro Vancouver, and Washington State. You can also reach this delightful, cosmopolitan island destination via car, coach, ferry, international flight, or even as part of an incredible whale watching adventure from downtown Vancouver. A new upscale, downtown Vancouver to downtown Victoria catamaran service is also launching in 2017.

Victoria is known for its old-world charm, decidedly British flavour, world-class hotels, decadent dining, wine, seafood, and some of the best microbreweries on the west coast. Dramatic architecture surrounding the world-famous Inner Harbour, designed by Francis Rattenbury, near the turn of the 19th century include the magnificent BC Legislative Buildings, the Crystal Garden, and the Fairmont Empress Hotel.

Other highlights include; a wide range of visitor attractions, antique shopping, art galleries, great outdoor adventure travel, second highest number of restaurants per capita in North America and gardens, gardens, gardens!

Victoria is also home to the Royal BC Museum, one of the foremost cultural institutions in the world. Housing British Columbia's provincial museum and archives, the RBCM also offers a state-of-the-art IMAX Theatre, is host to ever-changing exhibits of interest and the Royal BC Museum and BC Archives website is a great resource.

The rainbow flag is flown proudly in Victoria, front and centre on the Legislature grounds.
Victoria Pride Society
The rainbow flag is flown proudly in Victoria. A relatively small, but active LGBTQ+ scene includes one main LGBTQ+ nightclub and several mainstream clubs that host LGBTQ+ and Pride events in the downtown core. Visit their web site for more. www.victoriapridesociety.org

for Pride. Pride festivities in Victoria now span over ten days, including a colourful parade with over 100 entries, and a large outdoor festival, with vendor booths, beer gardens, and two live performance stages. A relatively small, but active LGBTQ+ nightlife scene includes one main nightclub and several mainstream clubs that host LGBTQ+ events in the downtown core. A year-round calendar of events include community events, fundraisers, theatre, drag extravaganzas, and more. Pride events kick off on Canada Day, July 1, with the Parade and Festival on Sunday July 9, and they are expected to be bigger and better than ever as they celebrate 23 years of Pride in 2017.
The Fairmont Empress Hotel
Inner Harbour location, in the heart of it all
721 Government Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1W5  1.800.441.1414
www.fairmont.com/empress

The Parkside Hotel & Spa
Located in the heart of downtown Victoria
810 Humboldt St. Victoria, BC, V8V 5B1
1-855-616-3557 www.parksidevictoria.com

10 Acres Restaurants
The Bistro, The Commons and The Kitchen are three distinct dining establishments with the same passion to provide Victoria's finest dining experience while promoting organic produce and ethically raised, hormone free livestock from their own 10 Acres Farm. The farm is located on the Saanich Peninsula.

10 Acres / Kitchen - 614 Humboldt
250.385.4512, 10acreskitchen.ca

10 Acres / Bistro - 611 Courtney
250.220.8008, 10acresbistro.ca

10 Acres / Commons - 620 Humboldt
250.940.0735, 10acrescommons.ca
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Seattle

The striking, dramatic skyline of downtown Seattle frames the shoreline of Elliot Bay in the beautiful Puget Sound region of Washington State. This bustling urban metropolis of over 2.7 million people has a relaxed, west coast, gay-friendly attitude, and is home to a thriving, visible LGBTQ+ community.

Estimated to have the second largest LGBTQ+ population per capita in the USA, the focal center of LGBTQ+ life in Seattle is known as the Capitol Hill district, overlooking the downtown core. Capitol Hill has a charming residential area, and is home to an eclectic mix of trendy shops, restaurants, bars, pubs and dance clubs.
Celebrating 43 Years of Pride, the theme for the Seattle Pride Parade in 2017 is "Indivisible". Official Seattle Out and Proud events kick off with the Volunteer Park Pride Festival on June 10, culminating with the Seattle Pride Parade on June 25. Route is from the corner of Union St. and 4th, along 4th Avenue to the Seattle Center.

Seattle Pridefest 2017, #TogetherWeRise, "The largest Free Pride Festival in America" includes the Capital Hill Pride Festival March and Rally on June 10, and PrideFest Seattle Center on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

Seattle is also hosting National Pride March Seattle on June 11, in conjunction with marches all across the country on the same day a national march is taking place in Washington, DC. People will join the march to speak out, and rally for LGBTQ rights, dignity, safety, and progress in 2017 and beyond.

http://www.seattlepride.org
http://www.seattlepridefest.org
http://www.capitolhillpridefestival.info
Many Vancouverites, as well as international LGBTQ+ visitors to our region, will include Oregon as part of their itinerary, and a visit to spectacular Cannon Beach is highly recommended.

"National Geographic Magazine named Cannon Beach "one of The World's 100 Most Beautiful Places" in their June 2013 issue. That comes as no surprise to those who have experienced the miles of scenic sandy beach with dramatic shoreline rock formations like Haystack Rock. Cannon Beach offers the perfect setting for a refreshing stroll, a warm gathering around a beach fire or exploring the Oregon Coast’s remarkable natural areas. There are dozens of public beach accesses that offer passage to this scenic wonderland. In addition to the unbeatable view from the beach, Cannon Beach offers easy access to several great viewpoints and natural areas, like nearby Ecola State Park with its unforgettable vistas, to enjoy the stunning scenery of the Oregon Coast." www.cannonbeach.org

Portland
For many visitors, Portland is Oregon's largest urban centre and starting point for their adventures. With a metropolitan area of approximately 2.4 million, Portland is known as a city of neighbourhoods. This thriving urban metropolis offers a diverse range of experiences within its easily walkable downtown core. Extensive bike paths wind between an amazing mix of parks, coffee houses, microbreweries, bars, pubs, and one-of-a-kind eateries.

Home to a thriving LGBT club scene, and a wide range of community organizations, Pride Portland celebrates the rainbow with 10 Days of Pride, kicking off on June 9, 2017 and culminating with the Portland Pride Parade and Pride Festival on June 17, 2017.

Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce
The Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce is your premier Oregon Coast tourism and vacation information destination. Stop by the Visitor Center, or their official website to find everything you need to know. 207 N Spruce St, Cannon Beach, OR 97110, USA +1.503.436.2623 www.cannonbeach.org
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LGBTQ+ Resources:
Qmunity: 604.684.5307
www.gayvan.com
www.tourismvancouver.com
www.vancouverpride.ca

Airlines:
Air Canada: 604.688.5515
Air China: 604.685.0921
Air France: 1.800.667.2747
Air Transat: 1.877.872.6728
Alaska Airlines: 1-800-252-7522
American Airlines: 1.800.433.7300
Cathay Pacific: 604.214.1180
Continental Airlines: 1.800.231.0856
Delta Airlines: 1.800.221.1212
Harbour Air: 604.688.1277
Horizon Air: 1.800.547.9308
Japan Airlines: 1.800.525.3663
KLM Royal Dutch: 1.800.225.2525
Lufthansa: 1.800.563.5954
Pacific Coastal Airlines: 1.800.663.2872
Qantas Airways: 1.800.227.4500
United Airlines: 1.800.241.6522
Westjet: 1.800.538.5696

Event Tickets:
Little Sister’s (GLBT): 604.669.1753
Tickets Tonight: 604.684.2787

Sightseeing Tours:
Vancouver Trolley Co.: 604.801.5515
AAA Horse & Carriage: 604.681.5115
Gray Line of Vancouver: 604.879.9287
Helijet International: 604.270.1484
Landsea Tours: 604.669.2277

Transportation:
AMTRAK: 1-800-872-7245 (To Seattle)
Quick Coach: 604.940.4428 (To Seattle–SeaTac)
Airport Super Shuttle: 604.594.3333
Vancouver Airporter: 604.946.8866
Helijet: 1.800.665.4354 (To Victoria)
Pacific Coach Lines: 604.662.8074 (To Victoria)
Pacific Coastal Airlines: 1.800.663.2872
BC Ferries: 1.888.223.3779
Translink: 604.953.3333

Taxis:
Black Top/Checker: 604.683.4567
Vancouver Taxi: 604.871.1111
Yellow: 604.681.1111

Regional Information:
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Destination BC: 604.660.2861
Downtown Ambassadors: 604.698.4357
Tourism Vancouver: 604.682.2222
Tourism Vancouver Isl.: 250.754.3500
Tourism Victoria: 250.953.2033
Tourism Whistler: 604.932.0606
Seattle Metronatural: 206.461.5800
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Pronouns: He, Him

Favourite Vancouver Neighbourhood:
Davie Village

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