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Welcome!

Welcome to Vancouver, British Columbia, and the beautiful Pacific Northwest region.

We are delighted to provide you with current information and details on LGBTQ2+ events and celebrations in the region, along with an eclectic mix of organizations, businesses and services that support and welcome our community, year-round.

In this seventeenth annual edition, we will highlight some of Vancouver’s annual LGBTQ2+ community events and festivals, media, attractions, galleries, beaches, restaurants, and of course pubs, bars and nightclubs. Detailed maps will help you find your way around popular neighbourhoods of interest, including Granville Island, Gastown, The West End, and world-renowned Davie Village, considered the heart of LGBTQ2+ Vancouver by many.

Our list of LGBTQ2+ welcoming hotels gives you a wide range of choice in accommodation, whether you’re here for a night, a weekend, or an extended stay. We invite you to call them with the numbers provided, or review them online which will let you book with them directly, for the best available rates.

Beyond Vancouver you can explore the wonders of Victoria, Whistler, Seattle and Cannon Beach, to name a few. Easy transportation access lets you extend your vacation throughout the region, or get to know it better if you live here.

Enjoy!
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

RUFF & RUFF Black
Re-occurring Dance Parties for MEN of all ages, colour and sizes with live DJ's & Gogo Dancers. Hosted at The PINT in Gastown and Celebrities Underground in the Davie Village. Listing of Events and Information at RUFFparty.com
RUFF - Where Sexy is Standard Since 2012!

Coronation
The Dogwood Monarchist Society, the Mother Court of Canada, produces the spectacular Coronation Ball each year in March. 2019 marked the 48th year for this spectacular glam Vancouver event. Congratulations and best wishes to Emprex 48 Alma B Itches and Emperor 48 Del Stamp. https://dmsvancouver.com
OutLookTV
After a decade long hiatus, OutLookTV was resurrected in November 2011 and is a queer magazine-style show which brings LGBTQQQII+ stories to air across Canada on the OUTtv network and streaming on OUTtvGo. All episodes are then uploaded to YouTube online, where they can be enjoyed by audiences around the world. http://outlooktv.ca

RUBBOUT Weekend
Rubbout weekend will celebrate 29 years in 2020, 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

CruiseyT Pride Cruises
Celebrating 28 years in 2019, these fabulous gay party cruises feature specialty themed cruises, with top DJ's, Dinner and full bar service. CruiseyT's adventures are highly recommended! Full schedule for 2019 and booking details are available at cruiseyt.com

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
"LGBTQ+ Radio, made in Vancouver and stuffed into the ear-holes of the world! Live streaming and pod cast on www.citr.ca, or listen live in Vancouver on 101.9 FM, Tuesdays from 8AM - 10:30AM PST."
What’s On

FlyOver Canada
The ultimate flying ride experience, FlyOver Canada delivers an awe-inspiring trip across Canada from coast to coast, utilizing state-of-the-art technology to reveal some of Canada’s most awe-inspiring sights, as well as exciting seasonal special adventures. Conveniently located at Canada Place in the heart of downtown Vancouver. www.flyovercanada.com (see Ad P.2)

Vancouver Pride Parade & Festival
2019 marks the 41st 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. Festivities take place on August 4, 2019. Details: www.vancouverpride.ca

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. Check the Tourism Vancouver Visitor Centre, 200 Burrard Street for today’s deals, or visit www.ticketstonight.ca

Kater ride-hail app
Kater is a BC based technology company creating innovative transportation solutions. Kater has successfully operated for 3 years as an app connecting users with personal drivers for their own vehicles and is now bringing ride-hail services to the province. The Kater Ride-hail app allows users to request a ride from their smartphone and be matched with a driver within 5 minutes. With top priorities being safety and customer service, the Kater app was designed to create a superior user experience and improve transportation for British Columbians. Visit: www.kater.com to download (see Ad P.2)
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 15–25, 2019. Visit their web site for details: www.queerfilmfestival.ca

Queer Arts Festival (QAF)
QAF 2019 rEvolution - June 17 – 28, 2019
QAF is an annual artist-run professional multidisciplinary arts festival in Vancouver, BC. www.queerartsfestival.com

Lesbian Events
Several lesbian production companies produce an ongoing series of lesbian events year-round. Event details and links can be found at: www.gayvan.com/whats-on2/lesbian

STRUT 2019
STRUT Vancouver is an annual walk-a-thon that raises funds to support the Foundation of Hope’s efforts towards charities that support LGBTQ+ refugees & newcomers. Find out more on the Facebook page for STRUT 2019.

What’s On
Theatre, Art, Bars, the hottest LGBTQ+ Events in town, and more!

gayvan.com
Bars & Pubs

Vancouver’s LGBTQ+ community has a thriving bar, pub and nightclub scene

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 and other venues around town. See our Maps on pages 13 and 25.

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 39 years, with big screen monitors and recently updated sound and lighting systems. 1042 Davie Street. 604.685.4077 www.numbers.ca
Fountainhead Pub
Located centrally in Davie Village with a large outdoor street level, heated covered 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 www.thefountainheadpub.com

Celebrities
This landmark nightclub features the largest dance floor in Davie Village, state-of-the-art sound and lighting equipment, and a line up of visiting international DJs. New for 2019, Celebrities Underground will be host to RUFF Pride and RUFF Black special events. Check their web site for upcoming Headliners and their full Pride 2019 schedule. 1022 Davie Street. www.celebritiesnightclub.com
Bars & Pubs

The Pint Public House
This popular sports bar, located on the edge of Gastown near Chinatown is well known for wings, burgers, steaks and more. The Pint is also home to a number of LGBTQ+ events throughout the year. Bring their ad along with this guide to get 50 percent off your food tab. 455 Abbott Street 604.684.0258 www.thepint.ca

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

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 levi/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 West End
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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, 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.

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.

Large scale world-class annual events in the West End include the Vancouver Pride Parade and Festival at Sunset Beach, as well as the Honda Celebration of Light international fireworks competition, which will feature India, Canada and Croatia on separate nights in 2019.

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
Davie Village

Davie Village is conveniently located in downtown Vancouver's West End, within easy walking access, or a short public transportation trip from all major downtown hotels. Vancouver's fabulous sandy beaches, beautiful parks and spectacular natural scenery are also just steps away, making Davie Village a must-see for visitors and a great place to base yourself, or to start your exploration of LGBTQ2+ 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, Davie Village also offers a popular men's sauna and 24/7 shops and services throughout the year.

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. The retro Davie Village sign, located beside the Community Gardens near the east village entrance on Davie Street is another fab photo op, for visitors to the village.

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 LGBTQ2+ 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 speaker's corner is also a fitting tribute to Jim.
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. 310-1033 Davie St. Vancouver BC, V6E 1M7 604.488.1001 www.checkhimout.ca
Granville Island

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,

Vancouver Water Adventures
Water sports equipment rental service, with two locations in Vancouver. 604.736.5155
www.vancouverwateradventures.com
Granville Island (1812 Boatlift Lane)
Kitsilano Beach (North End of Beach)
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 its own right; via the Aquabus or False Creek mini-ferries, by car or public transportation over the Granville Street bridge, or hop aboard one of the trolley buses, which include Granville Island as a popular stop on their city tours.

Granville Island
Detailed Information on Granville Island
Tel: 604.666.5784 www.granvilleisland.com

Granville Island Hotel
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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 to this popular downtown destination.

Vancouver's roots are in Gastown, where Gassy Jack opened his first saloon back in 1867. Fast-forward to today 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 word-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.

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. https://gastown.org
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 web site for full details on current and upcoming events.

750 Hornby St. 604.662.4719 vanartgallery.bc.ca

FEATURE EXHIBITIONS 2019
For a complete list of exhibitions visit: vanartgallery.bc.ca

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Alberto Giacometti: A Line Through Time is organized by the Salzburg Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia in collaboration with the Vancouver Art Gallery.
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. Popular with locals, you never know who you will see there. Situated in the heart of the Davie Village. 108 Davie Street. www.samuraisushi.ca 604.609.0078

La Belle Patate
La Belle Patate is proud to make authentic Québécois cuisine that even the most proud Francophones would approve of (plus they ensure that their curds always have that fresh squeak). They actually have 38 varieties of Poutine with tasty toppings, and also serve Montréal smoked meat sandwiches, authentic steamed hotdogs and the best Quebec beer that would do any Canadian hungry man (or woman) proud. 1215 Davie Street, 604.569.1215 westcoastpoutine.wixsite.com/labellepatatevan
Mary’s on Davie
The all-new Mary’s on Davie—the evolution of a classic Vancouver diner, reinvented for 2018. After an extensive renovation, a bold new design concept, and a fantastic new menu, Mary’s on Davie is a fabulous food and drink destination for locals and visitors alike. Part upscale neighbourhood diner, part sassy brunch spot, and 100% part of the community, Mary’s on Davie is a place where everyone’s a little bit Mary. 1202 Davie Street, 604.687.1293
www.marysondavie.com

Nando’s Davie & Howe
The Nando’s restaurant experience is a unique combination of warm Portuguese hospitality, hot flame-grilled chicken and, of course, the famous PERi-PERi flavour. Minha casa e sua casa, or in English, our home is your home, and you, your family and friends will always enjoy a warm welcome at Nando’s. Seasonal patio overlooks Davie Street. 828 Davie Street, 604.687.1217
nandos.ca
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, 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. Their amazing wine list is a tasteful BC adventure in its own right. 1300 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC, V6E 1C5 604.661.1400 www.foragevancouver.com

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*Westender, Spring 2015.
**Davie Dosa Company**
This popular South Indian Restaurant showcases Dosas, a unique specialty from the Indian subcontinent, in the heart of Vancouver’s Davie Village. Davie Dosa Company brings an exotic culinary experience of traditional Southern Indian cuisine, curries and craft cocktails to this vibrant neighbourhood. Sharr, the Director of Operations oversees all of the delicious details, just steps from the iconic rainbow crosswalks. 1235 Davie Street, 604.669.5899 www.daviedosacompany.com

**Italian Tomato Restaurant**
This authentic Italian restaurant, serves up excellent traditional dishes that will satisfy your cravings, and are always made fresh. They have over a decade of experience creating delectable meals including Lasagna, Cannelloni and other specialty dishes at their Richmond location, and opened their stylish new Davie Street location in the spring of 2019, right in the heart of the village. Over a dozen pastas and almost 40 sauces are on offer and the portions are amazing. 1047 Davie Street, 604.687.0055 http://italian tomato.ca

**Guu Davie Izakaya**
Featuring two popular Japanese authentic nabemono hot pots, Shabu Shabu and Oden, Guu Davie offers these authentic Japanese comfort dishes, as well as favourites such as karaage and sashimi. This brand new location opened in Davie Village in February, 2019, and uses the freshest local ingredients with Japanese traditional culinary techniques that make you feel “Guu’d”! 1239 Davie Street, 604.687.8890 https://guu-izakaya.com/location/#Davie
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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. A great starting point for a visit to Davie Village.
1238 Davie Street, 604.669.1753 littlesisters.ca

F212 Steam
Canadian owned and operated, F212 is the only gay/bi men's sauna located right in Davie Village. Clean modern facilities include Vancouver’s largest hot tub, full gym equipment, wet steam room, video rooms, coffee bar and more. Just steps from the bars and pubs on Davie.
1048 Davie St., 604.689.9719 F212.com
Specialists

Clubcard Printing
High quality printed materials and design services for the business, arts and non-profit communities. Check out their Gastown location, or visit them online. 81 West Cordova Street, 604.801.6364 http://clubcard.ca

Steamworks Baths Vancouver
Steamworks is a private men's gym, sauna, bathhouse for men 18 and older. Part of the Steamworks Baths chain, offering all the amenities you would expect and more, including live DJ's and special events. Open 24 hrs. 123 W Pender Street, 604.974.0603 www.steamworksbaths.com/vancouver

Topdrawers
Underwear and Swimwear for Men! A huge selection of fashion boxers, briefs, jocks by PUMP, Gregg, N2N and many more underwear designers at low Canadian prices. Their stylish shop on Davie Street (at Howe) showcases activewear from around the world. 809 Davie Street, 604-684-4861 www.topdrawers.com
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 4 during Pride 2019.

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.

1. English Bay Beach
2. Sunset Beach
3. Second Beach
4. Wreck Beach
5. Third Beach
6. Kitsilano Beach
7. Jericho Beach
8. Locarno Beach
9. Spanish Banks Beach
Vancouver
Accommodations

Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown
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www.holidayinnvancouverdowntown.com

Wall Centre Hotel
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www.wallcentre.com
Fairmont Waterfront
Steps from the Cruise Ship Terminal
900 Canada Place Way,
Vancouver, BC, V6C 3L5
1 866 540 4509
http://www.fairmont.com/waterfront-vancouver/

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www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yvrdv-delta-vancouver-suites

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www.parkinn.com/vancouverca
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. 2020 will mark the 28th 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 2020, 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 2020. 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 in early July, and we have watched the festivities get 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 Kelowna 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 45 years of Pride in 2019, Seattle is considered by many Vancouvers 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 a 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.

Pacific Coastal Airlines
Pacific Coastal Airlines provides regular schedule, charter, and cargo services to 65+ destinations in British Columbia, more than any other airline. Vancouver International Airport – South Terminal, 4440 Cowley Crescent Unit 204, Richmond, B.C. V7B 1B8 1.800.663.2872
www.pacificcoastal.com/gay-friendly-vancouver

Cannon Beach is a magical part of the spectacular Oregon Coast, and a photographers dream. Stunning seascapes complement full service amenities, great regional wine and beer, and a great 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 Gwaii, 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.
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

Whistler Pride & Ski Festival
The festival offers a robust programming schedule that includes daily Guided Skiing, Après Ski (Happy Hour) social events, early evening programming like Comedy Shows and the Splash Pool Party, as well as late night parties like the Furrocious Party and the fabulous Snow Ball, to name a few. Something for everyone; the only thing that is missing is you! For more information visit: www.gaywhistler.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

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, Lilooet Lake, and Ivey Lake.

Pemberton’s year-round adventure offers every-thing 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

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.

Victoria is known for its old-world charm, decadently British flavour, world-class hotels, decadent dining, wine, seafood, and some of the best microbreweries on the west coast. Dramatic architecture surrounds 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, gorgeous beaches, thriving arts, theatre and concert schedules, the second highest number of restaurants per capita in North America, a couple of authentic castles, 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. New for 2019, the Royal BC Museum will be co-hosting a Night Shift: Pride event at the museum on Saturday, July 6, in cooperation with Atomique Productions and the Victoria Pride Society.
The rainbow flag is flown proudly in Victoria, front and centre on the Legislature grounds 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. As well as 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 now also take place in the weeks leading up to Pride, and the Victoria Pride Parade and Pride Festival are being held on Sunday July 7. Festivities are expected to be bigger and better than ever as they celebrate 26 years of Pride in 2019.

The Oswego Hotel
Convenient downtown location, steps from Inner Harbour
500 Oswego Street, Victoria, BC, V8V 5C1
250.294.7500 or 1.877.767.9346
www.oswegohotelvictoria.com

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
Victoria

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. https://10acres.ca

10 Acres / Kitchen
614 Humboldt, 250.385.4512
https://10acres.ca/kitchen

10 Acres / Bistro
611 Courtney, 250.220.8008
https://10acres.ca/bistro

10 Acres / Commons
620 Humboldt, 250.940.0735
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Experience the unique flavours of each of our three locations.

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Victoria Pride Society
The Victoria Pride Society’s mission is to inspire full inclusion within the Pride Community and society at large through visibility, collaboration, ongoing conversation, and celebration. They envision a world free of discrimination, violence, and ignorance, in which all people, through education, equality, and safety are empowered to lead full, authentic lives. Visit their website for more. www.victoriapridesociety.org

Victoria Map
1. 10 Acres Restaurants
2. Fairmont Empress Hotel
3. The Oswego Hotel
4. Paparazzi Nightclub
5. Tourism Victoria Visitor Centre
Seattle

R Place
Events and shows all through the week, including Thirsty Thursdays, Transcendence, Therapy, Homo Hop, Karaoke Nights, Seattle's all-star cast of Lashes and the hottest Go Go Dancers! 619 East Pine Street, Seattle 1.206.322.8828 www.rplaceseattle.com www.facebook.com/rplaceseattle www.instagram.com/rplacecapitolhill

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, LGBTQ+ welcoming 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.

The theme for the Seattle Pride Parade in 2019 is "Stonewall Uprising and 45 Years of Seattle Pride". Official Seattle Out and Proud events kick off with the Volunteer Park Pride Festival on Saturday, June 8, culminating with the Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday, June 30. Route is from the corner of Union St. and 4th, along 4th Avenue to the Seattle Center.

Pridefest Seattle Stonewall 50th Anniversary is celebrating all of June 2019. Regarded as the largest free Pride Festival in America, PrideFest Capital Hill is on Saturday, June 29 and PrideFest Seattle Center is on Sunday, June 30.

https://www.seattlepride.org
http://www.seattlepridefest.org
http://www.rplacesseattle.com

SEATTLE MAP
1. R Place
2. Seattle Center
3. Capitol Hill Pride Festival March & Rally
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. http://www.cannonbeach.org

The Gayvan.com team experienced a fabulous visit, complete with summer-like temperatures in spring and an amazing house with veranda overlooking a magical stretch of stunning Cannon Beach. Check out Beachcomber Vacation Rentals for a wide range of options to experience this yourself!

**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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cannonbeach.org
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Dial 911 TDD/TTY; dial 911 and press space bar until answered.

Canada Customs:
Telephoning: 1.800.461.9999
*All Vancouver numbers are 10 digits, including area code (604).

LGBTQ+ Resources:
Qmunity: https://qmunity.ca
www.gayvan.com
www.tourismvancouver.com
www.vancouverpride.ca
H.I.M.: www.checkhimout.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
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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

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Celebrity Cruises: 1.800.338.4962
Disney Cruise Lines: 1.800.951.3532
Holland America Line: 1.877.932.4259
Norwegian Cruise Lines: 1.866.234.7350
Princess Cruises: 1.800.774.6237
Royal Caribbean: International 1.800.762.0585
Crystal Cruises: 1.888.722.0021
Oceania Cruises: 1.855.623.2642
Regent Seven Seas Cruises: 1.888.213.4740
Silversea Cruises: 1.954.906.6473

Transportation:
Kater ride-hail app: www.kater.com
AMTRAK: 1-800-872-7245 (To Seattle)
Go Airport Shuttle: 773-363-0001
Quick Coach: 604.940.4428: (To Seattle–SeaTac)
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:
Tourism Visitor Centre: 604.683.2000
Destination BC: 604.660.2861
Downtown Ambassadors: 604.698.4357
Tourism Vancouver: 604.692.2222
Tourism Vancouver Isl.: 250.754.3500
Tourism Victoria: 250.953.2033
Tourism Whistler: 604.932.0606
Visit Seattle: 206.461-5800
Stephanie Goodwin
Executive Director, Out On Screen
Pronouns: She/Her
Identifies as: Queer

Favourite Vancouver Neighbourhood:
Hastings - Sunrise/East Village

“A lot of us as we grow up, we feel a little out of place... I felt like it was easy to integrate into society here, it was easy to belong.”

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