



Want to explore False Creek on  
your way to Granville Island?  
Take an Aquabus mini ferry

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# THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT GRANVILLE ISLAND

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- 1 Commuting via Aquabus (page E5) or False Creek Ferries (page E6).
- 2 SeaVillage, a charming collection of floating homes.
- 3 Browsing for fresh produce, bread and seafood in the Granville Island Public Market (page 32).
- 4 Spotting orcas with Wild Whales Vancouver (page 81).
- 5 Ocean Concrete, the oldest and largest tenant on the island. It's been there since 1917.
- 6 Edible Canada at the Market (page 88), with its fresh regional fare on the menu, plus foodie tours and a gourmet artisan retail shop.
- 7 Watching buskers perform: musicians, jugglers, magicians and more.
- 8 Hand-pressed, hand-bottled sake from Artisan SakeMaker (page 38).
- 9 Splashing around in the Granville Island Waterpark (page 80).
- 10 Watching artisans hard at work in their studios.
- 11 Trying on all the chapeaus in the Granville Island Hat Shop (page 33). Beret or bowler? Pill box or pork pie? Top hat or toque? So many choices.
- 12 Biting into a truffle, Empress Square or Victoria Cream from Rogers' Chocolates (page 31). This Victoria company has been crafting scrumptiously sweet treats since 1885.
- 13 Letting tots and tykes spend their allowance on toys, puppets and books in the Kids Market (page 40).
- 14 Finding a souvenir for Fido or Fluffy at Woofles & Meowz (page 38).
- 15 Browsing through all the latest releases in Blackberry Books (page 30).
- 16 Picking up a bottle of BC vino from Liberty Wine Merchants (page 38).
- 17 Laughing until our stomachs hurt at the improv antics of the Vancouver Theatresports League (page 81).



Granville Island Public Market

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- 18 Spotting otters or seals swimming around False Creek.
- 19 Singing along to rock 'n' roll hits of the '50s in *Red Rock Diner*, at the Granville Island Stage (to Aug. 2; page 76).
- 20 Handcrafted brooms from The Granville Island Broom Company (page 40).
- 21 Getting t-shirts, aprons and pillows personalized at Make (page 35).
- 22 Feeling good while picking up fair trade knickknacks from Ten Thousand Villages (page 36).
- 23 Feasting on fresh seafood at The Sandbar (page 104) while admiring the unparalleled view.
- 24 Indulging in \$4 drinks at Cats Social-house (page 90).
- 25 Choosing the perfect brolly or parasol at The Umbrella Shop (page 40). Vancouver's sunshine often comes in liquid form, even in the summer.
- 26 Meeting local growers at the Granville Island Farmers' Market (page 32) every Thursday.
- 27 Dining on the expansive patio of Bridges (page 102).
- 28 People-watching along the seawall: strollers, joggers, cyclists and more.
- 29 Watching Nemo and all his friends swimming around the 15-m (50-ft) wraparound aquarium inside Dockside Restaurant (page 106).
- 30 Cutting into a juicy tenderloin or rib eye at The Keg Steakhouse & Bar (page 105).
- 31 Trying to choose which one of the exquisite hand-painted scarves to purchase in Alarte Silks (page 32).
- 32 *Finding Joy*, Laurie Rolland's exhibition of clay teapots, cups and saucers, and wall pieces at Circle Craft Shop and Gallery (page 45).
- 33 Admiring yachts and sailboats moored in the marina.
- 34 Browsing through all the Sid Dickens wall tiles at Gigi B. (page 37).
- 35 Trying on handcrafted sparklers at Michael Dean Jewellery (page 37).



Dockside Restaurant boasts  
a spectacular patio



Granville Island overflows with fun activities, but wee ones always choose the Kids Market



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- 36 Elbowing through the crowds of stationery lovers to find the perfect pen or Moleskine notebook at The Original Paper-Ya (page 38).
- 37 Finding a unique souvenir at New-Small & Sterling Studio Glass (page 46).
- 38 Exploring the ocean on a paddle board or Jet Ski with Vancouver Water Adventures (page 80).
- 39 Practising mountain pose and upward-facing dog while looking out at ocean views from the sun-filled Semperviva Yoga studio (page 36).
- 40 Learning to kayak with Ecomarine Paddlesport Centres (page 79).
- 41 Checking out all the contemporary art at Charles H. Scott Gallery (page 45) in Emily Carr University of Art + Design.
- 42 Sampling all the beer at the Granville Island Brewing Company (page 101).
- 43 Sipping an organic, fair trade coffee at AGRO Cafe (page 90).
- 44 Picking up perfect picnic fare at Oyama Sausage Company (page 92).
- 45 Working up a sweat at the False Creek Community Centre.
- 46 Celebrating Canada Day (page 70) and the final day of the TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival (page 74), Jul. 1.
- 47 Having a tarot card reading at the Granville Island Psychic Studio (page 40).
- 48 Admiring the panoramic views at Whet Kitchen-Bar-Patio (page 90).
- 49 Listening to live music at the Backstage Lounge (page 81).
- 50 Sitting outside on a sunny day—but keeping an eye on the overly friendly seagulls who like to steal lunches. **w**