

# The Guide to **SHOPPING**



## Handmade with Love

Who can resist the cute creations from Bamboletta? A labour of love for owner Christina Platt, who moved to Vancouver last year, along with her team of more than 35 women who work from home on Vancouver Island, the small company handcrafts each one-of-a-kind doll using high-quality natural fabrics that are sourced locally as much as possible. Stuffed with local wool, the dolls sport colourful hair made from raw yarns that are hand-dyed and hand-spun. Despite price tags of up to \$375, Bamboletta dolls have become so popular that they often sell out within minutes. Don't fret: new ones appear on the website every Friday at noon, plus at random times on Mondays and Wednesdays. Find your child's new favourite bedtime companion at [www.bamboletta.com](http://www.bamboletta.com).—*Sheri Radford*

### WHERE TO SHOP

**ABERDEEN CENTRE** The many new-to-North America retailers make this centre worth the drive to Richmond. Purchase sushi ware, snacks, stationery, household supplies, and toiletries from a variety of Asian-influenced stores. 4151 Hazelbridge Way,

Richmond. 604-270-1234. [www.aberdeencentre.com](http://www.aberdeencentre.com) & **Map 3: E2**

### GRANVILLE ISLAND PUBLIC MARKET

This covered market is brimming with vendors selling jewelry, art, baked goods and gifts. Find fresh produce, seafood and meat

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products from local farmers, as well as preserves and kitchen supplies. Food court. M-Su 9 am-7 pm. 1689 Johnston St. 604-666-5784. [www.granvilleisland.com/public-market](http://www.granvilleisland.com/public-market) & **Map 6: B2**

### LONSDALE QUAY MARKET & SHOPS

Browse 80 vendors, specialty shops and restaurants, as well as a fresh food market and children's play area, at this waterfront shopping destination. Open daily. Market 9 am-7 pm. Retail shops 10 am-7 pm. Closes at 6 pm on Su. Restaurants: open later. 123 Carrie Cates Court, near the SeaBus terminal in North Vancouver. 604-985-6261. [www.lonsdalequay.com](http://www.lonsdalequay.com) & **Map 4: C4**

### MCARTHUR GLEN

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