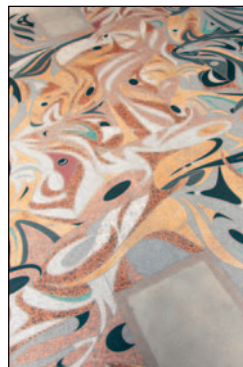


Treasures from around the world fill the Museum of Anthropology



PHOTOS (THIS PAGE AND OPPOSITE) BY KKLAW

INDOOR ESCAPES

When the weather outside is less than perfect, it's time for inside adventures **BY JENNIFER PATTERSON, SHERI RADFORD AND KRISTINA URQUHART**

FOR ART LOVERS

Art aficionados exercise the right side of their brains at the stately Vancouver Art Gallery (page 29), which often stages large exhibitions of Matisse, Renoir, da Vinci and other masters. Get the most out of your visit with gallery tours every Thursday and Sunday, or wander the cavernous halls on your own to discover BC legends such as Emily Carr and Jack Shadbolt. Head out to the University of British Columbia campus for the Museum of Anthropology (page 29), which houses 38,000 indigenous artifacts from around the world, including a range of Northwest Coast First Nations totem poles. On your way back into town, pop into more than 20 art spaces on South Granville's Gallery Row (listings start on page 30) to see everything from contemporary abstracts to historical landscapes by members of the Group of Seven. Nearby, lose track of time watching glassblowers at work in the studio at Robert Held Art Glass (page 30). Finish up your culture crawl balancing

cocktail and palette while you explore your inner Picasso at Raw Canvas (page 65), the city's only tapas-and-art lounge.—KU

FOR SHOPAHOLICS

Give your wallet a workout at Pacific Centre's (page 18) myriad stores, from high-end boutiques to budget-friendly chains, such as H&M (page 21), Apple (page 20), Sephora (page 18), Michael Kors (page 22) and Gap (page 21). The attached Holt Ren-



Chapters on Robson Street



Vancouver Aquarium

frew (page 21) and The Bay (page 19) are worth spending an hour—or four—perusing. Escape the bustle of downtown and shop till you drop at nearby mega-malls Metropolis at Metrotown (page 17), Oakridge Centre (page 17), Richmond Centre (page 18) and Park Royal (page 18). Still have money to burn? Purchase an eye-catching broly from The Umbrella Shop (page 26), then hit the pavement on Robson Street (page E4) for five-star window-shopping. J. Crew (page 21), Zara (page 22) and Club Monaco (page 21) await rainy-day dodgers. Afterwards, cozy up with a new book or magazine from multi-level Chapters (page 18) and give your feet—and wallet—a break.—JP

FOR KIDS

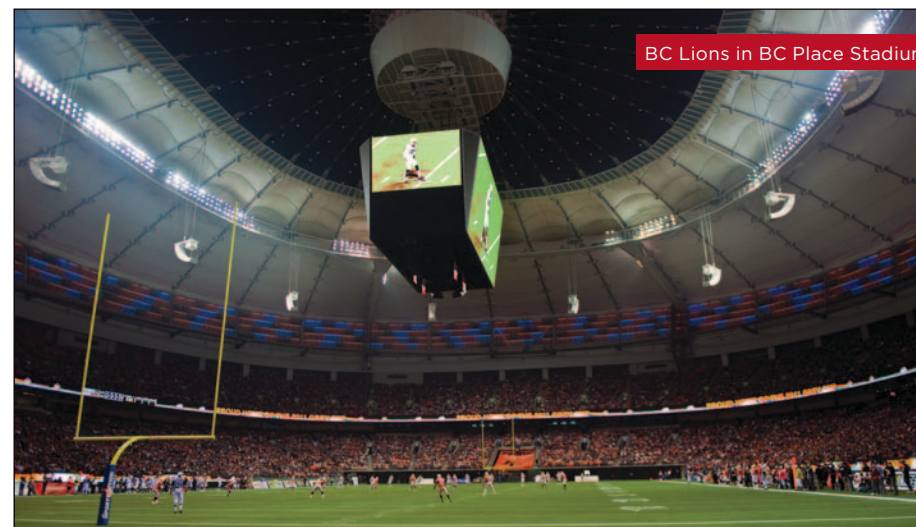
They may be the littlest ones in the car, but tots and tykes can sure make a big noise when they're not entertained. Banish boredom at Science World at Telus World of Science (page 59), where kids have so much fun with hands-on exhibits that they don't realize how much they're learning. Take the family to the Vancouver Aquarium (page 59) in Stanley Park

to see everything from beluga whales and African penguins to sloths and scarlet ibises. Make sure to snap lots of photos, then stop by Make (page 24) on Granville Island to create unique souvenirs by transferring those images onto t-shirts, pillows and aprons. Kids can even design their own buttons and shirts.—SR

FOR SPORTS FANS

Hockey lovers cheer on our local NHL team, the Vancouver Canucks (page 57), in Rogers Arena and scoop up souvenirs at the Canucks Team Store (page 26), or head to the Pacific Coliseum to watch the Vancouver Giants (page 57) WHL team in action. Prefer the gridiron? Head to BC Place Stadium, home of the BC Lions football team (page 57). The stadium, which reopened last year after a renovation to install the world's largest cable-supported retractable roof, also houses the Vancouver Whitecaps soccer team (page 57). Year-round, the BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum (page 59) beckons with its interactive exhibits, tributes to local heroes Terry Fox and Rick Hansen, and Vancouver 2010 Gallery, where you can relive Olympic glory.—SR

PHOTOS: VANCOUVER AQUARIUM BY HANS SIPMA; BC PLACE STADIUM COURTESY BC PAVILION CORPORATION (PVC); CANUCKS TEAM STORE AND THE KEG BY KK LAW



BC Lions in BC Place Stadium



BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum



Canucks Team Store

FABULOUS FIREPLACES

On a chilly evening, nothing compares to a fireside meal in an elegant eatery. Here are 10 of our favourites.

- » Altitudes Bistro (page 68).
- » Bacchus Restaurant and Lounge (page 68).
- » The Boathouse Restaurant (page 72) on Kits Beach.
- » Cardero's Restaurant Marine Pub (page 72).
- » The Fish House in Stanley Park (page 73).
- » The Keg Steakhouse and Bar (page 74) in Yaletown.
- » La Terrazza (page 70).
- » The Sandbar (page 73).
- » The Teahouse (page 67).
- » Yew Restaurant + Bar (page 73). **W**



The Keg in Yaletown