



A stroll through downtown's magnificent Stanley Park

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## 25 THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT

# Summertime

## IN VANCOUVER

As the temperature rises, so does our passion for this sun-kissed city

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- 1 Long evenings that end in glorious sunsets.
- 2 Kayaking, canoeing, dragon boating, stand-up paddle boarding and any other water-based activity.
- 3 Spending a leisurely morning at a farmers' market (page 36).
- 4 The abundance of outdoor festivals (page 70).
- 5 Seeing orcas in the wild on a whale-watching adventure (page 82).
- 6 Dining on a patio overlooking the ocean.
- 7 Taking a dip in an outdoor swimming pool or the ocean—or, for the truly adventurous, at clothing-optional Wreck Beach.
- 8 Playing beach volleyball.

An orca breaching in the wild



The Sandbar's spectacular patio



Kayaking at Jericho Beach



- 9 Alfresco shows at Bard on the Beach (to Sep. 24; page 75) and Theatre Under the Stars (Jul. 6 to Aug. 20; page 76).

- 10 Hiking and mountain biking the mountains of North Vancouver.

- 11 Packing a picnic lunch—or grabbing a takeaway meal from a food cart—and strolling along the seawall, pausing to admire the spectacular views.

- 12 Watching Vancouver Whitecaps soccer (page 75), Vancouver Canadians baseball (page 75) and BC Lions football (page 75), and cheering for the home team.

- 13 Stanley Park (page 79). This huge green space in the heart of the city is appealing at any time of year, but especially in the summer.

- 14 Seeing Vancouver from the air on a flightseeing tour (page 80).

- 15 Defying gravity on the rides at Playland (page 76).

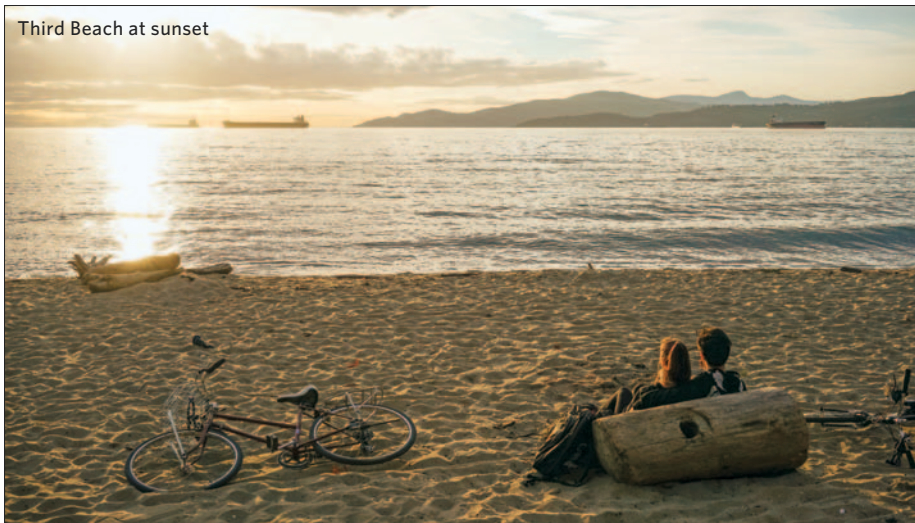
- 16 Outdoor movies at the Evo Summer Cinema Series (page 70) in Stanley Park.

- 17 Visiting Grinder and Coola, the resident grizzly bears at Grouse Mountain (page 81).

Bird's-eye views, thanks  
to Harbour Air Seaplanes



Third Beach at sunset



Beach volleyball at Kits Beach



Cycling past the totem poles in Stanley Park

- 18 Watching fireworks light up English Bay during the Honda Celebration of Light (Jul. 23, 27, 30; page 70).
- 19 Eating outside on Granville Island (page N3)—and avoiding the dive-bombing seagulls!
- 20 All the rainbow flags flying during Vancouver Pride events (page 70), culminating in the colourful parade and seaside festival on Jul. 31.
- 21 Cycling around the city.
- 22 Playing a round of golf at one of the many picturesque courses (page 81).
- 23 Watching the dolphin show at the Vancouver Aquarium (page 77).
- 24 Cooling off with an ice cream cone or gelato (page 99), preferably a double (or triple) scoop in a waffle cone.
- 25 Doing yoga on the beach at sunrise. There's no better way to greet the morning. **w**