

RCMP Veterans' Association – Vancouver Division City Tour & Transfer May 27th, 2012



Vancouver City Highlights Tour + Transfer to Cruise Terminal Sunday May 27th, 2012

Pick up location: Empire Landmark Hotel, Robson Street, Vancouver
Time: 10AM – duration approx 3.5 hours
Cost: \$45

The AGM Organizing Committee along with their partner Expedia CruiseShipCenters Coquitlam has organized a City Highlights tour with a transfer to the cruise terminal. An excellent way to experience the highlights of Vancouver and a convenient way to start your AGM 2012 Cruise. The tour will finish at the cruise terminal where you'll embark the beautiful Celebrity Century. While we take care of checking in your luggage, you will be able to board and enjoy a beautiful buffet lunch.

Highlights of our tour:

Robson Street: We begin on Vancouver's most famous shopping street. Watch for its upscale clothing and shoe stores, restaurants, hotels, gift and souvenir shops, hair salons and candy stores. It also boasts two Starbucks that face each other from opposing corners.

English Bay: On to the trendy West End, English Bay is an ideal place to swim (in summer), stroll or watch the boats and the world go by. Famous with locals for its sunsets and the annual Fireworks competition held at the end of July and the beginning of August.



Stanley Park: One of the largest urban parks in North America, Stanley Park is 1000 acres of rain forest, beaches, gardens and fun. The tour includes a stop at Totem Park where you can wander among totem poles and, at Prospect Point, where you'll have a wonderful view of the Lions Gate Bridge, Burrard Inlet and the beautiful North Shore Mountains. Your tour will parallel the Stanley Park seawall, one of Vancouver's most popular place to walk, ride a bike or rollerblade.

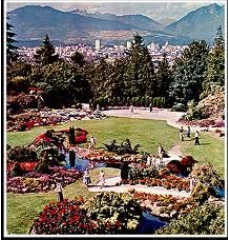


The Entertainment District: Then pass by the Queen Elizabeth Theatre home of Vancouver Opera, BC Ballet and Broadway shows, Vancouver's Public Library, an architectural masterpiece that will remind you of the Roman Coliseum, Rogers Arena, home of the Vancouver Canucks and finally BC Place just recently renovated with a new retractable dome.

Chinatown: We'll drive through Canada's largest Chinatown, where you'll pass shops selling paper lanterns, pottery and other exotic gifts as well as Chinese herbs, fresh fruit and vegetables. Get a glimpse of the **Dr Sun Yat Sen Garden**. This full-sized classical Chinese garden is the only one of its kind outside China. Though the garden is small compared to some of Vancouver's other gardens, it provides a sense of serenity, balance and order found in no other Vancouver garden.



Queen Elizabeth Park: Next is Vancouver's Horticultural Jewel! Queen Elizabeth Park is the second most visited park in Vancouver and holds within its perimeters some of the most beautiful public gardens anywhere. Its recreational offerings are diverse ranging from sporty to horticultural and



include golf, tennis, lawn bowling, disc golf, an extensive outdoor arboretum and the indoor Bloedel Floral Conservatory. The seasonally changing and beautifully planted Quarry Gardens astound residents and tourists alike as viewed from the park's upper reaches or from the bottom looking up. Expertly positioned, select ornamental trees and shrubs make this Vancouver's horticultural jewel located practically city-centre

Granville Island: Once an industrial area, Granville Island was redeveloped in the 1970s and the result is a mecca for tourists and locals alike. Browse through the public market, kids market, marina, art studios and galleries, Emily Carr University of Art and Design and many specialty shops. You'll have time to wonder and enjoy some of the shops and galleries before we carry on.

Gastown: Vancouver's oldest neighborhood, famous for its cobblestone streets, steam clock, and quaint shops. Gastown was Vancouver's original downtown core and is named after "Gassy" Jack Deighton, a garrulous British seaman, steamboat captain and barkeep who arrived in 1867 and never left.



Finish by driving by the 2010 Outdoor Olympic Cauldron and arrive at Canada Place home to the Vancouver Convention Centre and Cruise Ship Terminal where you'll board Celebrity Century for your 7 night AGM 2012 cruise to Alaska!