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EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF STEVESTON

There's more than history on the menu in **Steveston Village**, Richmond's charming 'old town' waterfront area. Still, a visit here should always include a trip to the past—especially at two of British Columbia's most evocative heritage attractions.

Start at the fascinating 1894-built **Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site** ①, one of BC's biggest salmon-canning operations until its 1979 closure. Much of the machinery is still in situ, giving the impression the workers have just stepped away for a tea break. Take a guided tour for the full story (1 hour).

Next, stroll the scenic shoreline boardwalk (20 minutes) to **Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site** ②. Here you'll discover some of the gritty stories behind this century-old shipyard complex. Immerse yourself in this captivating boat-building past, but save time to spot the waterfront birdlife, herons included (1 hour).

Back in the village, walk around **Fisherman's Wharf** ③ (30 minutes), where boats regularly roll in to sell their fresh catch. And if you're hungry, descend the ramp to **Pajo's** ⑦ floating open-air eatery, one of Richmond's most popular fish and chip spots. Deep-fried salmon, vinegar-drenched chips and house-made tartar sauce are recommended.

Walk off lunch with a leisurely stroll along **Moncton Street** ④, Steveston's main drag. It is lined on both sides with wood-sided little boutiques and inviting coffee houses. If you're shopping for someone with a sweet tooth back home, don't miss the cornucopia of tempting treats at the **Candy Dish** ⑧.



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MONCTON STREET

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**BLUE CANOE
WATERFRONT
RESTAURANT**

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Give yourself plenty of time to search the side streets—there are bookstores and artisan shops to discover. Here on a Sunday? Don't miss the farmers' market (select Sundays at the **Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site** 1 from October to April or across from the **Steveston Community Centre** 5 from May to September).

The time of year is also key if you want to catch a glimpse of BC's amazing marine life. Whale-watching season runs from April to October here with ever-popular boat tours (3-5 hours) operated from **Fisherman's Wharf** 3 by **Steveston Seabreeze Adventures** 11 and **Vancouver Whale Watch** 12. It's a spine-tingling chance to spot orcas and more in their natural habitats.

If you're back onshore in time—or you're simply looking for an alternative to the whale-watching option—exercise your land legs with a bicycle rental from **Village Bike Rentals** 13 (1-2 hours). Recommended route? Nearby **Garry Point Park** 6 is a lovely greenspace with breathtaking views—perfect for waterfront sunsets. Also popular with kite-flyers, you might even spot a bald eagle or two overhead.

By now, you've likely built up quite an appetite. Drop into Moncton Street's ever-friendly **Tourism Richmond Visitor Centre** to ask for dinner recommendations. Steveston has a full menu of great places to eat, and fresh-caught local seafood is the way to go—consider **Blue Canoe Waterfront Restaurant** 9 or **Catch Kitchen + Bar** 10 (1-2 hours). Wherever you choose to dine, it will be the perfect finale to your Steveston grand tour.



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