

Vancouver

– Little Hong Kong

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Asian-themed shopping mall



Dim Sum Restaurant filled with customers



Chinese Seafood Restaurant

Hong Kong style mike tea is my favorite



Greater Vancouver is the largest city in B.C., and the third-largest metropolitan area in Canada. Many immigrants from Hong Kong made Vancouver their home in anticipation of the transfer of that former colony's sovereignty from the United Kingdom to China. There was increasing number of immigrants from China and Taiwan also. The result is more than 311,935 Chinese-Canadians who now reside in Vancouver (including Burnaby, Richmond, Surrey and Coquitlam), thus making Vancouver the largest concentration of Overseas Chinese in North America.

Shopping Malls

Richmond is home to many Asian-themed shopping malls, most of them along No. 3 Road from Alderbridge Way to Capstan Way. This area is officially termed as the "Golden Village" by Tourism Richmond and includes malls such as Aberdeen Centre, Continental Centre, Union Square, Ethen Centre, President Plaza, Parker Place, and Yaohan Centre. The area makes you feel like you are in Hong Kong.

Chinatown in Vancouver

This is North America's second biggest Chinatown, after San Francisco's. There are lots of interesting markets with many varieties of fresh and dried seafood and mushrooms. You'll also find inexpensive houseware, traditional Chinese medicine, hair stylist, bakery shop and Chinese Cultural Center there. This place is clean, well-organized and located in the central area near Vancouver downtown.

Asian Cuisine

James Barber, an exVancouver food critic, believes that Vancouver has the best Asian food in all of North America, better than San Francisco and New York. I totally agreed with him and you may decide for yourself by comparing some of these excellent restaurants to your favorites back home. You can easily find an excellent selection of Seafood due to its coastal location.

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

As the first Ming Dynasty Scholar's Garden built outside of China, the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden is an architectural maze of walls within walls with an interplay of various-sized courtyards within one another, complemented by an exquisite display of pavilions, halls, bridges and covered galleries. It is conveniently located at China Town. ATM



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