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**P.D.'S HOT SHOP/
SKULL SKATES**
skullskates.com
2868 W 4th Ave
604.739.7796
Kitsilano is home to P.D.'s Hot Shop, the oldest skateboard shop in Canada. Featuring longboards, skimboards, skatepark directories and tide charts.
Mon-Wed 11AM-6PM Thurs-Fri 11AM-7PM Sat 10AM-6PM Sun 12PM-6PM



ROYCE
roycevanancouver.com
2817 W Broadway
604.731.4474
Stand in the test of time. Classic & aesthetically stimulating, our shoes walk the talk.
Mon-Thurs 1030AM-6PM Fri 1030AM-7PM Sat 1030AM-6PM Sun 11AM-5PM



HALO BOUTIQUE
haloboutique.ca
2895 W Broadway
604.568.4266
Halo is a trendy women's boutique that offers reasonably priced fashion. There is something great for everyone here at Halo.
Mon-Sat 10AM-7PM Sun 11AM-6PM



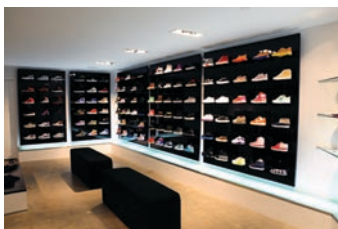
MEI
mei-blog-canada.blogspot.com
2003 W 4th Ave
778.320.5809
Trendy and unique gift ideas all from Japan.
Daily 11AM-9PM



ZULU RECORDS
zulurecords.com
1872 W 4th Ave.
604.738.3232
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Mon-Wed 1030AM-7PM Thurs-Fri 1030AM-9PM Sat 930AM-630PM Sun 12PM-6PM



SITKA
sitkasurfboards.com
1864 W 4th Ave
604.568.9936
Inspired by the West Coast lifestyle, Sitka is a locally designed surfboard, skateboard and clothing company.
Mon-Wed 10AM-7PM Thurs-Fri 10AM-8PM Sat 10AM-7PM Sun 10AM-6PM



LIVESTOCK
deadstock.ca
1709 W 4th Ave
604.568.1444
Livestock's west 4th location is nestled among shops catering to snowboarding and other 'action sports'. That being said, it definitely stands out as the spot to get sneakers and apparel from brands setting the pace in a world of followers.
Daily 11AM-8PM



RAIN BOUTIQUE & SALON
rainhairsalon.com
1544 W 2nd Ave
604.733.7246
Rain is a one-stop beauty and fashion mecca! We provide exceptional hair services and the best in fashionable finds!
Mon 10AM-5PM Tues-Wed 10AM-7PM Thurs-Fri 8AM-9PM Sat 9AM-6PM Sun 11AM-6PM



CURRENT
FASHION COLLECTION
currentfashions.ca
2828 Granville St.
604.733.4177
Current Fashions, a mix of urban trends and classic style, a destination for women of all ages. Proudly made in Vancouver.
Mon-Wed 10AM-6PM Thurs-Fri 10AM-8PM Sat 10AM-530PM Sun 12PM-5PM



HEADQUARTER
headquarterstore.com
1232 Burrard St.
604.688.0406
Premium street wear boutique. Brands: Original Fake, Hysteric Glamour, Whiz, Porter, Rehacer, Militant Pacifist, Carhartt STM, Medicom Toy, etc...
Daily 12PM-8PM



DIPT
getdipt.com
819 Hornby St.
604.688.9980
Vancouver's largest and baddest selection of hip hop streetwear, kicks and fitteds for the past 9 years and the exclusive spot for Vancity original apparel.
Mon-Thurs 11AM-7PM Fri-Sat 11AM-8PM Sun 12PM-6PM



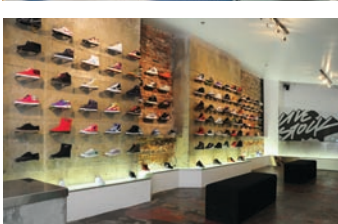
style lab
salon
851 Beatty St.
604.331.6991
\$20 off your first visit with Vancouver's top hair designers Denise, Chris or Winnie. Offer only valid with these 3 designers.
Mon-Sat 10AM-LATE



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funhousetattoo.ca
3001 Cambie St.
604.879.4114
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Daily 12PM-7PM



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pafurniture.ca
159 W Hastings St.
604.255.2089
Modern solutions for sustainable home+work+play environments designed and made in Canada.
Tues-Fri 10AM-6PM Sat 10AM-5PM



LIVESTOCK
deadstock.ca
239 Abbott St.
604.688.1433
With over six years providing Vancouver with rare shoes and clothing from brands sought after worldwide, it's no doubt that Livestock is Canada's premier streetwear and sneaker store.
Daily 11AM-8PM



HAVEN
havenshop.ca
7 Gaoler's Mews
604.488.9398
Hidden in the historical Blood Alley backstreet of Gastown, HAVEN focuses on exclusive Japanese and international men's luxury street clothing.
Mon-Sat 11AM-7PM Sun 12PM-5PM



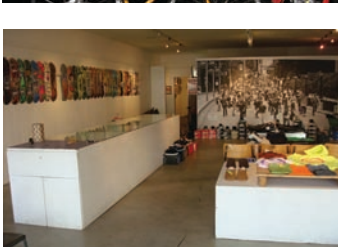
LYNNSTEVEN BOUTIQUE
lynnstevenclothing.com
2250 Carall St.
604.890.0808
LYNNSteven is a contemporary women's boutique showcasing exciting yet accessible fashion from local and international designers.
Mon-Wed 11AM-6PM Thurs-Sat 11AM-7PM Sun 12PM-6PM



GOODFOOT
goodfoot.ca
36 Powell St.
604.806.3613
At Goodfoot Vancouver we carry exclusive mens clothing and shoes. Our feature brands include: Nike SB, RANSOM, Visvim, Adidas, Vans, Supra NS, RANSOM by Adidas and many more.
Mon-Sat 11AM-7PM Sun 12PM-6PM



SUPER CHAMPION
superchampionshop.com
245 Main St.
604.689.3610
Specializing in track bicycles, wheel building, sales, service and repairs. A short walk from Gastown, Super Champion is the bike shop to go to.
Mon-Sat 11AM-6PM Sun 12PM-5PM




ANTISOCIAL SKATEBOARD SHOP
antisocialshop.com
2337 Main St.
604.708.5678
Antisocial skateboard shop and gallery. Established in 2002, since then making sure everybody has a rollerboard ready to go.
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F AS IN FRANK
fasinfrankclothing.blogspot.com
2425 Main St.
604.568.5130
A vibrant and unique collection of classic and new era vintage clothing and accessories.
Sun-Thur 11AM-7PM Fri & Sat 11AM-8PM



DANDELION RECORDS & EMPORIUM
dandelionemporium.blogspot.com
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778.737.7367
A plethora of new and used records, handmade local goods and other wonderful things...
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ARK CLOTHING
2549 Main St.
604.872.1144
The bright colours of Ark's pop-culture imagery offers an eclectic vibe that'll surely be a favourite destination for locals and travellers alike.
Mon-Thurs 11AM-6PM Fri-Sat 11AM-7PM Sun 12PM-6PM



EXHIBIT APPAREL
exhibitapparel.com
2636 W 4th Ave
604.619.7498
New to Main Street, Exhibit Men's Apparel is where boutique becomes bro-tique with stylish yet affordable clothing and accessories.
Tues-Thurs 11AM-6PM Fri 11AM-7PM Sat 11AM-6PM Sun 12PM-5PM Mon Closed



TEMPLE OF THE MODERN GIRL BOUTIQUE
templeofthemoderngirl.blogspot.com
2695 Main St.
778.737.9933
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VANCOUVER SPECIAL
vanspecial.com
3612 Main St.
604.568.3673
Vancouver Special offers a curated selection of local and global objects, books, furniture and gifts with an architectural perspective.
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NOT JUST ANOTHER MUSIC SHOP
njams.net
4119 Main St.
604.733.6526
Over 25 years of new and vintage instrument sales, rentals, lessons and repairs, NJAMS is a Vancouver musician's staple.
Mon-Fri 10AM-9PM Sat 10AM-6PM Sun 11AM-6PM



BLVD SKATESHOP
blvdskateshop.com
1340 Commercial Dr.
604.568.5050
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Mon-Fri 12PM-7PM Sat 11AM-7PM Sun 12PM-6PM

NIGHTLIFE



BARCELONA ULTRA LOUNGE
barcelonanights.ca
1180 Granville St.
604.249.5151
Barcelona is Vancouver's most celebrated premier nightclub. This beautifully designed room lends itself to the boutique style clubs of Las Vegas, Miami and London.
Daily 8PM-3AM



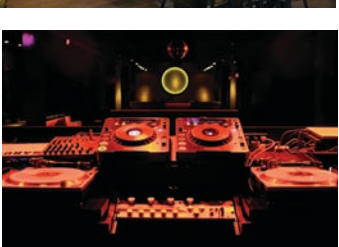
THE MEDIA CLUB
themediaclub.ca
636 Cambie St.
604.698.2871
Live music and DJ lounge, The Media Club is your backstage pass to Vancouver's best DJs and local bands.
Sun-Tues 7PM-1230AM Wed-Thurs 7PM-1AM Fri-Sat 7PM-2AM



SHINE NIGHT CLUB
shinenightclub.com
364 Water St.
604.408.4321
Shine nightclub is Vancouver's premier 2 room dance club. Open 7 nights a week from sports fans to music lovers.
Sun-Thurs 11AM-2AM Fri-Sat 7PM-3AM



LAMPLIGHTER
dhmbars.ca
92 Water St.
604.687.4424
Vancouver's single busiest pub, this Gastown hotspot is all things to all people - from sports fans to music lovers.
Sun-Thurs 11AM-2AM Fri-Sat 11AM-3AM



FORTUNE SOUND CLUB
fortunefoundclub.com
147 E Pender
604.569.1758
From deep within Chinatown comes the rebirth of Vancouver's nightlife in the form of Fortune Sound Club. Innovative design, art, eco-friendly features and the most official Funktion-One sound system.
Daily 9PM-2AM



THE MODERN
themodern.ca
7 Alexander St.
604.647.0121
Gastown's #1 dance club, The Modern has hosted everyone from Peanut Butter Wolf to Wolfgang Gartner.
Mon 10PM-2AM Fri-Sat 10PM-3AM



THE ASTORIA PUB
Join the Astoria Facebook Group
769 E Hastings
604.254.3636
The last truly great East Van bar, The Astoria features karaoke and a variety of live bands and DJs throughout the week.
Mon-Thurs 11AM-1AM Fri-Sat 11AM-2AM Sun 6PM-1AM

FOOD & DRINK



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Organic Delights
organiccafe.ca
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604.733.8308
Serving brunch, lunch, dinner and the best pie in the city! Generous portions, loaded with fresh local organic ingredients in a casual, relaxed cafe atmosphere.
Daily 10AM-930PM



GARGOYLE'S
gargoylesbarandgrill.com
3307 W Broadway
604.733.1159
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Mon-Thurs 4PM-2AM Fri-Sat 1PM-2AM Sun 1PM-1AM



TOMATO FRESH FOOD CAFE
tomatofreshfoodcafe.com
2486 Bayswater St.
604.874.6020
Morning, noon and night the Tomato Fresh Food Café serves up West Coast cuisine using only the freshest local ingredients from the picturesque fields of British Columbia.
Daily 9AM-10PM



MIGZ BBQ
migzbbq.com
2834 W Broadway
604.733.3002
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Daily 11AM-2AM



REGAL BEAGLE
theregaleagle.ca
2283 W Broadway
604.739.0677
Smack-dab in the centre of beautiful Kitsilano, The Beagle is the spot for a pint of beer and a delicious meal among friends.
Mon-Fri 1130AM-2AM Sat-Sun 1030AM-2AM



DAVID'S TEA
davidstea.com
2199 W 4th Ave
604.734.3440
Canada's hottest new tea shop. Come fall in love with one of our 135 premium loose leaf teas.
Mon-Fri 10AM-7PM Sat 10AM-730PM Sun 1030AM-7PM



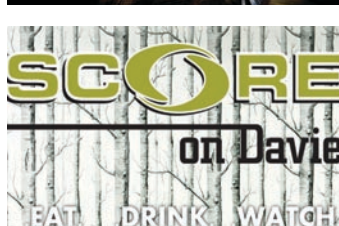
TRANSYLVANIA FLAVOUR
transylvaniamflavour.com
2120 W Broadway
604.730.0880
Homemade, great tasting traditional European cuisine: Schnitzels, Perogies, Cabbage rolls, Goulash, Ossobuco, Knights platter & delicious desserts.
Tues-Fri 11AM-11PM Mon Closed



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604.738.KITS
Year-round oceanfront casual dining, sunset or storm watching, the view offers the perfect backdrop for every occasion from business dinner to fun night out!
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1619 W Broadway
604.733.4141
Modern pub culture on the West side. Contemporary design, pool tables, cocktails, TVs, craft beer and a compact dance floor.
Sun-Thurs 11AM-1AM Fri-Sat 11AM-2AM



SCORE ON DAVIE
scoreondavie.com
1262 Davie St.
604.632.1646
Recently Voted Vancouver's Best Casual Bar, Score offers sports dining and drinking on a whole new level. An absolutely unique venue with an extensive menu make this West-End location a must visit.
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The wholesome & delicious pizza you've been asking for
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604.681.0650
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POURHOUSE
pourhousevancouver.com
162 Water St.
604.568.7022
Pourhouse embraces the simple joys of food, drink & friends - steeped in century old character, nestled in the heart of historic Gastown.
Mon-Sat 11AM-1AM Sun 11AM-Midnight



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thevallartagrill.com
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604.696.9560
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Daily 11AM-11PM



GIGI'S PIZZA & SPAGHETTI HOUSE
yummyweb.com
189 W Broadway
604.873.2696
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150 W 4th Ave
604.879.4468
You're invited! 8 different espressos 'on tap' daily at Vancouver's only espresso tasting bar! A completely new coffee concept.
Mon-Fri 730AM-6PM Sat-Sun 9AM-5PM



BUDGIE'S BURRITOS
budgiesburritos.com
44 Kingsway
604.874.5408
If you are looking for original and creative Mexican-inspired vegetarian fare, Buddies Burritos in the heart of Vancouver's Mount Pleasant is sure to create an unmissable eating experience.
Daily 12PM-10PM



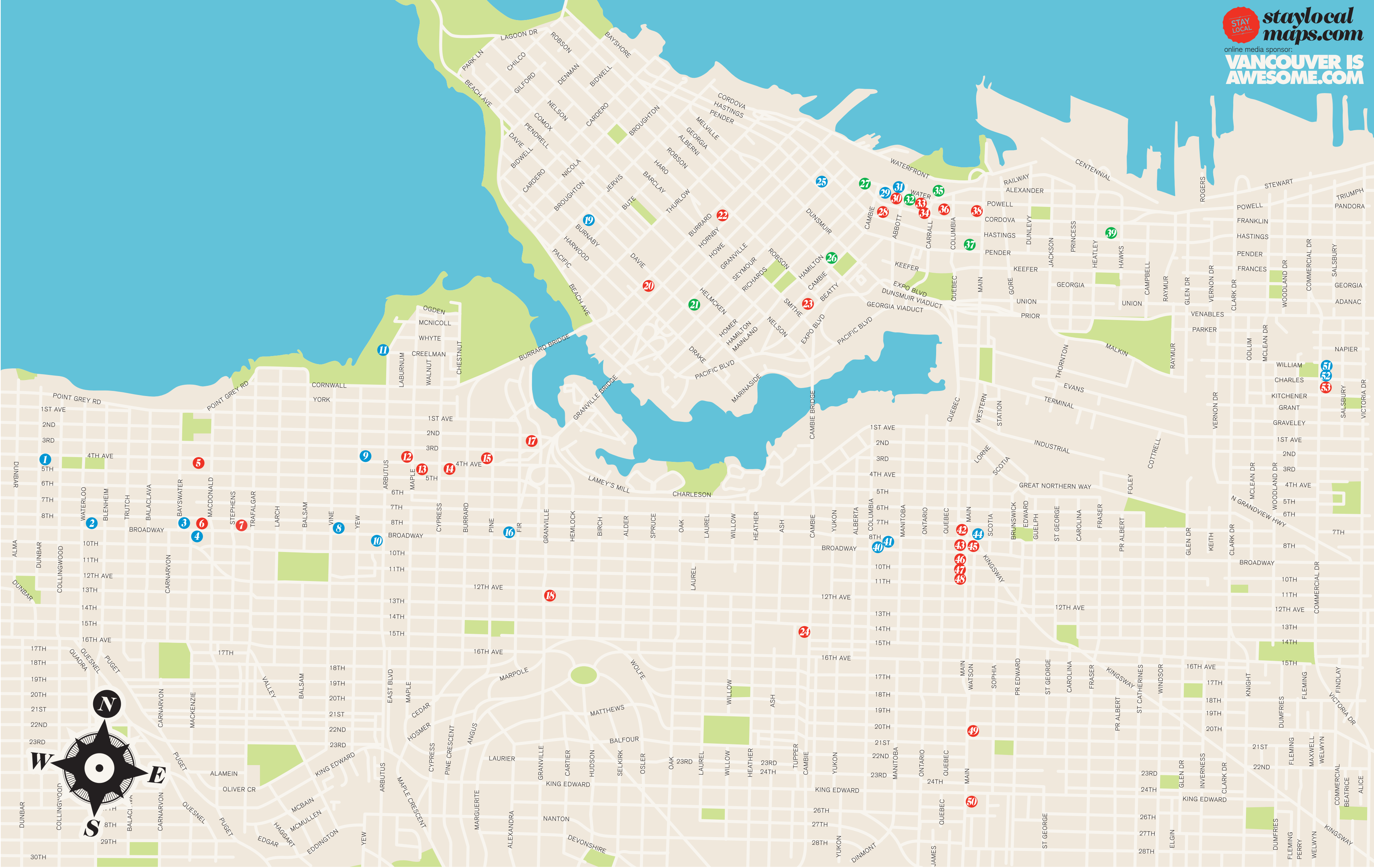
THERESA'S EATERY
theresaseatery.com
1260 Commercial Dr.
604.676.1868
A locally owned and operated co-op cafe serving fair trade and organic. Wholesome homestyle breakfasts, killer soups, sandwiches and delicious desserts.
Mon-Wed 8AM-2PM Thurs-Sun 8AM-7PM



TURKS COFFEE LOUNGE
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604.265.5805
Turks is a local jewel on 'the Drive', where great coffee and great vibes meet! Serving Vancouver's best coffee - Milano Coffee.
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THE WEST SIDE

Vancouver's Westside is a collection of residential neighbourhoods interspersed with parks and shopping hubs. We recommend starting with your bike on a water taxi from downtown to Granville Island, home of several art galleries, unusual shops, and seafood restaurants. Continue south and west to the area of 4th Ave between Burrard and MacDonald and you're in the heart of Kitsilano. The centre of Vancouver's counter-culture in the 60s and the home of PD's, one of the world's first skateboard shops, Kits is now best known for its beach, which was selected by Forbes Traveler as North America's third sexiest. If you feel like making the trek west to UBC, the 99 B-Line has a bike rack. Out there, you can find some great natural wonders, including Pacific Spirit Regional Park and the hike down to Wreck Beach, which is worth checking out any time of year, but especially in the summer when it's warm enough to roam naked like the locals do.



Down town

Downtown Vancouver is one of the most densely populated neighbourhoods in North America. Until recently, zoning restrictions prevented the residential high-rises from completely blocking mountain views, so you can still enjoy those vistas from the city's high-end shopping and dining destinations. The area is cyclist friendly, with a dedicated lane on Burrard that makes for a fun downhill ride through the core. But the streets are busy, so watch out for those car doors. If you take Burrard north to Hastings, check out the Marine Building, an art deco masterpiece on the northwest corner. At the eastern end of the downtown core, you'll find loads of cheap pizza, the spectacle of the Granville Mall nightclub circuit, and some amazing used bookstores congregated at Seymour and Pender. Continue east and you'll find the infamous Victory Square – home of our pot cafes and the Marijuana Party headquarters. Obviously this is a popular place to score weed and do Js, but don't be intimidated by the underground restrooms. They are some of the cleanest public toilets we've ever used.



GAS TOWN

Gastown, the oldest neighbourhood in Vancouver, is experiencing a revival as the city's new centre of nightlife, dining, and shopping. It's also full of interesting nooks and crannies, and historical oddities. If you want to find the Steam Clock or Gassy Jack, just follow the crowd of people carrying fanny packs and cameras on neck straps. But don't forget to duck into Blood Alley, a Victorian-style brick courtyard that is rumoured to be named for the butcher shops and public executions that supposedly stained its cobblestones in a bygone era. While that may be a fabrication, the streets of Gastown certainly did run with blood during an anti-drug enforcement riot in 1971, according to newspaper reports of the time. At the east end of Gastown, take Main Street north across the railroad overpass and into Crab Park for an excellent view of the North Shore and the shipping yards.



CHINATOWN

Vancouver's capital of cheap clothes, weird spices, and DVD knock-offs – Chinatown is best experienced without a car and in the daytime, when the streets are crowded and concepts like jaywalking and the right-of-way do not apply. A bike route on Pender Street leads you east from downtown, under the bedraggoned archway, and past the world's narrowest building. The Sam Kee building, constructed in 1913 after the city expropriated the majority of the lot, is the former home of an underground bathhouse. A block south, at Carrall and Keefer, the bike route continues past the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens, which attempt to replicate the private gardens of the Ming Dynasty (a less impressive but free version sits across a coy pond with a separate entrance). Continue east to Main and Pender – former site of Shanghai Junk: Tommy Chong's tragically defunct topless comedy club – and another block north takes you out of Chinatown to the Carnegie Centre. A social services hub for the poorest neighbourhood in Canada, this Edwardian former library serves delicious, nearly free food to anyone who purchases a \$1 annual membership. A few blocks south at 207 Union is a Jimi Hendrix shrine where his grandmother once operated Vie's Chicken Inn.



MAIN ST

Main Street between 2nd Ave and 33rd, also known as Uptown and Mount Pleasant, is one of the most exciting neighbourhoods in Vancouver. Home to innumerable used clothing stores, cafes, record stores, art galleries, good restaurants, and pubs, this area's relaxed vibe and affordable rents have attracted half the young artists and musicians in the city. If you get all the way up to 33rd, you're just a few blocks east of Queen Elizabeth Park, which is also very close to the King Edward Ave train station. The park is home to all kinds of horticultural wonders, amazing views, great bird watching, and the Bloedel Conservatory: a giant domed greenhouse through which at least one genius falls every year. Just west of Cambie on King Ed there are also several homes straight out of a fairy tale, which might be worth a walk-by.



COMMERCIAL DR

A quick ride east on the skytrain or 99 B-Line will take you to "The Drive." This section of Commercial Drive between Broadway and Venables is best known as the home of Vancouver's current hippy community. However, it has always been a cultural centre for many immigrant populations from Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America. Consequently, it has the best grocery stores and widest variety of restaurants of any neighbourhood in the city. It's also the best place to see all kinds of flag waving and traffic jams during international sporting events like the Olympics or the World Cup. Check out the psychedelic Edwardian homes that line the side streets and be prepared for the sound of bongo drums, the smell of patchouli, and the sight of dreadlocked backpackers because that stuff is seriously everywhere.