

A side of Vancouver you've never seen before.


Through its summer walking tour program the Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) offers stunning architectural perspectives of six Vancouver neighbourhoods. For locals and tourists alike these fun tours are a unique and engaging way to learn more about the history of Vancouver. Vancouver sites include vibrant Chinatown, historical Gastown, trendy Yaletown, contemporary Downtown, lively West End and diverse Strathcona, the first neighbourhood in Vancouver. *Three Victoria tours are also offered. See website for details.*

Vancouver tours run twice per day from Thursday to Monday in July and August.

Book a tour.

The cost for each tour is **\$10** per person. Advance booking is not required but tours are limited to 20 people, determined on a first-come, first-served basis.

📍 Visit aibc.ca/tours to book online.

You can also pay by cash on the day of the tour or call the AIBC 24 hours in advance to pay by Visa or MasterCard. 

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Email: tours@aibc.ca

Private tours available on request.

Know before you go.


Tours start at **10 a.m.** and **1 p.m.** as per the schedule.

Tour starting points vary. Learn where to meet your guide in the tour descriptions on the flip side of the brochure. Ensure you arrive 15 minutes before the departure time.

Tours are approximately 1.5 to 2 hours long and include walking distances of up to 3 km (2 mi).

Tours are wheelchair accessible. 

Tours are suitable for children who are able to walk the distance. A parent or guardian must accompany children.

With the exception of the West End tour, there are washrooms for tour participants at the tour meeting point. 

Tours operate rain or shine. Check the weather and dress appropriately. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

About the AIBC

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) is an independent, professional self-governing body established in 1920 by provincial statute (the *Architects Act*) with the mandate to regulate the profession of architecture on behalf of the public.



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Walking tours earn 1 Non-core LU per hour
(Architect + Architectural Technologist AIBC)

WALKING TOUR SCHEDULE

JULY		AUGUST	
	10 am 1 pm		10 am 1 pm
1	GASTOWN DOWNTOWN	1	YALETOWN CHINATOWN
2	GASTOWN DOWNTOWN	2	
3	YALETOWN CHINATOWN	3	
4	STRATHCONA STRATHCONA	4	STRATHCONA STRATHCONA
5		5	GASTOWN DOWNTOWN
6		6	DOWNTOWN GASTOWN
7	WEST END WEST END	7	CHINATOWN YALETOWN
8	DOWNTOWN GASTOWN	8	STRATHCONA STRATHCONA
9	GASTOWN DOWNTOWN	9	
10	YALETOWN CHINATOWN	10	
11	WEST END WEST END	11	WEST END WEST END
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13		13	DOWNTOWN GASTOWN
14	STRATHCONA STRATHCONA	14	CHINATOWN YALETOWN
15	DOWNTOWN GASTOWN	15	WEST END WEST END
16	GASTOWN DOWNTOWN	16	
17	YALETOWN CHINATOWN	17	
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27		27	DOWNTOWN GASTOWN
28	STRATHCONA STRATHCONA	28	CHINATOWN YALETOWN
29	DOWNTOWN GASTOWN	29	WEST END WEST END
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31	YALETOWN CHINATOWN	31	

GASTOWN

CHINATOWN

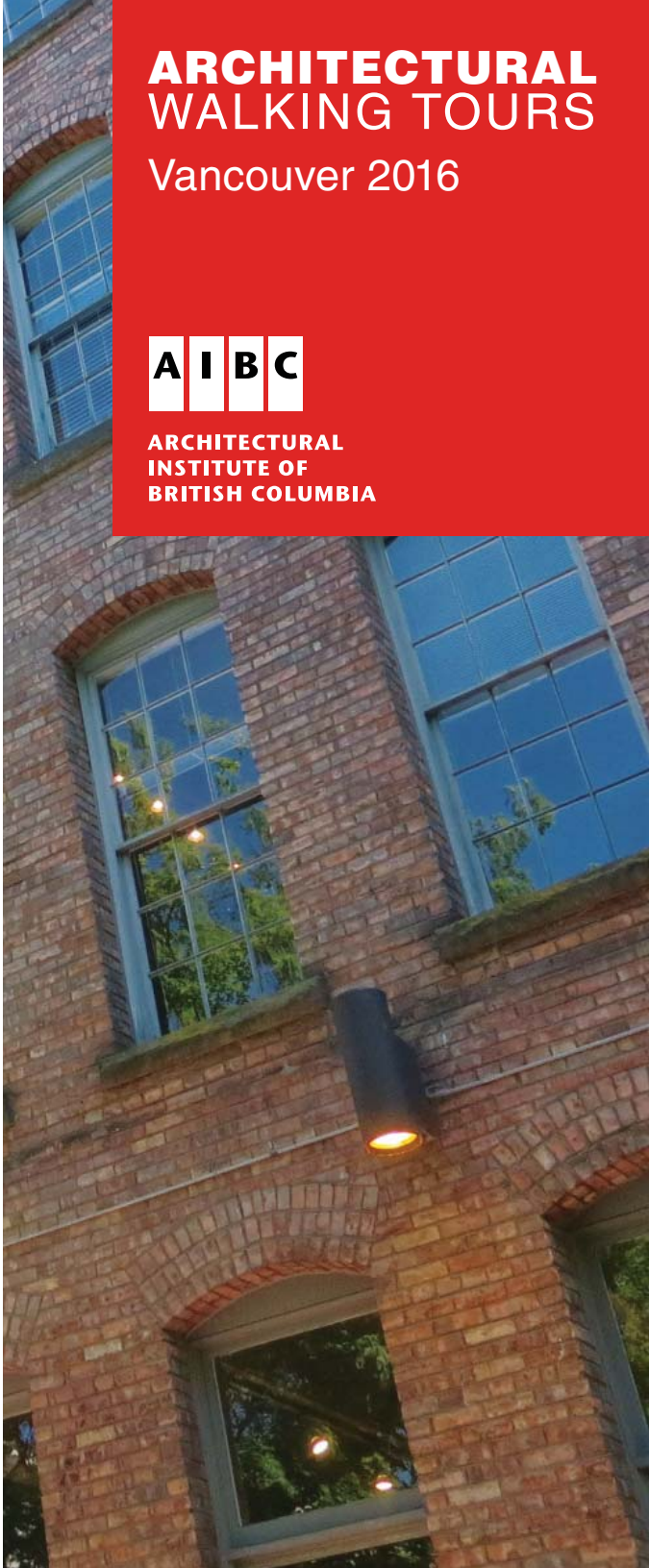
DOWNTOWN

YALETOWN

WEST END

STRATHCONA

Note: there are no tours on Tuesday and Wednesday



**ARCHITECTURAL
WALKING TOURS**
Vancouver 2016



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1. GASTOWN | historic beginning of Vancouver
Starting out as a handful of frontier-style saloons and hotels catering to Hastings Mill workers, the newly incorporated City of Vancouver grew quickly after the “Great Fire of 1886” and the arrival of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1887.

Explore how building scale and street layout offer clues to the expansion and relocation of the downtown centre from Gastown to its current location. See how heritage restoration and preservation guidelines and initiatives set up in the 1970s have transformed and renewed this historical part of Vancouver.

Learn how Vancouver has preserved the most historic part of our city, making it one of our most popular tourist destinations.

Meet your AIBC tour guide: inside the lobby of The Architecture Centre. Take some time to check out the public gallery.



2. CHINATOWN | from yesterday to today
Learn about the history and distinctive architecture of this notable part of the local cityscape. Visit retail, commercial and residential structures built by some of Vancouver’s founding merchants and hear stories of discovery, hardship and diversification.

Stroll through market streets, taking in the sights and sounds of a vibrant Chinese community. Let your imagination run wild while you learn about Chinatown’s integral role in the development and transformation of the City of Vancouver.

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3. DOWNTOWN | the business core of Vancouver
Discover modern and contemporary architecture while we walk through Vancouver’s business district. See results of the unique challenges of preserving “modern heritage” in the face of continuing redevelopment and urban change.

Observe the most important modern and historical landmarks and discuss how density impacts a city without a highway running through it. The tallest buildings in British Columbia are found here.

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4. YALETOWN | industrial expansion & evolution
This famous warehouse district in Vancouver was created in response to the rapid growth and expansion away from Gastown at the turn of the century.

Learn how the City of Vancouver transformed this heavy industrial area from a contaminated wasteland into one of the trendiest and most vibrant neighbourhoods in Canada.

We show you some of the city’s most iconic buildings as well as major renovation projects and community planning marvels. Public projects including the city’s stadiums, theatres and seawall expansions are discussed as well as how the city densifies while maintaining and protecting its historic heritage buildings.

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5. WEST END | residential transformation
In less than a century, Vancouver’s first luxury neighbourhood has seen many changes. From estate homes, to boarding houses and back again, this area is now one of the most densely populated neighbourhoods in Canada.

Walk through a diverse mix of historic buildings and explore architectural influences that have shaped this area through the decades. From Queen Anne-style homes, to 70s style post-modern residential high rises, this tour has it all. The West End is truly a Vancouver experience full of great stories and beautiful scenery.

Meet your AIBC tour guide: Manhattan Apartments, 780 Thurlow St. Meet on the steps in the courtyard across the street from Joe Fortes restaurant.

Cash only payment unless booked in advance.
Note: no washrooms available at this location.

6. STRATHCONA | Vancouver’s 1st neighbourhood
Vancouver’s oldest and most diverse residential area. Strathcona has remained the city’s “hidden gem” for years. Learn how this historical area has survived and flourished over the years.

This area shows its charm through unique architectural styles, beautiful homes, corner stores, historic schools, churches, renovation projects and beautiful gardens. Trace the route of the Vancouver Electric Railway and experience community like never before.

Meet your AIBC tour guide: outside main entrance to Strathcona Community Centre, 601 Keefer St.

Cash only payment unless booked in advance.

