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From the seafront to the street food, the city has plenty to lure, says **Katie McGonagle**

star attraction...



Stanley Park's totem poles

These icons of indigenous history tell the story of the First Nations people long before they adopted a written language, with each image symbolising a different part of the tale. Take time to read up on each explanation for a better understanding of the area's past, then take a stroll or hop on a bike for a cycle around the park's 5.5-mile Seawall.

tinyurl.com/stanleyparktotem



dine out..



Japadog

Ever wondered what happens when you cross a hot dog with seaweed, miso or Kobe beef? No? Well you're about to find out anyway because this chain of street-food stands has become a Vancouver institution, with carts all over the city including the 'original' on the corner of Burrard and Smith. Once you've had enough of hot dogs, save some room for locals' favourite The Flying Pig in Gastown. japadog.com



make time for...



Granville Island Public Market

Forget cheesy craft markets – this is where Vancouverites come to eat, drink, shop and have fun. Take the short boat ride to Granville Island and you'll find a huge warehouse packed with stalls stacked high with towering rainbow cakes, hand-crafted chocolates and local cheeses. Do Something Different has a Granville Island Market Tour from £55. dosomethingdifferent.com

don't miss...



Your favourite film stars

Film and TV production is a big earner, giving Vancouver the nickname 'Hollywood North'. *Arrow*, *Riverdale* and *Supergirl* were all filmed here, as was *Deadpool*, which featured local boy Ryan Reynolds. Vancouver Art Gallery is used as a stand-in for courthouses and town halls on TV. vanartgallery.bc.ca

where to go next...



Vancouver Island

Take the ferry to Vancouver Island, where the youthful energy of Vancouver gives way to the genteel English-influenced vibe of British Columbian capital Victoria. Get out and about and you'll find the island has enough whale-watching, wilderness, snow-topped mountains and soft-sand beaches to satisfy your inner adventurer. vancouverisland.travel



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where to stay...



Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre

This skyscraper might feel a bit corporate at first, but as soon as you get to your room and gaze out over English Bay, looking down on the office blocks that dot the downtown district, you'll see why it comes recommended. It's just a short walk from Stanley Park and Yaletown, plus the spacious rooms and enormous beds are great for catching up on sleep after a long flight. Rooms start at £360. marriott.co.uk