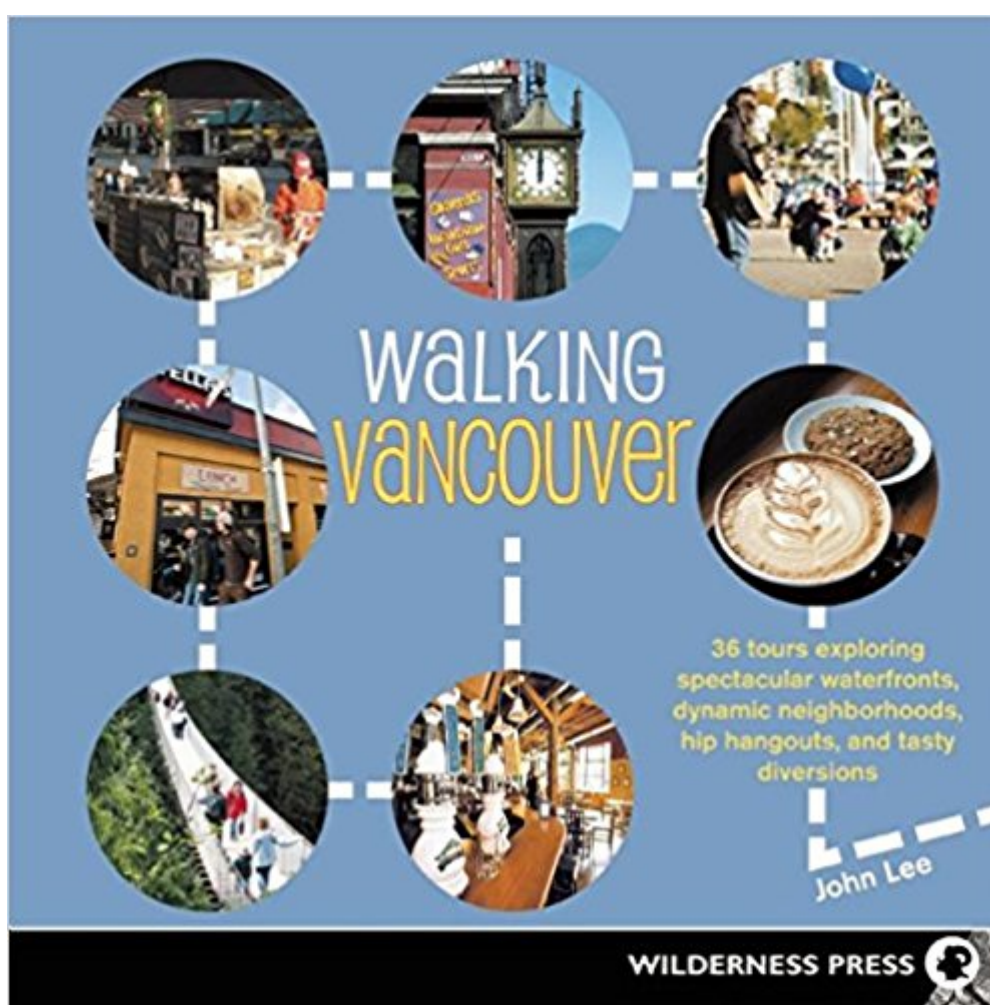


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# Walking Vancouver: 36 Walking Tours Exploring Spectacular Waterfront, Dynamic Neighborhoods, Hip Hangouts, And Tasty Diversions



## Synopsis

There's no better way to explore one of the world's most livable cities than on foot. *Walking Vancouver* shows you Vancouver, British Columbia as you've never seen it before, whether you're a die-hard local or a first-time visitor. Site of the 2010 Winter Olympics, the city is already renown for its diverse neighborhoods, easily accessible sites, and clean and green image. With this book you'll explore neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Kitsilano, and the West End, accompanied by the amusing and savvy descriptions from the author, a Vancouver insider. The 36 anecdote-packed, easy-to-follow ambles include Stanley Park's hidden sites; University of British Columbia's unexpected attractions; SoMa's hipster boutiques; Granville Island's artisan pit stops; and the historic mansions of old-school Shaughnessy Heights. There's a perfect pub crawl in Gastown; lively farther afield strolls in Steveston, New Westminster and the North Shore; and even an eye-opening, must-do tour around the Downtown Eastside. You'll uncover the colorful stories behind street names, character buildings, and eye-catching public art. This highly portable guide features detailed maps for each trip, original photos, and parking/transit information for every trip. Route summaries make each walk easy to follow, and a Points of Interest section summarizes each walk's highlights.

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## Customer Reviews

John Lee is an adopted Vancouverite and full-time freelance travel writer whose writing has appeared in more than 125 newspapers and magazines. He's authored 14 guidebooks for Lonely

Planet, including British Columbia and Vancouver City Guide.

My wife went to Vancouver for business and I went along for fun. I used this guide and completed 6 or 7 of the walks. The maps were good and descriptions were informative. It could be improved by giving the physical street address of the various buildings. I would have walked by many interesting buildings without the guide. After her business was completed, we went on a walk together. We enjoyed it so much, that we purchased the "Walking Chicago" guide for our next trip. As an aside note, in the early morning hours there are many homeless people sleeping in doorways and we were frequently approached for money.

Some of the walks are pretty obvious (Robson Street, Gaslight District), but some cover things you'd never think to see. Tips for local establishments could stand refreshing, even though this book is just a little less than 3 years old. The ebook was great, as we simply took our Kindle with us on some of the walks.

Loved this book. It also provided places to eat and see along the streets of the city. We used it to find wonderful little pubs and learn about the neighborhoods in the city.

This was informative information we used when visited the area.

My wife and I recently visited Vancouver for the first time. We brought Walking Vancouver and the Lonely Planet Vancouver guide (and discovered both are by the same author, John Lee!). We did over 20 of the walks in this book in five days and left feeling that we'd gotten a great feel for a wonderful city. It really was like having our own personal tour guide, and although we did a lot of walking, we also did a lot of cafe and bar hopping (the author loves to eat and drink). He also has lots of nice little insider tips and pointers. The walks were not just in the "touristy" parts of town but in some of the neighborhoods that we would never have ventured in otherwise, like Commercial Drive and UBC. The bus system in Vancouver is excellent, so there's no reason you need a car. Just these guidebooks and some good walking shoes, and you're set for great exploration.

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