



# CANADA THROUGH THE SEASONS.

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Canada isn't simply a destination for one month of the year. This beautiful country is an ideal holiday spot for every season. No matter what you're in the mood for, from summer relaxation spots to majestic winter skiing, a family holiday to Canada can cater for all.

Read on to discover the best places in Canada to visit for every season of the year.

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WE LOVE IT.  
SO WILL YOU.**



# WHERE IN CANADA IS BEST TO VISIT IN SPRING?



## VANCOUVER

Springtime in Vancouver is a great time to be in the city as you can enjoy both summer and winter activities. One of the city's most well-known attractions in spring is the Cherry Blossom Festival - an annual event held in April that celebrates the blooms with events like the Cherry Jam Downtown Concert, the Bike The Blossoms ride and cooking demonstrations from Vancouver's top local chefs at Stanley Park Pavillion.

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## THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN VANCOUVER

### Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival

The annual Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival sees a calendar of events take place such as bike rides, cherry blossom viewing tours and arts events.

### Drop by the Shipyards Night Market

This free Friday night market is home to more than 120 vendors selling fresh food, a beer garden serving local craft beer and live music showcasing British Columbia's (BC) top talent. The Shipyards Night Market has frequently been voted as one of the best outdoor events in the city.

### See whales congregate in the Strait of Georgia

A great thing to do in spring is to go on a whale watching excursion from Vancouver to the Gulf Islands region. You can see killer whales, porpoises, sea lions, seals, bald eagles and other wildlife.

### Experience the thrill of the Vancouver International Auto Show

The Vancouver International Auto Show is Western Canada's biggest car show where you can see iconic sports cars and the latest vehicles being released. Soon celebrating its 100th anniversary, this year's show will kick off with a procession through the city and will feature vehicles from each decade of the show.



## RESTAURANTS/FOODS TO TRY IN VANCOUVER

### Eat BC's most famous seafood at the Spot Prawn Festival

The Spot Prawn Festival celebrates the start of the spot prawn season in BC's coastal waters and it educates diners about this local delicacy. Restaurants across the Lower Mainland will put on special menus during the season.

### Bridges Restaurant

A landmark restaurant in Vancouver since 1980, Bridges Restaurant is the place to be for seafood and fish but its menu also features fresh meats and local produce.

### Bishop's

The serial award-winning Bishop's restaurant blends BC's delicious seafood and organic produce with a casual atmosphere that will make you want to keep coming back.

## DID YOU KNOW?

According to Tourism Vancouver, 40,000 cherry trees burst into life in Vancouver during spring.

Vancouver's Stanley Park is 10% larger than Central Park in New York. One of the best ways to explore it is by bike.

Vancouver's historic Chinatown is one of the largest in North America with the city being home to the highest proportion of Asian people per capita of any North American city.

Vancouver regularly ranks as one of the most liveable cities in the world. It recently was ranked sixth in a report released in 2019.

# WHERE IN CANADA IS BEST TO VISIT IN SPRING?



## YUKON

Life in the Yukon starts to bloom in spring as migratory birds fly into town, bears blearily emerge after winter, and plants erupt with colour. The weather at the beginning of the season is still chilly, but the province begins to thaw out so you can enjoy all the delights of this Canadian territory.

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## THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN YUKON

### Watch the Northern Lights in early spring

The Yukon is one of the best places in Canada to watch the Northern Lights. The top regions in Yukon to watch them include Campbell, Klondike, Kluane, Watson Lake and just outside the capital city, Whitehorse.

### Yukon Wildlife Preserve

At the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, you can see more than 12 iconic Yukon species either on foot via a three-mile loop or on a guided bus tour. Keep your eyes peeled for moose, Canadian lynx and more.

### Go hiking and explore Gold Rush ruins and an alpine paradise

Yukon is an adventurer's wonderland, home to Canada's tallest mountains and the world's largest non-polar icefield. It is also a great place to go hiking, with the Slim River West and Chilkoot trails popular routes.

### Relax at Takhini Hot Pools

People have been coming for a soak in the Takhini Hot Pools for over 100 years. The hot springs are a relaxing 36°C and 42°C and the water is renowned for its therapeutic qualities.



## RESTAURANTS/FOODS TO TRY IN YUKON

### Klondike Rib & Salmon

Housed in two of the oldest buildings in Whitehorse, Klondike Rib & Salmon specialises in serving local foods such as wild game meats and home-made breads.

### Antoinette's

Antoinette's is a mix of international cuisine with some Caribbean inspiration. The popular restaurant aims to create varied and interesting cultural recipes by using authentic ingredients in its dishes.

### Alpine Bakery

One of the oldest eateries in Whitehorse, the Alpine Bakery is much more than just a bakery, also home to a cosy café serving fresh foods like pizzas and soups.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The name 'Yukon' originated from the Gwich'in native word, "Yuk-un-ah" meaning "Great River". This refers to the Yukon River which flows across the territory.

Whitehorse was named the capital of the Yukon Territory in 1953. It was previously Dawson City.

The Yukon Territory is roughly the size of Spain, stretching across over 483,000 square kilometres.

In 1896, prospectors found gold in a creek near Dawson City and this was the beginning of the Klondike Gold Rush.