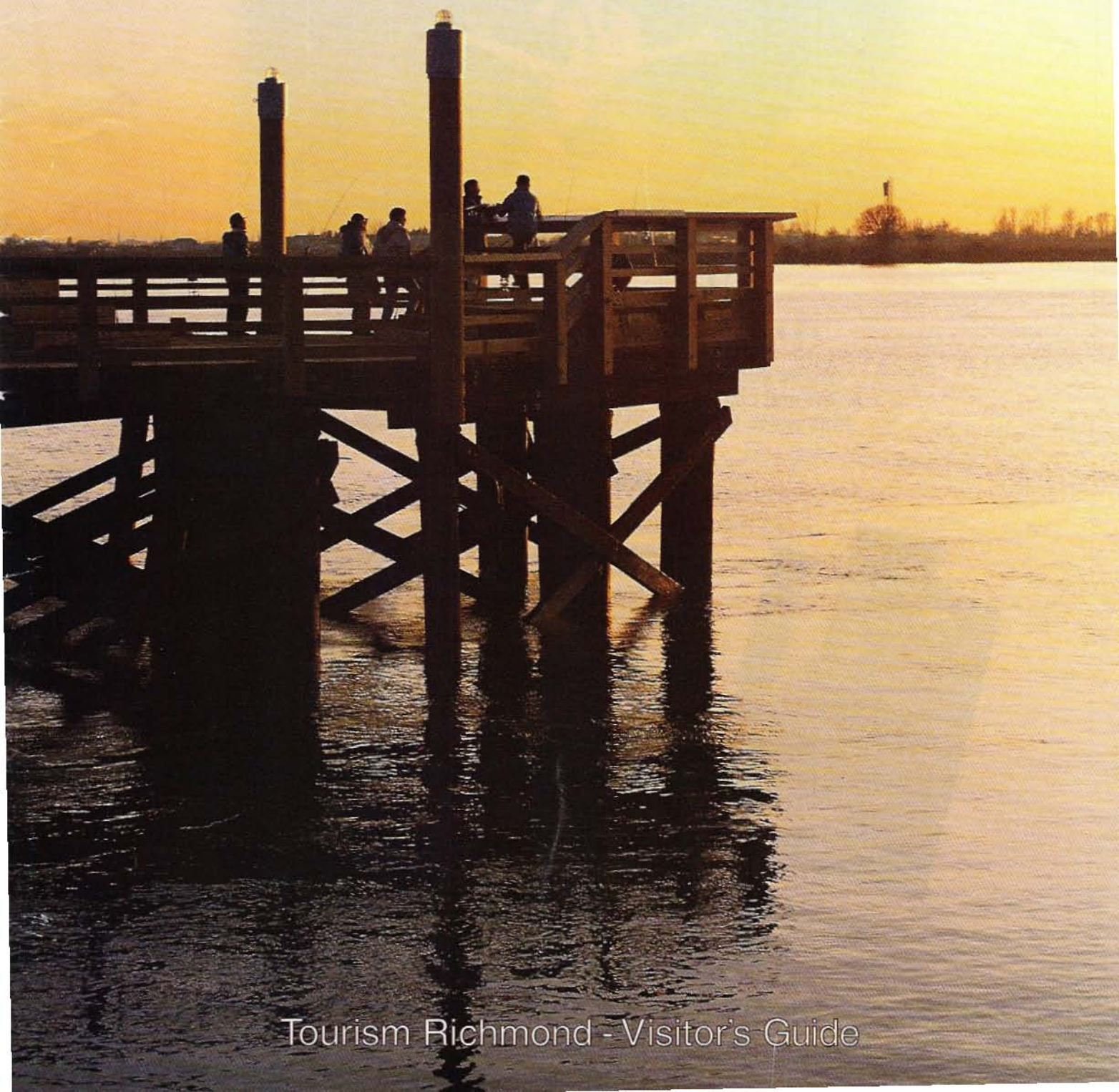




RICHMOND

Island City, by Nature



Tourism Richmond - Visitor's Guide

Shopping

and gifts, crafts and fine art

Richmond has proudly become a shopper's paradise. With six major shopping malls within walking distance or a short drive from most of the hotels and one another, the malls allow shoppers to browse while satisfying the appetite of those in search of bargains, eateries, afternoon entertainment, exotic

merchandise, casual and fine clothing, fine art paintings and sculptures, and jewellery.

Richmond's shopping can seduce you whether you are searching for those perfect gifts and souvenirs to take back home to family and friends or a knock-out outfit for a night on the town!

"3" ROAD—THE HEART OF RICHMOND

Stretching the entire length of Richmond is colourful No. 3 Road. Along this bustling, fast-paced strip, you'll find every shop and service you could ever want or need. Conveniently located within the 20 or so blocks that form downtown Richmond are two major shopping malls, dozens of smaller malls, movie theatres, plus a host of individual shops and services, restaurants and boutiques. Bargains in household furnishings, appliances, food, and most other consumer goods can be found by visiting one of the many warehouse stores that line No. 3 Road. Easily accessible by car or public transit, No. 3 Road is a true shopper's paradise.

MODERN SHOPPING CONVENIENCE

Richmond is home to several world-class shopping malls — including Richmond Center and Lansdowne Park. Conveniently located on No. 3 Road, and easily accessible by car or bus, both malls are open seven days a week, offering a combination of major department stores, smaller specialty stores and services, and fashion

boutiques. Food fairs feature dishes from around the world, while delicious-smelling pastry and candy shops offer tempting treats. During holidays and special occasions, both malls provide sidewalk entertainers and artisans for the enjoyment and entertainment of shoppers.

SHOP THE WORLD IN A DAY!

An ever-changing tapestry of cultural diversity, the corner at Cambie St. and No. 3 Road provides an interesting and sometimes exotic mix of Asian shopping opportunities.

Located at this growing intersection are the President Plaza, which offers a cozy yet vibrant array of stores including a tea and ginseng store, a Chinese supermarket and an international food fair; Yaohan Centre, which features Canada's largest Asian food superstore; Aberdeen Center, Richmond's first Asian mall, with clothing and gift shops, a bowling alley, a herbalist, a tea house, and a variety of Asian restaurants and origami; and Parker Place, the largest Asian mall, with over 130 retailers.



"The Carp and the Dolphin"

A water fountain located outside the President Plaza represents East meeting West. The two fish share the same pool of water (which means wealth in Chinese culture) and live in harmony.

GROCERIES AND MORE

Grocery shopping has come a long way since Richmond's first grocery, the Hong Wo Store, was opened in 1884 by an enterprising Cantonese immigrant named Ling Lam. The store, whose name meant "living in harmony", was built high on pilings along the edge of Dyke Road, where customers could arrive by land or water. Along with groceries, The Hong Wo store supplied clothing, hardware and general goods to fishermen, cannery workers, and the growing Richmond community.

Today, Richmond is serviced by several huge "super stores" offering groceries, pharmacies, florists, video stores, bakeries, and delicatessens all under one roof. Reflecting Richmond's diverse cultural makeup, many supermarkets also carry a range of Jewish, East Indian, Chinese and Japanese foods.

GOING PUBLIC?

Richmond's newest landmark, the Richmond Public Market, is situated in the heart of Downtown Richmond at 8260 Westminster Highway, one block east of No. 3 Road.

Filled with 75 terrific shops and services on two light, bright and colorful floors, the Market is open 7 days a week from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm Monday to Saturday and 9:30 am to 6:00 pm on Sunday. The market provides two hours of free undercover parking for its customers with entrances off Westminster Highway, Buswell Street and Cooney Road.

GIFTS AND GOODIES

Richmond's gift shops offer many one-of-a-kind souvenir ideas. Pemberton's in Richmond Centre has fine Canadiana souvenirs and collector figurines. Serena & Spenser in Parker Place sells Canadian made chocolates (they're good for you, really!) Specializing in handcrafted gifts, The Country Mouse carries jewellery, pottery, glassware, windchimes, and a variety of packaged Canadian gourmet foods. Coho Designs offers ceramic and paper mache fish by owner Katherine Innes, and locally designed earrings and caps. Nearby, Chatham's supplies a variety of locally produced gourmet specialties, such as fruit compotes and jams, spicy salsas, honey and chocolate treats.

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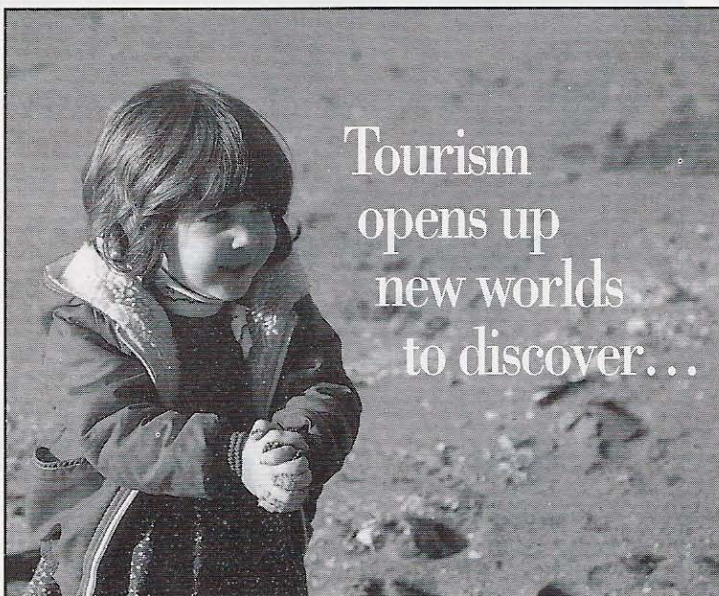
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LOCAL ARTS AND ARTISTS

Featuring some of the world's most breathtaking scenery, B.C.'s West Coast has long provided inspiration for the area's artists. Many Richmond galleries, including the Jack Gibson Gallery, display the works of B.C. artists like April White, who's Haida background influences her coastal scenery watercolours, and Bruce Muir, who's oils capture the active lives of B.C.'s cherished salmon.

Jack Gibson himself is a renowned artist and sculptor. After beginning his work in bronze over twelve years ago, he has sold his uniquely detailed pieces to individuals, galleries, museums and special effects companies in the U.S.A. and Canada.

The gallery usually showcases the work of about 18 artists, with new feature showings every month, including Gibson's. The gallery is located right across the street from the Bridgepoint Market building (that's the pointy orange-tipped tower and clock you can see from most places in central Richmond!).

NATIVE ARTS

During the late 1890's, Northern Indian tribes were often seen paddling canoes past the port of Steveston on their way to set up summer camps at the mouth of the Fraser River. Here, salmon was plentiful, and tribes could catch and preserve adequate supplies for the coming winter months. The waterway through which

the canoes would pass on their journey was called, appropriately, Canoe Pass.

Today, the Canoe Pass Gallery overlooks the Fraser River where Northern clans once paddled. Representing Native artisans from across Canada, Richmond's only Native Art gallery displays and sells an intriguing assortment of traditional Native masks and blankets, wood carvings, ceramics, soapstone carvings and cozy Cowichan knits.

TO A TEE!

A souvenir t-shirt is a great way to remember your visit to Richmond. Two Steveston village stores receive top marks for quality and originality. Featuring the witty, whimsical creations of owners John and Shirley Dunn, Lulu Island Designs offers dozens of print and embroidered tees and sweatshirts. Right next door is Coho Designs, whose owner, Katherine Innes, designs many of the store's t-shirts herself. Coho also sells colourful, boldly printed t-shirts by Canadian artist Marc Tetro, whose work includes modern renditions of traditional Canadian symbols, such as Mounties and hockey players.

TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN?

For the young and young at heart, the Steveston Toy Store is stocked with enough toys, games, arts and crafts to keep kids entertained during long flights and car trips home - a sure cure for the "are we there yet?" blues.