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IMMERSE YOURSELF IN STEVESTON'S PAST

Visiting **Steveston Village** is like stepping back in time. Its shoreline boardwalks and painted wooden buildings are bookended by two of Metro Vancouver's best National Historic Sites. Alongside these popular attractions, there are many more historically rich hotspots to discover.

Start your day with coffee and pastries at Moncton Street's **Rocanini Coffee Roasters** ⑤ (30 minutes), snagging a window seat overlooking Crossover, a net-patterned public artwork that traverses the pavement in the intersection outside. It's a bold visual reminder of Steveston's deep-rooted fishing industry.

From here, cross the intersection to your first historic site. Today's Richmondites use buses and Canada Line rapid transit trains to get around, but the city was full of bustling trams until 1958. The **Steveston Interurban Tram** ① building is where you'll find century-old Car 1220, one of BC's last-remaining preserved

trams. Chat with the volunteers here about their ongoing restoration program (30 minutes).

Keen to learn more about the region's colourful past? Just off Moncton Street on First Avenue, **Village Books & Coffee House** ⑦ has an excellent history section—ask the friendly staff for their favourite recommendations (30 minutes).

Next, continue your stroll along Moncton. The street's gabled Post Office building was the area's first bank when it opened in 1905.

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A busy postal outlet these days, the site also houses the **Tourism Richmond Visitor Centre** **i** and the evocative **Steveston Museum** **2**, where in-depth exhibits illuminate the area's pioneer past and more (30 minutes).

If it's lunchtime, taste history of a different kind nearby. **Dave's Fish & Chips** **8** has been a Steveston legend since 1978. The plates here are often heaped with golden-fried cod and chips but clam chowder and breaded oysters are also popular alternatives (1 hour). If the tables are full, find a picnic spot on the grass outside the **Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site** **3** nearby—but watch for greedy seagulls eyeing your meal.

Once you're done, head inside the Cannery. Built in 1894, this was one of BC's busiest salmon canning operations for decades. Closed in 1979, it has been brought back to sparkling life as a celebrated industry-themed museum. Check out the old machinery (some of it still works) or take a guided tour for the full story (1 hour).

Back outside, hit the shoreline eastwards (30 minutes). Peruse **Fisherman's Wharf** **4**—check out the boats with their fresh catch—then stroll the scenic waterfront trail to **Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site** **5**. Explore the preserved sheds and bunkhouses, where the workers were routinely sardined together, and snap photos of the handsomely preserved wooden vessels (1 hour).

Refreshments aren't far away at **London Heritage Farm** **9**, a 25-minute shoreline stroll from Britannia Shipyards. Check ahead to ensure it's open (hours are extended in summer), and enjoy some baked treats and a cup of tea in the antique-lined tearoom (1 hour). Make sure you also save time to explore the 1890s farmhouse, a captivating reminder of what it was like to live in Steveston back in the day.