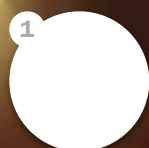


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# The 22 best restaurants in Vancouver

A variety of flavors inspired by different cuisines will attack your taste buds at the best restaurants in Vancouver

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Vancouver's multiculturalism and proximity to both the Pacific Ocean and British Columbia's wide range of growing conditions mean there's a lot of good eating and a whole lot of fun things to do (<https://www.timeout.com/vancouver/things-to-do/best-things-to-do-in-vancouver>). The city's top eateries tend to boast ever-changing menus that take advantage of whatever is freshest and tastiest from

the area (don't miss the spot prawns when in season from May-ish to July-ish). Sustainability is the norm here: most menus feature

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Vancouver is in Canada's southwest corner. Are you ready? Here are the best restaurants in Vancouver.

## Best restaurants in Vancouver

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## Hawksworth's

**What is it:** You'll always find something to delight you at David Hawksworth's high-end contemporary restaurant in the Rosewood Hotel Georgia, whether it's breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner or drinks and nibbles at the beautiful bar.

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## Tojo's

**What is it:** Legendary chef Hidekazu Tojo's food is beloved by celebrities and culinary aficionados alike. There's a reason he has cooked with the likes of Anthony Bourdain, after all.

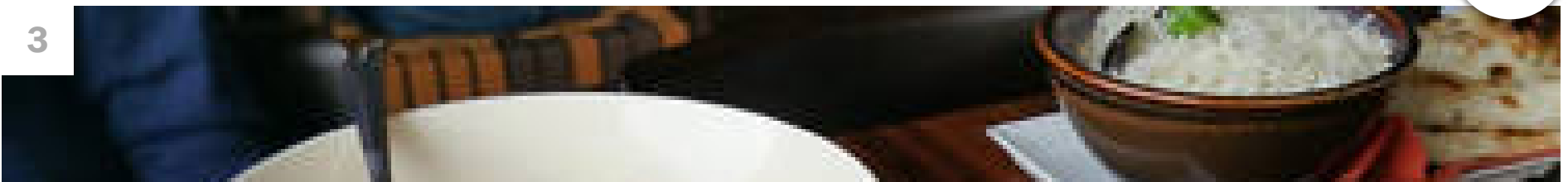
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## Vij's

**What is it:** The first of several Vancouver restaurants by Meeru Dhalwala and Vikram Vij. Everyone—even celebrities—lines up to get in, but snacks to keep your mouth watering are passed around regularly. Once you're at your table, be sure to order the lamb

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## Kissa Tanto

**What is it:** Japanese-Italian cuisine with a Japanese speakeasy feel upstairs in Chinatown, sister to nearby Bao Bei. Fun fact: a “kissa” is a Japanese jazz café and “tanto” means “so much” in Italian.

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## Ancora

**What is it:** Boasting some of the prettiest views in Vancouver, Ancora grants you the chance to dine elegantly indoors or outdoors, along the False Creek Seawall.

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## Burdock & Co

**What is it:** Chef-owner Andrea Carlson works with a vegetable-forward menu that shows off the bounty of British Columbia's farmers, foragers and fishers. Her Mount Pleasant restaurant is all about ethical ingredients and artisanal techniques. Brunch includes a gluten-free eggs Benedict that's to die for.

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## 1886

**What is it:** Vancouver is known for serving some of the best Cantonese food in the world. Enjoy it in the impeccable 1886, named after the year that the city's Chinatown first developed. The restaurant not only serves Cantonese favorites, but also foods hailing from Shanghai, Hunan and Szechuan—plus peking duck from Beijing.

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## Au Comptoir

**What is it:** A casual bistro with very fine French food in Kitsilano (just say “Kits”), Vancouver’s beachy neighborhood on English. “Au comptoir” means “at the counter” in French and this bistro has a pretty one made of tin, plus café tables along a mirrored wall. It’s open every day save Tuesdays for breakfast, weekend brunch, lunch, dinner and drinks.

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## Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar

**What is it:** Helmed by executive chef Alex Chen (he won the latest Gold Medal Plates culinary championship), this casually elegant downtown restaurant is inside the Sutton Place Hotel.

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## Crowbar

**What is it:** This upscale neighborhood resto in East Van's Fraserhood district offers shared plates and inventive cocktails made with local and organic ingredients wherever possible.

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## Tuc Craft Kitchen

**What is it:** A funky and welcoming resto in Gastown, often packed with happy eaters. A few tables are saved for walk-ins.

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**Why go:** Brunch (not only on weekends but Fridays too), happy hour snacks with craft cocktails and exceptional dinner. Menus

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## Tacofino

**What is it:** Born in the parking lot of a surf shop on Vancouver Island in Tofino, Tacofino has two food trucks and five brick-and-mortar shops in the city.

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## The Victor

**What is it:** Get to The Victor through the beautiful sixth floor terrace of the relatively new boutique hotel The Douglas. Once here, order all the steak, seafood and drinks your heart desires (and your palate craves).

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# AnnaLena

**What is it:** The toys and collectables decorating this restaurant in beachy Kitsilano belie the expertise and sophistication on the plate and on the wine list.

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## MRKT East

**What is it:** In the relatively new downtown luxury resort Parq Vancouver, MRKT East brings a taste of Singapore to the city.

**Why go:** The restaurant is open from 11am until late and, while on premise, you can chat with cooks while they delight you with

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## Fat Mao Noodles

**What is it:** This is chef Angus An's third eatery and it's in Chinatown. Bonus list items, An's other restaurants: Maenam, Freebird, Chicken Shack, Sen Pad Thai and Longtail Kitchen.

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## Juke Fried Chicken

**What is it:** An upscale fried-chicken joint open from 11am until late for eating-in, taking-out and home or office delivery, plus weekend brunch.

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## Osteria Savio Volpe

**What is it:** A classic neighborhood osteria encouraging travel by bike and bus to its Kingsway East Van location. Expect simple, fresh, traditional Italian food prepared with local produce, fish and meats made “a mano in casa” (that would be: handmade in-house).

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## Railtown Café

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## Heritage Asian Eatery

**What is it:** Chef Felix Zhou's casual communal downtown eatery (with a Broadway City Hall location slated to hit the city in the fall of 2018) features local ingredients, modern techniques and Asian flavors. The venue is open for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch.

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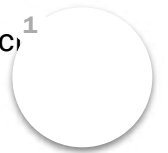
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## Hoitong Chinese Seafood Restaurant

**What is it:** Hong Kong-quality Cantonese food hidden in a Vancouver suburb strip mall, complete with menus in Chinese.

**Why go:** Septuagenarian chef and owner Leung Yiu Tong's kitchen expertise is apparent in every single one of his dishes, inc<sup>1</sup>

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# JapaDog



**What is it:** Vancouver's first fusion food cart, which now also boasts brick-and-mortar stores.

**Why go:** To taste the ultimate food fusion: a Japanese take on the hot dog. Woah.

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