# FoB Vancouver reunion - September 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2022

In this document you will find a number of practical details and suggestions for the Vancouver reunion.

Enjoy!

Registration and payments

Registration is open! Please sign-up and pay for the reunion activities on the following page: <u>www.friendsofbluche.com/reunion-2022-registration</u>

Also kindly make sure your FoB membership is up to date: <u>https://www.friendsofbluche.com/membership/#account/join</u>

Please note that if you are not an FoB member you will be requested to pay an attendance fee on the registration page.

## Planning

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Sat 10/9		Grouse Mountain 10:30 am Depart from: Sheraton Iobby (Bus)	Hike-	Aerial tramway or Hike-to-the-top (tough!)			12:30 amExplore (von theAdvent		es on your own (wildlife refuge) nture (zipline) k golf, Hike					6 Si			<b>er and Soirée <mark>6:30 pm</mark> Sheraton McNeill Room</b>			
Sun 11/9			Farewell Brunch 11 am Floata Seafood Restaurant 180 Keefer St, Vancouver, BC V6A 1X4, Can (+ reunion meeting)						Visit on your own Self Guided City Tour (Hop On/Off), Museum of Anthropology, Rent-a-bike							Dinner on your own (see suggestions below)				
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## Reunion base

Organized activities will generally start at, or be held at, the **Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre** <u>https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yvrws-sheraton-vancouver-wall-centre/overview/</u> 1000 Burrard St, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2R9, Canada +1-604-331-1000

Special FoB room rates can be found here (until August 9th...):

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1649107072637&key=GRP&app=resvlink

The Sheraton is conveniently located in the West End neighborhood.



## Eating out

We have a few restaurant suggestions for the nights where dinner is on your own.

#### • Top of Vancouver Revolving Restaurant

An upscale revolving restaurant with Continental cuisine & sweeping views of mountains & ocean. 555 W Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6B 4N6, Canada +16046692220 http://www.topofyancouver.com

Brix and Mortar

Modern Canadian fare & some 60 wines by the glass served in a chic heritage building with a patio.

1137 Hamilton St, Vancouver, BC V6B 5P6, Canada

+16049159463

http://www.brixandmortar.ca

#### • Glowbal

Global fare & lots of cocktails served in a glitzy, sprawling space with a long, sleek bar.

590 W Georgia St, Vancouver, BC V6E 1A3, Canada

+16046020835

https://glowbalgroup.com/glowbal/

### • Blue Water Café

Destination in a heritage warehouse space offering sustainable seafood with innovative touches. 1095 Hamilton St, Vancouver, BC V6B 5T4, Canada

+16046888078

http://www.bluewatercafe.net

## • The Sandbar Seafood restaurant

Seafood hot spot under the Granville Island bridge with sushi made to order & live music nightly. 1535 Johnston Street, Creekhouse #102, Vancouver, BC V6H 3R9, Canada +16046699030

https://www.vancouverdine.com/sandbar

Cardero's Restaurant

Seafood, burgers & classic comfort dishes on expansive marina-side patio plus weekend brunch. 1583 Coal Harbour Quay, Vancouver, BC V6G 3E7, Canada +16046697666

https://www.vancouverdine.com/carderos

#### • Lupo Restaurant

Cozy, romantic atmosphere for classic Italian meals with modern touches. 869 Hamilton St, Vancouver, BC V6B 2R7, Canada +16045692535

http://www.luporestaurant.ca

#### • Fable Kitchen

Bistro for inventive farm-to-table brunch & dinner in a lively space with an open kitchen. 1944 W 4th Ave, Vancouver, BC V6J 1M5, Canada +16047321322 https://fablekitchen.ca

#### • L'Abbattoir Restaurant

Industrial-chic setting for Pacific Northwest fare with a French touch, plus craft cocktails. 217 Carrall St, Vancouver, BC V6B 2J2, Canada +16045681701 https://www.labattoir.ca

#### • Cactus Club - Coal Harbour

The best in global cuisine using local, fresh ingredients served in a vibrant, contemporary setting. 1085 Canada Pl, Vancouver, BC V6C 3E1, Canada

+16046207410

https://www.cactusclubcafe.com/location/coal-harbour

#### • Miku Waterfront – Japanese

Sushi & sustainable seafood are served in a sophisticated setting with a patio & water views. 200 Granville St #70, Vancouver, BC V6C 1S4, Canada +16045683900

http://www.mikurestaurant.com

#### AnnaLena

Contemporary Canadian fare & creative cocktails are provided in a stylish, modern setting. 1809 W 1st Ave, Vancouver, BC V6J 5B8, Canada +17783794052

http://www.annalena.ca

#### • The Teahouse in Stanley Park

Cheerful spot in the park offering refined seafood & New Canadian cuisine, with brunch & cocktails. 7501 Stanley Park Dr, Vancouver, BC V6G 1Z4, Canada +16046693281 http://vancouverdine.com/teahouse

## **Visiting Vancouver**

Below are links where you can find general information on the city of Vancouver, activities, and places of interest.

- General information on Vancouver: https://vancouver.ca
- Tourist information for Vancouver https://www.destinationvancouver.com
- Granville Island site <u>https://granvilleisland.com</u> Catch a ferry to Granville Island...
- City Tour via Hop on Hop off bus <u>https://westcoastsightseeing.com/hop\_on/sightseeing\_pass</u>
- Bike rentals and city tours(Cycle City Tours)
  <u>https://cyclevancouver.com</u>
- Vancouver also has a bikeshare system. A 24 hour pass costs \$15. Up to 30 min. rides are free and then \$6/30 min for rides longer than 30 min. https://www.mobibikes.ca

And more ....

- Museum of Anthropology (Recommended!)
- Whale Watching charters
- Sightseeing flights
- Stanley Park
- Granville Island
- Craft Brewery tours
- Lonsdale Quay Market Seabus across the inlet
- Boat Tour

## Map of the Promenade Obligatoire



### **Grouse Mountain**

Below is a map with the general localization of Grouse Mountain.



A map with the facilities and activities is provided below. Lunch is organized in the Peak Chalet (Timber Room).



## ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

> Skyride	9:00am - 9:00pm
> Mountain Ziplines	10:00am - 5:30pm
> Mountain Ropes Adventure™	10:00am - 6:00pm
> Skyride Surf Adventure®	8:00am - 9:30am (Drop in Only)
≻ Kids Tree Canopy Adventure™	10:00am - 7:00pm
> Peak Chairlift Ride	11:00am - 7:00pm
Ranger Talks	10:00 am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm
> Mountain Disc Golf	9:00am - Dusk
> Helicopter Tours	Friday - Monday: 12:00pm - 8:00pm
> Grizzly Bear Habitat	9:00am - 9:00pm
> Grouse Grind®	7:00am - 7:30pm
> World-Famous Lumberjack Show	11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm
Birds in Motion <sup>®</sup> Demonstration	12:45pm, 3:15pm & 5:30pm
> Owi Talks	10:45am
> Theatre in the Sky	9:00am - 8:00pm

## **Travel information**

- Check this site for information on **arrival formalities**: <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada.html</u>
- Check **COVID requirements** (vaccinations...) here: <u>https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid</u>

Key is being fully vaccinated with recognized vaccines.

 Fill-in electronic ArriveCAN here: <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/services/arrivecan.html</u>

Note that applications for Android and iPhone can be downloaded and used to fill-in your ArriveCAN. You can also use a comuter on the Web.

• Fill-in your electronic travel authorization (eTA) here: <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/before-apply-eta.html</u>

Note: eTAs are delivered to citizens of visa-exempt countries. See the list countries eligible for eTAs here: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/entry-requirements-country.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/entry-requirements-country.html</a>

The eTA is valid for 5 years or until the expiry date of your passport.

If you are not eligible for an eTA, you will require a visa. You can find out of you need a visa here https://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

## Phone SIM

Check if your local provider offers a reasonable roaming option for Canada. If not, there are at least two options that will allow you to phone and get online in Canada:

- Buy a local SIM. Your phone number will be a Canadian number.
- Buy an eSim card if your phone is compatible

A complete article detailing these options can be found here: https://abrokenbackpack.com/canada-sim-cards/

# Useful links

Sheraton Vancouver	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yvrws-sheraton-vancouver- wall-centre/overview/
Friends of Bluche website	https://www.friendsofbluche.com/

## **Contact information**

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Sheraton reservations	1-800-663-9255 or 1-800-325-3535				

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