



**Gulf of Georgia Cannery**  
**National Historic Site of Canada**  
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## Cultural Explorer

*You seek constant opportunities to embrace, discover, and immerse yourself in the entire experience of the culture, people and settings of the places you visit. Not content to just visit historic sites and watch from the sidelines, you want to participate in the modern-day culture as well. You often attempt to converse with locals, attend local cultural festivals, or go off the beaten track to discover how people truly live.*

In its heyday, the locals will tell you, the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site was the largest building of its kind and the leading producer of canned salmon in BC. As you step inside the massive wooden waterfront building and become immersed in the sights, sounds and stories of the Pacific coast fishing industry, it's easy to see why.

Punch in your own time card on the old-cannery time clock and begin your journey as the past comes to life. Learn about seining, gillnetting, trolling and trawling through fascinating interactive exhibits. Step into the wheelhouse of a commercial fishing troller and explore the living space where crewmates rested briefly between flurries of fishing. How did they manage to do so much in such a little space?

Take a walking tour of Steveston where you can learn more about the lives of the cannery workers. Afterwards, stroll through the Farmer's Market and shop for locally grown produce while chatting with the farmers. In the evening, sit beneath the stars on the Tank Farm Deck and listen to big band sounds or the unmistakable fiddles that characterize maritime music. Your time at the Cannery will be worth talking about.

**Speak to our Visitor Experience Advisor to make the most of your visit!**

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## For the **Cultural Explorer** we suggest...

**Music Nights at the Cannery** - Listen to jazz, big band, duets, and maritime performers on the Tank Farm Deck of the Cannery. It will be hard not to get up and dance!

**Historic Walking Tour of Steveston** - The tour begins and ends at the Cannery. Weaving throughout the quaint fishing village of Steveston, you'll hear tales of hardship and gossip in the lives of cannery workers and fishermen.

**Canning Line Tour** – Try your hand at peughing salmon at the receiving dock. Follow its journey along the canning line where the machines are slowed down so you can see how the canning process works. Look up! Those are actual fish scales on the walls. Stop at the Butchering Machine and learn how it replaced the singing knives skilled that bladesmen once used instead.

**Herring Reduction Tour** – Take your time walking through the herring reduction plant. You may notice some of the machinery from other industries being put to use such as grain, wine, dairy, pulp and paper machines. Conclude the tour by sniffing a vial of oil that has been separated from the herring. Aren't you glad it's in a vial and not in the air all the time!

**Steveston Farmer's Market** - Join the locals every other Sunday right outside the Cannery's doors and shop at the Farmer's Market for seasonal produce grown locally. Spend a few moments chatting with an artisan discussing their pottery, or see a chef give a cooking demonstration. Buy a bag of freshly popped kettle corn.

