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15 THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT VANCOUVER

By the editors of *Where Vancouver*

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1. The breathtaking view of the city from **Grouse Mountain**. Simply gorgeous.
2. The surly and indifferent service at **The Elbow Room Cafe**.
3. Relaxing in a world-class spa.
4. The mild winter weather. If we want to see snow, we'll drive to the ski hills.
5. Examining the totem poles at the **Museum of Anthropology at UBC**.
6. All the free parking on **Granville Island**.
7. Counting down to the 2010 Winter Games. Just 25 months 'til the Olympics.



#8 - Brix Pastry Chef Michael Sosenmann
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8. Yaletown's cosy **Brix**, where temptations roam from vanilla pumpkin cheesecake to maple rhubarb panna cotta. But we think the white chocolate creme brulee takes the cake.

9. Going for dim sum or grabbing a snack of freshly chopped barbecued pork in **Chinatown**.

10. Nearby **Whistler**, which was recently voted the best ski resort in North America by readers of *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine.



#11 - Fudge
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11. Dogsledding at Whistler, just a two-hour drive from Vancouver.

12. After-Christmas clearance sales at **Pacific Centre** and **Oakridge Centre**.

13. Watching (but not participating in!) the annual **Polar Bear Swim** at English Bay - preferably with someone to keep us warm - before heading to the **Sylvia Hotel** for a hot toddy.



#14 - Gumdrops
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14. Rainy January days - as long as we're decked out in fun, colourful raingear from **Gumdrops**.

15. Seeing the Lions peek over the North Shore mountains on a clear, sunny day after a fresh snowfall.

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