

23<sup>RD</sup> WORLD CONGRESS  
OF DERMATOLOGY  
VANCOUVER 2015



# TOUR & EXCURSION PROGRAM

VANCOUVER, CANADA | JUNE 8-13, 2015



For more information and to register for tours, visit the 23<sup>RD</sup> WCD website.

[www.derm2015.org](http://www.derm2015.org)



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# WELCOME TO VANCOUVER

Vancouver is blessed with natural beauty and an abundance of attractions and points of interest for WCD delegates and their families. The Congress will offer a wide variety of group tours and excursions to give delegates a taste of the city and the region beyond. Whether you have a few hours or several days, tours and excursions will be offered to cater to everyone - from leisure and cultural to adventurous and fitness-focused. Of course, Vancouver is also a safe and easy city to explore on your own with multiple unique attractions, neighborhoods, and restaurants. Our WCD website ([www.derm2015.org](http://www.derm2015.org)) describes many of Vancouver's best places in the "Visitor Information" section.

## WCD 2015 Program at a Glance

**LEGEND:** **PL** Plenary Lectures    **CO** Courses    **GC** CDA's Global Celebration Forum  
**SY** Symposia    **CN** Controversies    **AM** Ancillary and Affiliate Meetings  
**WS** Workshops    **FC** Free Communications

	Monday, June 8	Tuesday to Friday, June 9-12		Saturday, June 13		
7:00		GC 7:00-8:00		GC 7:00-8:00	7:00	
8:00	ILDS National Member and Affiliate Meetings (AM)	WS 08:00-10:00	CO 8:00-11:00	WS 08:00-10:00	FC-Posters 7:30-15:00	8:00
9:00		SY & FC 08:00-10:30		PL 10:30-12:15		SY & FC 08:00-10:30
10:00		CN 09:00-10:30	PL 10:30-12:15			CN 09:00-10:30
11:00				FC-Posters 7:30-18:00		
12:00						
13:00		CN 14:00-15:30 & 15:30-17:00	Courses (CO) 13:30-16:30 & 14:00-17:00	SY & FC 13:00-15:30	CO Half Day P.M. 12:30-15:30	13:00
14:00		SY 13:30-16:30		Technical Exhibits 10:00-17:00		CN 14:00-15:30
15:00		FC 14:00-17:00			WC 13:30-15:30	
16:00		WS 13:30-15:30 & 14:30-16:30 & 15:30-17:30		Closing Ceremonies		16:00
17:00						17:00
18:00	Opening Ceremonies					18:00
19:00	Welcome Reception		WCD Gala Event (Friday, June 12)			19:00

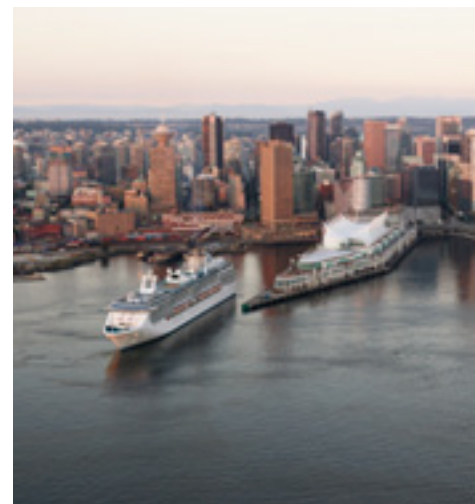
# PRE- AND POST-CONGRESS TOURS

The following tours will be offered by the Congress. Visit the Congress website at [www.derm2015.org](http://www.derm2015.org) for detailed information and pricing as it becomes available.

Each tour has a minimum booking requirement, and tours are subject to cancellation by the Congress Organizer if these minimum quotas are not met. Full refunds will be provided in the event of cancellation by the Congress.

## Ocean Cruise to Alaska

What better way to discover the beauty of Alaska and the Pacific Coast than from the comfort of a full-service cruise ship. Walk directly from the Vancouver Convention Centre right on to a ship that will take you on a 7- to 10-day round trip journey. Discover untouched stretches of land, glaciers that span the horizon and whales breaching off the bow of the ship. A cruise from Vancouver to Alaska is a trip of a lifetime. Cruise sailing dates and options will be announced and available for booking in the fall of 2014. Updated information will be posted on the WCD 2015 website as it becomes available.



## Rocky Mountaineer Train Excursion to the Canadian Rockies

Tour dates will be released in the winter of 2014. Rocky Mountaineer ([www.rockymountaineer.com](http://www.rockymountaineer.com)) offers a variety of unique Canadian vacation packages on distinctive rail routes, all rich in history and natural wonders. This world-renowned, luxurious train travels by daylight through the wild beauty of Canada's West and is truly the most memorable way to experience the majestic Canadian Rockies. For WCD delegates looking for an extended vacation while in Vancouver, packages will be offered for a Canadian Rockies tour. For those looking for a shorter train vacation, a package to/from Whistler on the Sea-to-Sky Climb will also be offered. Dates and tour options will be available for booking in the winter of 2014. Updated information will be posted on the WCD 2015 website as it becomes available.



## Victoria Day Trip by Coach

**Duration: 12 hours**

Enjoy a relaxing ferry cruise through the Gulf Islands to Victoria. The city of Victoria is British Columbia's quaint English-style capital. Explore the downtown core, shop in the unique boutiques or visit the Royal British Columbia Museum and Government House. Plan an optional visit to the world-famous Butchart Gardens.



# OPTIONAL TOURS

\*Tour durations may vary slightly; detailed tour descriptions will be available at [www.derm2015.org](http://www.derm2015.org)

## Public Art Biking Tour

**Duration: 3 hours**



A public art tour – on a bike! Whether you are an art aficionado, or a novice enthusiast this tour will let you see the city in a whole new way. On the tour, you will:

- Travel around Vancouver’s Seawall, Coal Harbour, and around False Creek
- View sculptures, murals, fountains, mosaics, buildings, and some unexpected surprises

## West Coast Whale Watching and Wildlife Adventure

**Duration: 4 to 5 hours**



The Pacific Ocean surrounding Vancouver is home to the majestic Orca, or ‘Killer Whale’. View whales, porpoises, sea lions and other diverse wildlife. Each trip, and every day is different as the boats explore the Gulf Islands and San Juan Islands in search of resident whales and other marine wildlife.

## Floatplane or Helicopter Sightseeing

**Duration: 1.25 hours**



A 20-minute thrilling flight over the Burrard Inlet, West Vancouver waterfront, North Shore mountains and the glacial fjords of Indian Arm.

## The Majestic North Shore:

### Capilano Suspension Bridge and Grouse Mountain

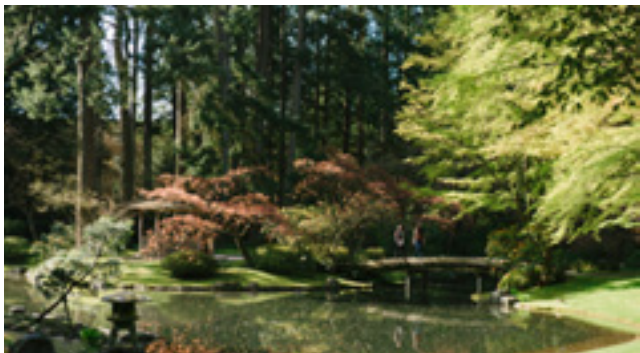
**Duration: 4.5 hours**



Visit the top two attractions in the city: The Capilano Suspension Bridge features a breath-taking 450 foot-long foot bridge and the heart-stopping mountain Cliffwalk, while at Grouse Mountain you will enjoy a thrilling Skyride with stunning views of Vancouver. Grouse Mountain also features a wildlife refuge — home to grizzly bears, timber wolves, and birds of prey.

## Botanical Gardens and Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia

Duration: 4.5 hours



**First stop:** UBC Botanical Gardens:

- Canopy Walkway, a spectacular 308-metre tree-top suspension bridge walk
- A naturalist will introduce guests to mosses, lichens, birds and BC's surroundings

**Second stop:** Nitobe Memorial Gardens

- Considered one of the most authentic Japanese gardens in North America and among the top five Japanese gardens outside Japan.



**Third stop:** the world-renowned Museum of Anthropology

- Over 38,000 ethnographic objects and 535,000 archaeological objects, many of which originate from the Northwest Coast of British Columbia.
- Massive totem poles and Coastal Native Art

## Sky High Adventure: Zipline Tour at Grouse Mountain

Duration: 5.5 hours



Grouse Mountain provides breathtaking views of the city of Vancouver and the Gulf Islands. Soar through the rainforest on an adrenaline-pumping 2 hour tour across the peaks and canyons of Grouse and Dam Mountains. After ziplining, visit the wildlife refuge — home to grizzly bears, timber wolves, and birds of prey. Or dine at the mountain-top restaurant.

## Salmon Fishing

Duration: 5.5 hours



British Columbia is a fisherman's paradise! The chinook salmon has always been BC sport fishing's crown jewel, known to tip the scales at more than 32kg/70lb. Or try for the iconic steelhead, considered one of the hardest-fighting and most elusive game fish in the world! Guests will fish with experienced guides for chinook, sockeye, steelhead and even the prehistoric sturgeon.

### **Ocean Kayaking in Deep Cove**

**Duration: 4 hours**



Dip your paddle into the pristine waters of Deep Cove and search for seals bobbing in the waves, eagles diving for salmon and brightly colored sea stars clinging to the rocks. An expert guide will make even a first-time kayaker feel safe, comfortable, and confident.

### **Whistler and Shannon Falls Tour**

**Duration: 10 hours**



Visit the mountain resort of Whistler, home to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. Enjoy the breathtaking views and scenic stops along the thrilling Sea-To-Sky Highway. Feel the mist of the spectacular 335-meter Shannon Falls as you walk to the viewing deck. Once in Whistler, there is more than 3 hours to have lunch, shop, ride a bike or stroll the trails. For the adventurous, take the “Peak to Peak” Gondola between Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Savor the beautiful views overlooking Howe Sound on your leisurely ride back to downtown Vancouver.

### **Silk Roads Adventure: A Guided Tour of Vancouver’s Historic Chinatown**

**Duration: 4 hours**



Explore Chinatown’s intriguing sights and fragrances with a local guide through the lively Chinese market, herbal medicine shops and historical alleys of Vancouver’s Chinatown.



Also enjoy:

- A formal Chinese Tea Ceremony
- Private guided tour of the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden
- A dim sum lunch at Canada’s largest Chinese restaurant

\*Visit the 23<sup>RD</sup> WCD Website [www.derm2015.org/program/social-program](http://www.derm2015.org/program/social-program) for prices, dates and times of tours and to book your tours.



# WCD ACCOMPANYING PERSONS (AP) PROGRAM

Online registration is available with delegate registration. Go to [www.derm2015.org](http://www.derm2015.org) and click on the Registration Section for pricing and detailed information. The AP Program includes two (2) Social Program Tours (**Tour A** and **Tour B**, see below), available June 9-12, with multiple dates and times offered.

Pre-registration of tour choices/times is required at the time of booking. Visit the website for AP Tour times.



## Tour A: Discover Vancouver Tour

**Duration: 4 hours**

All Accompanying Persons will select a specific date and time for the Discover Vancouver Tour.

With several stops offered, this is the perfect introduction to our beautiful city of Vancouver.

- Stanley Park: a stunning 1,000-acre temperate rainforest on the edge of the ocean
- Chinatown: the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in North America
- Gastown: historic-turned-hip district of shops and galleries amongst the cobblestone streets
- Yaletown: one-of-a-kind boutiques, high-end designers and restaurants
- Granville Island: this culinary and artisan oasis in the center of the city is not to be missed

## Tour B: Special Places in Vancouver

Select one of the following three options:



### **TOUR B - OPTION 1: Granville Island Culinary Tour**

**Duration: 4 hours**

Shop as the city's top chefs do at the Granville Island Public Market with this Chef-guided talk and walking tour through Vancouver's most famous food-lover's destination.

- Specialty food vendors, local heirloom produce and ethnic cuisine
- Fine-art and local artisan galleries
- Samples and demonstrations from selected vendors
- Leisure time to explore the many shops, studios, galleries and restaurants

### **TOUR B - OPTION 2: Stanley Park Cycle Tour**

**Duration: 3.5 hours**

On the edge of the downtown core, Stanley Park, a temperate rainforest, has been ranked amongst the top 5 urban parks in North America. The bicycle tour features:

- Easy 9 km ride on the well-maintained bike trails through the temperate rainforest and along pristine sun-kissed beaches
- View the 800 year-old cedar trees and the famous Hollow Tree
- Coastal First Nations totem poles
- 9 o'clock Gun and Deadman's Island
- Stunning views of English Bay, Burrard Inlet, West Vancouver and Lions Gate Bridge



### **TOUR B - OPTION 3: Urban Parks and Gardens**

**Duration: 4 hours**

Enjoy Vancouver's favorite park and garden destinations on this guided tour of the city's top three urban parks:

- Stanley Park's First Nations Totem Poles at Brockton Point and the Rose Garden
- VanDusen Botanical Garden, tour the 22-hectare green space with a master horticulturalist
- Queen Elizabeth Park, a 52-hectare park in the heart of Vancouver's Mount Pleasant neighborhood and the Bloedel Conservatory



## CONTACT & INFORMATION

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For more information on Pre- and Post-Congress Tours, Optional Tours and the Accompanying Persons Program, contact the 23<sup>RD</sup> WCD Secretariat at:

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## BOOKING INFORMATION

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Online registration will be available to registered and registering delegates and their Accompanying Persons. If you have already registered for the World Congress, and would like to supplement your registration with a tour program please log back in to your registration account (check your registration confirmation email for login details) to add the tours of your choice. You can also send us a request for information or assistance to [tours@derm2015.org](mailto:tours@derm2015.org).

Check our website for detailed descriptions, prices and schedules at [www.derm2015.org/program/social-program](http://www.derm2015.org/program/social-program).