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Canada Day Celebrations at Canada Place



The Lower Mainland's largest Canada Day event takes place in downtown Vancouver at and around [Canada Place](#). The party includes fireworks, concerts and fun!

Canada Day at Canada Place

On Canada Day there are family-friendly activities by the waterfront all day, including at Canada Place and around the Convention Centre and Jack Poole Plaza. There is also an evening parade, lots of live entertainment and some of the country's most impressive fireworks displays.

The Canada Day celebrations at Canada Place are reputedly the largest July 1st celebrations in the country after Ottawa. Expect there to be tens if not hundreds of thousands of people at the festivities. Also expect lots of great music and a festive atmosphere.

For information on Canada Day events at Canada Place and downtown Vancouver, see below. Or, for information on July 1st events throughout the region, click [Lower Mainland Canada Day Celebrations](#).



Canada Day by the Vancouver Convention Centre

Activities at Canada Place

Family-friendly Canada Day activities take place from 10 am until around 10 pm on July 1st at Canada Place, and then again from 10 am until close to 4 pm on July 2nd.

Fireworks blast off at the end of the day on July 1st, and the parade happens on the following day.

On both days there are all kinds of things to see and do in and around Canada Place including on the Main Stage, Celebration Stage and other locations. Click [Event Schedule](#) for performance details.



Canada Place Main Stage

The Main Stage is located on Canada Place Way at Canada Place, so right out in front of the giant building with the white sails. Live music takes place there all day on July 1.

Canada Day performers include Jocelyn Petit and big name musicians like the Sam Roberts Band, as well as other groups.

Celebration Stage

In Hall A at the Vancouver Convention Centre are multicultural performances. Expect lots of dancing.



Other Entertainment

There are lots of other things to see and do for people of all ages between Canada Place and Jack Poole Plaza on the other side of the Convention Centre. For example, at the northernmost tip of Canada Place there's a family-friendly licensed area featuring more live music.

The Canada Day Parade

Vancouver's main Canada Day parade takes place downtown on Sunday, July 2nd, starting at 5 pm. The 60+-entry event begins at the corner of Georgia Street and Broughton, heads east down Georgia, turns north along Burrard and finishes at West Pender Street.

TIP #1: Take public transit if at all possible, but be patient and prepared for crowds and lineups.

TIP #2: Get to the parade early if you want a good place to watch from. The same goes for the fireworks. For the parade, if going really early, maybe take a chair and a book or have your phone well-charged for games while you wait. Or better yet, take your family or friends and enjoy some good conversation.



Fireworks view from Stanley Park

The Canada Day Fireworks

Fireworks are launched starting at about 10:30 pm off a barge in Burrard Inlet a ways off [Canada Place](#). Best places to watch are from the west and north ends of the promenade deck at Canada Place, as well as from anywhere along the seawall between Canada Place and the north side of the Vancouver Convention Centre. Of course, being best places, these areas will also be insanely crowded.

Other popular locations are along the waterfront in [Coal Harbour](#), from the seawall in Stanley Park, or from Crab Park or even New Brighton Park along the water to the east of Canada Place.



The view of the fireworks from Shipbuilders' Square in North Vancouver

TIP: If you suffer from claustrophobia or you just don't like crowds, don't go anywhere near Canada Place or the Coal Harbour waterfront on Canada Day, especially in the evening. If you want to watch from a safe distance, but still a good location, consider spending the evening on the North Shore somewhere around [Lonsdale Quay](#) or the pier at Shipbuilder's Square. There will still be lots of people there, but nowhere near the numbers around Canada Place.



For more information on activities downtown and around Canada Place on July 1st, see the official [Canada Day at Canada Place](#) website.

For more details on Canada Day events in other places, click [Lower Mainland Canada Day Celebrations](#).

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