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## CHRISTMAS ON TWO WHEELS IN VANCOUVER

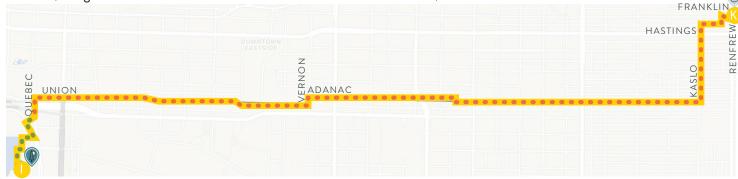
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PROMOTING TWO-WHEELED TOURISM IN CITIES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

- A PORTOBELLO WEST MARKET If you're looking to do a little shopping, the Portobello West Market offers locally made gifts and goodies. Runs November 29-30, and admission is just \$2.
- B KIDS MARKET The Kids Market at Granville Island is a treat all year round, with lots of toy stores all geared to bring smiles to the faces of children of all ages. At Christmas time, they also get daily visits from the "Big Guy". FREE
- COBSON SQUARE ICE RINK It may not snow much in Vancouver, but that doesn't mean we can't enjoy some winter activities. Each year Robson Square freezes over, offering skating daily starting at 9am. BYOSkates FREE. Rentals also available. 1 Dec-28 Feb
- VANCOUVER CHRISTMAS MARKET The Vancouver Christmas Market is a traditional German Christkindlmarkt in the heart of downtown. For our kids, the colourful carousel ride is a highlight each year. 22 Nov-24 Dec, 11am-9pm. \$7 for adults, \$3 for kids
- E CHRISTMAS AT CANADA PLACE Canada Place offers numerous activities for the whole family throughout the month of December. 13-31 Dec (closed Dec 24/25).
  - BRIGHT NIGHTS TRAIN The Train and Plaza at Stanley Park sparkles with three million twinkling lights, decorating the darkness that comes early at this time of year. \$4 suggested donation. 27 Nov-4 Jan. Reserve train tickets on website.
- CAROL SHIPS PARADE OF LIGHTS (Canada Place, English Bay, Science World) More than 50 boats and over 100,000 light up Coal Harbour, False Creek and other waters throughout Metro Vancouver. Science World hosts opening night on Dec 5. Runs December 5-25. FREE
- H LIGHTS OF HOPE A Vancouver tradition, Lights of Hope is an annual fundraiser that lights up St. Paul's Hospital and Burrard Street. The display is definitely worth the trip, and a point of pride for many Vancouverites. 27 Nov-12 Jan. FREE
- FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS A frozen winter wonderland with over one million lights decorating VanDusen Garden. Our kids love running along the lit pathways and we have to stick around for at least two of the musical light displays on the lake. 10 Dec-4 Jan
- K MAKE-IT FAIR The perfect destination to shop for one-of-a-kind handmade items from over 250 of Canada's hottest urban artisans, designers & crafters. 4-7 Dec. Admission \$7 (for whole weekend), Kids 12 and under FREE



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