



ABBOTSFORD

HANDMADE & HOMEGROWN

Story Angles

(Abbotsford, BC) Take advantage of the land and community around us – eateries, activities, and trails are at your doorstep. From the peaceful plains of Sumas Prairie and Matsqui Flats, to the rolling hills of Mt. Lehman and the rugged backcountry of Sumas Mountain – together with the exciting urban flare sprouting downtown – Abbotsford is a landscape full of unique and remarkable experiences. This jam-packed itinerary is loaded with handmade and homegrown experiences. tourismabbotsford.ca

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (YXX)

Abbotsford International Airport is the second largest airport in the Lower Mainland, offering daily domestic scheduled services and seasonal international scheduled services. Abbotsford Airport has a longstanding general aviation community and an established **aerospace** community, including **Cascade Aerospace**, the **Conair Group**, **Marshall Aerospace Canada**, and the **University of the Fraser Valley Aerospace Centre**. YXX underwent a 14-000 square foot expansion, adding new gates and additional passenger seating capacity.

LOCAL FOOD

The Fraser Valley is BC's largest agricultural region. Abbotsford takes great pride in being a strong farm-to-plate destination.

Circle Farm Tour

The Circle Farm Tour program of the Fraser Valley allow visitors to experience the edible landscape southwest of Vancouver via four communities: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, and Agassiz/Harrison Mills. Each Circle Tour has its own road map leading to *agri-tourism* sites, wineries, farm-gate vendors, eateries, markets, and heritage sites.

RESTAURANTS, BISTROS, AND CAFES

Brambles Bistro

At *Brambles Bistro*, brunch is more than just a meal– it's food for all your senses. You'll find yourself seated in a tranquil, garden setting as you choose from farm-fresh entrées. Be sure to explore the European-inspired Tanglebank Gardens gift store, filled with hand-made and notable creations.

Brodeur's Bistro

A blend of Montreal & New Orleans cuisine, *Brodeurs* is known for its authentic cuisine and cozy atmosphere. Menu items included smoked meat sandwiches, jambalaya, and rotisserie chicken. All with a choice of 28 sides.



Clayburn Village Store

Clayburn Village Store and Tea Shop takes guests back in time to 1912. The quaint store is located in the original building of the Clayburn Village General Store and features a wide array of traditional British goods and candy and serves lunch in its tea room.

Restaurant 62

Indulge in a farm-to-table meal at **Restaurant 62 (R62)**. R62's talented culinarians pride themselves on using only the freshest ingredients, earning rave reviews. Starters and sides are designed to be shared and the warm, contemporary interior lends itself to everything from a date night to a meal out with friends.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN: Food, Artisan Shopping, and Fun

Historic Downtown Abbotsford has Portland feels with its vibing mix of small businesses, independent restaurants, and boutique shops. Highlights include organic clothing, apothecary goods, handcrafted pottery, wearable sculptures and jewellery, vintage homewares, restored furniture, vinyl from every genre, new and used books, strong brews, artisanal bakeries and cafés, and craft breweries.

Boardwalk Café and Games

Boardwalk Cafe is one of the premier locations for experiential entertainment and social gatherings in Abbotsford and the Fraser Valley. Featuring the best table-top games alongside handcrafted sandwiches, specialty coffees, local food and treats. Over 300 games to choose from!

Bow & Stern

This family owned, local restaurant opened its doors in 2014. Specializing in delicious seafood dishes, Bow and Stern harbours a sense of character. Tucked away in Historic Downtown, guests arrive to photos of boats lining the walls and distressed pieces reminiscent of treasures retrieved from the bottom of the sea.

Brgr Brgr

A place so nice they named it twice! Abbotsford's newest joint is offering good people a good brgr (and a good beer) in a place that feels good. Brgr Brgr believes in knowing where food comes from, supporting farms, and creating products that taste fresh, not frozen.

Common Good Ice Cream Lounge

Common Goods Ice Cream is the newest ice cream lounge to pop up in Downtown Abbotsford with fun and inspiring ice cream flavours. The husband and wife duo have created some intriguing flavours, such as Lavender Pistachio, White Chocolate Chilli, Strawberry Mojito, Spanish Latte, Mini Egg Cheesecake, Chipotle Chocolate, Spiked Gingerbread Eggnog, Speculaas Cookie and more. All of their dairy comes from Abbotsford cows at Birchwood Dairy and their mix-ins are made in-house, supporting as many local farms and businesses as possible.



Duft & Co Bakehouse

Duft & Co was created with the desire to bring high quality, fresh, and handmade fare to our community. The team strives to make a difference in the way people experience food by creating inspired dishes using the best seasonal, and locally sourced ingredients. All of the menu items are designed and prepared with passion and skill, while reflecting Duft & Co.'s belief that food is love.

Habit Project

The Habit Project was founded in 2016 by two families, the Millers (Danielle + Steve and Nash) and the Vermeers (Mariah + Chris). Passionate about life balance and improving wellness, they started juicing every day and witnessed incredible things, thanks to the healing power of food. The healthy habit of nourishing their bodies by juicing daily not only improved their quality of life but also ignited a desire within them to share the goodness of wholesome nourishment with others.

Montrose & George General Store

M + G combines community spirit with a fresh take on merchandising—blending one part country with one part concept.

Nine Kitchen & Lounge

Inspired by craft cocktails with fresh ingredients and committed to serving traditional foods with thought-provoking tastes and flavours.

Oldhand Coffee

Oldhand Coffee is run and owned by a husband and wife duo who live in the Fraser Valley. It is a place where people can enjoy specialty coffee and baking at their family-owned cafe, they see pictures of the past generations of European family members who inspire them to do what they do—create a more elevated, heart-felt, and immersive experience of hospitality.

Polly Fox Bakery

Polly Fox is a bakery and bistro, specializing in 100% gluten and allergen-free baked goods. From decadent treats to snacks and small meals, each is made with fresh, locally-sourced ingredients. Sweet or savoury, there's something you'll love. Everyone deserves a little deliciousness in their life.

Spruce Collective

Spruce Collective and the Market are operated by Kevi, Monica, Jessica, Lily, and Elisa. With different backgrounds, and years of experience in styling, design, and art, not to mention five sets of meticulous eyes scouring vintage hideaways for the most perfect treasures, the ladies are sure to inspire unforgettable affairs.

Tracycakes Bakery Café

Tracycakes is the perfect setting to linger over coffee and cupcakes, elegant High Tea, or a glass of wine. The menu features made-from-scratch meals including soups, salads, sandwiches, and quiche. Signature cupcakes are baked daily and come in more than 40 varieties.



Yes Chef!

Cobblestone Kitchenware started in 2011 as a sister store to Vinca's Kitchen in Ladner. After a year and a half operating as Cobblestone Cottage Abbotsford, they noticed most of their customers, family and friends simply started to call the store Cobblestone. They wanted customers to know exactly what their specialty was so they added kitchenware below the name. The images of a cleaver, rolling pin, dutch oven, and spoon allow customers to easily identify that this store has it all. Cobblestone recently rebranded and is now Yes Chef.

Jubilee Park

Jubilee Park is centrally located near historic downtown Abbotsford and has a history as a preferred venue for many community events. The park has recently been upgraded in order to enhance safety, improve visibility and increase parking. As part of the project, the current lawn bowling facility was relocated to Mill Lake Park.

Centennial Building in Historic Downtown Abbotsford

Home to the **Abbotsford Downtown Business Association**, **Tourism Abbotsford**, **UFV CityStudio**, and **Banter Ice Cream**, the newly renovated Centennial Building in Historic Downtown Abbotsford has officially opened. The new Centennial Building will be a key community gathering space and innovation hub within the growing Historic Downtown Neighbourhood. This project will allow for the further development of Abbotsford's vibrant and diverse economy, now serving as the home to some of the dynamic organizations that are shaping the City's future.

ABBY'S ALE TRAIL

Field House Brewing

Field House is all about the vibes, marrying good beer and fun times. Brews are carefully-crafted and there are ten taps to choose from. The Canteen takes it beyond farm-to-plate with the Field House crew actually growing and harvesting their own produce. Everything is made on site with a seasonal menu consisting of a stunning Faspa Board -- loaded with local cheeses and meats, honey, pickles, edible flowers, and brewhouse-made spreads -- flatbread pizza, tacos, and comfort classics like Grilled Cheese, Mac 'N Cheese, and soups. When it comes down to the beer, the Field House crew is known for collaborating with local farmers and creating classic styles infused with farm-fresh goodness.

Loudmouth Brewing Company

Located near the Abbotsford International Airport, Loudmouth Brewing Co. serves house-made craft beer, craft soda, and scratch- made lunch and dinner entrées, such as rotisserie chicken and biscuits.

Old Abbey Ales

At Old Abbey Ales, every drop of beer is created with the finest ingredients starting with Fraser Valley water, Pale ale malt from Armstrong, and hops, raspberries, and blueberries from local farms.



Ravens Brewing Company

Located minutes off the highway, bright big windows make this space feel bright and airy. With communal tables and bar seating, there are plenty of seating options around to enjoy your beer. Ravens creates approachable beers, while honouring the ingredients that make it great, and collaborates with local businesses to develop their products from hops, strawberry, and raspberry farmers, to coffee and bake shops and chocolatiers. Their 'farm to brewery' initiative is led by Ravens as they source Abbotsford-grown hops. One of their firsts was Ravens' West Coast Pale Ale, which includes a generous amount of Centennial and Cascade hops.

Trading Post Brewery

With three locations, Abbotsford is the newest. Throughout history, breweries have been a fundamental part of the communities they serve. Trading Post's modern-day craft brewery was born out of passion and a desire to serve the communities called home.

Learn more about the [Fraser Valley Ale Trail](#).

GRAPES, FRUIT, AND HONEY WINES

Welcome to one of BC's secrets—the Fraser Valley is a booming winery destination. The Fraser Valley's agricultural history and rich terroir serves as an ideal location for growing premium grapes.

Campbells Gold Honey Farm and Meadery

The 'busy bees' create a honey-sweet experience! Owners, Judy and Mike, love meeting new people and teaching their guests everything there is to know about bees, how they communicate, and what they produce. Sample honey, bring home a bottle of mead (honey wine), and other unique gifts.

Maan Farms Estate Winery

Farming for four decades, the Maans began growing premium strawberries and introduced themselves at a simple fruit stand. From a fruit stand to a family-friendly destination, the Maan Estate Winery is their latest endeavor. From vine to glass, Maan Farms only use high quality fresh fruit and process with a minimum number of sulfites. Varieties includes a Strawberry/Raspberry blend, Blueberry and Blackberry.

Mt. Lehman Winery

Owned by the Siemens Family, Mt. Lehman Winery specializes in limited edition artisan wines, rooted in excellence and quality. Branded as a local favourite, and with 80 acres of red and white wine grape varieties, highlights include the Brawny Tawny and Vern Siemen's favourites—the Pinot Noir and Pinot Noir Reserve.

Ripples Winery

The Fraser Valley is known for its high-yield berry growing including strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. Ripples infuses its own antioxidant-rich farm-fresh blueberries, producing beautiful hand-crafted fruit wines. True to most wineries in Abbotsford, Ripples is family owned and operated. Also situated on the same property, **New Wave Distilling** is a craft distillery producing spirits made from organic berries picked and grown on the family farm.



Seaside Pearl Farmgate Winery

It's the chapel in the country with the simple goal of cultivating, creating and sharing wines that whisper elegance and distinction. Balanced with richness and delicacy, feature wines include the Royal Engineers Petit Verdot, Landing Road Red Blend, and Sam and Isaac Pinot Gris.

Singletree Winery

Small batches of less than 3,000 cases per year and always made with love. This award-winning family owned and operated winery offers a portfolio of wines that pay respect to the family's deep farming roots. Their premium grapes showcase the aromatic and crisp flavours created by BC's warm summer, mild winters, and nourishing soils with names, such as Harness and Homestead.

Please see **Mt. Lehman Sojourn in the Valley**. Businesses located in the Mt. Lehman corridor provide seasonal events and workshops celebrating wine, food, garden blooms, and home décor.

Beyond Bubbles Wine Tours

Don't feel like driving? Visitors can book private wine and farm tours with Beyond Bubbles.

Overnight at Brookside Inn

Brookside Inn Boutique Hotel is located in the heart of the Fraser Valley with views of Mt Baker, Pepin Brook Vineyard and surrounding countryside. Brookside Inn is a luxury bed and breakfast accommodation featuring six individual suites and a gourmet, complimentary breakfast served each morning.

BC BIRD TRAIL

Look up, stay grounded. Situated on the Pacific Flyway, British Columbia is home to a vast array of North America's best birdwatching opportunities. Whether you are a seasoned birder or just taking off, the BC Bird Trail is your guide to explore birding, conservation, and community in British Columbia.

The Fraser Valley Trail ushers birders along on a riverside tour of some of the province's richest birding regions. Composed of four unique communities, this trail stretches from the Township of Langley in the west, through the Fraser River cities of Abbotsford and Chilliwack to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs at the southern end.

Birding in Abbotsford

Abbotsford's 'Heart of the Valley' is ideal for birding! Our mild, varied climate, numerous parks, and position on a natural migration flyway make birding in Abbotsford a must-do for beginner and seasoned birders! Hotspots include Willband Creek Park, Mill Lake, Matsqui Trail, Aldergrove Regional Park, Fishtrap Creek, Sumas Prairie, and Chadsey Lake via Sumas Mountain. There have been over 300 bird species seen here in the Fraser Valley.



GREAT OUTDOORS AND INSTAGRAM SPOTS

- Discovery Trail
- Abby Grind on Sumas Mountain
- Albert Dyck Lake
- Selfie spots: Golden Tree, Giant Berry Tree, The Reach Museum
- Historic Downtown and painted murals

ARTS, CULTURE AND MUSIC

The Reach Gallery Museum

The Reach is a centre of cultural and creative innovation, platform for excellence in visual arts, and monument to Abbotsford's diverse heritage, while showcasing rising talent from across Canada. Explore other Abbotsford museums.

Heritage Sites

Abbotsford Sikh Museum, Mennonite Heritage Museum, and Trethewey House Heritage Site.

Valley Music Co

Valley Music Co. is a collection of local indie musicians.

Jam in Jubilee

Abbotsford's premiere outdoor concert experience.

FLOWERS AND MORE FLOWERS!

Abbotsford Tulip Festival

Even though beauty is a year-round phenomenon in these parts, there really is nothing quite like springtime in the Valley. Because spring is when Mother Nature gets all dolled up, and when tulips begin to show their true colours. Stemming back to 1974, when Peter Warmerdam purchased land in Abbotsford's Sumas Prairie and began growing flower crops, Abbotsford's '**Bloom Tulip Festival**' truly took shape within the last decade and has become a place where locals and tourists alike can stroll through the tulip fields and enjoy the breathtaking display of color, along with other eye-catching activities in the field. The annual Bloom event is now a part of the **Fraser Valley Tulip Trail**.

Sunflowers

Sunflower attractions at Maan Farms' Sunflower Festival, sunflower patch at Taves Family Farms Applebarn, sunflower fields and U-Pick no-spray berries at Eco Dairy, and a sunflower border at Campbells Gold Honey and Meadery. These attractions are part of the **BC Sunflower Trail**.



Buckets Fresh Flowers Market

A local Abbotsford florist delivering courteous, professional service and the highest quality flowers. Their experienced designers can create floral arrangements that will complement any occasion and meet a specific budget and style expectations.

Confetti Floral

Confetti Floral loves people and flowers. Their passion is creating arrangements that delight clients. Specializing in weddings and special events, as well as fresh florals for the everyday.

Simply Perfect Flowers

Simply Perfect Flowers was founded on the philosophy that flowers have the magical ability to transform an ordinary space into an extraordinary experience. They strive to produce work that is, for lack of a better phrase, 'simply perfect.'

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

On pause due to Covid-19.

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