



# ABBOTSFORD

HANDMADE & HOMEGROWN

## Story Angles

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.

### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (YXX)

*Abbotsford International Airport is the second largest airport in the Lower Mainland, offering daily domestic and international flights. 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**.*

### LOCAL FOOD

#### **Circle Farm Tour**

*The Fraser Valley is BC's largest agricultural region. The Circle Farm Tour program allows visitors to experience the edible landscape of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, and the Harrison River Valley. Each community has its own self-guided road map for farms, agri-tourism sites, wineries, cideries, breweries, distilleries, eateries, and heritage sites.*



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## RESTAURANTS, BISTROS, AND CAFÉS

### **Black Casket Café**

*A charismatic café in the west end of Abbotsford, serving classic fare with a spooky twist, in an atmosphere of gothic glam vibes. Menu includes homemade soups, sandwiches, themed beverages and sweet treats.*

### **Café Amarti**

*Café Amarti, named for the Italian word meaning “to love one another”, aims to foster a sense of belonging and love in the community through the shared enjoyment of European-inspired craft coffee and food.*

### **Foxglove Floral Café**

*Located in the Rail District, Foxglove is a Parisian-inspired cafe and flower shop offering craft coffee, seasonal foods, fresh floral arrangements and curated goods.*

### **Restaurant 62**

*Restaurant 62’s culinarians pride themselves on serving farm-to-table entrées, paired with an award-winning wine list. 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.*

### **Tasty Indian Bistro**

*With locations in Vancouver and Surrey, Tasty’s Bistro opened a location in Abbotsford – an upscale casual dining restaurant and bar with a South Asian fusion menu.*

### **The Agora & Apothecary at Tanglebank Estates**

*Tanglebank Estate is a private garden and live event space in the heart of the historical neighborhood of Mt. Lehman. It is home to The Agora & Apothecary, a farm-to-table style eatery with a seasonal garden centre and lifestyle accessories marketplace.*

### **The Table Bistro**

*The Table Bistro is an elevated, approachable and artisanal bistro, adding a twist to traditional dishes paired with select wines and handcrafted cocktails.*

### **Zilla’s Donuts**

*Located just outside of Historic Downtown Abbotsford, Zilla’s offers a variety of unique handmade donuts with a line-up that changes regularly.*



## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN: Shop, Sip, and Savour

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

### **Chew On This Tasty Tours**

Guests are invited to take a curated tour, to traverse charming historic roads on a journey from savoury to sweet and back, indulging in artisanal ice cream, divine baked goods, and delectable bites while unravelling the city's tales through mesmerizing murals.

### **Jubilee Park**

The oasis amidst the downtown activity, this park is a local hotspot for community events, concerts, yoga, and pickleball.

### **Centennial Building**

Home to the **Abbotsford Downtown Business Association**, **Tourism Abbotsford**, **UFV City Studio**, and **Banter Ice Cream**, this historical building is a gathering space for furthering 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.

## **ARTISAN FOOD:**

### **Amici Wine Bar Osteria & Enoteca**

A place where 'amici' (Italian word for 'friends') can gather and enjoy a sense of belonging, a community built around love, laughter, wine, and good food.

### **Aurora Roasters**

Artisanal coffee shop and café.

### **Banter Ice Cream**

Small batch ice cream, thoughtfully crafted using local, fresh ingredients.

### **Boardwalk Café and Games**

Featuring over 300 table-top games alongside homemade sandwiches, specialty coffees and treats.

### **Bow & Stern**

This flagship location has guests enjoying specialty seafood dishes, surrounded by an ambiance of treasures retrieved from the bottom of the sea.

### **Brgr Brgr**

A place so nice they named it twice. Brgr Brgr offers 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 fresh products.



### **Duft & Co Bakehouse**

*With a belief that food is love, the team serves culinary artistry using locally-sourced ingredients.*

### **Local Public House (formerly La Reina)**

*Think dive sports bar meets Coyote Ugly along with house-made burgers, wings, pastas, and wood-fired pizzas.*

### **Oldhand Coffee**

*A place where people can enjoy specialty coffees and baking, amidst nostalgic European history.*

### **The Polly Fox**

*Specializing in 100% gluten and allergen-free decadent treats and small bites.*

### **Re:Vive Boutique Bistro**

*An integrated boutique and bistro experience where guests can sip, shop, gather graze and be revived.*

### **The Habit Project**

*A cold-pressed juice company serving a range of healthy, locally-sourced salads, superfood smoothies, and acai bowls.*

### **The Pastry Portal**

*A bakery and coffee shop serving homemade sweet and savouries that are out of this world.*

### **Tracycakes Bakery Café**

*A Parisian setting to linger over coffee, cupcakes, High Tea or wine.*

## **ARTISAN SHOPPING:**

### **Forage & Faire**

*A family-owned herbal apothecary, rare & artisan tea bar, and refill and aromatherapy shop providing quality herbal products that encourages a holistic and regenerative approach to health, healing and well being.*

### **Lotus & Lemongrass**

*Unique gifts, jewellery, home fragrances and decor.*

### **Spruce Collective**

*A unique retail space, offering a curated selection of handmade goods,-vintage finds, and locally crafted items.*

### **Yes Chef**

*A speciality kitchen, home, and giftware store.*



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## ABBY'S ALE TRAIL

### **Canuck Empire Brewing**

*Canuck Empire Brewing is a nano brewery in Abbotsford's U-District, located across the street from Abbotsford Centre, creating distinctive beers for off-beat Canadians. Guests can enjoy 10 beers on tap, food options, and a dog-friendly patio.*

### **Field House Brewing**

*Field House is all about the vibes, marrying good beer and fun times. Brews are carefully crafted with 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 bites like charcuterie, flatbreads, pizzas, tacos, and soups. When it comes down to the beer, the 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 housemade 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.*

### **Old Yale Brewing**

*A 10,000 sq ft, 200-seat craft brewery, home to a 10-hectoliter brewery. Old Yale Brewery in Historic Downtown Abbotsford offers 15 beers on tap, a selection of wine, cider, and cocktails, and a delicious, campfire-inspired menu to suit every appetite. The space includes a cozy heated and covered patio, and a large, themed, indoor seating area, games lodge and Old Yale Beer & Gear Store.*

### **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 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.*

### **Trading Post Brewery**

*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 SPIRITED SIPS

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 and fruits.

### **Campbells Gold Honey Farm and Meadery**

The 'busy bees' create a honey-sweet experience. The owners love meeting new people and teaching their guests everything there is to know about bees, how they communicate, and what they produce including honey wines and mead.

### **Cannon Estate Winery and Calibre Bistro**

Cannon Estate Winery is a family owned winery in the historic Mt Lehman farming area, with a mission to showcase the Fraser Valley as a hidden gem on the rise in the Canadian winemaking space. They offer elegant, French-style, terroir-focused wine created for the connoisseur collector, as well as social wines created to be shared with friends and family. Calibre Bistro provides an upscale environment to enjoy a glass of wine with small bite plates, ranging from charcuterie to oysters.

### **Maan Farms Estate Winery**

Farming for four decades, the Maans began growing premium strawberries and introduced themselves at a simple fruit stand. From vine to glass, this award-winning winery uses high quality fresh fruit with minimal sulfites. Varieties include 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, the Pinot Noir and Pinot Noir Reserve. Guests are encouraged to ask about the barrel tasting experience.

### **Ripples Winery & New Wave Distilling**

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 handcrafted fruit wines. True to most wineries in Abbotsford, Ripples is family owned and operated. Also situated on the same property is property is New Wave Distilling, a craft distillery producing spirits made from organic berries.

### **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**

Featuring 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 summers, mild winters, and nourishing soils with blends, such as Harness and Homestead.



### ***Taves Estate Cidery***

*Set on a multi-generational farm in the Southlands of Abbotsford, the Taves Family harvest a bounty of apples and berries. Guests are invited to indulge in orchard-fresh delights where orchard-to-bottle ciders meet the charm of cuddly goats, creating a unique blend of flavour and fun.*

## **BC BIRD TRAIL**

Situated on the Pacific Flyway, BC is home to a vast array of North America's best birdwatching opportunities, the BC Bird Trail is a guide to exploring 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 through the Fraser River cities of Abbotsford and Chilliwack to the Harrison River Valley.

### ***Abbotsford Is For The Birds***

*Abbotsford's 'Heart of the Valley' is ideal for birding. The 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. Over 300 species have been spotted.*



## GREAT OUTDOORS AND PICTURE-WORTHY SPOTS

- Discovery Trail
- Albert Dyck Lake
- Selfie spots: Golden Tree Memorial Sculpture in the International Friendship Garden, Giant Berry Tree, the Reach Gallery Museum
- Historic Downtown Abbotsford with painted murals by local artists
- Douglas Taylor Park

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### **Jam in Jubilee**

Abbotsford's premiere outdoor concert experience.

### **Taste of Abby Fall Festival**

**Taste of Abby** is a premiere celebration in the beautiful Fraser Valley, where visitors can savour unique culinary experiences at the peak of harvest season, explore a curated selection of diverse events, tasting menus and limited-edition creations, and learn about Abbotsford's rich history, culture and cultivations. The fourth annual festival will occur in September.

## **HERITAGE ABBOTSFORD**

### **Clayburn Village Store**

Clayburn Village Store 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 English goods and candy.

### **South Poplar**

This historic schoolhouse first opened its doors as a public school in January 1933. Although not having been used for regular lessons since the early 1960s, the building was placed on the municipal heritage register in 2005 and was recently restored by the Heritage Abbotsford Society.

### **Trethewey House**

Trethewey House was built in 1919 for B.C. lumber baron Joseph Ogle "J.O." Trethewey. The House is built in an "arts and crafts" style and is constructed using primarily local materials, making it distinct from other buildings of similar age.

### **Clayburn Village Museum**

Open for visiting in the summer months, this museum is home to a collection of artifacts, photographs and a model of The Village of Clayburn, which was founded in 1905 as BC's first company town.





### ***Mennonite Heritage Museum***

*This museum's permanent exhibit hall illustrates the story of the Mennonites spanning 500 years, beginning with the Anabaptists of the 16th century. Seasonal exhibits highlight various aspects of Mennonite history and faith, both in the Fraser Valley and beyond.*

### ***Sikh Heritage Museum (Gurdwara)***

*The Sikh Heritage Museum was created, during Centennial celebrations, on the ground floor of the Gur Sikh Temple in Abbotsford – an important place of worship, originally built by Sikh migrants from 1908-1911 and designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 2002.*

### ***The Reach Gallery Museum***

*The Reach Gallery Museum is the heart of culture and creative innovation in the Fraser Valley, presenting a year-round schedule of exhibitions and programs. It is committed to preserving and sharing the stories of the area's rich and diverse cultural heritage, showcasing the best in visual arts from both inside and outside of the community.*



## FLOWER TRAILS: Part of GARDENS BC

### **Tulips, Peonies, and Lavender**

The **Abbotsford Tulip Festival**, presented by **Lakeland Flowers**, is Canada's largest tulip festival. The public is invited to explore 35 acres of tulips, followed by peonies, lavender, and meadow flowers as the season progresses.

Lavender fields can be explored at **Lakeland Flowers** and at **Tuscan Farm Gardens** where thousands of lavender plants welcome guests with colour and fragrance. Discover water features and benches for a moment of contemplation. The shop at Tuscan Farm Gardens offers handmade, all-natural products created with the flowers and herbs grown at the farm, including essential oils soaps, honey, tea, and spa products, and, on weekends, guests can enjoy lavender ice cream, lemonade, and other treats.

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