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## August events at Royal BC Museum set to bring in the crowds

VICTORIA, BC – August is typically the busiest month of the year at the Royal BC Museum, and this year should be no exception, with a wide-ranging slate of exciting events set to impress.

[Night Shift: Meet the Vikings](#), on Saturday, August 9 from 8 to 11 p.m., is an adults-only event that will explore creative connections to the *Vikings: Lives Beyond the Legends* exhibition through unique displays, special guests, music, entertainment, food and a cash bar.

Tickets for *Night Shift* are \$50 per person, with a 10 per cent discount for members, and are on sale now at [royalbcmuseum.bc.ca](http://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca).

The [Vikings Are Here](#) weekend event will see members of the Victoria branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism recreate a Viking market site at the Royal BC Museum.

Meet weavers, spinners, glassmakers, a leather worker, a cook and a skald (singer/storyteller) inside the museum and make sure you cheer on the combatants in the fight ring outside. Discover the vital role Vikings played as traders and craftspeople, as visitors are invited to decide for themselves if the Vikings' fierce reputation is justified.

*Vikings Are Here* runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10.

The Royal BC Museum, in partnership with Flight Centre and Insight Vacations, has launched a contest that will see one grand prize winner head out on a vacation to Britain with a friend for five days. Secondary prizes include vacation packages to Victoria, BC and UVic Vikes season passes.

**To enter, "like" the Royal BC Museum Facebook page and click on the Viking Contest tab. The contest is open until November 11.**

On Thursday, August 21 join Dr. Erin McGuire, from the University of Victoria, for a guided tour through *Vikings: Lives Beyond the Legends* at the Royal BC Museum. Dr. McGuire will focus on some of the most important and interesting objects out of the 500-plus artifacts in the exhibition. Tours run at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Provincial Carillonneur Rosemary Laing will be playing live concerts 70 feet above the ground in the Netherlands Centennial Carillon at the Royal BC Museum at 3 p.m. on Sundays starting August 10.

Bring a picnic and enjoy the music from the Native Plant Garden or from one of the many benches at the museum and archives.

For more event listings please visit [royalbcmuseum.bc.ca](http://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca).

### About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Looking to the future, by 2017 the Royal BC Museum will be a refreshed, modern museum, extending its reach far beyond Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.

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