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Wonder Sunday
Adventure awaits! Bring your curiosity—and the whole family. Join us in the galleries every Sunday until May. Included with admission or membership.

Wildlife Photography
Learn what it takes to be a wildlife photographer. We’ll examine a variety of photographs and discuss their backstories. Appreciate the effort and determination it takes to be a photographer, and perhaps you’ll snap the perfect shot yourself.

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
1:00–3:00 pm

Behind the Scenes
The museum mammoth, Woolly, has caught the eyes of many over the years, but how exactly did he appear in our museum? This month, we recognize the effort put into our galleries and invite you to join us behind the scenes to get the hands-on experience that visitors dream of. Join the Wonder Sunday staff in an unforgettable experience and see what it’s like to establish a world class exhibit.

April 7, 14, 21, 28
1:00–3:00 pm

Maya
Did the Maya really predict that the world would end in 2012? This month’s Wonder Sunday will venture outside of the feature exhibition and allow visitors to go in-depth with their knowledge of Maya culture. Explore how this great civilization flourished as we learn about the creation of Maya architecture, writing, mathematics and astronomy.

May 5, 12, 19, 26
1:00–3:00 pm

For more information and to purchase tickets visit royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/calendar
SIGN UP FOR KIDS’ CLUB TODAY!

Kids' club is included with membership. This program introduces children to the museum and archives.

Sign up at the box office and receive
• Your own membership card (ages six and up)
• Unlimited admission to the core galleries and feature exhibitions
• Kids’ Club activities, just for members
• Club Card to collect stamps and earn cool prizes
• Kids’ Club e-newsletter subscription
• 10 per cent discount on events and programs, including camps

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY
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*Must be a Royal BC Museum Youth Member to join (6–18 years old). Email address required for event and activity notifications. Kids’ Club included with paid membership.
Kids’ Club
Join us at the first Wonder Sunday of each month for a special behind-the-scenes tour just for Kids’ Club members. Then join us and other families for Wonder Sunday. Each month offers a new theme and topic to explore.

Wildlife Photography
March 3 | 1:00–1:30 pm

Behind the Scenes
April 7 | 1:00–1:30 pm

Maya
May 5 | 1:00–1:30 pm

Kids’ Club is free for Royal BC Museum members
Learn more and join today>

Learning Portal
Discover BC through the lens of the museum and archives’ extensive collections, research, staff and partners. The Learning Portal is a dynamic and intuitive online resource designed to engage learners of all ages. Featuring spectacular audio and video, captivating images and compelling articles, the Learning Portal encourages imagination, engagement and curiosity.

Follow your curiosity now >
Spring Break Camps

Bizarre Beasts
British Columbia supports an incredible diversity of animals, and some of them are wonderfully weird. This camp will take a look at some of the stranger ones, exploring why they are the way they are, using the *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* exhibition as a jumping-off point. Campers will have the chance to construct their own bizarre beasts. The camp will be hands-on in the museum galleries, in the natural history collection and out in nature, while we all embrace our inner weirdness.

**March 18–22 and 25–29**
9:00 am–4:00 pm
$280 per person
Ages 7–11
After-camp care available

Summer Camps

Camp Maya
Jaguars and jungles and pyramids, oh my! Explore Maya history and culture in a camp like no other. Activate your children’s curiosity with ancient artifacts, playful activities and exciting field trips, inspired by our feature exhibition, *Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises.*

**July 8–12, July 15–19, July 29–August 2, August 26–30**
9:00 am–4:00 pm
$280 per person
Ages 7–11

**July 22–26, August 12–16, August 19–23**
9:00 am–4:00 pm
$280 per person
Ages 10–14
Kids’ Day Camp: Museums
Museums are magical places that can transport you back in time and around the world. This one-day camp will be a meeting of curious minds ready for imaginative travel. Join us for a dynamic exploration of all the nooks and crannies of the Royal BC Museum, with a kid-driven pop-up exhibition at the end of the day.

July 20
9:00 am–4:00 pm
Ages 7–11
$60 per person

Kids’ Day Camp: Maya
This one-day wild ride of inquiry about Maya culture is for kids who want to get their hands dirty. The focus of the camp will be on experiential archaeology, exploring what we can learn about cultures through the belongings that were meaningful to them and what that understanding can tell us about our own culture.

August 24
9:00 am–4:00 pm
Ages 7–11
$60 per person

Mini-Maya Camp
This morning camp is an opportunity for the littlest archaeologists among us to explore Maya culture. Through games and stories connected to this fascinating civilization, our play-based camp will be both surprising and fun.

July 22–26, August 19–23
9:00 am–12:00 pm
$140 per person
Ages 4–6

NatureSketch: Art and Science Camp
NatureSketch is an outdoor nature camp for kids that focuses on sketching and observing wildlife and habitats. This program encourages children to connect with nature using a pencil and a sketchbook. We will explore unique ecosystems within walking distance of the Robert Bateman Centre and the Royal BC Museum, including Beacon Hill Park, the Inner Harbour and Fisherman’s Wharf. Campers will have a close-up look at natural history specimens from the Royal BC Museum collections and make connections between wonders of biodiversity, within and beyond the museum.

In collaboration with the Robert Bateman Centre
July 15–19 I 9:00 am–4:00 pm
$280 per person
Ages 8–13

MEMBERS GET ALL THE PERKS!
Royal BC Museum members receive 10 per cent off children’s programs, including camps!

Join today >

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Photography Workshop for Adults
Learn how to take better photographs under the guidance of the museum’s own photographer, Shane Lighter, and professional wildlife photographer Jess Findlay (a 2019 Wildlife Photographer of the Year finalist). You’ll spend time in the classroom and in the field, so bring your camera and dress appropriately. Lunch is not included. Suitable for beginner to advanced intermediate photographers.
**March 2 | 9:00 am–3:00 pm**
$45 per person
Newcombe Conference Hall

Spring Institute
Did you know that in addition to our world-class exhibitions, programs and publications, the museum and archives also conducts original research? Join us to hear about the fascinating studies taking place across our organization. This day of talks by Royal BC Museum staff, emeriti and research associates will also include discussions, interactives and poster sessions—drop in for one session, stay all day, or come for both days.
**April 12 and 13**
10:00 am–4:00 pm
Free

Team-Building Workshop
Bring your team to the museum for a three-hour team-building workshop. Your group will go behind the scenes then up to a gallery before working in small groups to create your own mini-displays. This workshop will challenge your creativity, communication and team spirit.
**$1,000 per group**
**Maximum 20 participants**

Book today by contacting our booking office at rbcm_groups@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca
Moving Image
The walls of the museum galleries will come alive with historical films drawn from the BC Archives, with live scores by local musicians.
March 28 | 5:15–7:00 pm
Becoming BC gallery

Collecting
Natural history museums have been making collections for centuries, but humans aren’t the only ones who squirrel things away. Have a closer look at our collections and who (or what) collects.
April 11 | 5:15–7:00 pm
Natural History gallery

Pride
Join us as we bring Pride to the streets of Old Town with LGBTQ+ history, a living library and more. It’ll be a gay old time!
July 18 | 5:15–7:00 pm
Becoming BC gallery

Garden Party
Join us for food, music and games at this prohibition-era garden party to celebrate BC Day and the 125th anniversary of the BC Archives.
August 1 | 5:15–7:00 pm
Grounds near Helmcken House

It’s Complicated: A Discussion Series
This participatory discussion series tackles perspectives and definitions, upending assumptions to help us better understand ourselves and our community.
By donation

Photography for Social Change
Inspired by the Photo Story Award category at the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition, we will talk about how photography can be used to promote social action, engage public interest and motivate change.
March 14 | 5:15–7:00 pm
Newcombe Conference Hall

A Case for Inclusion
Join the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria and guests to discuss how to create welcoming, safe and inclusive communities.
May 22 | 5:15–7:00 pm
Newcombe Conference Hall

Watch our website for more details about It’s Complicated and additional topics in the series.
Day Camps for Adults
Kids aren’t the only ones that get to have summer fun. Reawaken your inner child and explore ideas within the feature exhibition and core galleries in this playful summer-camp-inspired workshop for grown-ups. Sneak behind the scenes, meet knowledgeable people and explore through hands-on activities. Pack a lunch, ditch the kids and bring a friend for a day camp like no other.

Archives Exploration
Celebrate the 125th anniversary of the BC Archives with a deep dive into our fascinating records. Learn how archives collect and conserve a variety of materials, meet archivists and investigate the role of archival collections in understanding BC’s past and present.
July 20, August 17
10:00 am–3:00 pm
$50 per person

Agriculture and Chocolate
The rainforest’s poor soil was far from ideal for growing food, yet the Maya were able to provide balanced nutrition for millions of people. Embark on a journey back in time and rediscover their techniques, practices and beliefs with the help of the feature exhibition *Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises*.
July 27, August 24
10:00 am–3:00 pm
$50 per person

Night at the Museum: Adults Only
Sleepover camps aren’t just for kids! Adults, join us for a night of food, entertainment, and adventurous themed excursions throughout the museum, inspired by our feature exhibition *Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises*. Bring your sleeping bag, your favourite PJ’s, teddy bear and set up camp in the museum’s galleries. Get ready for some midnight fun with your besties—you’ll want your friends to join you on this adventure, an experience like no other in Victoria.
August 31 to September 1
6:30 pm–9:00 am

Curious Collections: A Seniors’ On-Site Program
Discuss, share and learn using objects from the Royal BC Museum’s education collection during a private, facilitated one-hour hands-on session. This program is for groups and should be booked with at least two weeks’ advance notice.
$10 per participant
Maximum 10 per group
No charge for accompanying caregivers

Book today by contacting our booking office at rBCM_groups@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

Museum Happy Hour
Drink, eat, meet and explore. Enjoy one-night-only themed events and activities for adults in one of our core galleries. Drinks and light fare are available for purchase. Please note that these events are limited to designated galleries and are not museum-wide.
$10 per person I 19+
Two pieces of ID required for entry

For more information and to purchase tickets visit royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/calendar
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World Water Day
Raven Spirit Dance, a Vancouver-based dance company that presents work rooted in Indigenous worldviews, will perform *Spine of the Mother*, followed by a discussion and film exploring the creative process and the performance’s connection to World Water Day.

**March 16 | 11:00 am–4:30 pm**
$15 per person
Newcombe Conference Hall

National Canadian Film Day
Celebrate Canadian cinema by attending the screening of films from the BC Archives and be part of a massive one-day coast-to-coast-to-coast film festival.

**April 17 | 1:00–3:00 pm**
Free
Newcombe Conference Hall

Astronomy Day
The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (Victoria Centre) will host the celebrations for International Astronomy Day. Join us and explore the mysteries of the universe!

**April 27 | 10:00 am–4:00 pm**
Free
Clifford Carl Hall, Newcombe Conference Hall

Southern Vancouver Island Heritage Fair
The Southern Vancouver Island Heritage Fair is a diverse display of Canada’s heritage as seen through the eyes of student inquiry projects. The fair helps to heighten awareness of cultural heritage, celebrates diversity and creates a dynamic learning environment.
for students and museum visitors alike.

May 10 | 10:00 am–2:00 pm
Free
Clifford Carl Hall, Learning Centre

**BC Heritage Fair: Provincial Showcase**

Heritage Fairs are province-wide educational initiatives that encourage students to explore Canadian heritage in a dynamic, hands-on learning environment. Passionate youth from around BC will make history come alive as they tell the stories of Canadian heroes, contributions, sacrifices and tragedies.

July 6 | 12:00–3:00 pm
Free
Clifford Carl Hall, Learning Centre

**Canada Day Penny Carnival**

Don’t have any pennies? Don’t worry—we saved some for you. Come and try your hand at egg-and-spoon races, the beanbag toss and other old-fashioned fun for the whole family. The event takes place on the museum grounds beside the historic Helmcken House and St. Ann’s Schoolhouse.

July 1 | 1:00–3:00 pm

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**FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**

Fill your tank with some of Victoria’s tastiest grub at the Royal BC Museum’s back courtyard. Enjoy amazing selection of food trucks and carts, then stay and enjoy our welcoming eating area. Truck on over soon!

Learn more >
Fieldtrippers
Join us for themed outdoor field trips led by museum staff and community collaborators. Wear suitable footwear and be prepared for rain. No dogs please. By donation. Suggested: $5 per person.

Invading Plants
Mark Invasive Species Action Month with a Royal BC Museum botanist, and staff and volunteers from Saanich Parks and Rithet’s Bog Conservation Society. Learn about invasive species removal, ecological restoration and unique plants (like Sphagnum Moss and Shore Pine) at Rithet’s Bog, the last remaining intact bog in the Victoria area. Wear boots. Attendance at this Fieldtripper is limited. You must pre-register to attend and to receive meeting place information.
Register here
May 4 | 1:00–3:00 pm
Ages 10 and up

In Seine
This World Oceans Day join Curator of Vertebrate Zoology Dr. Gavin Hanke and Invertebrates Collections Manager Heidi Gartner as they conduct a beach seine at Willows Beach. In the past we’ve caught more than 20 species of fishes, along with crabs, shrimp and other invertebrates (animals without backbones). What will we discover this year? Everyone will get an up-close look at what lives beneath the waves. Meet at Willows Beach in Oak Bay. From Estevan, turn left onto Esplanade and drive towards the north end of the beach. Park on the right near the large white Royal BC Museum van.
June 8 | 1:30–3:30 pm
All ages welcome

Helmcken House and St. Ann’s Schoolhouse
Helmcken House was built by Dr. John Sebastian Helmcken, a surgeon with the Hudson’s Bay Company. It is one of the oldest houses in British Columbia still on its original site. St. Ann’s Schoolhouse may be the oldest building still standing in Victoria. Built by Jacques Lequechier in 1844 and constructed in the Hudson’s Bay Company Red River style, it was purchased by Roman Catholic Bishop Demers in 1853 for use as a residence and schoolhouse.
June 1–September 1
12:00–4:00 pm
Included with admission or by donation

For more information and to purchase tickets visit royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/calendar
Exploring the BC Archives with the Victoria Genealogy Society

Join the Victoria Genealogy Society (VGS) on their tour of the BC Archives. This workshop and behind-the-scenes look into the archives’ collections will give seasoned genealogists new tools for researching their family history. Participants will be given an introduction to the BC Archives’ catalogue before delving into court, prison, institutional and coroner’s records, as well as genealogical gems like the Pioneer Medallions applications. This event will start in the Newcombe Conference Hall.

March 16 | 9:30 am–12:30 pm
$15 for VGS members
$25 for non-members

For more information and to purchase tickets visit royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/calendar
Distinguished Lecture
Maya: Rediscovering Three Thousand Years of History
By Dr. Nikolai Grube, University of Bonn

Our image of Maya culture has changed radically in recent decades. New research shows that the Maya are one of the oldest civilizations on the American continent. During their heyday, they created a dense urban landscape in the tropical rainforest of Central America. After the collapse of their cities, the culture changed but continued and withstood even the Spanish conquest. Today, Maya culture is still alive in Mexico, Guatemala and Belize.

Jon Exhibition Curator Dr. Nikolai Grube and learn more about the Maya from 1000 BCE until today and how new research has changed our understanding of Maya civilization. Includes pre-opening access to Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises exhibition.

May 16 | 7:00–10:00 pm
$50 per person
Newcombe Conference Hall

A Grey Whale Tale
Dr. Gavin Hanke, curator of vertebrates, will reveal the details of our newest mega-acquisition—a Grey Whale skeleton. Its journey has been a long one, from flensing and burial to unwrapping and arrival at the museum.

March 6 | 12:00–1:00 pm
Keeping the Peace: Maintaining Habitat Connectivity in BC’s Northeast
The mighty Peace is a spectacular region where the Boreal Plains meet the Northern Boreal Mountains and the Rocky Mountains’ Hart Range intersects the cool waters of the Peace River. But oil and gas development, coal and coalbed methane development, forestry, mining and wind energy development, as well as the recently approved Site C hydro dam, threaten the integrity of the landscape. Join Tim Burkhart, Peace regional coordinator for the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, for a journey across this incredible landscape, including footage and photos from a 2018 expedition into the Wild Hart Range with the Royal BC Museum, and learn about how you can help keep the Peace. April 3 | 12:00–1:00 pm

Representation, Community Engagement and Museum Practices
This lunch-hour dialogue between a Royal BC Museum learning program developer and a curator reflects upon the Royal BC Museum’s ongoing work on community engagement, outreach and the facilitation of difficult conversations. Breaking from the traditional Live @ Lunch format, this conversational session will reveal some of the complexities that museum practitioners work with in their professional efforts towards inclusionary practices, while presenting recent attempts at productive engagement. May 1 | 12:00–1:00 pm

Back to the Beach: Insects on the Shores of Vancouver Island
British Columbia has over 25,000 km of coastline, more than the United Kingdom or India. It includes thousands of islands, rocky shores, sandy beaches, coastal dunes and tide pools. While BC’s coastline has always been part of the culture of the people in this region, scientific documentation (cont. next page)
of its unique biodiversity is only beginning. Shoreline-adapted insects have been the focus of limited previous study, especially on the Pacific coast. New research initiatives at the Royal BC Museum are looking into historical and newly collected records of unique shoreline insects and spiders. A number of discoveries have been made so far, but much more remains to be done.

**June 5 | 12:00–1:00 pm**

**Friends of the BC Archives Lecture Series**

Lectures and workshops are offered throughout the year on topics connected with the BC Archives and the history of the province. Lectures are on the third Sunday of every month and are free for members of the Friends of the BC Archives or $5 for non-members, payable in cash at the door.

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**Researching the Klondike Gold Rush Steamers: Of Archives, Shipwrecks and Legends**

The great gold rushes of the late 19th and early 20th centuries brought gold seekers to the Pacific coast from all over the world. To reach the Klondike, hundreds of vessels were brought to the Yukon River, and river steamers became the lifelines of many communities. Curator emeritus Bob Turner will present the history of these vessels and highlight the careers of some of the people who worked on them.

**March 17 | 2:00–3:30 pm**

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**From Police Corruption and Brothels to Forensics and Murder: A Crime Spree through Our Torrid Past**

Vancouver and Victoria may have postcard-perfect images, but once you start digging, you find police corruption, brothels, groundbreaking forensics and murder. Eve Lazarus has written six non-fiction books that are part history, part true crime, based on archival materials such as inquests, police reports, trial transcripts, death certificates.
and newspaper reports, as well as hundreds of interviews with family, friends, police investigators and other experts. Join Eve for a traipse through the dark side of history.

April 21 | 2:00–3:30 pm

Acquiring Private Records at the BC Archives

As well as public records from the government of British Columbia, the BC Archives acquires private records of provincial significance from individuals, families, organizations and businesses. Archivist Sally Butterfield will provide an overview of how and why we collect private records, highlighting some recent acquisitions, including Grafton Tyler Brown’s Giant’s Castle Mountain and an Emily Carr “funny book.”

May 26 | 2:00–3:30 pm
Our school programs are designed to provide a dynamic menu of options for students and teachers, to nurture a life-long love of learning and to ignite inquiry about museum objects and ideas.

Learning Labs
Learning Labs are inquiry-based and staff-led, investigating big ideas with the galleries as a backdrop.

From the Beginning: Origin Stories and Indigenous Culture
This lab will focus on alternative histories and narratives of origin.

Through art and belongings, students will explore stories of connection to the earth, interconnection through families and clans, and the role of oral and visual storytelling and teachings.

Gold Rush: Photography and Memory
This lab will look at how we read photographs and how that process can help us better understand history. The tour will incorporate historical thinking concepts such as ‘change and continuity’ and ‘historical perspectives’. It will be presented primarily in the gold rush displays of the Becoming BC gallery.

October to April

The Numbers of Nature
“Change is the only constant in BC’s natural history.” This statement greets all visitors to the Natural History gallery, and the gallery clearly illustrates the concept. Visitors learn about mass extinctions, climate change and biodiversity, from the Ice Age to the present day, and they are reminded that life in BC and on the planet has been shaped and changed by processes in constant
motion. This will help students and teachers establish connections between mathematics and science and consider how these disciplines help us understand change in BC’s natural history.

**October to April**

**Predator versus Prey: The Case of the Cougar**

This lab introduces students to the predators and prey of British Columbia, with a special focus on the complicated relationship between cougars and humans. Students will discover what makes a successful hunter, how animals protect themselves from predation and how humans complicate food webs and predator-prey relationships.

**October to April**

**Exploring BC through the Past, Present and Future**

This lab focuses on the curricular competencies of continuity and change, as well as historical evidence. Through your guided visit, we will be examining and handling BC artifacts, exploring the museum and thinking about what these artifacts might be like in the future. This hands-on experience will appeal particularly to grades K–3.

**October to April**

**Ethics: Dialogue and Debate**

How do you tell right from wrong? In this lab, students will engage in ethical dialogue, using the museum’s core galleries to understand how we can make ethical decisions in our everyday lives. The focus of this lab will be on understanding ethics through discussion and debate. We may address topics like Truth and Reconciliation, pipelines, environmental stewardship and representation, in museums and beyond.

**October to April**

**Simple Machines**

This tour is designed to introduce students to the simple machines found within the gallery. By the end of the tour, students will be able to identify the six basic simple machines, explain their uses and find them in the gallery. Students will also be able to make connections between what they have seen in the *Becoming BC* gallery and what can be found in their own classrooms and homes.

**October to April**
The Power of Cartography: Mapping BC
Maps are social constructions. They can represent power or exclusion, telling us what was significant to the people who created them. We’ll explore the many historical maps in the galleries, learning about who made them, what was included and what was excluded as we begin to inquire into the historical significance of maps in BC.
October to April

Reading an Object
This lab encourages students to explore the meaning and purpose behind museums. Old Town (in the Becoming BC gallery) provides a window into the past and offers an opportunity to examine which stories the museum presents and with what objects. Students will be encouraged to ask questions and think critically about the importance of heritage and the role of preservation in nurturing an understanding of the past.
October to April
The Ceremonies and Science of Seasons

This lab will explore the social studies and science of the seasons with a focus on First Peoples’ perspectives. How did First Peoples view the thirteen phases of the moon in a lunar cycle? When is it safe to harvest the bark of a cedar tree? Why do frogs signify the arrival of spring? These questions and many more will be addressed in the museum’s First Peoples, Our Living Languages and Natural History galleries. Recommended for students K–3.

October to April

Let’s Talk

This lab is up to you. Give us a sense of what you want, and we’ll work with you to create something that fits your class’s needs. If your class is visiting from outside Greater Victoria, we can provide an introduction to the museum and behind-the-scenes access, while leaving plenty of time for open exploration of the museum. Contact Chris O’Connor, learning program developer, at coconnor@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca for more information.

October to April

Trailhead Tuesdays and Thursdays

If you are bringing your class on a self-guided visit to the museum, consider coming on a Tuesday or Thursday. From April to June, we will have activity stations for classes, presented by trained volunteer educators. Our Tuesday theme, Thinking like a Historian, will involve thought-provoking activities in the Becoming BC gallery to encourage students in the process of making sense of history. Our Thursday theme, Thinking like a Scientist, will involve exciting hands-on activities in the Natural History gallery, inviting students to consider the different ways scientists understand the world.

Digital Field Trips

Can’t get here in person? No problem. If you have access to a computer with a camera, internet connection, large screen and sound, we can deliver a Digital Field Trip to your classroom. Digital Field Trips are inquiry-based and staff-led, and can incorporate Historical Thinking Concepts, scientific methods and processes and First Peoples’ Principles of Learning. All Digital Field Trips include pre- and post-visit support. Digital Field Trips are also open to community groups and other learners. The cost is $99 per program, except gallery tours, which are $60.

Learn more >
Check our website for tour topics, times and meeting locations. Included with admission or membership.

**Hands-on in the Galleries**
Check out our ongoing activities and the ‘closer look’ stations located throughout our galleries, hosted by our knowledgeable volunteers.

**Behind-the-Scenes Tours**
Experience the working environments of our talented researchers and staff. Tours are limited to 10 people. Destination Canada has identified these amazing tours as a Canadian Signature Experience.

**Year-round**

**Gallery Tours**
Join us for engaging volunteer-led tours through our permanent galleries and learn about the fascinating natural history and human history of BC.

**Year-round**

**Staff-Led Tours**
If you want to explore even further, book a special staff-led tour of the galleries.

**Year-round**

$80 per group of 10
$10 per person for additional guests

**Home Is Where the Heart Is: Understanding Immigrant Experiences in British Columbia’s History**
This tour will explore histories of immigrant communities in British Columbia and their immense contributions to the development of the province and nation.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/calendar
Uncover complicated narratives of settlement, intercultural communication and historical wrongdoings represented (or not) in the museum’s galleries.

**We’re All in This Together: Biodiversity of BC in a Changing World**

BC is home to an incredible abundance of plants and animals, but why do we have a wider variety here than in other parts of Canada? During this tour we will explore the reasons why BC has such exceptional biodiversity and how it will change as our planet changes. Embracing both scientific and cultural perspectives, we will examine the myriad ways biodiversity is important to us as humans and how changes to global biodiversity will resonate in our everyday lives.

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10:00 am – 5:00 pm daily
Tel 250-356-0505

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In 2019, UNESCO’s International Year of Indigenous Languages, we invite you to learn more about the state of Indigenous languages in BC in this groundbreaking interactive exhibition.

Language is a powerful, potent marker of identity and culture. Think about the emotional resonance of the term “mother tongue”—the languages we grow up with are our kin, nourishment and birthright. BC is one of the planet’s most linguistically diverse regions. From a global perspective, it’s known as a linguistic “hotspot” because of the diversity and vitality of the First Nations languages in BC, 34 of which are spoken in this exhibition.

Through interactive stations, original First Nations artwork, video, audio and live engagement, Our Living Languages provides visitors with the opportunity to learn more about the history of disrupted languages in BC, the complexity of these languages, and the people – and entire communities – that are working tirelessly to document and revitalize them.
Our Living Languages
First Peoples’ Voices in British Columbia

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Discover a powerful culture that rose in the tropical rainforests of Central America thousands of years ago. Explore Maya identity from ancient times to the present day and see how science and belief have shaped the Maya world.

Celebrating UNESCO’s Year of Indigenous Languages, the exhibition will highlight 30 Maya languages spoken today.

Experience the resilience and genius of Maya art and culture at this remarkable exhibition, presented in North America for the first time. Works—some never before shown outside Guatemala—include elaborate incense burners, striking jade-and-gold jewellery and an astonishing three-metre-long sculpture of a man with jaguar attributes.

The exhibition has been produced as a joint venture between MuseumsPartner and the Royal BC Museum, with lending partners including the most relevant museums and collections of Guatemala and the support of the Guatemala Ministry of Culture and Sports.
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