"Lower Lonsdale is quickly becoming the place to be."

Montecristo Magazine

"The Polygon will no doubt be transformative for this part of North Vancouver, a place beyond the big city across the water."

The Globe and Mail

"The Lower Lonsdale area is a highly walkable district crammed with options."

Lonelyplanet.com

"North Vancouver's Lower Lonsdale neighbourhood has emerged as a hot spot for trendy boutiques and delicious eats."

BC Living Magazine

"Forget all you thought you knew about eating in Lower Lonsdale. The burgeoning burg is fast becoming a destination dining spot." Vancouver Magazine



Visit The Shipyards District.

Past and present meet at the waterfront at the historic shipyards, a social and open gathering space, full of fun and entertainment. For more information about dining, events and our diverse collection of shops and services, visit lowerlonsdalebia.ca

GETTING HERE

Public Transit

Jump on the Seabus, a 12-minute harbour cruise ferry, from downtown Vancouver's Waterfront Station to Lonsdale Quay and Lower Lonsdale. Here you'll also find the transit terminal for busses to the area from across the North Shore and Vancouver. For more information visit translink.bc.ca

Car and Bike

If you're driving, from Metro Vancouver you'll cross either the Lion's Gate Bridge or the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge. Other approaches are along Highway 1 from the east or Highway 99 from Pemberton and Whistler. If you are visiting by bike, you'll access the Spirit Trail.



THE SHIPYARDS DISTRICT LOWER LONSDALE MAP AND GUIDE





North Vancouver starts here.

This is a neighbourhood like no other. Centrally located on North Vancouver's vibrant waterfront with unobstructed views of Vancouver's stunning skyline to the south and the soaring North Shore Mountains to the north, Lower Lonsdale The Shipyards District, one of this city's oldest and fastest growing urban neighbourhoods, is rich with shipbuilding history and bursting with life.

Shops
Markets
Food
Breweries
Arts & Culture
Health & Wellness
Events & Festivals
The Shipyards

We are the North Shore's downtown – close-knit, small-town yet urban, and always welcoming. This picturesque community once taken up by heavy industry, metal fabricating and ship building is now flourishing with plenty of seaside restaurants, cafés, pubs, indie shops and modern services highlighting the socially-minded and highly-walkable 'hood.

The commercial district extends four blocks up Lonsdale Avenue to 4th Street and a couple of blocks east and west. The Spirit Trail connects a district full of people strolling the streets, parks, boardwalks, piers and wide open public gathering spaces that offer free events year-round.

This neighbourhood's evolution has inspired a new alfresco culture of restauranteurs offering up more fun-in-the-sun seats to enjoy local libations, a globally-inspired collection of dining options and bustling outdoor markets. Now home to the landmark new Polygon Gallery, three hotels, along with cool new amenities such as the 48-metre-long Megabench, a water feature for splashing-in and cooling-off, brightly painted alleyways and the beloved Lonsdale Quay Market, this really is no ordinary waterfront community.





SHOPS

Friendly smiles welcome you to a district that has evolved into a modern hub of independent shops and boutiques run by North Shore creatives. With everything from distinctive gifts, indie fashions, locally-made souvenirs, food stores, home décor items and everything in between, you'll find that ideal envy-worthy item to take home.



FOOD

The scenic backdrop and expanded patio culture is deliciously paired with the emergence of ethically-minded restaurants featuring menus with locally-grown and sourced ingredients. Lonsdale Avenue's unique "restaurant row" boasts an eclectic collection of five side-by-side independent restaurants. Upscale or casual, coffee or cocktails, West Coast or international, eat-in or take-out, foodhall or waterfront market, choose the one that best suits your mood.

ARTS & CULTURE

A neighbourhood stroll guarantees a lesson in history thanks to the collection of beautifully restored heritage buildings and public art displays. A modern and striking contrast, The Polygon Gallery is a stunning new facility exhibiting photography and media art while the work of emerging and established artists is featured at CityScape Art Space.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Walk or bike the Spirit Trail, take a fitness class, enjoy a moment of zen at one of dozens of salons and spas and top it off with a nourishing meal at one of the many health conscious organic or vegan eateries.





EVENTS

We're known for throwing great parties so join us for annual festivals, farmers market, events and, the world's longest city street waterslide, Fun City Slide Festival. The Shipyards is home to the very popular Shipyards Friday Night Market from May to October featuring a beer garden, live entertainment, artisan market and dozens of food trucks and the Summer Saturday Entertainment at Shipbuilder's Square.



THE SHIPYARDS

The recent dramatic transformation of The Shipyards features an exciting mix of new restaurants, cafés, retail and services along with a summer water play area and 12,000 square feet designated for free outdoor winter skating. This unparalleled waterfront space is already home to the Shipyards Friday Night Market and an outdoor music stage.



Launch (Elizabeth Roy)

ART WALK

As you walk about The Shipyards District, be on the lookout for several pieces of public art beautifully animating the streetscapes, and seamlessly integrated into the natural environment by the City of North Vancouver Public Art Program. Each piece of art is an original, one-of-a-kind work that has been created to reflect, express and celebrate the unique local heritage, culture and environment of the area.

A. Joe Bustemente Trumpet (R.Wojciechowski)

Honouring the one-armed Chilean mariner retained to blow his trumpet to direct ferries through the fog to the wharf.

B. Launch (Elizabeth Roy)

A domestic vessel and a shipping vessel have been paired to acknowledge the past and present.

C. Time Keepers (Elizabeth Roy)

Aspects of their life spent in North Vancouver is captured by these six figures.

D. Burgeoning (Illaron Gallant)

Reflecting the important community values of growth and prosperity.

E. Voyage (Nancy Chew & Jacqueline Metz)

A globe criss-crossed by lines of travel. Found within is an iconic copper vessel, poised in space, charting a path of discovery and pointing us to the water.

F. Lost Cows of Lillooet (N. Lee & M Thompson)
40 miniature cows are wandering Lonsdale. Seek a bus shelter to find out why.

