



**BRITISH COLUMBIA** is home to a diverse cultural heritage inspired by and engaging with the surrounding natural beauty. Centuries of indigenous cultural heritage can be seen at land-specific sites throughout the province alongside stories of travelers from distant lands who settled in the region and left legacies of industrial and cultural innovation.

Heritage sites all over BC require the ongoing support and protection of greater society. Cultural Tourism plays an integral role in connecting the public with these important pieces of our collective history.

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This February 18<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> is Heritage BC Week, a special week each year dedicated to celebrating the many diverse aspects of BC's heritage.

We at **BC's Guide to Arts & Culture** include heritage within our pages encouraging visitors, and locals alike, to discover the stories of our past at museums and heritage sites across BC. It is in these stories that we find connections and often meaning to our present. Uncovering the intertwining diverse cultures shaping our present day culture.

Below, we present a few suggestions of diverse and unique destinations in BC to facilitate awareness of the importance and diversity of a community's cultural heritage to visitors year-round.

This heritage week visit the museums and heritage sites in your community and beyond in honour of BC's Heritage Week 2019.

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### Filberg Heritage Lodge & Park | [Comox](#)

A gem of Vancouver Island Heritage; Filberg Park is nine acres of breathtakingly landscaped waterfront green space, gardens and heritage buildings, in Comox, British Columbia. The park features 130 varieties of trees, seasonal gardens, and hundreds of rhododendrons. At the heart of the site is the 1930's heritage lodge, the former home of local pioneers Robert and Florence Filberg. .

[Discover Filberg](#)



### Barkerville Historic Town |

The extraordinary town of Barkerville stands as testament to BC's golden beginnings. With a unique streetscape of 125+ heritage buildings, authentic displays, satellite museums, restaurants, shops and accommodations there is so much to explore and experience in this heritage town. Declared a National Historic Site of Canada in 1924 and a Provincial Heritage Property in 1958, Barkerville is now the largest living-history museum in western North America, where exciting seasonal events and fun-filled daily activities await.

[Explore Barkerville](#)



### Burnaby Village Museum | [Burnaby](#)

Where history comes to life – stroll down the streets of our 1920s village. Explore the combination of heritage and replica buildings on a 10-acre site. Period costumed townsfolk welcome visitors and give demonstrations in the homes, businesses and shops. Feel the



### Nisga'a Museum | [New Aiyansh](#)

Welcome to Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisgaa, a name representing the four tribes that make up the Nisgaa Nation. The museum displays artifacts of all four peoples within its permanent exhibition, an assemblage of 300+ art objects that left the Nass Valley in the latter part of the 19th Century and early part of the 20th Century.



heat of the forge at the blacksmith, hear

[Visit Burnaby Village](#)



**R.J. Haney Heritage Village | [Salmon Arm](#)**

Explore this beautiful park set on 40-acres of Shuswap farm land. The heritage village features buildings dating back to the early 1900's. Tour the Haney House, stroll the easy walking trails, visit the Gift Shop, and Marjorie's Tea Room serving daily lunch specials.

[Explore Salmon Arm Heritage](#)

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**Fort Steele Heritage Town | [Fort Steele](#)**

*The past lives and breathes at Fort Steele Heritage Town!*

Perched on the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains since its gold rush beginnings in 1864, the village has gone from boomtown, to regional centre, to ghost town, to one of the most important heritage attractions of its kind in British Columbia!

[Visit Fort Steele](#)

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