

# CHICWALKS.COM Step-by-Step Shopping Walks in Vancouver

## WEST 4TH AVENUE SHOPPING WALK:

(\* marks Shopping Expert's picks)

FASHION, FOOTWEAR, GIFTS, JEWELLERY, ART, EAT/DRINK, MUSIC, HOME DECOR, KIDSWEAR, COSMETICS, FOOD, SPAS/SALONS, ACCESSORIES, ATTRACTION, BOOKS/MAGAZINES

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### WEST 4TH AVENUE, NORTH SIDE, Burrard to Cypress

**EAT/DRINK Piato Estiatorio**, 1835 West 4th: Greek restaurant with a fashionably modern decor and a fresh twist on traditional dishes; open for lunch and dinner.

**EAT/DRINK Phat on 4th**, 1859 West 4th: Deli and coffee shop offering soups, salads and smoked meat sandwiches; open for breakfast and lunch.

\* **EAT/DRINK The Noodle Box**, 1867 West 4th: Casual Southeast Asian cafe with wonderful soups, stews and spring rolls to eat in or take out; open for lunch and dinner.

**EAT/DRINK Pinky's**, 1873 West 4th: Trendy steakhouse and cocktail lounge, with a tapas-style menu for happy hour (5 to 7); open dinner to late most days, for lunch on Fridays only.

**FASHION Mark's Work Wearhouse**, 1885 West 4th: Practical and well-priced clothing for men and women, from casual to on-the-job clothing.

### WEST 4TH AVENUE, NORTH SIDE, Cypress to Maple

**HOME DECOR The Bath House**, 1919 West 4th: Everything you need for a stylish bathroom, from towels to accessories.

**FASHION Lila Fashion**, 1927 West 4th: Inexpensive clothing for women.

**ACCESSORIES/BOOKS Wanderlust**, 1929 West 4th: Frequent flyers will find everything from luggage and travel accessories to maps and guidebooks.

**EAT/DRINK Kishu Star**, 1935 West 4th: Japanese bistro with sushi, teriyaki and noodles on the menu for lunch and dinner.

\* **HOME DECOR/ACCESSORIES The Kitchen Corner**, 1955 West 4th: Crammed into two huge floors are major bargains on everything from soup pots to nutcrackers. Don't miss the lower floor with an enormous selection of baskets big and small.

**EAT/DRINK Bistrot Bistro**, 1961 West 4th: Classic French bistro with a contemporary twist.

**FASHION Am Apparel and Accessories**, 1965 West 4th: Seriously inexpensive clothing for younger women.

**EAT/DRINK Las Margaritas**, 1999 West 4th: This longtime family-friendly restaurant offers hearty portions of Mexican favourites; open for lunch and

dinner.

## WEST 4TH AVENUE, NORTH SIDE, Maple to Arbutus

\* **FOOTWEAR/ACCESSORIES/HOME DECOR Mei**, 2003 West 4th: This fun Japanese store carries a stylish take on the traditional Geta wooden sandals. Other great things for the home such as office trays, paper weights and dishware made out of beautiful wood which are well worth the price. How about a gorgeous solid wood keyboard for your computer or a stylish wood stapler?

**FASHION 4th Ave.**, 2005 West 4th: Inexpensive women's clothing with an emphasis on dresses, plus a small selection of men's clothing

**ACCESSORIES Country Beads**, 2015 West 4th: If you're feeling crafty, this is a great place to find some beautiful beads.

**EAT/DRINK Gypsy Rose**, 2017 West 4th: Tiny cafe that specializes in crepes and salads for light meals; open for breakfast and lunch.

**BOOKS Book Warehouse**, 2025 West 4th: Kitsilano location of a small Vancouver chain offering bargains on books; nice magazine section too.

**FOOTWEAR/ACCESSORIES Gumdrops**, 2029 West 4th: Supremely cute rain gear for women and kids, from rubber boots to slickers, umbrellas and hats.

\* **FOOD/GIFTS Chocolate Arts**, 2037 West 4th: Exquisitely beautiful chocolates, including medallions with Haida designs — they may be too stunning to eat, so you might have to give them away.

**HOME DECOR/GIFTS Hana**, 2039 West 4th: Japanese porcelain, jewellery and accessories for the home.

**EAT/DRINK Hell's Kitchen**, 2041 West 4th: Casual restaurant and bar with pizza, burgers and pasta on the menu; open from lunch to late.

**EAT/DRINK Yuji's**, 2059 West 4th: Japanese tapas restaurant offers sushi, sashimi and some inventive house specialties; open for dinner only.

**EAT/DRINK Joe's Grill**, 2063 West 4th: Greasy spoon joint is very popular for breakfast and brunch, also open for lunch.

**FASHION Jolie**, 2065 West 4th: Reasonably priced women's clothing, accessories and shoes, with a good selection of dresses, many of which are from Montreal and Europe.

**SPAS/SALONS Kitsilananails**, 2065 West 4th: Manis, pedis and waxing on offer here; walk-ins welcome.

**ATHLETIC WEAR: Sigge's**, 2077 West 4th: Clothing and gear for cross-country skiers.

**FOOD Candy Aisle**, 2083 West 4th: Gummy bears, lollipops, licorice or Dubble Bubble — you'll find it all here in its tooth-rotting glory.

**BOOKS/MAGAZINES The Comic Shop**, 2089 West 4th: If you're serious about comics, you can't miss this place.

**FASHION/ACCESSORIES Roots**, 2091 West 4th: Small outlet of this well-regarded Canadian retailer of leather bags and clothing for men and women.

**EAT/DRINK Sophie's Cosmic Cafe**, 2095 West 4th: Perennially popular for weekend brunches, this funky little dinner is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and often has line-ups.

## WEST 4TH AVENUE, NORTH SIDE, Arbutus to Yew

\* **FASHION Lululemon**, 2113 West 4th: If there were one store that epitomized Vancouver's style zeitgeist, this hugely successful local retailer would be it — flaw-disguising yoga wear with enough style to take to the streets.

**FASHION Thyme Maternity**, 2119 West 4th: Reasonably priced clothing for expectant mothers from this Canadian offshoot of Reitmans.

**FASHION Oqoqo**, 2123 West 4th: This Lululemon offshoot carries stylish casual clothing for women made from fabrics like soy cotton and hemp.

**FASHION Aqua La Vie en Rose**, 2127 West 4th: The swimwear arm of Canadian lingerie retailer La Vie en Rose carries stylish swimming gear that you can buy as separates.

**FASHION Lotuswear**, 2131 West 4th: Like Lululemon, this retailer specializes in yoga-inspired casual clothing for women and men.

**EAT/DRINK Connie's Cook House**, 2135 West 4th: Unpretentious Chinese restaurant specializing in Szechuan and Cantonese cuisine.

**SPAS/SALONS Pure Nail Bar**, 2137 West 4th: One of several locations of this hip salon, where you can sit on a couch and watch TV while you get your nails done. Walk-ins are welcome.

**MAGAZINES Does Your Mother Know?**, 2139 West 4th: Contrary to what the name suggests, this place carries all kinds of magazines, not just smutty ones.

**ACCESSORIES Readerwear**, 2149 West 4th: If you need help reading the fine print, these folks will help you do it in style, with a large collection of stylish reading specs.

**HOME DECOR Bed**, 2151 West 4th: Locally made, pure cotton sheets and duvet covers in a huge range of colours and patterns.

**EAT/DRINK Bistro Pastis**, 2153 West 4th: Elegant French bistro with a classic menu and a good wine list.

**ACCESSORIES Watch It!**, 2169 West 4th: Watches for guys and gals, from makers like Seiko, Diesel and Nixon; sunglasses, too.

**ATHLETIC WEAR Foot Locker**, 2173 West 4th: Action-oriented footwear for men and women.

**FASHION Current**, 2177 West 4th: Another branch of the small Vancouver chain that's big on well-priced office wear and dressy clothing for the over-30 crowd.

\* **EAT/DRINK Bishop's**, 2183 West 4th: This elegant room, presided over by celebrity chef John Bishop, earns all the accolades it's garnered over the years.

**SPAS/SALONS Beverly's the Spa on 4th**, 2185 West 4th: Skincare is a specialty of this posh little spa.

**FASHION Le Chateau**, 2199 West 4th: One of several local outlets of this cheap and chic Canadian fashion retailer.

## WEST 4TH AVENUE, NORTH SIDE, Yew to Vine

**FASHION Gravity Pope Tailored Goods**, 2203 West 4th: Carefully chosen, upscale designer clothing lines for men and women, including Tara Jarmon, Paul Smith and Eley Kishimoto. Look next door for shoes to match.

\* **FOOTWEAR Gravity Pope**, 2205 West 4th: Shoe lovers just about wept with joy when this Edmonton-based retailer brought super-chic men's and women's lines like Cydwoq, Fly London, Marc Jacobs and Repetto to the neighbourhood, and they're still flocking there.

**FASHION The Urban Rack**, 2207 West 4th: Lots of nice women's labels here, from InWear and Mexx to local designers like Kersh and Sweet Chemise.

\* **HOME DECOR/ACCESSORIES Paboom**, 2209 West 4th: This skinny little store carries a little bit of everything for the home, from funky cocktail shakers to elegant serving platters to groovy table lamps. It's all stylish and the prices are amazingly reasonable.

**FOOD/DRINK Kitsilano Wine Cellar**, 2235 West 4th: Helpful staff will help you find just the right bottle of wine, from B.C. or elsewhere in the world.

**BOOKS/MAGAZINES Duthie Books**, 2230 West 4th: This locally owned bookstore is a great place to browse for books and magazines; very helpful staff.

**FOOD Capers Community Market**, 2285 West 4th: Upscale grocery store with an emphasis on organic foods, with a nice deli where you can pick up something to eat on the adjoining patio.

## WEST 4TH AVENUE, SOUTH SIDE, Burrard to Cypress

**EAT/DRINK Pepitas**, 1804 West 4th: Head up to the second floor for reasonably priced Mexican and Spanish food; open for lunch and dinner.

**EAT/DRINK Annapurna**, 1812 West 4th: This Indian restaurant has an all-vegetarian menu; delicious food.

**ACCESSORIES Eye Candy**, 1818 West 4th: Groovy eyeglass frames and sunglasses.

**FOOTWEAR Flip Flop Shops**, 1820 West 4th: Not a closed toe in sight here — this little shop is completely devoted to flip flops and sandals.

**EAT/DRINK The Sushi Bar**, 1822 West 4th: The name says it all — casual Japanese joint, eat in or take out.

**HOME DECOR Majestic Sit & Sleep**, 1828 West 4th: Futons and conventional beds, sofa beds and reclining chairs are all available here.

**JEWELLERY Taraxa**, 1834 West 4th: Hand-made sterling silver jewellery, some by local designers, is the main focus of this pretty little shop.

**ACCESSORIES/CLOTHING Puff**, 1838 West 4th: A small collection of hemp clothing at the front of the store gives you a hint to what's at the back — lots and lots of bongs!

**EAT/DRINK Trattoria Italian Kitchen**, 1850 West 4th: Italian comfort food is the staple at this attractive restaurant, sister to Glowbal in Yaletown. Open for lunch and dinner.

**FASHION Skyler**, 1854 West 4th: Locally owned Stylish jersey clothing that

could take you from the yoga studio to a casual night out.

**FASHION Blue Crush**, 1864 West 4th: Beachwear for men and women.

## WEST 4TH AVENUE, SOUTH SIDE, Cypress to Maple

**FASHION/ACCESSORIES Salvation Army Thrift Store**, 1906 West 4th: You'll have to root around on the overstuffed racks, but you just might find a designer treasure for the price of a large latte at this huge charity outlet.

**HOME DECOR Framing+Art Centre**, 1926 West 4th (several stores below share this address): Frame your fine art or pick up an inexpensive print to hang over the sofa.

**FOOTWEAR/KIDS Tomatoes Children's Footwear**, 1926 West 4th: From cute sneakers to tiny Mary Janes, everything the well-shod toddler needs is here.

**HOME DECOR Victoria Lampshade Shop**, 1926 West 4th: All the lampshades here are custom-made on site.

**FASHION Adrenaline**, 1926 West 4th: Streetwear for men and women, and you can get a tattoo or a piercing to go with it.

**EAT/DRINK Shijo**, 1926 West 4th: Head up the stairs for this traditional Japanese restaurant, open for dinner only.

**EAT/DRINK Maenam**, 1938 West 4th: Attractive space featuring inventive Thai food.

\* **EAT/DRINK Fuel**, 1944 West 4th: In just a few years, Fuel has become one of the city's top restaurants, and deservedly so — there's an emphasis on fresh local foods and a great wine list. Open for lunch and dinner

**FASHION Mintage**, 1946 West 4th: Eclectic mix of new and vintage clothing with a over-all retro theme, for men and women.

**FASHION Ironhead**, 1952 West 4th: Casual streetwear with an edge, for men and women.

**EAT/DRINK Sejuiced**, 1958 West 4th: Fresh juices, shakes, soups and light vegetarian meals.

**FASHION In-Again**, 1962 West 4th: Consignment clothing outlet with options for men and women.

**EAT/DRINK Jitters Cafe**, 1966 West 4th: Coffee, of course, and light snacks.

**FOOTWEAR Australian Boot Company**, 1968 West 4th: Your source for Blundstones, Uggs and R.M. Williams footwear for sheilas and mates.

**MUSIC Zulu Records**, 1972 West 4th: Mainstream and alternative CDs, and a ticket venue for concerts.

**GIFTS/FASHION Now & Then**, 1986 West 4th: There's a bit of clothing here, but the draw is the helter-skelter but inspired collection of knick-knacks and whimsical gift items.

**STATIONERY/GIFTS Signed Sealed Delivered**, 1988 West 4th: Need a funny, thoughtful or downright rude greeting card? Look no further — this place has a huge selection, as well as some gift items.

**BOOKS Canterbury Tales**, 1990 West 4th: Secondhand book store.

\* **FASHION/KIDSWEAR/HOME DECOR Moulé**, 1994 West 4th: Cutting-edge fashions for men and women are a staple here, but you can also find

beautiful gifts, baubles for the home and children's clothing and toys, all high on style.

## WEST 4TH AVENUE, SOUTH SIDE, Maple to Arbutus

**FASHION DNZ**, 2004 West 4th: Activewear and casual clothing for women.

**FASHION Orb**, 2028 West 4th: Super-stylish hoodies and other casual clothing for men and women.

**FASHION Second Suit**, 2036 West 4th: Well-chosen designer resale clothing for men and women.

**EAT/DRINK Room Eighteen**, 2041 West 4th: Restaurant and bar with tapas and full menu, as well as creative cocktails. Open dinner to late.

**HOME DECOR Prints Charming**, 2048 West 4th: Big selection of reasonably priced prints, as well as custom framing.

**EAT/DRINK Scoop**, 2050 West 4th: Frozen yogurt, coffee or tea to eat in or take out.

\* **HOME DECOR Motiv**, 2064 West 4th: Stylish and reasonably priced accessories for the home and table; sister store to Ming Wo down the street.

**FOOTWEAR Spank Shoes**, 2066 West 4th: Cutting-edge women's shoes, boots and bags from lines like Poetic Licence, London Underground and Rudsak; sister store to clothing outlet Spank down the street.

\* **GIFTS/HOME DECOR Briers Home and Gifts**, 2070 West 4th: Charming store with a lovely selection of gifts, jewellery and bags on the main floor, and furniture and home accessories upstairs.

**FASHION Spank**, 2082 West 4th: Fashion-forward designs for women with an emphasis on small lines and local designers.

## WEST 4TH AVENUE, SOUTH SIDE, Arbutus to Yew

\* **FASHION Ray Rickburn**, 2100 West 4th: Fashionable menswear and accessories from top lines like Paul Smith, Fred Perry, Lacoste and Ted Baker.

**KIDSWEAR Hip Baby**, 2110 West 4th: From onesies to deluxe strollers, everything's here for the stylish infant in your life.

**FASHION Mavi Jeans**, 2112 West 4th: One of a few Vancouver outlets for this Turkish denim maker.

**FASHION Mantique**, 2128 West 4th: Trend-conscious and well-priced clothing for teens to 20-somethings, male and female.

**FASHION The North Face**, 2136 West 4th: Huge outlet for the North Face line of weather-wise clothing, outerwear, boots and knapsacks for men and women.

**COSMETICS/PERFUME Beauty Bar**, 2142 West 4th: Makeup and skincare you won't find in department stores, from lines like Cargo, Girlactik and Lip Lingerie. You can also get a makeup lesson, a manicure or a shave here.

**FOOTWEAR Ronsons**, 2144 West 4th: Shoes and boots made for walking, for women and men.

**FASHION Motherhood Maternity**, 2146 West 4th: Well-priced clothing for

expectant mothers.

**EAT/DRINK 49th Parallel Coffee Roasters**, 2152 West 4th: Upscale coffee house with excellent beans and light snacks.

**KIDS GEAR Crocodile**, 2156 West 4th: High-end strollers, cribs and other must-haves for pampered babies.

**FASHION Swimco**, 2166 West 4th: Stylish swimwear for women and guys, with lots of mix-and-match options.

\* **KITCHENWARE/HOME DECOR Ming Wo**, 2170 West 4th: This local retailer with a few Vancouver outlets is a great place to find what you need to make a meal or dress your table.

**FOOD/GIFTS Purdy's**, 2196 West 4th: One of several locations for this Vancouver-based maker of all things chocolate.

**EAT/DRINK Kits Coffee Company**, 2198 West 4th: Coffee, of course, as well as sweet treats like cinnamon rolls.

## WEST 4TH AVENUE, SOUTH SIDE, Yew to Vine

**SPAS/SALONS Solarice Wellness Spa**, 2200 West 4th: This full-service spa also offers yoga, pilates, Chinese medicine, acupuncture and other services to soothe your body and mind.

**GIFTS/TOYS Craftworks**, 2208 West 4th: Toys, children's clothing and home decorations made by people with physical and mental disabilities.

**EAT/DRINK Simpatico Ristorante**, 2222 West 4th: Casual, friendly Greek restaurant with very good pizzas.

**FASHION Vivid**, 2228 West 4th: Fun and flirty fashions for not a lot of bucks.

**FOOTWEAR Sterling Shoes**, 2230 West 4th: Well-priced, trendy shoes and boots for women and men.

**FASHION American Apparel**, 2242 West 4th: Chain store stocking T-shirt and casual jersey clothing for guys and girls.

**COSMETICS Lush**, 2248 West 4th: Yummy soaps, cleansers, fragrances and bath products for both sexes.

**FASHION Exposure**, 2250 West 4th: Casual, youthful clothing for young women.

**COSMETICS Saje**, 2252 West 4th: Aromatherapy products and essential oils to leave you and your home smelling wonderful.

**SPAS/SALONS Canvas Salon**, 2258 West 4th: Sharing space with a hair salon are racks of hair and skin-care products and designer sunglasses.

**EAT/DRINK Starbucks**, 2270 West 4th: Another outlet of the Seattle-based coffee giant.

**EAT/DRINK Presto Cucina**, 2270 West 4th: Pizzas and pastas are on the menu at this casual bistro, open for lunch and dinner.

**EAT/DRINK Hi-Nippon**, 2274 West 4th: Traditional and reasonably priced Japanese restaurant.

**EAT/DRINK Take 5 Cafe**, 2278 West 4th: You can't go more than half a block in Kitsilano without hitting a coffee joint, it seems — here's another one.

**FASHION Plum**, 2290 West 4th: This longtime local retailer, with a few

outlets in town, carries stylish, well-priced women's clothing, much of it designed and made in Vancouver.

**KITCHENWEAR Basic Stock**, 2294 West 4th: Serious kitchen gear for people who like to cook, as well as tableware.

**EAT/DRINK Brown's Social House**, 2296 West 4th: Casual-chic dining and drinking spot with a menu that might be described as contemporary comfort food.

\* **GIFTS/ACCESSORIES U, The Life Accessory Store**, 2028 Vine St. (near 4th): Adorable little shop with lots of whimsical gifts and home-decor items, including the most stylish stainless-steel drinking bottles you'll ever find.

## WEST 4TH AVENUE, SOUTH SIDE, Vine to Balsam

**EAT/DRINK Maria's Taverna**, 2324 West 4th: Friendly neighbourhood Greek food and pizza restaurant.

**EAT/DRINK Chivana**, 2340 West 4th: Second-floor restaurant and lounge is probably the only one in the city with a Cuban-Asian fusion menu; open dinner to later.

**FASHION Ethel's**, 2346 West 4th: Fans of hippie chic, new and old, are bound to have a soft spot for Ethel's, where peasant skirts have never been out of style. Think fun, funky and cheap.

**FASHION Lushuz**, 2352 West 4th: Fun women's fashions with a distinctly young vibe.

**KIDSWEAR Babes on 4th**, 2354 West 4th: Clothing and gifts for your favourite yuppie baby.

\* **FASHION Wear Else**, 2360 West 4th: Upscale women's clothing store where you won't feel out of place if you're over 30. Great lines like Teenflo, Tara Jarmon, Elie Tahari and Nanette Lepore, plus a fabulous shoe department.

**EAT/DRINK Terra Breads**, 2380 West 4th: Great bakery with a small picnic-style eating area where you can chow down on a good sandwich or a top-notch pastry.

**FASHION Reitman's**, 2380 West 4th: Local outlet of the Canadian chain specializing in well-priced women's fashions.

**EAT/DRINK Mandala Asian Bistro**, 2394 West 4th: They call their cuisine "healthy Asian" and the menu includes everything from Chinese rice bowls to Japanese izakaya and sushi.

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