

A Moon Festival Itinerary

The annual Mid-Autumn Moon Festival presents a wonderful opportunity for family fun. Gardens BC has put together a list of ‘things to do’ to assist in making your choice.

If you are in Vancouver/Lower Mainland:

Friday

The [Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden](#) celebrates [Music Under the Moon](#) on Friday evening, September 21 from 5:30 — 9:30 pm.

- Enjoy a *Music Under the Moon* contest where you will vote for the winner, tea tasting, mooncake making and more. Be sure to visit the Chinese Musical Instrument Petting Zoo from 6:30 – 7:00 pm.
- There are numerous restaurants and shops in and near Chinatown for a bite to eat before the event.
- Join the Vancouver Learning City at Oakridge for a [Chinese Harp Music concert](#)

Saturday

Moon Cake Demonstration: [Coquitlam Heritage Centre](#)

- Learn about the history and traditions of Mid-Autumn Moon festival, how to make ice mooncakes and the how to make baked mooncakes.

If you are on Vancouver Island:

Saturday

[Saanich Moon Lantern Festival](#) 5:00 — 8:00 pm.

- A family friendly event that welcomes people of all ages and cultures.
- Enjoy traditional Asian dance and musical performances by community groups; lantern making for children and a sampling of mooncakes and traditional green teas.
- The event culminates with outdoor lantern installations, an illuminated community lantern procession through the park followed by an outdoor musical performance.

[Light Up the Hills Lantern Festival](#) 7:30 – 9:30 pm

- The festival features illuminated artworks that create an intriguing glowing effect.
- Get ready for the evening by attending one of several lantern-making workshops on different dates.

[Buy mooncakes in Vancouver.](#) Most Chinese bakeries features mooncakes in the lead up to the festival. Other mooncake bakeries of note are Saint Germain Bakery. If you're looking for mooncakes with an exciting fusion flair, visit [Soirette Bakery](#) for flavours such as Pineapple Marmalade & Kaffir Lime Leaf and Black Sesame & Yuzu.

In the Victoria area, you'll find mooncakes at [Fairway Markets](#). It's also worth a peek in other Chinese bakeries and where Chinese food is sold.

If you are wondering if you can [buy mooncakes in Prince George](#). You're in luck.