

In the News: Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival; Gotham's 20 years

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The Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates the arrival of spring as the city's 40,000 cherry trees fill the streets with delicate pink-and-white blooms. *WENDY CUTLER*



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eventsSpring blossoms across the city

You know spring really has sprung when cherry blossoms—known in Japanese as sakura—begin blooming all over Vancouver. The Vancouver Cherry Blossom [Festival](#) aims to capture the exuberance of the city's more than 40,000 blooming trees with a variety of events from April 4 through 28. They include musical performances, a massive community picnic at Queen Elizabeth Park and a projection art installation at Stanley Park.

The Sakura Days Japan fair showcases traditional and modern interpretations of Japanese culture; an online component of the festival encourages enthusiasts to share haiku and cherry blossom photos online. Eight guided interpretative walks take participants through various Vancouver neighbourhoods and people can also "Bike the Blossoms" underneath the cherry-tree canopy at Trout Lake. Most events are free; check the website for times, dates and locations.