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Photo Essay: Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival

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It's that time of the year: Vancouver wakes up from the winter hibernation with about 40,000 blooming cherry trees! Each spring, the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates the beauty of the pink and white petals with a month full of public art, culture and community events. The festival was founded in 2005 by Linda Poole, to commemorate the cherry trees given by Japan to the City of Vancouver.

The Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival's aim is not only to bring together Vancouverites but also to educate through cherry-themed seasonal programs. According to the organisers, the series of the events wants "to actively engage diverse communities through accessible arts and culture, and too sustain and renew Vancouver's cherry tree heritage". This is a great opportunity to reunite with your friends after the long, grey Vancouver winter!

The 2018 annual festival is running until 29 April. Programme includes 'Tree Talks & Walks', a walking tour of the best locations where cultural features of interest meet the blossoms or 'Bike The Blossoms', a cycling tour underneath the blossoming Sakuras. For the full programme, visit the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival [website](#).





“We have been lucky: we only had this weekend to explore Vancouver and were able to visit the festival and enjoy the blossoming cherry trees.”

Jack and Kris







“We are volunteers; organising the Cherry Blossom Festival has been quite of a challenge but seeing everybody enjoying it made it totally worth it. It is a very social and friendly event.”

Keni and Bobby









"I had some friends visiting and brought them here to enjoy the music, the food and how pretty and peaceful this place is."

Carlos











Meet The Photographer: Ricardo Vacas



Ricardo Vacas

Ricardo Vacas, owner of the firm Kerp Photography, always showed intense interest in many forms of creative arts. His professional photography career started in his home country, Spain, where he was the official photographer of several music bands, models and clothing brands. He decided to move to Wellington, New Zealand in 2012, knowing his real interest was fashion photography more than any other field. Currently living in Vancouver, Canada, he now combines his fashion, editorial and commercial photography projects with regular trips to Europe and USA.

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