Walking Tour Description  
Wednesday, October 16, 2019

We’re excited on this, the first IAPSP visit to Vancouver, to offer a walking tour that will orient you to the city and its rich history. During our 2 ½ hour tour, we’ll cover about 4 km (2.5 miles) and more than a century of history as we explore the Waterfront, Downtown, Chinatown, and Gastown neighborhoods – all in close proximity to our hotel. Along the way we’ll discuss the early indigenous culture and the ways that the settlers took over the land. We’ll explore the rise of the port economy, and learn about Vancouver’s unique history of migration, including the sacrifices and contributions of Chinese immigrants in the face of extreme discrimination. As we transition from Chinatown to Gastown, we’ll pass through the Downtown Eastside, which is ground zero for the opioid crisis in Canada. There we’ll discuss Canada’s harm reduction policies and safe needle sites, also noting that the neighborhood is steeped in indigenous identity and community spirit in the face of tremendous adversity. Then, we’ll arrive in Gastown, the “birthplace” of modern Vancouver. What started as a hardscrabble timber settlement is now a trendy shopping and entertainment district where old west charm still shines through the historic buildings. We’ll learn about the impact of the Canadian Pacific Railway, explore groundbreaking social enterprise at the Woodward's Development, and visit some favorite tourist spots, including Gaoler’s Muse, Gassy Jack's statue, and the “Steam Clock.” We’ll conclude the tour with great views of harbor at the Waterfront metro station, where you can grab lunch or head back to the hotel via a short trip on the public metro (metro ticket included in the price of the tour).

**Price per person:** $35 USD (price includes guide and return metro ticket)  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2019  
**Time:** 9-11:30 am  
**Meeting place:** Lobby of the Marriott Parq Vancouver Hotel  
**Distance Covered:** about 4 KM (2.5 miles)  
Tour will operate, rain or shine.