

World-Class Non-Smoking

Ever since Expo 86, city boosters have touted Vancouver as a “world-class” city. In a continuing effort to explore the Vancouver identity and to discover what the term “world-class” might mean, Dominic Ali and Paul Razzell (both Vancouverites) offer this exercise in comparing and contrasting the megalopolis in Lotus Land with other densely populated urban areas.

	New York City	Paris	London	Vancouver
Major Historical Event	Wall Street Crash	Storming the Bastille	The Great Fire	Doug & the Slugs records first album
Best-known Shop	Macy's	Au Printemps	Harrods	Mountain Equipment Co-op
Famous Citizen	Woody Allen	Coco Chanel	Prince Charles	That guy from the <i>Beachcombers</i>
Leisure Activity	Shopping	Making love	Pub-crawling	Not smoking
Nickname	Big Apple	City of Lights	The Big Smoke	Vancouver
Local Anthem	“New York, New York” by Frank Sinatra	“La Vie En Rose” by Edith Piaf	“London Calling” by The Clash	“Cuts Like a Knife” by Bryan Adams
Favourite Souvenir	I Love NY T-shirt	Perfume	London Underground map	Dime bag of homegrown
Status Symbol	Penthouse apartment	Season tickets to the opera	Country estate	Kayak roof rack
Spiritual Sanctuary	St. Patrick's Cathedral	Notre Dame Cathedral	Westminster Abbey	Wicca drum circle on Wreck Beach
First Date Activity	Gallery hopping in SoHo	Debating existentialism on the Left Bank	Picnicking at Kensington Gardens	Driving down to Seattle

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