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cargo. The terminal is designed to handle third generation container vessels using the most modern concepts in container cranes of the most sophisticated design. The area for container storage exceeds 50 acres (20 hectares) and the facilities include a large container freight station, an equipment maintenance building and an office building.

Tourism has developed into B.C.'s third largest industry with many new facilities developed to enable both residents and visitors to enjoy British Columbia's natural beauty.

One reason why many people are attracted to Vancouver is the gentle and moderate climate. The city is protected on the north and east by mountains and on the west by the Strait of Georgia and Vancouver Island. The resulting temperature range is from an average of 0°C (31°F) in January to an average maximum of 22°C (72°F) in July. The lowest temperature on record is -18°C (0°F); the highest 33°C (92°F). The average range of precipitation is from six inches (15cm) in December to a low of one inch (2.54cm) in July.

Because of the 5,000 miles (8,050km) of sheltered cruising waters

and the warm Japanese current that provides all-year temperate weather, sailing and boating are twelve-month activities. Marinas and launching ramps are located in many areas and Vancouver has several fine yacht clubs. Swimming is a favourite pastime with numerous lifeguard-patrolled beaches, and indoor/outdoor school and public swimming pools.

Another bonus feature of Vancouver is its attractive downtown. Through extensive city planning, Vancouver has acquired a downtown that is as sophisticated, varied and cosmopolitan as any.

In recent years, giant complexes have risen—one, the Pacific Centre, which covers two city blocks, has radically changed the city's skyline. As one of Canada's largest downtown developments, it consists of two office towers, a Four Seasons hotel, large department store and 125 shops and services in a two-level mall. Also downtown, is the Royal Centre with 60 stores and a 700-room Hyatt Regency hotel.

Just as important as the new buildings to the city's image is the restoration of old Vancouver. The late 19th

century Gastown district has been renovated and filled with boutiques, galleries and restaurants. Another renowned street is Robsonstrasse, as it is nicknamed, which features German and other European shops where visitors can inspect intricate imported toys, sip dozens of blends of tea or stop and watch the artistry of pastry makers.

Vancouver is a cosmopolitan city with many ethnic groups represented. While living as part of the community, the different ethnic groups have been able to preserve their customs and heritage. Areas Vancouver has managed to keep intact with much of their original character are Chinatown (the second largest on the continent), Little Italy, and Granville Street, an historic street that has been turned into a mall.

Reflecting the diversity of its people and the advantages of being a major port on the Pacific coast, Vancouver has access to a splendid array of goods imported from the Orient and the western coast of the Americas. This makes it an excellent place to shop, both at the large department stores and the hundreds of

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High-rise buildings over the water and the mountains towering behind.



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