



# CARIBBEAN DAYS FESTIVAL RETURNS JULY 29TH & 30TH!

**COQUITLAM, BC** – This summer, Caribbean Days Festival returns to Coquitlam's Town Centre Park for the hottest weekend of the year.

For the second straight year, the Festival takes place in its new home at Coquitlam's Town Centre Park, and last year's Coquitlam debut was an overwhelming success. After a two-year hiatus due to COVID restrictions, sun seekers flocked to Caribbean Days 2022, breaking all attendance records. An estimated 60,000 visitors took in the fabulous music, entertainment, costumes, food, and crafts that BC's longest-running Caribbean event is known for. Now it's back and bigger for 2023.

### For 35 Years: BC's Original Caribbean Weekend

Established in 1988, **Caribbean Days Festival** is one of the largest annual cultural events in BC. The Festival is free to attend, open to all ages, multicultural, wheelchair accessible and 100% inclusive. The weekend features an amazing outdoor music festival as the main sound stage plays host to a lineup of bands delivering Soca, Reggae, Calypso, Latin, African and other international sounds. Find the full entertainment lineup as well as a mobile-friendly Event Guide at <a href="https://www.caribbeandays.ca">www.caribbeandays.ca</a>.

The Festival opens each year with the carnival-themed **Caribbean Days Parade**. This colourful costumed celebration will wind its way through Town Centre Park at 1:30 PM on Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Festival boasts an array of delicious food and drink, including the flavours of the Caribbean, as well as a wide range of food for all ages and palates from tame to adventurous. Enjoy a local craft beer while browsing the Festival's unique marketplace, featuring artisanal crafts and clothing.

Kicking off the festivities in advance is the **Caribbean Days Boat Cruise**, held the weekend before the main Festival. Merrymakers cruise Burrard Inlet dancing to tropical rhythms provided by live DJs, then sample delicious authentic Caribbean food! Tickets and details are available on the Festival website.

### About The Location: Getting to Caribbean Days

Town Centre Park is a fabulous multi-use recreational complex boasting Lafarge Lake, a five-hectare man-made body of water anchoring this idyllic greenspace near the heart of urban Coquitlam.

The park is situated not far from Coquitlam Town Centre, a well-known shopping destination near the hub of the city's transportation system. As a result, the park can be reached easily via Skytrain. Visitors simply ride the Millennium Line to its terminus at Lafarge Lake-Douglas Station, just a few steps away from the Festival. Those arriving by car will also find ample parking adjacent to the park.

#### See you at the Festival

Caribbean Days Festival 2023 will take place on two days as follows:

Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>: 10 AM – 8 PM Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>: 11 AM – 7 PM

Location: Town Centre Park, 1299 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam BC

Visit our new website: <u>caribbeandays.ca</u>
Mobile-friendly Event Guide: <u>caribbeandays.ca/guide</u>

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## About the Organizers

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The Trinidad & Tobago Cultural Society Of British Columbia (TTCS) is a non-profit society dedicated to preserving and sharing Caribbean culture through social services and community events featuring food, art and music. Find out more at www.ttcsbc.org