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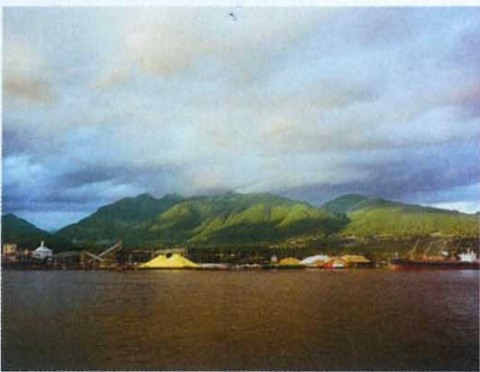
EASY WEEKEND GETAWAYS

From Maine to California

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**EUROPE
THIS SUMMER!**
EATING IN AMSTERDAM
SECRET SPAIN
ITALY FOR MUSIC LOVERS



Clockwise from left: Shopping for jewelry at Front & Company, in Vancouver; dim sum at Jade Seafood, in Richmond; walking down Water Street, in Vancouver's Gastown area; a view of Grouse Mountain from Stanley Park.



Northwest

VANCOUVER

Snowcapped mountains and expansive bays form the backdrop for the Northwest's greatest boomtown—a city of diverse neighborhoods that embraces both outdoorsy culture and innovation. The 2010 Olympics sparked a major development frenzy, and along with new restaurants and boutiques came renovations of several landmark hotels. Make your base downtown's 1927 **Rosewood Hotel Georgia** (rosewoodhotels.com; \$\$\$), with revamped Art Deco-inspired rooms and a slick, dark-wood-and-gold paneled restaurant run by star chef David Hawksworth. From there, it's a leisurely stroll to Stanley Park, where you can hike along the 14-mile Seawall Trail. Or head to the Victorian Gastown neighborhood to see Native American art galleries such as the three-story **Hill's Native Art** (hills.ca), which showcases ceremonial masks and totem poles, limited-edition prints, and bentwood boxes. The Skytrain at nearby Water Station will take you to suburban Richmond, home to Vancouver's Asian culinary scene: dim sum temples; noodle huts; Korean barbecue

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