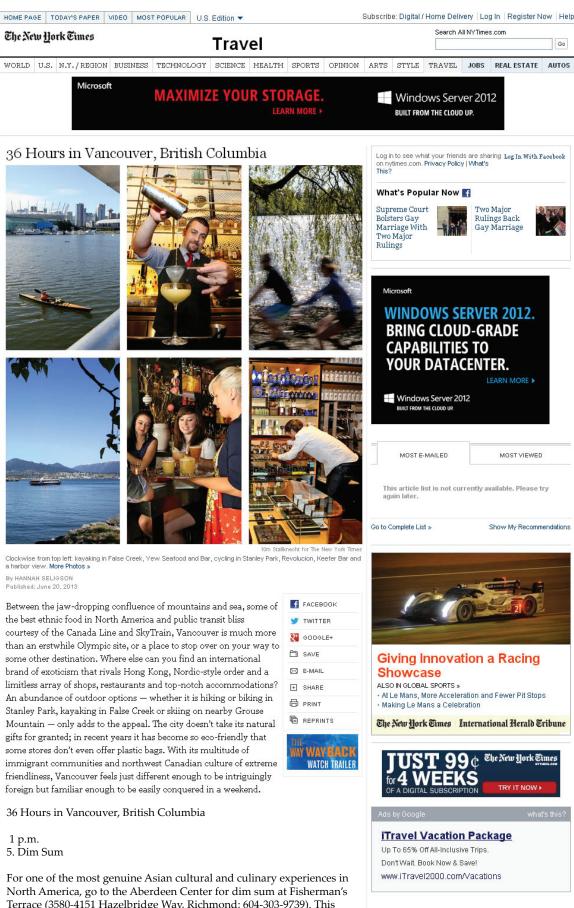
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For one of the most genuine Asian cultural and culinary experiences in North America, go to the Aberdeen Center for dim sum at Fisherman's Terrace (3580-4151 Hazelbridge Way, Richmond; 604-303-9739). This sprawling Asian shopping center has an entire store dedicated to Hello Kitty merchandise, a Korean barbecue and a pan-Asian supermarket, among other treasures. Fisherman's Terrace, as evinced by the crowds mingling outside, is a favorite institution among the thousands of Chinese residents of Richmond, a suburb 20 minutes south of Vancouver. Make a reservation or bring your own reading material if you don't (all the newspapers are in Chinese). Then sift through the 76 options on the dim sum menu. A cheat sheet: deep-fried chicken knee with spicy salt, mini sticky rice in bamboo leaves, steamed pork dumplings, triple mushrooms in rice noodle wrap, and chilled coconut cake with diced taro. Go with an adventurous eater to try some of the dishes you'd be unlikely to find at most Westernized Chinese restaurants, like steamed duck tongue. Items range from 3.65 to 8.80 dollars.