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Science World transforming its dome into FIFA World Cup 2026 official match ball

VANCOUVER – One of Vancouver’s iconic landmarks will undergo a stunning transformation beginning on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

Science World will be unveiled as The Beautiful Dome, a massive, 360-degree, 40-metre-diameter recreation of the Adidas Trionda, the official match ball of the FIFA World Cup 2026.

A nod to “the beautiful game,” the project is made up of 131 custom-shaped and -sized panels. Installation of the Trionda design will take approximately four weeks to install (depending on weather conditions) with completion anticipated in early June 2026.

To coincide with FIFA World Cup 2026, Science World will host Soccer and Technology from the FIFA Museum, presented in partnership with the Province of British Columbia, which takes fans behind the scenes of the game, showing how innovation has shaped its continuing evolution. Making its North American debut, the new exhibition runs from May 15 until Sept. 7, and is part of a summer of celebration of science and sport at Science World.

“Forty years after it first welcomed the world at Expo 86, the dome that now houses Science World is proud to be part of another extraordinary moment in Vancouver’s history,” said Tracy Redies, president and CEO, Science World. “This unique installation is a bold feat of engineering and a testament to what is possible through creativity and collaboration. We are excited to welcome visitors from around the world and be part of an experience that will inspire and unite people.”

Trionda, meaning “three waves” in Spanish, pays homage to the three host countries. For the first time in FIFA World Cup history, Canada, Mexico and the United States are uniting to host the largest tournament ever. The ball’s design reflects this historic collaboration through unique, innovative features that symbolize connection across borders.

Designed to become one of the defining visual moments of FIFA World Cup 2026, the transformation will create a backdrop for broadcast, digital storytelling and visitor experiences.

“This is about creating a globally iconic image that immediately connects Vancouver to the FIFA World Cup and showcases our city’s creativity and ambition,” said Royce Chwin, president and CEO, Destination Vancouver. “The transformation of Science World is more than a visual transformation, it is an investment in telling British Columbia’s global story and represents a shared commitment to delivering an unforgettable FIFA World Cup experience, building a lasting economic and community legacy for Vancouver and the province.”

Hosting the FIFA World Cup 2026, the world’s largest single-sport event, is an unprecedented

opportunity. Science World's transformation will help draw global attention to B.C. as a premier destination for hosting major, world-class events, driving visitation and investment, and creating lasting economic and cultural benefits for people in B.C.

"We're thrilled to support bringing such an iconic visual to life, helping anchor this once-in-a-generation opportunity to welcome the world to B.C.," said Anne Kang, Minister of Tourism, Art, Culture and Sport. "FIFA World Cup 2026 is capturing global attention and the excitement is building. Transforming the Science World dome into this symbol of the beautiful game helps us reach new audiences and turn that spotlight into lasting benefits for people in B.C. for many years to come."

The initiative reflects a strong collaboration between tourism, government and community leaders, all working together to elevate British Columbia's presence on the world stage. Partners that made the project come to life include Destination Vancouver, Science World, the Province of B.C., the FIFA World Cup 2026 Vancouver Host Committee and the Vancouver Hotel Destination Association.

The Look Company, founded in Canada in 1998, will oversee the installation. With its expertise in transforming retail and sport environments with innovative display solutions, the award-winning company was the fit for the project.

"Capturing the excitement of FIFA World Cup 2026 on an architectural landmark like Science World's iconic dome is no small achievement," said Jacob Burke, global CEO, The Look Company. "It takes an immense amount of vision, creativity and collaboration at a scale that very few projects reach. This design embodies the World Cup and creates a visual experience that fans and players alike will remember for years to come."

Learn More:

- Learn about the Province's Look West strategy to strengthen the economy through the FIFA World Cup 2026: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/look-west-strategy>
- Learn more about Science World: <https://scienceworld.ca>

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