

Vancouver

Getting there

Option 1: City Bus

Total estimated travel time: 4.5 - 6 hrs

Take bus #70, 72 or 73 to Swartz Bay Terminal

Fare: \$2.50, Estimated travel time: 1hr 15min.

Schedule: www.busonline.ca/regions/vic/

Departs: Douglas Street at Pandora Avenue

Catch BC Ferry from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen

Estimated travel time: 1hr 35min

For fares and schedules: www.bcferries.com

1-888-BCFERRY (1-888-223-3779)

To take your bike, kayak etc it will cost you extra.

Walk-on passengers should get their tickets at least 10min. before sailing time.

Vancouver now has a Canada Line Skytrain, so you can bus then skytrain to get into the city center from the ferry.

Catch bus #620 outside the ferry terminal to Bridgeport Skytrain Station (40 minutes). Then walk up to the skytrain, and take the Canada Line/ Waterfront to Vancouver City Center or Waterfront station (25 minutes) to get to downtown Vancouver.

For fares and schedules: www.translink.bc.ca

1-604-953-3333



Option 2: Pacific Coach Lines

Schedule: www.pacificcoach.com

To bring your bike, it's an additional cost.

Departs: Victoria Bus Depot (700 Douglas Street)

Arrives: Pacific Central Station (1150 Station Street)

located next to the Main Street-Science World

Skytrain Station.

Estimated travel time: Approx 3.75 hrs

Toll-free 1-800-661-1725 / info@pacificcoach.com



Option 3: By Air

All companies offer daily flights year-round from downtown Victoria to downtown Vancouver. Ask about student stand by discounts and make sure to reserve in advance.

Harbour Air Seaplanes - 950 Wharf Street

Info: 384-2245 or toll-free 1-800-665-0212

victoria@harbour-air.com / www.harbour-air.com

West Coast Air - 1000 Wharf Street

Info: 388-4521 or toll-free 1-800-347-2222

reservations@westcoastair.com

www.westcoastair.com

HeliJet International Incorporated - 79 Dallas Road

Info: Toll-free 1-800-665-4354

passengerservices@helijet.com / www.helijet.com

Cool areas to check out:

Downtown: Granville St., from the bridge that goes to Broadway to the bus station that connects downtown with North Van, is full of cool shops, people, clubs, and tons of interesting stuff to do. Davie St. is an interesting gay district, there's a few huge malls, and this is also home to the SameSun hostel.

Gastown: Oldest part of town and very pretty, although it's quite touristy (it has the world's oldest steam clock!!). It has some cool cafes and art galleries, but try to avoid East Hastings (the homeless district) which is just on the other side of Gastown.

Stanley Park: A big, beautiful park just out of downtown. Do not miss! Gorgeous jogging/in-line skating or biking to be had.

Granville Island: It's kind of a touristy thing, but it's fun and pretty. Cool little markets, sweet stores, some of the neatest buskers ever and home to the famous Emily Carr School of Art & Design.

UBC: The University of British Columbia is basically a small city unto itself with shops, commercial blocks, residential neighbourhoods and of course the huge campus. One of the perks is the clothing-optional Wreck Beach.

Commercial Drive: Also known as little Italy, "the Drive" is a cool place to live and hang out, this place is full of interesting shops, restaurants, etc.

Main Street: This is probably the hippest part of Vancouver, home to all things bohemian and artsy.

Kitsilano: Or "Kitz" as everybody calls it, is the swankiest part of town to move into. It's beautiful and full of cool stuff to do. Very upscale.

North Vancouver: Check out the Lynn Canyon Suspension Bridge and the beautiful Lynn Valley Park or take the gondola up to Grouse Mountain with its amazing views over the city. Grouse is also the perfect place for some winter fun.

Accommodations

C&N Backpackers

www.cnnbackpackers.com/vancouver

Two locations:

A. 927 Main Street

Info: 604-682-2441 or toll-free 1-888-434-6060

B. 1038 Main Street aka Central Station Hostel

Info: 604-681-9118

Cambie Hostels - www.cambiehostels.com

Two locations:

C. Gastown Hostel - 300 Cambie Street

Info: 604-684-6466 or toll-free

1-877-395-5335 / gastown@thecambie.com

D. Seymour Hostel - 515 Seymour Street

Info: 604-684-7757 or toll-free 1-866-623-8496

seymour@cambie.com

E. SameSun Backpacker Lodge

1018 Granville Street

Info: 604-682-8226 /

www.samesun.com/vancouver_hostel.html

F. St. Clair Hotel

577 Richards Street

Info: 604-684-3713 or toll-free 1-800-982-0220 /

sourceentvan@telus.net

<http://stclairvancouver.com>

G. YWCA Hotel & Residence

733 Beatty Street at Robson

Info: 604-895-5830 or toll-free 1-800-663-1424

www.ywcahotel.com

