

Vancouver

Getting there

Option 1: Public Transport

Easy and affordable

Take bus #70 or #72 to Swartz Bay.
Fare: \$2.50, Estimated travel time: 1hr
Departs: Douglas Street at Pandora Avenue
Total estimated travel time: 5 hours

Catch the ferry to Vancouver (Tsawwassen)
For fares and schedules: www.bcferries.com
1-888-BCFERRY (1-888-223-3779)

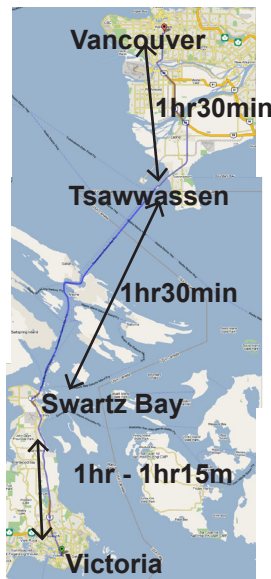
Walk-on passengers should get their tickets at least 10min. before sailing time.

Once you're on the ferry, you can get a Compass Card for the Vancouver transit system in one of the gift shops. Another option is to use your credit card (Mastercard or VISA) to tap in and tap out.

Once you are at the other side, catch bus #620 to Bridgeport Station.

Walk up to the SkyTrain, and take the train to Vancouver City Center or Waterfront station and voila, you are in downtown Vancouver!

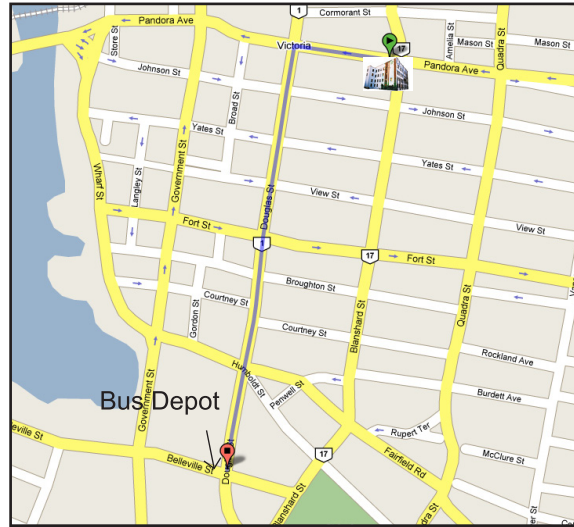
For fares, schedules and more info on the compass card check: www.translink.bc.ca 1-604-953-3333



Option 2: BC Ferries Connector

A bus service that brings you from downtown Vic to downtown Van.

To bring your bike, it's an additional cost.
Estimated travel time: Approx 4 hours
Schedule and fares: www.bcfconnector.com
1-888.788.8840



Option 3: By Air

Harbour Air offers daily flights year-round from downtown Victoria to downtown Vancouver. 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.harbourair.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 the gay village, 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. Great for jogging and biking, but if you are like me and don't want to do something active then just take the bus and sit back and relax.

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. They have a huge vintage store called Mintage Mall, plus great eateries including a 24/7 diner. YUM!

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. Check out Jericho Beach and if you are hungry, Sophie Cosmic Cafe!

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

H. HI Vancouver Central

1025 Granville Street

Info: 1.866.762.4122

<http://hihostels.ca/en/destinations/british-columbia/hi-vancouver-central>

