Vancouverism

How warm does it get in summer? And what’s a toonie? Find the answers to your top questions.

POPULATION
City of Vancouver: 631,000
Metro Vancouver: Almost 2.5 million

LANGUAGES SPOKEN
Official languages: English and French
English is the language spoken in B.C.

TIME ZONE
Vancouver is in the Pacific Time Zone. Daylight time (clocks move 1 hour ahead) is in effect from March 12, 2017, until November 5, 2017.

CLIMATE
Metro Vancouver has a mild climate. In winter, it rarely snows in the city; summers are warm with cooler evenings.

CLIMATE AVERAGES

METRIC EQUIVALENTS
Canada uses the international metric system

1 kilogram = 2.2 pounds
1 kilometre = 0.6 miles
1 centimetre = 0.39 inches
1 litre = 1.06 U.S. quarts

SPEED CONVERSIONS
100 kph = 60 mph

CURRENCY
NOTES: $100, $50, $20, $10 and $5.
COINS: $2 (“toonie”), $1 (“loonie”), 25¢ (quarter), 10¢ (dime) and 5¢ (nickel).

Visitors are urged to exchange their funds for Canadian dollars at a bank or foreign exchange outlet where they will receive the prevailing rate of exchange.

ELECTRICAL CURRENT
Same in Canada and the U.S.: 110 volts AC at 60 Hz.

B.C. HOLIDAYS

NEW YEAR’S DAY
FAMILY DAY
GOOD FRIDAY
EASTER MONDAY
VICTORIA DAY
CANADA DAY
B.C. DAY
LABOUR DAY
THANKSGIVING DAY
REMEMBRANCE DAY
CHRISTMAS DAY
BOXING DAY

ALCOHOL & SMOKING

Minors
Anyone under 19 years of age is not admitted into nightclubs

Not permitted in any indoor public space (including public transit, shopping malls, restaurants, pubs, nightclubs and casinos) or outdoors within six metres of a door or window of a public space. Please smoke in designated areas only.
**GETTING HERE**

**AIR**
Domestic and international flights pass through Vancouver International Airport (YVR), consistently voted a top airport. Some flights also depart from downtown Vancouver. Airlines include WestJet, Air Canada, Pacific Coastal Airlines, Helijet International and Harbour Air Seaplanes.

**RAIL**
Pacific Central Station located just outside downtown Vancouver offers scenic routes across Canada and the Pacific Northwest. VIA Rail, Amtrak and Rocky Mountaineer offer rail services to and from Vancouver.

**FERRY**
Walk on or take your vehicle on a ferry across the Strait of Georgia to visit Victoria or Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. You can also explore the Sunshine Coast, Haida Gwaai and a variety of smaller islands near Vancouver. For more information visit the BC Ferries website.

**CAR**
You can drive across the U.S. border. Interstate 5 (I-5) from Seattle becomes Hwy. 99 across the Canada/U.S. border.

**GO BEYOND VANCOUVER**

**NORTH**
WHISTLER
2 hours
(125 km/75 mi)

**WEST**
VICTORIA
4 hours, including a 1.5-hour ferry crossing (115 km/70 mi)

**SOUTH**
SEATTLE
3 hours
(235 km/145 mi)

**EAST**
OKANAGAN
4 hours
(400 km/250 mi)

**GETTING AROUND**

**COACH**
BC Ferries Connector provides service between Vancouver and Victoria. Greyhound and Pacific Coach Lines operate regular routes to Victoria, Whistler and other destinations.

**BOAT**
Aquabus and False Creek Ferries water taxis take passengers around the False Creek area. Stops include Yaletown, Granville Island, Science World and the Vancouver Maritime Museum.

**TAXI**
Taxis going from Vancouver International Airport to downtown Vancouver charge a flat fee of $31 CAD. Companies include Black Top & Checker Cabs, MacLures Cabs, Vancouver Taxi and Yellow Cab Company. Ripe Rides is a luxury sedan service you can book through its app. Sedans and limousines are also available without a reservation through YVR’s official car service, Aerocar.

**PUBLIC TRANSIT**

*tap* "Tap" it's easy to get here and around town. Here’s how.

**BUSES**: Numerous bus lines operate throughout Metro Vancouver to various locations, providing easy access to our city’s top neighbourhoods and attractions.

**SKYTRAIN**: TransLink’s automated light-rail transit system connects downtown Vancouver with nearby municipalities Burnaby, New Westminster, Surrey and Richmond. The Canada Line whisks riders from Vancouver International Airport to three downtown stations in about 25 minutes. The new Evergreen Line extension now goes to Port Moody and Coquitlam.

**SEABUS**: The Seabus passenger ferry connects downtown Vancouver with North Vancouver. See map page 88