

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

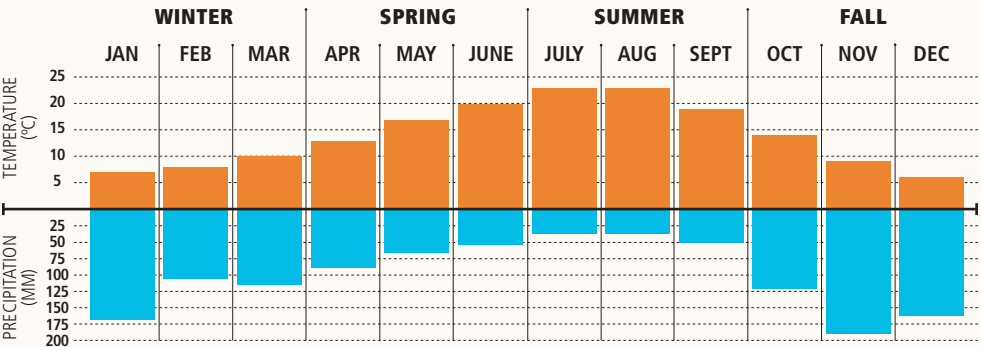
Vancouver is in the **Pacific Time Zone**. Daylight time (clocks move 1 hour ahead) is in effect from March 12, 2017, until November 5, 2017.



CLIMATE

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

CLIMATE AVERAGES



Conversions: 0 °C = 32 °F • 10 °C = 50 °F • 20 °C = 68 °F

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



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.



SPEED CONVERSIONS



ELECTRICAL CURRENT

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

B.C. HOLIDAYS

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



CANADA
TURNS 150

2017
JANUARY 1
FEBRUARY 13
APRIL 14
APRIL 17
MAY 22
JULY 1
AUGUST 7
SEPTEMBER 4
OCTOBER 9
NOVEMBER 11
DECEMBER 25
DECEMBER 26

2018
JANUARY 1
FEBRUARY 12
MARCH 30
APRIL 12
MAY 21
JULY 1
AUGUST 6
SEPTEMBER 3
OCTOBER 8
NOVEMBER 11
DECEMBER 25
DECEMBER 26

ALCOHOL & SMOKING



Minors

Anyone under 19 years of age **is not admitted** into nightclubs serving alcohol.



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.

It's easy to get here and around town. Here's how.

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**.



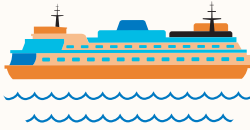
CAR

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



RAIL

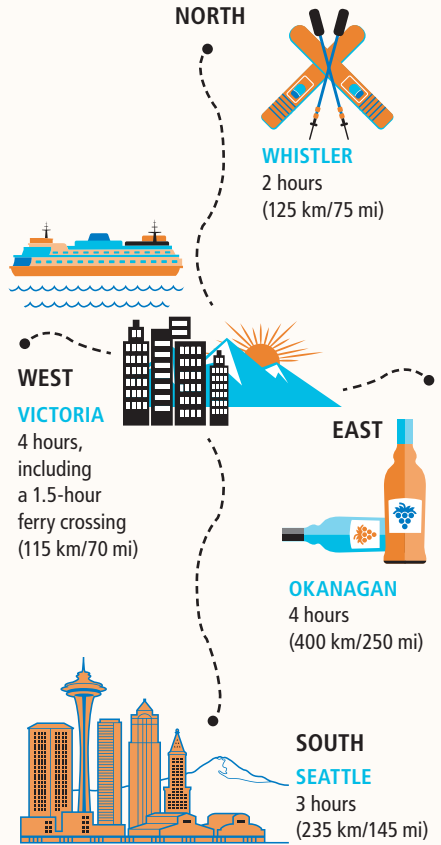
Pacific Central Station located just outside downtown Vancouver offers scenic routes across Canada and the Pacific Northwest. **VIA Rail**, **Amtrak** and **Rocky Mountaineer** offer rail services to and from Vancouver.



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 Gwaii and a variety of smaller islands near Vancouver. For more information visit the **BC Ferries** website.

GO BEYOND VANCOUVER



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**.

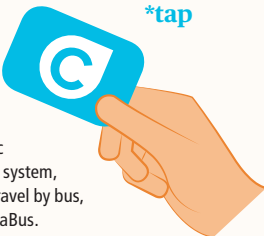


TAXI

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

TransLink's new Compass Card makes it easy to use Vancouver's modern, clean and safe public transportation system, whether you travel by bus, SkyTrain, or SeaBus.



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- 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.
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