



# VANCOUVER

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**350** staff  
**150** students & post-doctoral researchers



**500+** scientist & student researcher visits per year

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**1300**  
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papers

Trained  
**500+**  
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postdocs & students

Designed & fabricated  
**3300+**  
technical & engineering  
systems

Provided more than  
**30 000**  
informal science  
experiences to  
the public



history of organizing world-class science conferences and is well suited for organizing events of this size.

Dear MT IOC,

on behalf of TRIUMF, Vancouver and Canada, it is my pleasure to present MT26 in Vancouver in 2019.

As this brochure shows, Vancouver is an ideal conference host city: it is spectacular, easily accessible and has great conference venues and hotels.

TRIUMF is Canada's national laboratory for particle and nuclear physics. It boasts the largest cyclotron accelerator in the world and and is consistently regarded as one of the leading subatomic physics research centers on the international level. TRIUMF has a long

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R. Picker

**TRIUMF organizing committee**

Ruediger Picker (chair)

Jana Thomson (conference coordinator)

Francis Pau (treasurer)



**WHY VANCOUVER**



## Why Vancouver

Vancouver is Canada's Pacific gem, a combination of a natural setting along with the excitement of a modern, culturally diverse city.

### **SPECTACULAR BY NATURE™**

Vancouver offers a winning combination of world-class hotels, meeting venues, and restaurants in a setting of spectacular beauty. Few convention cities can offer such a wide range of cosmopolitan amenities in a downtown core that is safe, clean, pedestrian friendly, and stunning in its backdrop of mountains and ocean.

### **VENUE**

The only two-time winner of the International Association of Congress Centres' APEX award for "World's Best Convention Centre" and the only convention centre in the world awarded the highest LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification, the Vancouver Convention Centre features two connected buildings with a combined total of 466,500 ft<sup>2</sup> (43,340 m<sup>2</sup>) of flexible meeting, exhibition, ballroom and plenary space.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Downtown Vancouver offers convenient access to 13,000 quality hotel rooms within walking distance of the Vancouver Convention Centre, including three world-class connecting hotel properties.

### **ACCESS**

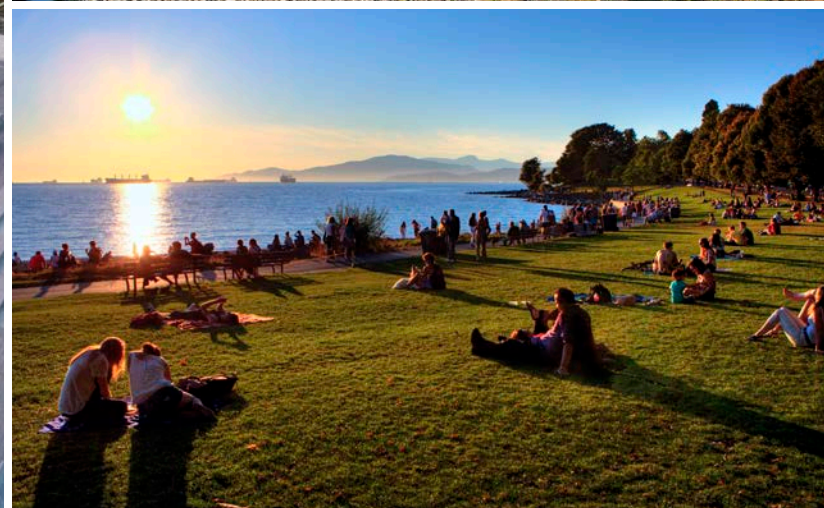
Vancouver is home to the Vancouver International Airport (YVR), the award winning, second largest airport on North America's west coast. There are 29 arriving International flights into YVR per day, with an additional 75 from the United States. Travelling downtown is as easy as taking a taxi, limousine or the Canada Line rapid transit system, which takes less than 30 minutes. Once downtown, all delegates will need is their feet.

### **WORLD-CLASS CUISINE**

Vancouver is fast becoming known as one of Canada's best dining destinations. In fact, *Food & Wine* magazine named Vancouver as one of the top ten culinary destinations in the world in 2008 along with cities such as New York, Paris and Tokyo.

### **PRE AND POST TRAVEL**

With Vancouver as home base, delegates are well positioned to explore this unique region. Seaplanes, helicopters, ferries, trains and cruise ships are just minutes away, all of which make it easy to discover the area.



## Why Vancouver

### INCREASED DELEGATE ATTENDANCE

Meetings and Conventions held in Vancouver draw on average more delegates than the previous year's meeting. It's no surprise, since Vancouver is consistently ranked the top destination for International meetings in North America by the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA). When delegates aren't in sessions, they have limitless attractions and activities to choose from; urban experiences of shopping, fine dining and cultural pursuits; or the natural playground of rainforest, mountains and ocean.

### TOP BUSINESS DESTINATION

We know that delegate draw and satisfaction are paramount to the success of your event. By choosing Vancouver for your event, you greatly improve your chances to exceed expectations. In fact, the *Economist Magazine's* Intelligence Unit has developed an annual business trip index which assesses and compares 140 cities as potential venues for business trips, conferences and training locations. The index takes into account both cost related and environmental factors such as safety, stability, culture, environment and infrastructure. Vancouver outperforms all the other cities and is ranked number one in the world for having the best mix of ingredients for the business traveller.

### INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCES

The city of Vancouver is composed of 23 communities from which more than 70 different languages have been recorded. The official languages of Canada are English and French but in Vancouver the most common mother tongues of the non-English speaking are Chinese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Punjabi, Tagalog, and Korean. This blend of so many cultures is why Vancouver is acclaimed as such a multicultural city ensuring access to an unprecedented range of culinary adventures, cultural attractions and shopping experiences.

### WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Our goal is to make your next event the best you have ever planned. Tourism Vancouver, the Vancouver Convention Centre, hotel and tourism industry partners offer outstanding levels of service and product quality, designed to suit your needs. We'll ensure you will experience the very best in customer sales, service and destination marketing support such as:

- Bid assistance
- Venue, supplier sourcing, and site inspection support
- Attendance building
- Welcome and appreciation programs
- Portal to custom arrangements for exhibitors
- Convention planning services and advice



## Why Vancouver

### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- **#1 Convention City in North America**  
ICCA (2014, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2006)
- **#1 North American City for Economic Potential**  
FDI Magazine (2015)
- **Most Livable City in North America**  
Mercer Quality of Living Survey (2015)
- **World's Best Food Cities**  
Condé Nast Traveller (2015)
- **6th consecutive year Best Airport in North America**  
Skytrax World Airport Awards (2015)
- **12th consecutive year as Canada's Best Destination**  
Travel Weekly (2014)
- **World's Healthiest Places to Live**  
Time Magazine (2014)
- **Top Travel Destination in Canada**  
Travel + Leisure (2014)
- **World's Best Convention Centre**  
International Association of Congress Centres (2008, 2002)
- **World's Most Reputable City**  
Reputation Institute, City RepTrak (2012)
- **Top 10 Beach Cities in the World**  
National Geographic Traveler (2013)

### VANCOUVER FAST FACTS

- Located halfway between Europe and Asia Pacific
- The westernmost of Canada's ten provinces and three territories
- Situated only 38 km (24 mi) north from the US border
- Third largest city in Canada with a population of 600,000+
- Has one of the mildest Canadian climates

### VANCOUVER AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

	AVG HIGHS °C / °F	AVG LOWS °C / °F	SEASON
JANUARY	6 / 43	1 / 34	} WINTER
FEBRUARY	8 / 46	2 / 36	
MARCH	10 / 50	3 / 37	
APRIL	13 / 55	5 / 41	} SPRING
MAY	17 / 63	8 / 46	
JUNE	19 / 66	11 / 52	} SUMMER
JULY	22 / 72	13 / 55	
AUGUST	22 / 72	13 / 55	
SEPTEMBER	19 / 66	11 / 52	} FALL
OCTOBER	14 / 57	7 / 45	
NOVEMBER	9 / 48	3 / 37	
DECEMBER	6 / 43	1 / 34	





## International Appeal

The population of Metro Vancouver is just over 2.4 million of which 52% have a first language other than English. The population of the City of Vancouver is just over 600,000 comprised of over 200 different ethnic origins. Multiculturalism is threaded throughout the region in the restaurants, festivals, and shops. Delegates will love exploring the nearby unique neighbourhoods that give the city so much character.

### CULTURAL EVENTS

#### SPRING

Vancouver Sun Run  
 Vancouver International Marathon  
 Vancouver International Children's Festival  
 Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival  
 Dragon Boat Festival  
 Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival

#### SUMMER

Vancouver International Jazz Festival  
 Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival  
 Celebration of Light Fireworks Festival  
 Vancouver Folk Music Festival  
 Vancouver Pride Parade  
 The Fair at the PNE  
 MusicFest Vancouver

#### FALL

Vancouver International Fringe Festival  
 Vancouver International Film Festival  
 Vancouver International Writers Festival

#### WINTER

Bright Nights in Stanley Park  
 Carol Ships Parade of Lights  
 Dine Out Vancouver Festival  
 Chinese New Year Festival  
 Vancouver International Wine Festival

### CITY OF NEIGHBOURHOODS

Most of the neighbourhoods are located in the urban core of the city, on a peninsula surrounded by False Creek and the Burrard Inlet. Here are some quick introductions to each neighbourhood:

- Robson Street:** Vancouver's runway and shopping haven
- Chinatown:** Third-largest in North America
- Granville Street:** Main entertainment district in the heart of downtown
- Kitsilano:** Beaches and boutiques
- Yaletown:** Trendy warehouse district with a fresh urban vibe
- West End:** Densely populated residential oasis
- Granville Island:** Picturesque peninsula with a famous public market
- Gastown:** Shops and dining along historic cobblestone streets
- Davie Village:** Rainbow flags wave proudly in this lively LGBT community
- Little India:** Punjabi marketplace in South Vancouver
- The Drive:** Little Italy community of restaurants, coffee bars and exotic delis



## To See & Do In Vancouver

Vancouver is a dynamic, international city that offers an unprecedented range of activities and experiences. Delegates are often surprised at how close all these activities are to downtown.

### UNIQUE ATTRACTIONS

Don't leave Vancouver without visiting the Vancouver Aquarium, Capilano Suspension Bridge Park, or Grouse Mountain Resort. These world renowned attractions, just 10-20 minutes from downtown, are as West Coast as you can get.

### CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Vancouver Art Gallery, in the heart of downtown, features more than 10,000 works from local and international artists valued at over \$100 million. The University of British Columbia Museum Of Anthropology is renowned for its Northwest Coast collections and collaborative approach to working with First Nations and other cultural communities.

### PERFORMING ARTS

Vancouver offers everything from innovative comedy and dinner theatre, Broadway extravaganzas, to Shakespeare on the beach in the summer, as well as brilliant performances by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the Vancouver Opera and Ballet British Columbia.

### VANCOUVER AT NIGHT

The late-night scene in Vancouver is a thriving mix of lounges, laid-back pubs and energetic music venues. Some of the trendiest lounges are found in many of the downtown hotels. Live music is never hard to find in Vancouver. Local bands and international touring acts set up regularly in the clubs and venues around town.

### ACCESS TO NATURE

Through downtown Vancouver and past the waterfront convention centre is a paved pedestrian path that wraps around the ocean and leads to the 400 hectare (1000 acre) Stanley Park. Hiking, biking, kayaking, whale watching – just a few of the many outdoor activities you can experience directly from your hotel doorstep.

### SHOPPING

Find concentrated street shopping on Granville Street and high-end Robson and Alberni Street. Explore Local artisan studios on Granville Island. Stroll through Gastown, featuring galleries of First Nations art and craftworks, jewelry and souvenirs. Perouse indoor Downtown Pacific Centre Mall which has something for everyone.

### DINING

“The number of truly outstanding restaurants in Vancouver is astonishing, and the prices are ridiculously low when compared to other food capitals...” *The New York Times*. Vancouver was the only Canadian city voted “One of the Top 10 culinary destinations in the world” by *Food & Wine Magazine*.

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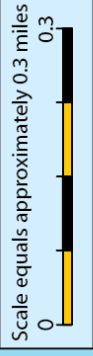
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**DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER  
CONVENTION HOTELS**

- | Number | Hotel Name                           |
|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 1      | Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel |
| 2      | Hyatt Regency                        |
| 3      | Fairmont Waterfront                  |
| 4      | Pan Pacific                          |



**UNIQUE VENUES**



## Unique Venues

Vancouver's unique geography lends to many interesting meeting spaces and places, whether it is on the ocean, the top of a mountain or in a heritage building. Here's just a sampling of what we offer:

### GROUSE MOUNTAIN

Capacity: 1000 Dining (with tents) / 1,000+ Reception (with tents)  
Featuring meeting rooms with a 360-degree panoramic view of the city, sea and mountains, as well as a theatre, outdoor patio, an alpine cabin and a traditional log Hiwus Feasthouse.

### PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION (PNE)

Capacity: 350 Dining / 600 Reception (Pacific Coliseum).  
Unlimited with a full park buyout. Located at Hastings Park, this large event space features a seasonal amusement park, a variety of private buildings, a horse race track, and a concert venue.

### COMMODORE BALLROOM

Capacity: 600 Dining / 900 Reception  
This Art Deco venue has a state of the art sound and lighting and a famous "sprung" dance floor.

### UBC MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Capacity: 120 Dining or 700 (with tents)  
1,000+ Reception (with tents)  
Most noted are the tented or open-air events on the spectacular grounds overlooking the ocean amidst the soaring totem poles.

### BC PLACE

Capacity: 7,000 Dining / 12,000 Reception  
A newly renovated multi-purpose stadium with the world's largest retractable roof. Home to the BC Lions of the Canadian Football League (CFL) and the Whitecaps FC of Major League Soccer (MLS).

### ROGERS AREA

Capacity: 1,000 Dining / 1,500 Reception  
With its state of the art design and audio visual functionality, Rogers Arena is the venue of choice for celebrity performances. This unique venue converts into various configurations with seating capacities ranging from 5,000 to 20,000.

### ROCKY MOUNTAINEER STATION

Capacity: 750 Dining / 1,200+ Reception  
This bright and flexible 20,000 sq ft meeting and reception space is housed in a renovated mid-1950's locomotive maintenance building, combining a nostalgic feel with contemporary design.



## Unique Venues

### TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE

Capacity: 750 Dining / 1,200 Reception

Provides an imaginative backdrop for special events, includes many captivating exhibit galleries.

### CAPILANO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND PARK

Capacity: 130 Dining 800 / Reception

The Canyon Lookout located at the north end of Capilano Suspension Bridge features a deck cantilevered 300 feet above the rushing waters of Capilano River. Heated tents allow this area to be used during any season.

### VANCOUVER AQUARIUM MARINE SCIENCE CENTRE

Capacity: 600 Dining / 2,400 Reception

Formal dining among beluga whales to cocktail receptions in a living art gallery-style setting with tropical fish, reef sharks, and British Columbia themed exhibits.

### VANCOUVER ART GALLERY

Capacity: 250 Dining / 500 Reception

Historic turn-of-the-century building with marble walls, columns and steps as backdrop to the contemporary and historic exhibits.

### VANCOUVER LOOKOUT

Capacity: 250 Dining / 500 Reception

Located high above the city, the Vancouver Lookout provides a spectacular 360-degree view of the urban and natural settings of the harbour and North Shore Mountains.

### STANLEY PARK PAVILION

Capacity: 200 Dining or 1,000 (with tents)  
1,000+ Reception (with tents)

Heritage building nestled within the Rose Gardens in Stanley Park with rustic charm and options for outdoor tenting on grass.

### BOAT AND YACHT CHARTERS

Capacity: 275 Dining / 450 Reception

Explore and celebrate an event on the Pacific Ocean while surrounded by mountains and cityscape.

### SFU MORRIS J WOSK CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE

Capacity: 200 Dining / 300 Reception

SFU's award-winning renovation of a magnificent old bank building was designed specifically to facilitate dialogue and enhance interaction.



**AIR & GROUND TRANSPORTATION**





## Accessibility

Coordinating your delegates' travel from one location to the next is a major challenge in most cities. Thankfully, Vancouver makes things easy with its reliable, clean, green and efficient public transportation network; its variety of coach companies providing group travel options; and its world-class network of ferries designed to move people and cars throughout the surrounding region with comfort and ease.

### GETTING TO VANCOUVER BY AIR: The Vancouver International Airport (YVR)

- Voted Best Airport in North America for the sixth year in a row
- Provides access to over 100 destinations
- Premier gateway to the Asia-Pacific region
- 25 minutes south of downtown Vancouver (9.3 miles / 15 km)
- Transfer service to downtown via SkyTrain light rapid transit system (\$9 Cdn)
- 226 arriving International flights per week (excluding USA)
- 29 arriving International flights per day (excluding USA)
- 78 arriving US flights per day
- 235 arriving domestic flights per day
- 53 airlines servicing the YVR to 110 non stop destinations
- 19 million+ passengers served annually

### BY CAR & TRAIL:

- Three hour drive from Seattle across Canada/U.S. border
- VIA Rail, Amtrak and Rocky Mountaineer all offer rail service to and from Vancouver

### GETTING AROUND VANCOUVER BY FOOT:

- All delegates need to get around in Vancouver are their feet
- Vancouver is rated Canada's most walkable city
- Downtown core has 19 convention hotels and the Vancouver Convention Centre all within a one mile radius

### BY PUBLIC TRANSIT & COACH:

- TransLink operates over 100 public buses, the SkyTrain, and the SeaBus
- Fares range from \$2.75 to \$5.50
- SkyTrain stations are wheelchair accessible
- Scenic SeaBus connects North Vancouver to Vancouver in 12 minutes
- Vancouver has many affordable and efficient coach companies for various group sizes



## TransLink Public Transit

### BUS

Vancouver's vast network of buses, trolleys and community shuttles link to various hubs, SkyTrain stations and tourist destinations throughout Metro Vancouver.

### SEABUS

The SeaBus is a passenger only ferry that crosses the Burrard Inlet, connecting downtown Vancouver with the North Shore in 12 minutes. Each ferry can seat up to 400 passengers at a time, and departs every 15 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes in the evening.

### FARES

Buying a single fare lets you travel for up to 90 minutes across the Lower Mainland, allowing you to hop on and off. You can travel for one, two or three zones by bus, SeaBus or SkyTrain. The Skytrain fare from Vancouver International Airport (YVR) to downtown Vancouver is \$9CDN and the return is \$4CDN.

Weekdays from start of service to 6:30 p.m.

Zone	Adult Price	Concession Price
1 Zone	\$2.75	\$1.75
2 Zone	\$4	\$2.75
3 Zone	\$5.50	\$3.75

Weekdays after 6:30 p.m. and all day Weekends and Holidays.

Zone	Adult Price	Concession Price
All Zones	\$2.75	\$1.75

### SKYTRAIN

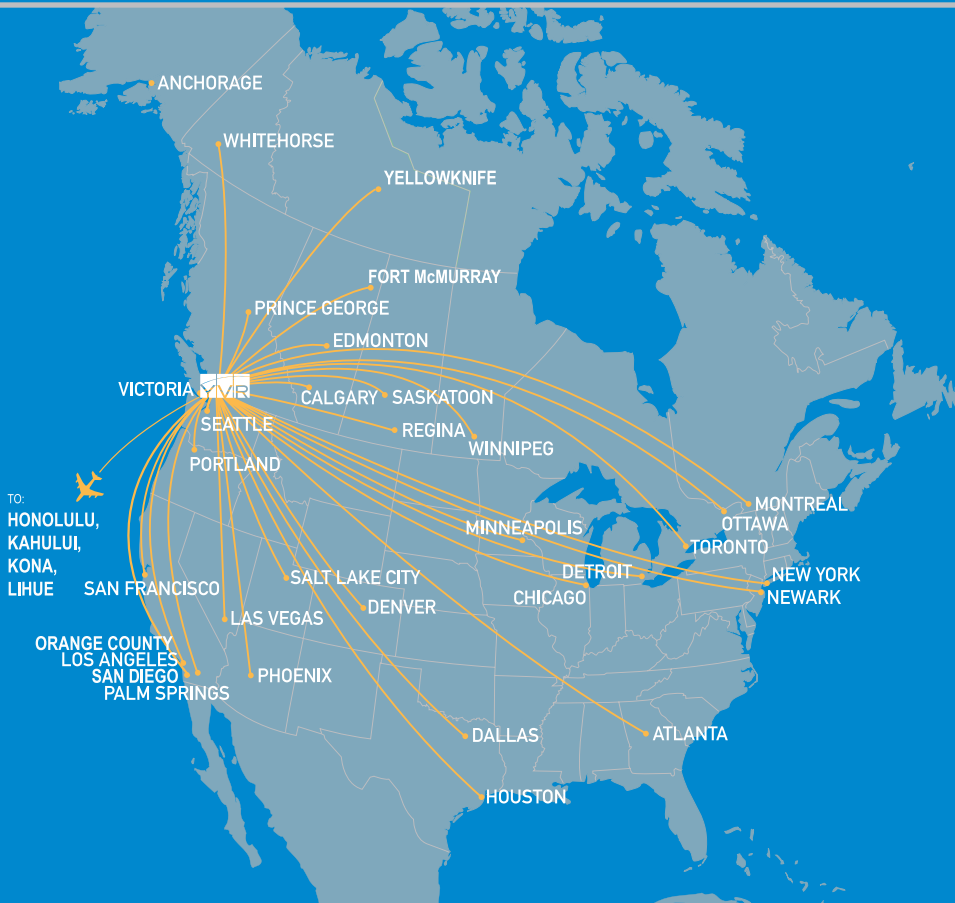
SkyTrain is one of the longest automated driverless light rapid transit systems in the world. The Expo and Millennium SkyTrain Lines connect downtown Vancouver with the cities of Burnaby, New Westminster and Surrey. The Canada Line connects downtown Vancouver to the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and the city of Richmond.



TransLink has been operating in Vancouver for 125 years.  
[www.translink.ca](http://www.translink.ca)



# Scheduled North American & International Destinations



## Non-Stop Flying Times to Vancouver

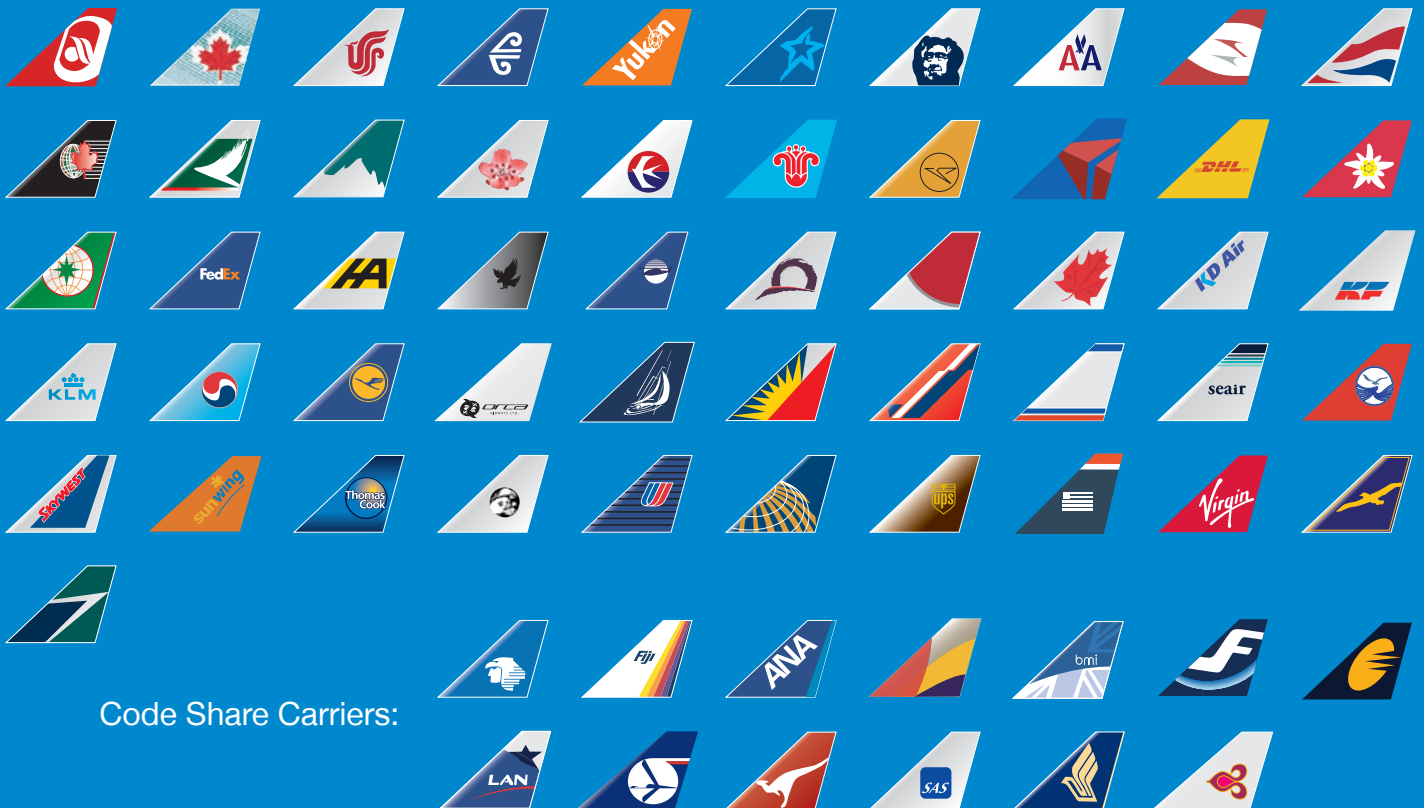
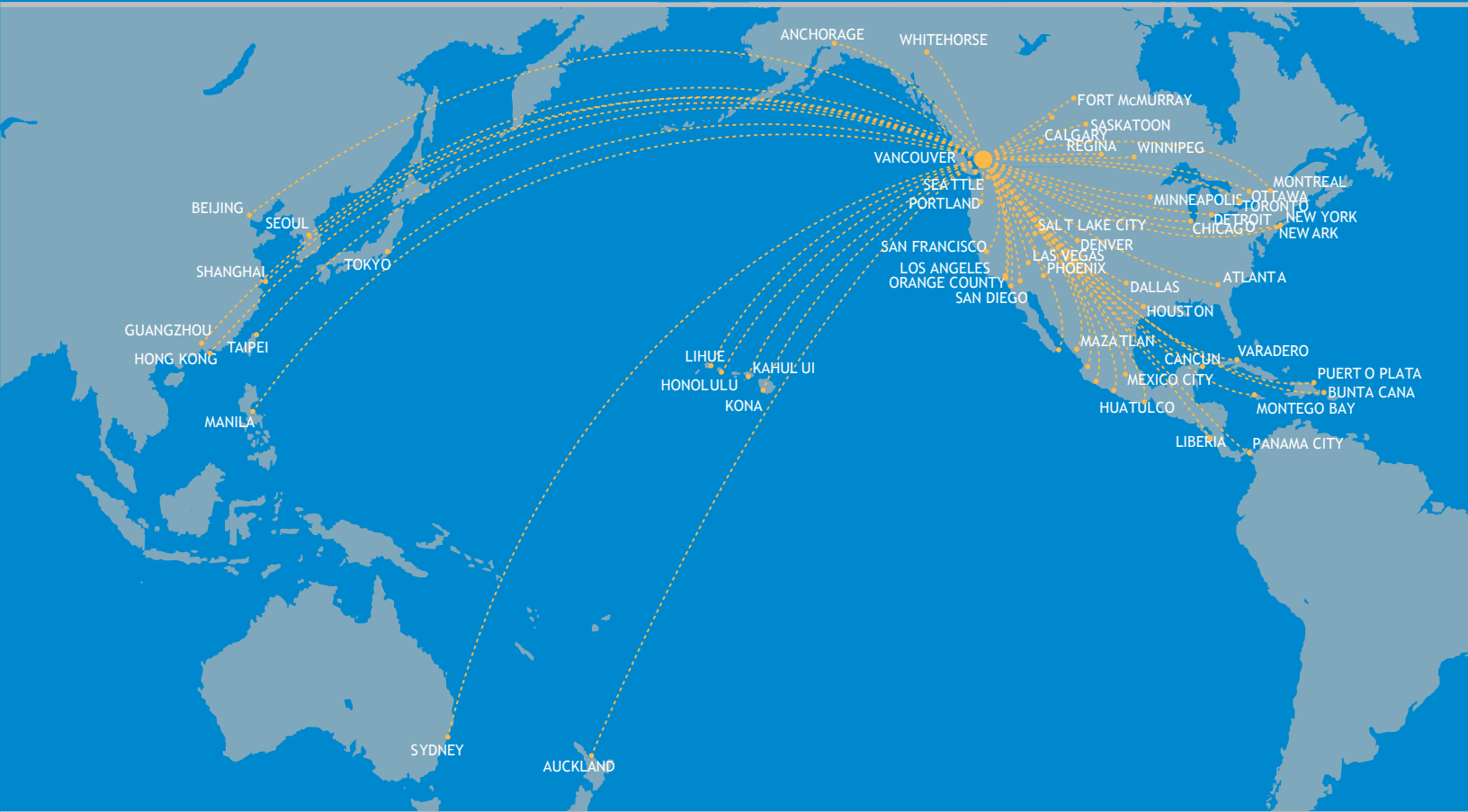
Atlanta	5 hrs. 30 min.
Chicago	4 hrs. 25 min.
Dallas	4 hrs. 15 min.
Denver	3 hrs.
Los Angeles	2 hrs. 55 min.
Mexico City	5 hrs. 15 min.
New York	5 hrs. 40 min.
Toronto	5 hrs.

Auckland	13 hrs. 15 min.
Beijing	10 hrs. 40 min.
Frankfurt	10 hrs. 25 min.
Hong Kong	11 hrs. 30 min.
London	9 hrs. 35 min.
Tokyo	8 hrs. 30 min.
Shanghai	10 hrs. 35 min.
Sydney	14 hrs.



For detailed maps of the terminals and other facilities at Vancouver International Airport (YVR): [www.yvr.ca](http://www.yvr.ca)

# Scheduled Asia Pacific & North American Destinations



Code Share Carriers:



# ACTIVITIES



## Full Day Excursions

### WHISTLER RESORT BY LAND

Starting with a scenic ride along the Sea to Sky Highway, this excursion will take you to the alpine village of Whistler. From crisp mountain air to crystal clear lakes and lush emerald forests, Whistler Resort is a natural year-round playground. You may decide to go for lunch at the top of the mountain or enjoy an unlimited bounty of outdoor activities or simply stroll through the cobblestone walkways and exquisite boutiques.

### ENCHANTING VICTORIA

Sail through the Gulf Islands on board a BC Ferry to Victoria, the province's capital city and the last stronghold of British refinement. Many of the brick and stone buildings from the last century have been restored, adding to the scenic beauty of the city. British influence remains today in its red double-decker buses, turn-of-the-century buildings, and tweedy woolen shops. Include a visit to the Butchart Gardens, world-famous for spectacular year-round floral displays.

### BOWEN ISLAND EXCURSION

Enjoy a short ride to Horseshoe Bay before boarding a ferry for magical Bowen Island. Take an interpretive nature walk through the rainforest around Killarney Lake at the foot of Mt. Gardner. Come back to the village for a picnic lunch prepared by a local culinary chef. After roaming the quaint village of Bowen Island, go to Snug Cove to return to downtown Vancouver either by ferry or floatplane.

### WHITewater ADVENTURE

Enjoy a full day of exciting Class III and IV rapids. Self-bailing, state of the art rafts provide the ultimate in safety and comfort on this one-day adventure. Raft along inspiring wilderness with glaciers, waterfalls and the opportunity to see wildlife in their natural habitat. Everyone on the raft has a paddle, and under the direction of your experienced guide, a sense of teamwork is quickly established.

### WHALE-WATCHING ADVENTURE

Every year between May and November, Orca whales pursue migrating salmon in the Georgia Strait, the channel that separates the mainland from Vancouver Island. Embark a semi-covered vessel for safari guided by a trained naturalist. Admire these magnificent creatures, which were worshipped by the natives, hunted by our forefathers, and who have intrigued scientists ever since.

### HELI-RAFTING EXCURSION

Show your meeting delegates the beauty of British Columbia from both air and river on a Heli-Rafting excursion. Tours begins with a breathtaking helicopter ride over volcanoes and waterfalls followed by a thrilling whitewater rafting experience in Whistler. Exceptional food, knowledgeable guides and incredible scenery make this single-day rafting getaway the experience of a lifetime. Tours are available April through September and last six hours.



## Half Day Excursions

### **VANCOUVER CITY TOUR**

Experienced guides escort you to the magnificent 400 hectare (1,000 acre) Stanley Park with time to wander among the original Native Indian Totem Poles and a stop at Prospect Point. The coach will then wind its way past English Bay and the famous beaches of the polar bear swim, along fashionable Robson Street and over False Creek to Queen Elizabeth Park where guests can admire a panoramic view from this extinct volcano with its sunken gardens.

### **NORTH SHORE EXCURSION**

Make the short journey across the Lions Gate Bridge to the North Shore and the world-famous Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. Cliffwalk, the newest attraction, is a heart-stopping cliffside journey on suspended walkways jutting out from the granite cliff face above Capilano River. Next, ride to the top of Grouse Mountain Resort and try the adrenaline-pumping Mountain Zipline course, or visit with the Grizzly Bears. Grouse is accessible only by the Skyride, North America's largest aerial tramway system.

### **CHINATOWN WALKING TOUR**

Explore Chinatown's intriguing sights and fragrances and get an up close and personal look into Vancouver's important Asian community. Glimpse into the centuries old herbal culture of Chinese pharmacy and admire the beauty of the jade, china, and silk of the Orient.

### **GRANVILLE ISLAND SNAPSHOT**

Come and join the locals on Granville Island! Printmakers, glass artists, potters, and craftspeople work and display their creations around the island. Visit the lively public market, enjoy street performers, and take a tour of the brewery.

### **HOWE SOUND SEA SAFARI**

Grab a seat on a deluxe inflatable outboard taking you on a 2.5 Hour Howe Sound safari adventure to view the stunning scenery and wildlife which makes coastal British Columbia world famous.

### **CHEF GUIDED MARKET TOURS**

There is no better way to take in the distinct cultures present in Vancouver than through your taste buds. Culinary-adventurers can join some of the province's top chefs for small-group guided tours of Vancouver's top foodie districts.



**PRE AND POST**





## Pre & Post Travel Spring & Summer

### **WHISTLER**

From Vancouver, a scenic two-hour drive north along the Sea to Sky Highway leads to Whistler. The European ski resort styled village offers a wide selection of restaurants, coffee shops, spas and retail stores. Until the ski season starts in late November, the mountains are turned over to hikers and mountain bikers, and golfers. The PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola –the highest and longest unsupported horizontal lift span in the world provides spectacular views from 415 metres (1,362 feet) above the valley floor.

### **VICTORIA & VANCOUVER ISLAND**

A ninety-minute ferry ride provides access to British Columbia's capital city – Victoria (also accessible from Vancouver by floatplane or helicopter). In Victoria, highlights include traditional afternoon tea at The Fairmont Empress hotel, the Butchart Gardens, the Royal British Columbia Museum, Chinatown and the Galloping Goose Trail. Further west you'll find miles of sandy beach and rugged coast at the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve lending to many outdoor recreation activities such as whale watching, surfing, kayaking and beachcombing.

### **VANCOUVER ALASKA CRUISE**

From May to October Alaska cruises offer some of the world's most spectacular scenery - and a variety of travel packages. Classic seven day cruises travel through the Inside Passage offering the wondrous mazes of forested islands, glacier-carved fjords and Southeast Alaska's most popular, frontier friendly ports.

### **THOMPSON OKANAGAN VALLEY**

The Thompson Okanagan valley is a four to six hour drive or short flight into Kamloops, Penticton, or Kelowna. With its green valleys, bountiful orchards, crystal clear lakes and mountain resorts, the area abounds with things to do and see, including golfing, winery tours, and hiking.

### **ROCKY MOUNTAINEER TRAIN**

Rocky Mountaineer offers unique train journeys through the scenic landscapes of British Columbia and Alberta ranging in length from 2 to 16 days. Best known for the internationally-acclaimed Rocky Mountaineer train, a two-day, all daylight rail journey through Canada's West and the Canadian Rockies, the company also offers a daily three-hour experience between the 2010 Winter Olympic host cities of Vancouver and Whistler, BC.



**MORE VANCOUVER**

VANCOUVER IS CANADA'S PACIFIC GEM, A CLEAN, SAFE AND VIBRANT COSMOPOLITAN CITY  
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