

Vancouver Travel Guide and Activities



Consistently rated as one of the top three places in the world to live, Vancouver is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and the Coastal Mountain range. Massive totem poles and large stone figures called Inukshuk welcome visitors. Students enjoy the world-famous Stanley Park in the middle of the city for strolling along the oceanside sea wall or visiting Granville Island with its marinas and artists' studios.



CLIMATE

Vancouver enjoys the most temperate climate in Canada. Daytime summer temperatures are typically 22°C, while winters are around 6°C. Spring and fall are usually 14°C.

CURRENCY

- Currency: Canadian dollar CAD\$
- Major credit card companies in Canada: American Express, Visa and Master Card.
- Standard banking hours: Monday to Friday from 9:30 until 16:30. Some banks and specific branches may be open later and even on Saturdays and Sundays.

COST(WEEKLY/MONTHLY PASSES)

- Transit cost varies, depending on time of day, day of the week and distance of travel. Vancouver's transit system is divided into three zones.
- One ride: CAD\$2.75 (one zone), CAD\$4.00 (two zone), CAD\$5.50 (three zone)
- Monthly transit pass: CAD\$91 (one zone), CAD\$124 (two zone), CAD\$170 (three zone)

TAP WATER - DRINKABLE!

Tap water is safe unless there's a sign to the contrary.

ELECTRICITY

110 V; 60Hz - 2 flat-pin plug.

5 THINGS TO SEE

- Museum of Anthropology
- Stanley Park
- Whistler
- Granville Island
- Capilano Suspension Bridge

5 THINGS TO DO

- Visit the Olympic Cauldron
- Visit Vancouver's Chinatown (largest in Canada)
- Take the ferry to Victoria
- Hiking, skiing, snowboarding in the mountains
- Whale watching



COST OF LIVING

Big Mac Meal	CAD\$7.50
Sandwich	CAD\$5.00
Can of coke	CAD\$1.50
Coffee in café	CAD\$2.00
1 litre of milk	CAD\$2.50
2 litres of water	CAD\$2.50
A loaf of bread	CAD\$2.00
Two course meal in average restaurant	CAD\$12- CAD\$16
Cost of SIM card	CAD\$10- CAD\$30
Cinema	CAD\$9- CAD\$15
Entrance to clubs	CAD\$10- CAD\$15

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- 04 September
- 09 October
- 10 November
- 25 December
- 26 December
- 1 January 2018
- 12 February 2018
- 30 March 2018
- 21 May 2018
- 02 July 2018
- 06 August 2018
- 03 September 2018
- 08 October 2018
- 12 November 2018
- 25 December 2018
- 26 December 2018

DRIVING AGE

Minimum age to rent a cars is 21. Additional charges may apply to drivers 21 to 24 years of age. Most rental companies require that you have an international driving license, a second form of identity and a major credit card.

ALCOHOL AGE

Legal age for drinking in Vancouver is 19 and many places will ask for identification.

SMOKING LAWS

Legal age for smoking in Vancouver is 19. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings, including all restaurants and bars. Smoking is permitted outside (6 metres from the nearest entrance or ventilation system). If you smoke in a "smoke free" place, you may receive a fine of up to CAD\$2000.

LINK TO TRANSFERS

HEALTH & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS MEDICAL

All EC Vancouver students must be covered by health insurance for the entire length of their stay. EC can help students to purchase insurance upon arrival at the school. The cost of insurance is CAD\$18 per week. Students will be asked to show proof of coverage on arrival if they are not purchasing insurance through EC.

If you have a medical emergency, go to the emergency department of the hospital closest to you. Take some identification with you, and your insurance policy number. Some hospitals may ask you to pay a fee. Keep the receipt to send to your insurance company for payment. For Emergencies call 911.

Go to a walk-in medical clinic are for medical problems that are not emergencies. You do not need to make an appointment. You can simply go see a doctor. The closest walk-in clinics to EC Vancouver is: Coast Medical Walk-in Clinic, 1018 Seymour St Vancouver, BC V6B 3M6.

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