



## Practicalities

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### Arriving at Vancouver Airport (YVR)

Vancouver International Airport (YVR) is located on Sea Island in Richmond, about 12 km (7.5 mi) from downtown Vancouver. The trip by taxi or public transportation will take about the same amount of time, more or less 25-30 minutes.

#### Taxi from the Airport

Taxis are available on the Arrivals level. Taxis to downtown Vancouver will cost approximately \$30 plus tip (approximately \$35).

#### Public Transportation from the Airport

Those travelling light and wishing to minimize costs can take public transit to downtown Vancouver. TransLink trains (Canada Line) very frequently from the airport to downtown Vancouver at a cost of \$7.50 from the airport (\$3.75 to the airport).

A ticket prior to boarding can be purchased by credit card or cash on the departure platform. A trip from to Waterfront Station in downtown Vancouver takes approximately 25 minutes.

If you are staying at the conference hotels or other hotels near Fairleigh Dickinson–Vancouver, at Waterfront Station you will need to transfer to the Expo Line, going to Stadium-Chinatown Station. From that station, the conference hotels are approximately a 5-7 minute walk.

For complete details on travel from and to the airport and within Vancouver, see [www.translink.ca](http://www.translink.ca)

## Dining near the FDU Campus

Located near the Stadium and Main Branch of Vancouver Public Library, the Fairleigh Dickinson–Vancouver campus does not have much other than fastfood and rather basic venues in its immediate proximity.

Nearby Yaletown (approximately a 10-minute walk) offers a selection of full service restaurants, pubs, and ethnic fare (Thai and Japanese), as well as high-level fine dining at The Blue Water Café. There is also a restaurant at The Opus Hotel.

A coffee shop is situated directly across the street from the campus building in the Law Society Building. Recommended as a better alternative, with *al fresco* seating, is Blenz Coffee at the corner of Cambie and Robson Street, less than a 5-minute walk to the north.

## Dining farther afield

The city boasts a highly varied international cuisine with a West Coast emphasis. Among fine dining venues are Diva at The Met, Le Crocodile, and The Five Sails at the Pan Pacific Hotel. Robson Street offers eclectic possibilities. Reservations are usually required for better class establishments.

## Getting around Vancouver

Vancouver is a very walkable city, but also offers an extensive public transit system (Translink), which includes buses, a SeaBus ferry, and the SkyTrain. Costs depend upon distance travelled, with the city and suburban area divided into zones. Exact change in coins is required in order to purchase a one-way ticket. TransLink information can be found at [www.translink.ca](http://www.translink.ca) or by calling 604.953.3333.

Taxis do not ply the streets and usually, unless you are lucky, must be ordered. Useful telephone numbers: Yellow Cab 604.681.1111 / Black Top Cab 604.683.4567



## Excursion to Horseshoe Bay

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An excursion to nearby Horseshoe Bay, approximately 30-35 minutes from downtown Vancouver is scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

The small community of Horseshoe Bay is the terminal for ferries to Vancouver Island. It offers typical British Columbia scenery of plunging mountains and deep blue ocean.

A number of restaurants serve the community.

We will take public transportation, Express Bus 257, from a stop near the Main Post Office, approximately 10-minutes' walk from the FDU-Vancouver campus. Maps will be provided, and volunteers will be on hand to guide the conference group to the bus stop.

At time of writing, the Vancouver public transit system, called Translink, is undergoing a change as regards fare collection, but *coin only* cash fare or a ticket purchased in advance is a minimal cost of \$2.50 one way.

A cash bar will be arranged, and those wishing to stay in Horseshoe Bay for dinner and make their own way back to Vancouver can easily do so. The bus schedule of return buses to downtown Vancouver will be provided prior to departing for Horseshoe Bay.