

Local information

Airport:

Vancouver International Airport (YVR) is the main airport for the area located in Richmond, BC just south of Vancouver. This will almost certainly be the most convenient option, but depending on where you're flying from it may be cheaper to fly into Abbotsford (YXX) or Seattle (SEA) and take a bus from there. The bus from Abbotsford is approximately 2 hours and from Seattle it's approximately 4.5 hours.

Transportation:

From YVR to Downtown Vancouver

- SkyTrain (Canada Line): The Canada Line connects YVR to downtown Vancouver in under 30 minutes. Trains depart every 10 minutes from YVR–Airport Station, accessible from both the International and Domestic Terminals. Follow signs for "Trains to the City." Waterfront Station is the closest stop to the workshop venue.
- Taxis: Taxis charge a fixed fare of C\$ 46 from YVR to downtown Vancouver. The journey takes about 30 minutes.
- Ride-hailing services: Services like Uber and Lyft operate at YVR. Pickup areas are designated; follow airport signage to reach them. Fares vary based on demand and time of day.

Public transit in Vancouver

- Fares: Vancouver's transit system is divided into zones. Fares are calculated based on the number of zones traveled. A single fare allows unlimited transfers within 90 minutes.
- Compass Card: For frequent travel, consider purchasing a Compass Card, a reloadable fare card valid on buses, SkyTrain, and SeaBus. Cards can be obtained and reloaded at Compass Vending Machines in SkyTrain stations or online at compasscard.ca.

Hotels:

The workshop venue is in the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue at the corner of Seymour street and West Hastings in downtown Vancouver. The Centre is attached to the Delta hotel. There are more affordable hotel options farther away. These should still be reasonably convenient if they are close to a Canada line or Expo line SkyTrain station.

Hotel	Location	Proximity	Approximate price (per night)
Delta Hotels Vancouver Downtown Suites	Downtown	Attached to the venue	C\$ 420
Hotel Belmont (recommended while available)	Downtown	15 minute walk	C\$ 260 (create Expedia account for discount)
Day's Inn	Downtown	6 minute walk	C\$ 270

Sheraton Wall Centre	Downtown	15–20 minute walk	C\$ 350
Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown by IHG	Downtown	15–20 minute walk	C\$ 340
Best Western Plus Vancouver Airport Hotel	South Vancouver (Marpole)	30 minutes including 8 stops on Canada Line	C\$ 240
Holiday Inn Vancouver Airport-Richmond	Richmond	40–50 minutes including 11 stops on Canada Line	C\$ 300

Local Attractions

For those with extra time, consider exploring:

- Stanley Park: A 1,000-acre public park offering scenic views, trails, and the famous Seawall.
- Granville Island: Known for its public market, artisan shops, and waterfront dining.
- Gastown: Vancouver's oldest neighborhood, featuring cobblestone streets, unique boutiques, and the iconic Steam Clock.
- Museum of Anthropology: Located at the University of British Columbia, showcasing indigenous art and cultural artifacts.
- Capilano Suspension Bridge Park: A suspension bridge 70 meters above the Capilano River.

Vancouver offers a diverse culinary scene, ranging from high-end restaurants to food trucks.