



Vancouver Airport Skytrain Where to Go, How to Ride & more

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If you're wondering about a train or subway to/from Vancouver International Airport and downtown Vancouver, here's what you should know about the Canada Line Skytrain.

The YVR Airport Skytrain (above and below ground subway-type train) is the quickest way to get from Vancouver International Airport to downtown Vancouver, with a travel time of only 25 minutes.

Vancouver Airport Skytrain Station - Location

The Vancouver (YVR) – Airport Canada Line Station is located above the covered parking garage at the airport. You can get there 2 different ways:

Domestic Arrivals (flights arriving from within Canada) – go up to level 3, then walk towards the International Terminal. Before you get there, you will come to the Link Building which is situated between the domestic and international terminals. Look for the signs that say “Canada Line” and proceed up the escalator (or elevator) to level 4 where there is a covered walkway to the Skytrain Station.

International Arrivals (flights arriving from USA and International) - make your way up to level 3 and then outside where you will see the covered walkway across the street to the Canada Line Station (Note: If it's raining heavily, you may prefer to stay indoors and walk an extra couple minutes to the Link Building and access the Skytrain there as described above for Domestic arrivals).

YVR Skytrain Ticket Prices & How to Purchase

Here's a quick guide to the cost of riding the Skytrain from Vancouver Airport (YVR). These fares include the new YVRAddFare effective January 18, 2010. The \$5 YVR AddFare applies only to travel from YVR to Vancouver and Richmond. It is not paid in reverse for travel to YVR.

Monday to Friday, early morning to 6:30 PM:

- Vancouver Airport – Downtown Vancouver: 2 Zone Ticket \$8.75 (two-zone fare of \$3.75 + YVR AddFare of \$5)
- Vancouver Airport – Richmond: 1 Zone Ticket \$7.50 (one-zone fare of \$2.50 plus YVRAdd Fare of \$5)

Monday to Friday after 6:30 PM, Weekends and Holidays:

- Vancouver Airport - All Zones: \$7.50 (\$2.50 plus YVRAddFare of \$5)

Tickets are good for up to 90 minutes of travel for the zones you purchase. Keep your ticket with you while using transit; you will have to show it to Transit authorities if asked. You can also use it to transfer to the bus system if needed.



How to Purchase Tickets for the Skytrain at Vancouver Airport:

Ticket Machines: You'll find Skytrain Ticket Machines on all Canada Line station platforms. They accept cash, credit and debit/ATM cards. At YVR, you may also buy Skytrain tickets at the 7-Eleven Store downstairs on Level 1 in the Domestic Terminal building.

Transfers: There's no need to purchase a transfer – your 2-Zone ticket is all you need for travel from YVR Airport to Downtown.

YVR Skytrain Schedule to Downtown Vancouver

Skytrain Hours – the Vancouver Airport Skytrain operates a frequent schedule from very early in the morning to past midnight. Here are some details:

- From the Airport to Downtown Vancouver: Skytrain service begins at 5:10 AM, with the last train at night at 12:57 AM.
- From Downtown Vancouver to the Airport: first Skytrain is at 4:50 AM, and the last one departs at 1:05 AM.

Frequency - Trains run on average once every 4 to 6 minutes throughout the day and evening, and about once every 10 minutes during late-night hours.

Route/Stops - the train makes 12 stops, the final one at Waterfront Station in Downtown Vancouver.

Travel Time - about 25 minutes from YVR to Waterfront Station in downtown Vancouver.

IMPORTANT - Skytrains travelling from downtown Vancouver south towards YVR/Richmond will alternate final destinations between Vancouver Airport and Richmond. If you're travelling to the Airport, make sure you board a Skytrain that is designated "YVR Airport" and not "Richmond".

All Skytrains at YVR Airport Station depart for downtown Vancouver.

Baggage, Bikes & More

The Skytrain has room for your luggage, including skis, snowboards and golf clubs. Each train has space for two bicycles (1 in each car).

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