

VancouverTips

If you know Vancouver, please contribute your ideas

From the Airport to the Hotel

The hotel is the [Westin Bayshore](#), which is located at 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver, BA, V6G 2V4. It's located in the North West of the city centre, near the start of Stanley Park.

The [SkyTrain Canada Line](#) light rail runs from the Airport to the Waterfront Station in downtown. In peaks times, trains run every 6-7 minutes, and the journey takes just under 30 minutes.

From the Waterfront Station to the hotel is about 2km, so you probably don't want to walk (unless you don't have a lot of luggage!). One option is to hop in a taxi for the short ride - there should be lots of taxis near the station, and the fare should be around \$10. Alternately, get off at the City Centre Station (one stop before), which is on West George Street. Catch a 240, 250 or 980 bus heading west, which stops on West George Street almost outside the hotel. See the [TripPlanner](#) for details.

If catching the SkyTrain from the station, and you buy your ticket at the airport station, there is a \$5 "YVR AddFare" surcharge added, taking the trip cost up to \$8.75. This only applied to tickets bought at the airport station, so you can avoid it (and save the \$5!) by simply buying a \$3.75 FareSaver ticket at the PharmaSave or 7-Eleven located within the airport.

Alternately, a taxi from the Airport to the Hotel should be around the \$45 mark.

NOTE: the [Aeroshuttle](#) is not running during the conference. Per their website:

NOTICE: Aeroshuttle Service will take a temporary break in service, effective November 01 2011. There will be no shuttle service available for the months of November, December, January, February or March. This service will initiate again April 01 2012. The new schedule, for April 2012 – October 2012, will be posted shortly.

Getting Around

Convenience Shopping

In British Columbia, a liquor license is needed to sell alcoholic beverages. Regular supermarkets tend to not have such a license, and beer, wine and liquor are conspicuously absent. Liquor stores tend to be attached to pubs. One within walking distance from the hotel is the [West End Liquor Store](#), attached to the [Dover Arms Pub](#) at 961 Denman Street. Open daily from 10AM - 11PM. And their website runs on Apache!

Another close one is <http://www.libertywinemERCHANTS.com/> at 1289 Robson St., which came recommended by a person we spoke to at the (dry) Whole Foods on Robson. A [State Liquor Store](#) can be found at 1716 Robson Street: we must have walked past it when walking to the Whole Foods.

In case you want to put something in that shiny little fridge in your room!

Attractions

Outdoor Activities

If you like Theater