



## IN THE HEART OF IT ALL

The award-winning Vancouver Convention Centre is located in the heart of downtown Vancouver where everything is accessible – from hotel accommodations to an exciting variety of restaurant, entertainment, retail and recreational options.

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## LOCATION

Vancouver is Canada's Pacific gem – a combination of a natural setting along with the excitement of a modern, culturally diverse city. One of the most walkable cities in the world, Vancouver is centrally located, surrounded by ocean and mountains and perfectly balanced by a vibrant, urban and compact downtown with restaurants, entertainment and shopping.

## CLIMATE

Vancouver offers a comfortable climate year-round with mild winters (average 5°C or 41°F) and warm summers (just over 20°C or 68°F).

## ACCOMMODATION

Located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, the Vancouver Convention Centre offers convenient access to 13,000 quality hotel rooms within walking distance, including three world-class connecting hotel properties.

## ACCESS

Equidistant from Europe and Asia, bordering the United States, Vancouver is home to the award-winning Vancouver International Airport (YVR). The second largest airport on North America's west coast, YVR provides direct routes to and from most major destinations. Travelling downtown to the Vancouver Convention Centre is as easy as taking a taxi, limo or the Canada Line rapid transit system, and takes less than 30 minutes.

## ATTRACTIONS

Vancouver offers an infinite number of sights, activities and event options. Want to play outside? Rent a kayak and tour the shoreline, cycle the city or hit the trails, take advantage of beautiful golf courses, or ski or hike the North Shore Mountains just minutes away. Indoor activities? Tour local art galleries and museums, experience live theatre or a professional sporting event, shop along popular Robson Street or visit historic Gastown. There's something for everyone.

## EXPLORE THE REGION

With the convention centre and Vancouver as home base, delegates are well positioned to explore this unique region. Seaplanes, helicopters, ferries and cruise ships sit mere moments away. All of which make it easy to discover attractions like Victoria – British Columbia's capital – and the scenic Gulf Islands. Take a leisurely drive up the Sea-to-Sky Highway to Whistler, one of North America's top ski resorts, sample the award-winning vintages of the Okanagan wine country, or travel the Alaskan coastline.

## CULINARY RICHES

Vancouver is fast becoming known as one of Canada's best dining destinations thanks to chefs with a passion for local and seasonal ingredients, conscious seafood sustainability, Asian influences, and access to fabulous British Columbia wines and local craft beers. In fact, Food & Wine magazine named Vancouver as one of the top 10 culinary destinations in the world in 2008, coming in at number 10 amid cities such as New York, Paris and number one city Tokyo.

## ACCOLADES

### BEST CITY IN THE AMERICAS

Condé Nast Traveller magazine – 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010

### #1 FOR BUSINESS TRAVEL

Economist Intelligence Unit – 2008, 2009

### #1 FOR INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS HELD IN NORTH AMERICA

The International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) – 2007, 2008, 2009

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