

### **Transport from Vancouver Airport to Vancouver Island**

There are numerous options to get from the Vancouver to Victoria, Canada, which is located on Vancouver Island.

1. Victoria has an international airport. It might be simpler to add the leg from Vancouver (YVR) to Victoria (YYJ) to your flight. Cost will depend on your airline, but will generally be ~C\$250. There are typically hourly flights on Westjet and Air Canada. This is often the most time and cost effective option. The logistics information indicates options to reach downtown Victoria from the YYJ airport (Taxi, Shuttle Bus, rental car).
2. BC Ferries Service.
  - a. This government operated ferry is the most commonly used form of transit for local residents. You can reach Victoria by car or bus (public transit or private) using this ferry. Ferries run every two hours (odd hours) from 0700 to 2100 hours from the Tsawwassen Ferry terminal (south of Vancouver) to Swartz Bay terminal (north of Victoria). Run time for the ferry is 1 hour 40 minutes. The ferry offers comfortable seating, and dining options to enhance your sailing. This can also be a pleasant, scenic experience depending on time of day and weather. You will need to plan to arrive at the ferry terminal approximately 30 minutes prior the sailing. Reservations can be made at: (<http://www.bcferrries.com/schedules/mainland/tssw-current.php>). Fares for sailings are listed here: [http://www.bcferrries.com/files/fares/pdf\\_format/BCF\\_Fares.pdf](http://www.bcferrries.com/files/fares/pdf_format/BCF_Fares.pdf)
  - b. Rental car. Drive from YVR airport to Tsawwassen ferry terminal then board the ferry (cost ~C\$75 for car and driver) and drive off in Swartz Bay. The drive from Swartz Bay to downtown Victoria is approximately 45 minutes.
  - c. Private bus connector: <http://bcfconnector.com/> This is a private bus company, Wilson's Transportation, that partners with BC Ferries to transport people from downtown Vancouver to downtown Victoria. Cost is about \$C75 each way. They have several stops along the way, including YVR. At present, they do not book in advance as far as May: <https://bcfconnector.zau.net/modules/webBooking/index.php?id=25&action=Details&activityDate=1481702400>. If you board the ferry by other means, such as taxi or public transit, you can also book this bus from onboard the ferry and ride it to downtown Victoria (Capital City Station). There are announcements on board at the start of each sailing. Capital City bus station is a few blocks from the host hotel.
  - d. There is a convenient private bus company, Pacific Coach, which runs from YVR to downtown Victoria that uses BC Ferries Service. <http://www.pacificcoach.com/Bus-Coach-Travel/YVR-Victoria-Link/YVR-to-Victoria> . The schedule is not posted for May but will likely be similar to the months listed.
  - e. Public Transit. From YVR to Tsawwassen, using [www.translink.bc.ca](http://www.translink.bc.ca). Conveniently, Bing and Google also provide routes for public transit. Bus fare is C\$2.50 per zone.
3. Harbour Air is a float plane service that does run from the river adjacent to the YVR South terminal directly to Victoria's Inner harbour. It only runs during daylight hours. Cost is approximately C\$450 return. There is a shuttle bus from the YVR main terminal to this float

plane terminal. This flight can be very pleasant (weather dependent) and will drop you only a few blocks from the host hotel. They also run from Vancouver Inner Harbour to Victoria Inner Harbour should anyone be staying a night in Vancouver before or after the event. <http://www.harbourair.com/book-a-flight/>

4. HeliJet is a passenger helicopter service that runs from YVR South terminal directly to Victoria's Inner harbour once per day. They also run more frequently from Vancouver Inner Harbour to Victoria Inner Harbour should anyone be staying a night in Vancouver before or after the event. <http://helijet.com/> This is the most costly option and will drop you off a 20 minute walk, or short (5 min) taxi ride from the host hotel.

For overall convenience, I recommend option 1 or 3 with option 2 being the most affordable