

VANCOUVER GAMES 2010

This is a tourist guide to the Vancouver Games, making your 2010 Games experience easier and enjoyable when travelling in and around Vancouver, Canada.

The Vancouver Games will be held February 12-28, 2010 for the very first time in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, with events being shown in 15 stadiums across the city and in the nearby resort town of Whistler. The Games are being organised by the Vancouver Organising Committee (VANOC).

Back in July 2003, Canada had successfully won their crucial bid for hosting the 2010 event, after losing their Toronto bid for the 2008 Olympic Games to Beijing two years before. The Vancouver Games will be the third time Canada has hosted the event, previously being home to the Montreal 1976 Games and the Calgary 1988 Games.

SPORTS

Eighty-six winter sports events have been announced as part of the Vancouver Games. The eight sports categorised as **ice sports** are: bobsleigh, luge, skeleton, ice hockey, figure skating, speed skating, short track speed skating, and curling. The three sports categorised as **alpine, skiing and snowboarding** events are: alpine, freestyle and snowboarding. The four sports categorised as **Nordic** events are: biathlon, cross country skiing, ski jumping, and nordic combined.



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TOURIST INFORMATION

As Vancouver is surrounded by idyllic coasts and mountains, it can provide tourists with over 70 top attractions whether it is visiting one of the popular beaches or doing many of the other countless activities.

TOP 5 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN VANCOUVER

1. Walk across the 450 feet Capilano Suspension Bridge.
2. Experience the delightful food at the Granville Public Market.
3. Take the exciting and informative SkyRide up Grouse Mountain.
4. Ride through the beautiful surroundings of the 1,000 acre Stanley Park.
5. Visit the marine life at the Vancouver Aquarium.

TICKETING INFORMATION

Organisers will only accept Visa with card payments for tickets.

International Residents:

You must purchase tickets through the official agent for your National Organising Committee.

More than a 100,000 tickets will be available at the price of (CAD) \$25 with half of all the Games tickets priced at less than (CAD) \$100.

PREVIOUS HOSTS OF THE GAMES

- 1980 · Lake Placid - New York, USA
- 1984 · Sarajevo - Yugoslavia
- 1988 · Calgary - Canada
- 1992 · Albertville - France
- 1994 · Lillehammer - Norway
- 1998 · Nagano - Japan
- 2002 · Salt Lake City - USA
- 2006 · Torino - Italy

FACTS ABOUT VANCOUVER

- 1 English Pound (£): 1.8137 Canadian Dollars (\$)*
- 1 Euro (€): 1.55410 Canadian Dollars (\$)*
- Vancouver Standard Time zone = UTC/GMT - 8 hours
- Population of Canada: 33,504,700
- Population of Vancouver: 611,869
- Average winter temperatures range from minus 8° to 3° C (18° to 37° F)
- Average snowfall in alpine areas is 914 cm (30ft)

* Accurate at time of going to print

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IMPORTANT TRANSPORT NUMBERS

Vancouver Taxis:
604-255-5111

Airport Bus Service:
604-273-8436
or 800-668-3141

BC Ferries:
604-669-1211

Greyhound Bus Lines:
800-661-8747

Pacific Coach Lines:
604-662-7575

Grouse Mountain SkyRide:
604-984-0661

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