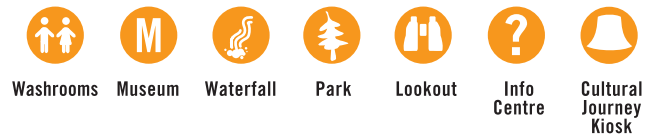


# Vancouver/Whistler Driving Map

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## Directions from Vancouver Airport to Whistler, BC (137 km / 2 hours 15 minutes)

1. Depart from Vancouver International Airport
2. Continue along Grant McConachie Way and continue to Arthur Laing Bridge – 4.1 km
3. Take the ramp to Granville Street/City Centre – 0.6 km
4. Merge onto SW Marine Drive – 0.2 km
5. Continue on Granville Street – 7.8 km
6. Take the Seymour Street/Highway 99-N ramp to BC Ferries/Horseshoe Bay/Whistler – 0.4 km
7. Merge onto Seymour Street – 1.0 km
8. Turn left at West Georgia Street – 2.0 km
9. Continue through Stanley Park and onto Lions Gate Bridge – 4 km
10. Take the exit toward West Vancouver
11. Merge onto Marine Drive – 0.4 km
12. Turn right at Taylor Way – 0.5 km
13. Continue west on Rte 1 to Exit 2 – 14 km
14. Take the Highway 99-N exit toward Squamish/Whistler
15. Continue to Whistler Village – 101.6 km



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## Vancouver to Whistler: A journey to remember

The opportunities to sightsee and to enjoy the pristine natural beauty of British Columbia begin on your drive to Whistler.



Washrooms



Museum



Waterfall



Park



Lookout



Info Centre



Cultural Journey Kiosk

Highway 99, or the scenic “Sea to Sky Highway,” is a smooth ribbon of road running between Howe Sound, the southernmost fjord in North America, and the Coast Mountains, a dramatic glaciated range that continues all the way north to Alaska. The 123 kilometre (76 mile) trip to Whistler travels through five distinct bio and geo-climatic zones dotted with waterfalls, rainforest, granite monoliths (the 60 million year old Stawamus Chief is the largest piece of free-standing rock outside of Gibraltar), wilderness areas and snow-capped peaks, and it was declared by the Guardian (UK) to be one of the world’s five best road trips. Information kiosks from the Lil’wat and Squamish First Nations provide a parallel cultural journey and added incentive to stop and soak up the views along the way.

### Discover Sea to Sky Country

#### Porteau Cove Provincial Park

A scuba diving hotspot, thanks to several shipwrecks and artificial reefs, Porteau Cove features picnic tables, public washrooms, a large driftwood-littered pebble beach, a public jetty and a boat launch.

#### Britannia Mine Museum – Britannia Beach

The town of Britannia Beach was originally centred around an active copper mine that has now become the Britannia Mine Museum, a natural historic site that has also been used as a location for more than 50 films and television shows such as the *X-Files*, *Smallville*, *Dark Angel*, *Stargate*, *Insomnia* and *Scooby Doo Two*.

#### Shannon Falls

Not only is Shannon Falls the third highest waterfall in BC and formerly the key ingredient in Carling O’Keefe beer, but it also features in the *Twilight* movie, *Breaking Dawn*. Take the 5-minute stroll to the base of the falls. Washrooms and picnic tables are located immediately by the parking area.

#### Alice Lake Provincial Park

This 397 hectare campground, in a forest of old-growth hemlock, features hiking/biking trails, picnic areas, two protected beaches and the popular Alice Lake itself.

#### Tantalus Lookout

With pull-outs for both northbound and southbound traffic, the Tantalus Range is the vista that lets locals know they’re almost home, with views of the peaks named for the Greek myth.

#### Garibaldi Provincial Park

Running east of the Highway, the 195,000 hectare Garibaldi Provincial Park contains several ancient volcanoes, including Mount Garibaldi and it was protected in 1927 to preserve the “remarkable assemblage of glacial, volcanic and other natural features.” The Park features more than 90 kilometre of hiking trails and several huts.

#### Brandywine Falls

An easy 10-minute walk through the forest leads to a new viewing platform of the falls perched on the edge of a volcanic escarpment. The 143 hectare park features a picnic area, trails and washrooms.

#### Whistler Olympic Park

A 7,000 hectare wilderness, known to the Squamish First Nation as a ‘Wild Spirit Place,’ Whistler Olympic Park was developed as the site of the cross-country, biathlon, Nordic combined, and ski jumping events for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The 6.5 kilometre Callaghan Valley access road is one of the best bear-spotting stretches in Whistler. The Park’s Visitor Centre, and café/restaurant, is open seven days a week.

#### Tips for the drive

Keep an eye out for some of the area’s incredible wildlife as you travel through Sea to Sky country, and have your camera ready for when you do spot a black bear, cougar, deer or bald eagle. But remember, these are wild animals that are best viewed from a safe distance. Never approach or attempt to interact with the local wildlife.

#### Summer is also forest fire season in British Columbia, so please be fire smart:

- Never toss a lit match
- Extinguish cigarettes completely
- Do not discard cigarettes and matches from vehicles or off your balconies and decks. Always use an ashtray
- Take the time to become fire aware: check for advisories on highway signs, on the radio and in the newspaper, or call 1.888.3.FOREST for pre-recorded fire information updates
- Obey all backcountry and trail closures and fire bans

Highway 99 is a mountain highway and during the winter it can be quite slippery, so make sure that you have adequate tires or chains, give yourself some extra travel time, don’t tailgate – just take it easy and enjoy the drive.

Get the latest news and traffic updates from the area’s local radio station, Mountain FM (107.1 FM in Squamish and 102.1 FM in Whistler).

Once you arrive in Whistler, be sure to stop by the Whistler Visitor Centre to learn more about Whistler and all of the activities that are available in the resort.



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