**Getting to Whistler, BC**

**Rent a car and drive to Whistler.**

Vancouver has several rental car agencies, most of which have pick up locations at the airport and downtown Vancouver. If you want to pick your car up downtown, you can take the [Canada Line skytrain](http://www.translink.ca/) from the airport to downtown Vancouver in 26 minutes. The price is $10 per person one way.

Whistler hotels charge a fee for parking.  Depending on the hotel, this can range from $15.00 to $35.00 night.  Note that there are no free overnight parking lots in Whistler.  There is overnight parking in Day Lot 4 but only for overnight trekkers or for over height vehicles.  Park overnight at your own risk.

Please note that Rental Car Companies generally do not provide vehicles with Snow Tires. Driving in Snow and Ice without Snow Tires can be extremely dangerous.  Winter tires are now required by law north of Lions Bay on Hwy 99 between October 1 and March 31.  The minimum legal tires permitted are M&S (Mud and Snow), the tires with the snowflake on the tire wall is a true winter tire.   Make arrangements with the rental car company.

 **Carshare or Rideshare to Whistler**

Vancouver boasts numerous options for carsharing.

[Modo, the car co-op](http://www.modo.coop/) rents vehicles at affordable prices ($8 per hour or $64 daily), which include 200kms and insurance; note that after 200kms they charge 25c per km, so your trip will cost around $80 + tax.

[Zipcar](http://www.zipcar.ca/vancouver/find-cars) are also rent vehicles by the hour or for the day, and their rates vary between $9 to $12 per hour, and include 200kms. Expect to spend around $100 for a day trip to Whistler.

Other carshare options in Vancouver include [car2go](https://www.car2go.com/en/vancouver/) ($84.99 for 200kms and 45c thereafter) and [Evo Car Share](https://evo.ca/%22%20%5Co%20%22Evo%20Car%20Share%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) ($89.99 for 200kms and 45c thereafter). Car2go mostly operate smart cars, so there isn't a lot of room for luggage and skis, whereas Evo operate Prius Cs with ski racks, so plenty of room for 4 people, skis and equipment.

If you're not much of a driver and would like an affordable option, consider using [HitchPlanet - The Rideshare Community](https://whistler.hitchplanet.com/%22%20%5Co%20%22HitchPlanet%20-%20The%20Rideshare%20Community%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), who operate a rideshare service from Vancouver to Whistler with return trips between $25 - $35. Check their website or download their app to offer or find rides.

**Shuttle Bus to Whistler**

[Pacific Coach Lines](http://www.pacificcoach.com/) provides a Skylink service to/from the Vancouver Airport. In the peak season from December to April the service runs almost every hour, less so in the spring, summer and fall. There is lots of room for luggage, ski, snowboard etc; in the summer mountain bikes are carried on the bus, but charged an extra fee. The Bikes need to be packed in a secure box. The trip takes about 3 hours. There are washrooms on board the bus and the seats are very comfortable.  They also drop you off at your hotel in Whistler. A Whistler Express Service to/from downtown Vancouver to Whistler is also offered.

[Premier Pacific Coachlines](http://premierpacific.com/bus/) offers shuttle service to/from Vancouver Airport  and pick up and drop offs at various hotels in downtown Vancouver.  They have a limited schedule so make sure you check the shuttle times before booking.

[Greyhound Lines](http://www.greyhound.ca/) offers the most affordable option but is available from Vancouver's city centre.  A quick taxi ride or Skytrain Ride from downtown.  From the airport, you'd have to take the Canada Line to downtown Vancouver and transfer onto the Expo Line to Main Street/Science World Station.   The bus does not drop off at any Whistler hotels, just at the Village Gate Bus Loop.  From there it may be a short walk to your hotel or taxi ride depending on where you're staying.

Ridebooker offers very frequent shared departures from Vancouver and the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) to Whistler. Most people meet shuttle reps and are out of the airport inside of 30 minutes. There is a 1 hour maximum wait guarantee and if it takes longer you get a free ride. Note that the company can and will make you wait a 2 hour after your flight in less busy hour (after 20h), so they can fill their bus as much as possible to save the cost, even if you were there at the right departure time. The Whistler Shuttle is a Whistler owned and operated company so you can get the inside scoop on best ski runs and restaurants on your way up.

[EpicRides.ca](http://www.epicrides.ca/)is a Vancouver based company that believes in keeping it simple and affordable. EpicRides picks up from various locations in Vancouver check their website for pick up options before you book.

[The Huckwagon Whistler Shuttle](http://www.thehuckwagon.com/) is an affordable, flat rate, 24 seat charter bus line run by outdoor enthusiasts that specializes in getting groups to Whistler with their gear; bikes, skis, or boards, at no extra charge. The Huckwagon can pick up at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) or any other location your group desires, and offers non-stop or sightseeing trips to Whistler. The Huckwagon is a great option for groups who wish to share the cost of transportation.

 **Tour Bus**

Bus tours are available from Vancouver to Whistler daily year round. Tours include hotel pick up at 8:00 AM and drop off at 6:30 PM. Luggage, golf clubs, snow boards and/or skis are allowed on the bus,

Stops along the way vary depending on the time of year but may include Shannon Falls, Britannia Beach, Brackendale eagles, Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre and Brandywine Falls. Travelers requests are also considered.

[Moose Travel Network](http://moosebus.travel/tours/pacific/sea-to-sky/) offers a 2-Day Sea to Sky tour from Vancouver and picks up and drops off at various hostels in downtown Vancouver.  Departures are 3 times a week from May to October, take in all the highlights and give free time in Whistler to explore. Price is $99 including tour, hostel accommodation and a dinner.

 **Taxi**

[Whistler Taxi](http://www.whistlertaxi.com/index.php) offers fast and efficient service to and from Vancouver Airport, BC Ferries and the border. They offer meet & greet service at the airport and hotel pick up at your Whistler accommodation as well as delivery service.  They have 35 vehicles which operate 24 hours a day.

**Train**

The Rocky Mountaineer has ended its Sea to Sky Climb excursion between Vancouver and Whistler with the summer 2015 season.

The route will be used as part of the Vancouver > Whistler > Quesnel > Jasper route called Rain Forest to Gold Rush.

**Private Vehicle Transfers**

Travel in style and in comfort.  Limousine companies offer private driver and car, with airport pick ups and door to door service from any location.  This gives you the best flexibility as you travel on your own time and not on a scheduled shuttle time.  Cost of course can range from CAD $325.00 one way for a Sedan transfer to $375.00 one way for an SUV transfer.

[Imperial Limo](http://www.imperiallimousine.com/), [Star Limo](https://www.starlimousine.com/), [Aerocar](http://aerocar.ca/), [Griffn Transportation](https://www.griffintransportation.com/), [Whistler Limousine](http://www.whistlerlimos.com/)

[Alpine North Limousine](http://www.alpinenorth.ca/) offers private transfers in 4x4 SUV's, Sprinter Vans, and Minibuses.

[Connect Airport Transfers](https://whistler-transfers.com/)  offers private transfers with free wifi for groups up to 8 in modern Merecedes Sprinter vans

[Whistler Airport Transfers](http://www.whistlerairporttransfers.com/) offers personal service with up to date luxury SUVs  to and from Whistler, Vancouver airport and Vancouver.

[Luxury Transport](http://www.luxbus.com/) has a fleet of SUV's, Sprinter Vans and Shuttle Buses for any small to large group size for Vancouver to Whistler private transfers as well as meet & greet Vancouver Airport (YVR) private transfers to/from Whistler with sightseeing and grocery shopping options on route. The drivers are knowledgeable, friendly and very accommodating to every group's needs.

Have a larger group?  Consider chartering a minicoach or larger.  Companies such as:

[Top Hat Charters](http://www.tophatcoach.com/%22%20%5Co%20%22Top%20Hat%20Charters%20%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) have 21 passenger Minicoaches and up.

**Floatplane**

Fly to Whistler by float plane and return by bus. Aerial views of the mountains and glacier fed lakes are really amazing. Flight time is approx. 35 minutes between Green Lake and Coal Harbour in downtown Vancouver.

Flights depart Vancouver daily at 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM. Flights depart Whistler daily at 11:30 AM and 5:30 PM. $174 one way and $348 round trip - add 12% tax.