

# Olympic Winter Games Vancouver 2010

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From 12 to 28 February, the Olympic Winter Games 2010  place in Vancouver, Canada. About 5,500 athletes from more than 80 countries  various areas of winter sports,  bobsleigh, curling, ice hockey, skating and skiing\_. At the Paralympic Games, which took place from 12 to 21 March, about 1350 athletes from more than 40 countries .

As the two  languages of the International Olympic Committee are English and French, Canada is a perfect country to  the Olympic Games - English and French are the two official languages in Canada and every big event is  in both languages. This is  to Canadian history: the majority of Europeans who first  in Canada were from France and Great Britain.

The three mascots of the Olympic Winter Games 2010 were  by legends of the First Nations (this is what the indigenous peoples of Canada are called).

Vancouver 2010 mascots

- **Miga** is a  of an orca and a Kermode bear, which is a rare creamy-white subspecies of the American black bear.
- **Quatchi** is a Bigfoot - an ape-like creature that is  to live in the forests of North America. Nobody knows if it really exists, but the Bigfoot is as famous as for example the Loch Ness monster in Scotland or the Yeti in the Himalaya.
- **Sumi**, the mascot of the Paralympic Games, is a  spirit. He has the legs of a bear and the wings of a Thunderbird.



The Olympic Games are always a big event, and an estimated 3 billion people will watch the Olympic Winter Games 2010 on TV