

Vancouver is Canada's third city. It's a fascinating place and you can explore it using some interesting forms of transport.

A boat that carries passengers from one place to another is usually called a ferry, but in Vancouver it's called the SeaBus. The SeaBus connects the city centre, or 'downtown', to North Vancouver. They first introduced a ferry across the Fraser River in 1900 and the SeaBus started in the late 70s. Many people on foot or with bikes use this 15-minute service every day.

A train that travels on a track high above a city's streets is sometimes called a monorail, but in Vancouver it's the SkyTrain.

There are three lines and 47 stations around the city. The third line, the Canada Line, opened for the Winter Olympics™ in 2010. Over 622,000 people used the SkyTrain every day during the 17-day event. The SkyTrain crosses the Fraser River on its own bridge, the SkyBridge.

A plane that can take off and land on water is usually called a sea plane, but in Vancouver they call it a Float Plane. You can fly from downtown to Vancouver Island, the large island west of the city, in 35 minutes.

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Read again and listen. Find these words in the text and match them with their definitions.

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| 1 fascinating | ☐ |
| 2 passengers | ☐ |
| 3 track | ☐ |
| 4 bridge | ☐ |
| 5 take off | ☐ |
| 6 land | ☐ |

- a) to leave the ground and fly
- b) the thing that a train travels on
- c) to come to the ground from the air
- d) very interesting
- e) people who are travelling in or on a form of transport
- f) something that carries a road or railway over water