



City of Vancouver and Tourism

The City of Vancouver values tourism and the tour bus industry. This pamphlet will familiarize you with regulations affecting the operation of tour buses on our streets and in our parks. It will also offer you links for online information.

Our main goal is to facilitate tourism in Vancouver while maintaining harmony and a balance between the needs of Vancouver residents and the tour bus industry. You can help keep Vancouver a popular tourist destination and one of the world's most liveable cities by following these simple guidelines.

Tour Bus Routes & Driving Regulations

- Tour buses with a gross vehicle weight greater than 10,000 kg must use designated truck routes.
- For destinations not on a truck route, the shortest route between the destination and the closest truck route must be used.
- Driving on residential streets is not permitted.
- Vehicles over 15.25 metres in length are NOT permitted in the downtown business district between 7 am and 6 pm except on truck routes.
- Do not idle engines longer than three minutes while parked or loading.
- Under no circumstances should you park in a residential neighbourhood.
- Do not use an engine brake unless in an emergency.
- Review the inside map to determine the best route to your destination. Please note the map does not show height restrictions. For more information, call the Engineering Permit Clerk at 604.871.6439.

Specific information may change without notice. For updates or if you have any questions, please contact:
Traffic Management Branch
City Hall, 8th floor
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C., V5Y 1V4
Phone: 604.873.7020
Fax: 604.873.7212
vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/traffic/bus.htm



- 900 Canada Pl - north side, east of Burrard St. (Canada Place)
- 500 Columbia St. - west side, south of Pender St. (Chinese Cultural Centre)
- 700 Homer St. - east side, north of Robson St. (Vancouver Public Library)
- 1000 Melville St. - south side, west of Burrard St. (Hyatt Regency Hotel)
- 300 Richards St. - west side, south of Water St. (Harbour Centre)
- 300 Seymour St. - east side, south of Cordova St. (Harbour Centre)
- 600 Beatty St. - west side, south of Dunsmuir St. Waterfront Rd. - south side, west of Main St.
- 1600 Alberni St. - north side, west of Cardero St.
- 200 Columbia St. - east side, north of Cordova St.

Tour Bus Zones

Tour Bus Parking

Tour bus operators can park:

- On commercial streets at parking meters with payment of all occupied metered spaces.
- On commercial streets, subject to posted regulations.
- In tour bus zones subject to a time limit which will be shown on the posted sign.
- In privately owned parking facilities.
- Off-street parking
easyparkvancouver.com
lots.impark.com
- On-street parking
vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/traffic/bus.htm

Tour Bus Stopping

The signs below indicate where buses may stop (but not park) for passenger loading and unloading. Most downtown hotels and some restaurants and shops have zones in front of their premises. It is important to note that when a sign indicates **No Stopping Anytime** a bus cannot stop at all. When a sign indicates **No Parking Anytime** a bus may stop for up to five minutes. A tour bus can also stop in a commercial lane for up to 30 minutes providing that it leaves a minimum of three metres clearance for other vehicles to pass by; and does not block access to driveways, loading bays, garage doors or marked fire doors.



- Use extreme caution when turning at intersections.
- Pedestrians may not be aware of how much room is needed for a bus to turn.
- Ensure your passengers are aware of the traffic when leaving the bus.
- Wait for a passenger rather than have them run to the bus especially if they have to cross the road.

Pedestrian Safety

Location	Clearance
1st Ave. @ Highway 1	4.90 m (16')
Alexander St. @ Heatley overpass	4.72 m (15'5")
Boundary Rd. @ SE Marine Dr. overpass	5.25 m (17'2")
Boundary Rd. @ pedestrian overpass	6.2 m (20'4")
Cordova St. (private down ramp) -west of Granville St.	3.70 m (12'1")
Cordova/Waterfront Road access	4.50 m (14'9")
Fir St. @ 4th Ave. ramp: -centre -west side	4.95 m (16'2")
SE Marine Dr. @ Knight St. Bridge	4.78 m (15'8")
SW Marine Dr. @ Arthur Laing Br. overpass	4.37 m (14'4")
Stadium Rd. West @ pedestrian overpass	4.85 m (15'10")
Walker St. @ Vanness (Skytrain)	4.84 m (15'10")
Woodland @ Grandview Hwy N (SkyTrain)	4.30 m (14'2")
Waterfront Rd. @ pedestrian overpass (Convention Centre)	4.6 m (15'1")

Vertical Clearances

Important Links

- (Street and Traffic Bylaws) No. 2849
vancouver.ca/bylaws/11188v17.pdf
- Parking regulations in Vancouver
vancouver.ca/engsvcs/parking/
- (Motor Vehicle Noise Abatement Bylaw) No. 4338
vancouver.ca/bylaws/79246v1.pdf
- For up to date information regarding construction on City streets visit:
www.roadahead.ca

Stanley Park & Queen Elizabeth Park

- Both Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park are major tourist destinations in Vancouver. Pay parking is in effect at both of these locations.
- Buses and vans transporting students from educational institutions for **scholastic purposes** can park for free.
- Parking rates and annual pass information for the current year can be found online at:
vancouver.ca/parks/fees/parking.htm

