



FACT SHEET

Vancouver International Airport: Quick Facts 2012

- Sixty-two airlines serve YVR, connecting people and businesses non-stop to over 100 destinations in Canada, the U.S. and around the world via chartered and regularly scheduled flights.
- YVR served 17 million passengers in 2011, including arriving, departing and connecting travellers.
- The total footprint of YVR's Main Terminal Building is 135,138 square meters, a space large enough to accommodate about three BC place stadiums.
- The three most popular destinations, based on number of passengers, to and from YVR are Toronto, Calgary and Edmonton, followed by Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Victoria.
- The shortest flight from YVR is 10 minutes, to Nanaimo Harbour, B.C., while the longest non-stop flight from YVR is to Sydney, Australia, at 15 hours and 30 minutes.
- More than 23,600 people come to work on YVR's Sea Island home every day.
- In 2010, YVR contributed \$1.9 billion to the national economy in terms of gross domestic product (GDP).
- YVR pays \$608 million in annual taxes to the federal and provincial governments, the City of Richmond and TransLink.
- Canada's first Ground Run-up Enclosure, which opened at YVR in January 2012, has approximately 1,950 sound-absorbing panels, each about six inches thick.
- More than 630,000 kilograms of paper (including paper towel from washrooms) and cardboard were recycled in 2011.
- More than 7,400 items were turned into the Lost & Found office in 2011; oddities included an old, empty steamer trunk; a new flat-screen TV; and a used toilet seat.

- YVR has a comprehensive wildlife management program to keep feathered birds away from metal birds for the safety of passengers. Falconry was most recently added to the program.
- On average, more than 46,000 bags travel through YVR's baggage system daily. Bags travel at a rate of 1.2 metres per second through the system.
- YVR's control tower is 19 storeys high, and is the second highest in Canada. It can withstand a 7.2 magnitude (Richter) earthquake.
- YVR's Green Coat program, which provides directions and information to visitors at YVR, consists of 400 members, who speak 28 languages among them. Up to 50 Green Coat volunteers work at YVR each day.
- YVR has two main parallel runways oriented in an east-west direction and one cross-wind runway that, combined, total 8,759 metres in length. The Fraser River could also be considered a runway of sorts as it facilitates float-plane activity as part of YVR's south-side operations.

About Vancouver Airport Authority

Vancouver Airport Authority is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that operates Vancouver International Airport (YVR). Canada's second busiest airport, YVR served approximately 17 million passengers in 2011 and handled more than 258,000 aircraft landings and take-offs on its runways. Sixty-two airlines serve YVR, connecting people and businesses to more than 100 destinations in Canada, the U.S. and around the world. The Airport Authority is committed to creating an airport that British Columbia can be proud of: a premier global gateway, local economic generator and community contributor.

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