

Information about Eurocentres Vancouver

PRE-DEPARTURE

Travel & visa formalities

Participants who plan to study for 24 weeks or less can do so with Visitor Status. Participants whose period of study will be over 24 weeks will require a Study Permit. Contact the nearest Canadian Embassy or Consulate for specific visa information, or visit www.cic.gc.ca.

Planning your trip

Foreign currency

Cash amounts over \$10,000 Canadian taken into the country must be declared at the point of entry. Large sums of money are best taken in the form of travellers' cheques. Banks will normally only open accounts for people staying at least 6 months. There are several Foreign Exchange offices located near the school. The school accepts Visa, Mastercard, and debit card payments for services over CAD\$10.00

Insurance

Participants are not insured, either by us or by the host family, against illness, accident, theft or loss of personal belongings. We therefore recommend you take out our medical insurance, on advantageous terms (covering illness & accident), including travel to the U.S.A. Please also get in touch with your medical insurance company before your travel.

If you have booked an ELVIA insurance policy with Eurocentres and you need to cancel the course and return to your country, please make sure you contact ELVIA before you go back. If you contact them after you have left the country, they will not take responsibility for the expenses. Please make sure you read the insurance policy carefully before you travel.

Proof of payment

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At the beginning of the course every student must be able to produce a valid proof of payment.

GENERAL INFORMATION

A detailed programme of the language and information content of the course will be given to each student on the first day of the course. Information regarding activities and excursions can be found on the school activity board. Activities and excursion fees are not included in the course fee.

For the Examination courses, please note that the examination fees are not included in the price of the course and that it is your responsibility to check the examination dates and book your place.

The school is closed on weekends and all public holidays.

Pocket money

The amount required depends on the number of activities, excursions and other trips in which you wish to take part, but you should allow a weekly expenditure of CAD\$100. Monthly transit passes cost CAD\$73 and higher depending on the Zone.

Transport connections

Transfer service between Vancouver International Airport and downtown Vancouver takes about 20 minutes to half an hour and is available by:

Airporter Bus CAD\$13.75 to Downtown
(www.yvrairporter.com)

Taxi CAD\$25-\$30 (to Downtown)

Taxi CAD\$40-\$70 (to Host Family)

Airport Pick up Service can be arranged at the time of booking for CAD\$ 135. With this service, a member of the Eurocentres Vancouver airport staff will be at the airport to meet you upon your arrival, and to transport you to your

host family's home (or alternative location) and introduce them to you.

Arrival/accommodation

The accommodation address is normally sent at least 10 days before the beginning of the course.

The accommodation is available from the Saturday afternoon before the course until the Saturday morning at the end of the course.

Please inform your host family of the time of your arrival as soon as you can so that everything can be made ready for you. If you cannot contact the family, please send your arrival de-tails to the school. Families are normally 20-40 minutes' travelling time from the school. If you have any problems on arrival or your flight is delayed, please notify the school immediately. If the school is closed, you should phone the **emergency helpline number (604-290-3412)**. This number is for urgent calls only.

Own accommodation

Participants arranging their own accommodation in Vancouver are advised to check the distance and transport facilities between their address and the school. The school must be notified of the accommodation address and phone number prior to arrival or on the first day.

School address

Eurocentres Vancouver
#250 – 815 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6C 1B4
Tel: +1 604 688 7942
Fax: +1 604 688 7985
Emergency number: +1 604 290 3412
E-mail: van-info@eurocentres.com
Skytrain Station: Waterfront

The Centre Manager is Ms. Sharon Curl. She is always willing to help.

Daily program 2009

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All courses: Monday to Friday

Basic courses

20 lessons per week

08:50 – 12:40 (Tuesday – Friday)

9:40 – 2:30 (Monday after first day)

orientation on first day begins at 8:50

Specialised Intensive courses

25 lessons per week

08:50 – 12:40 (Tuesday – Friday)

9:40 – 2:30 (Monday after first day)

Afternoon lessons up to 16.30 depending on options chosen.

Specialised Super-intensive courses

30 lessons per week

08:50 – 12:40 and 13:40 – 16:30

Monday 9:40 after first day

University Success Program

English plus Professional Training Courses

English plus Work Experience

Language Holiday courses

On-Campus Summer Program

Winter Youth Program

Please be at school at **8:40** on the first day of your course. You will be given an entry test and on the basis of the results you will be placed in the class best suited to your knowledge of the language.

We wish you a very memorable and enjoyable stay in Vancouver.

Eurocentres Head Office

