

## **Instructions for Getting to Sunshine Coast Retreat House from Vancouver Airport**

Before you leave, let us know what time your flight is due to arrive in Vancouver. This will help us to predict approximately what ferry you will be on, so that we can plan to be available to pick you up. If your flight arrives late in the day, it may be advisable to spend the night in Vancouver or Horseshoe Bay, and continue on to the Sunshine Coast the next morning.

**Ferries to Langdale on the Sunshine Coast leave from Horseshoe Bay in West Vancouver** every two hours on odd numbered hours, and passengers load about ten past the hour. See the BC Ferries website, [www.bcferrries.com](http://www.bcferrries.com) for more information. A taxi or limo service from the airport to the Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal costs \$70 (or more) depending on traffic conditions.

**The simplest bus method is to take the Malaspina Coach Lines bus, which travels from the airport to Powell River, stopping at Gibsons, twice a day.** Please check their website, [www.malaspinacoach.com](http://www.malaspinacoach.com) for information on where to catch the bus at the airport, fares and schedules, so you can co-ordinate with your flight times. Let us know when you will arrive at the Gibsons Depot and we will arrange to pick you up. The earlier of the two arrival times works best for us.

If that bus method doesn't work for your flight arrival time, take your preferred form of transportation from the airport to West Georgia Street in downtown Vancouver. We recommend the combination of **CanadaLine** rapidrail and bus. You can purchase a three zone ticket at the airport and add a \$5.00 airport surcharge. There are also taxis (which are more expensive) but which can take you to the ferry for around \$ 50.00.

If you take **CanadaLine** get off the train at **Vancouver City Station**. Walk across West Georgia to the bus stop ( going West ) Take the #257 bus, called Horseshoe Bay Express (there is another Horseshoe Bay bus, #250, but it is much slower) You show the bus driver your **CanadaLine** ticket (transfers valid for 90 minutes from time of

purchase) Stay on this bus to the end of its route, right outside the **BC Ferries** terminal at **Horseshoe Bay**.

Here is a link for the local downtown transit map [www.translink.ca](http://www.translink.ca)

If you've chosen some other form of transportation, the #257 bus makes its first pick-up between Granville and Howe on West Georgia, and will stop to take on passengers at any bus stop on West Georgia (westbound) that has the #257 on it.

At the ferry terminal, buy a ticket to Langdale, which will cost around \$10. There is a luggage area, where you can leave any heavy baggage in the area designated for Langdale. It will be loaded onto the ferry on a cart, which will then be off-loaded at Langdale for pick-up. Then head upstairs to the waiting area. When you are in the waiting room, please call us – 1-604-886-3871 – to confirm the time of the ferry you will be on. Someone will then arrange to meet you in the parking/luggage claim area.