

To help you to prepare for your stay in Vancouver we have put together a 'cost of living' guide. This should help you to estimate how much money you will need to bring to Canada with you. All prices are in Canadian Dollars. We look forward to welcoming you to St Giles Vancouver!

### Entertainment / Social Programme

St Giles Vancouver offers a social programme to help you make the most of your time in Vancouver. Some activities, such as a movie night at the school and soccer in the park, will be free. Others will have a small charge, such as bowling, ice skating or bubble tea. You can also go on weekend trips. A guide is included below. If you take part in one day weekend trip and 3 evening activities a week (including some free events) you should expect to spend about \$100 (not including drinks at a pub night).

Activity	Price
Some in-school like Games Night	FREE
Museums, Art Galleries	\$10 - \$15
Movies, Fly Over Canada	\$15 - \$25
Ice Skating, Bowling, Swimming	\$10 - \$25
Biking	\$10 - \$15
Entry into a nightclub	\$10 - \$25
Brewery Tour	\$15 - \$40
Laser Tag, Rock Climbing, Escape Room	\$15 - \$30
Drinks	Price
Glass of wine	\$12 - \$17
Glass of beer	\$8 - \$10

### Eating and Drinking

If you have booked half-board accommodation, we recommend that you allow about \$15-\$20 for extra food, snacks and drinks during the day.

#### Cafés outside the school

Please be advised that the following prices may vary depending on the place of purchase.

Item	Price
Hot Drinks	\$2 - \$5
Soft Drinks	\$2 - \$4
Sandwiches	\$6 - \$10
Soup	\$4 - \$12
Pizza per slice	\$3 - \$4
Salad (side)	\$3 - \$9
Entrée	\$12 - \$17

Hamburger and Chips	\$6 - \$15
Sushi lunch (California Rolls)	\$5 - \$15
Hot meal (pasta, rice dish, etc)	\$14 - \$22

### Supermarkets / Grocery shops

Item	Price
Sandwich	\$6.00-\$8.00
Can of Coke	\$0.50
Fruit (apple, banana, orange, pear)	\$0.50-\$1.30 per piece
Chips	\$1.00
Salad	\$4.00-\$6.00
Bottle of wine	* \$15.00+

\* Alcohol is not available in supermarkets or grocery stores in Vancouver, but in liquor stores.

\* Legal drinking age is 19 in the province of British Columbia.

### Restaurant prices / Evening meals

Item	Price
Budget restaurant meal	\$ 25
Standard restaurant meal	\$ 40
Exclusive restaurant meal	\$ 60
Budget restaurant meal + wine	\$ 35 (2 glasses of wine)
Standard restaurant meal + wine	\$ 70 (2 glasses of wine)
Exclusive restaurant meal + wine	\$ 130 (2 glasses of wine)

Remember you will be adding TAXES on some items and TIP (usually 15%).

### **Shopping**

Below are some common items you may need to buy during your stay here and the prices for them you can expect to pay. **12% Tax will be added to the price.**

Item	Price
Domestic stamp (up to 30g)	\$1.00
International stamp (up to 30g)	\$3.00
4 AA batteries	\$9.00
20 cigarettes (main brand)	\$16.00
Toothbrush	\$6.00
Toothpaste	\$4.00
Shower gel	\$5.00
Shampoo	\$4.00
Packet of washing powder (main brand)	\$9.00

## Public transport

Here are some prices for travelling in and around Vancouver. Vancouver now uses a reloadable transit card called COMPASS.

Item	Price
Compass Card	\$ 6 (refundable deposit)
Each SkyTrain trip (depends on distance)	1 Zone ride- \$2.95 2 Zone ride -\$4.30 3 Zone ride - \$5.80
Monthly Compass Card	1 Zone ride- \$101.00 2 Zone ride -\$134.00 3 Zone ride - \$180.00

The Metro Vancouver is divided into “zones”. There are three fare zones and the number of zone boundaries you cross during your trip will determine your fare. Weekdays after 6:30 pm and all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays, you may travel anywhere in Vancouver for a 1 zone price. Monthly Passes are valid only from the first day to the last day of the month. You choose MONTHLY PASS at the COMPASS terminals when loading your card. COMPASS CARD is good for buses, SKYTRAIN, and SEABUS.

**Buses are a 1-Zone fare, all day, every day. Cash fares on buses are not transferable to SkyTrain, West Coast Express, or SeaBus.**

## Course books

Please note that you will receive a 10% discount on all course books purchased at St Giles. Sometimes we have used books for sale and rentals available for short stays.

Length of Stay	Cost of Course books
1-8 weeks	\$100
2-3 months	\$100 - \$200
2-3 months	\$200 - \$300
2-3 months	\$300 - \$400

## Additional self-study materials

Monolingual dictionary \$35

Note books \$2

## Examination Fees

If you would like to take an examination during your stay with us, you will need to pay extra for the examination. You can arrange to take the following examinations at St Giles Vancouver:

Examination	Fees 2021
FCE	\$360
CAE	\$360
IELTS*	\$325
TOEIC*	\$130 (Listening/Speaking) \$145 (Reading/Writing)
TOEFL*	US \$320

\*You can book the Cambridge examinations through St Giles. For the TOEIC, TOEFL and IELTS examinations you have to book this yourself directly with the examining body on their website. We can help you to do this.