



## AMBASSADOR FUND TRAVEL GUIDE

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### INTRODUCTION

One of the most requested Funds that the SSMU has to offer is the Ambassador Fund, and in an attempt to maximize the number of students benefiting from it, this guide was developed. In this guide, the Funding Committee aims to help students plan a cost-effective trip. Additionally, this guide is intended to give the Committee an idea of how much a group should be granted as we found that for any given location, there is great variability in the expected costs of the trip despite similar conditions. Thus, the Committee will be using this to determine the most economical cost of a trip. While groups are welcome to book whatever transport or accommodations that they would like, please note that the Committee will mostly be granting the minimum costs in an effort to maximize resources. However, with that said, the Committee will consider exceptions if they are sufficiently justified.

Going through all the applications received for the Ambassador Fund, the Committee noticed that there are certain cities that are more frequently traveled than others and have thus compiled some information on different transportation methods and accommodations for these cities. Over time, we will be adding new cities and updating the information for the current ones. We have tried to make this guide as accurate as possible, but if you



notice any mistakes, please feel free to email the Funding Coordinator at [fundcom@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:fundcom@ssmu.mcgill.ca). Additionally, if you have any suggestions or know of a better deal for any transportation or accommodations, please let us know!

## TORONTO, ONTARIO

### I. TRAVEL

#### WITHIN THE CITY

Toronto Transit Commission – [www.ttc.ca](http://www.ttc.ca)

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Cash Fare	\$3.00	Includes a transfer for one way travel for two hours
3 Tokens/Fares	\$7.95	Includes a transfer for one way travel for two hours
7 Tokens/Fares	\$18.55	Includes a transfer for one way travel for two hours
Weekly Pass	\$38.50	
Day Pass	\$10.75	Can be used by two adults at the same time

#### *Taxis*

*Beck Taxi* – 416-751-5555

*City Taxi* – 416-740-2222

*For 1-4 passengers -*

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Cost</b>
First 0.143 kilometers	\$4.25
Every 0.143 kilometers or every 29 seconds of waiting	\$0.25
Each additional passenger in excess of four	\$2.00

For travel to/from the Pearson International Airport, please consult:

<http://www.toronto.ca/taxitraining/pdf/taxitariffmap.pdf>



MONTREAL TO/FROM TORONTO

Via Rail – [www.viarail.com](http://www.viarail.com)

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Escape	\$60-80	When bought early enough and, assumingly, on off-peak seasons, tickets could be as cheap as \$25. Additionally, these tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded.
Supersaver	\$100	

Buses – [www.Greyhound.ca](http://www.Greyhound.ca) and <http://ca.megabus.com>

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<a href="http://www.Greyhound.ca">Greyhound</a>	\$60 for round trip	Tickets seem to be more expensive (~\$100) on weekends, including Fridays.
<a href="http://ca.megabus.com">Mega Bus</a>	\$70 for round trip	Tickets are more expensive on weekends. Mega Bus is also known to occasionally have really cheap tickets for around \$20-30 per round trip

*Car Rentals*

Note: The minimum age for renting a car in Canada is 21 for most places.

Also note that the given prices are subject to change.

Assuming that Toronto is about 550 km from Montreal and 12 km/L and \$1.40/L of gas, a round trip to and from Toronto will cost \$128.33.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Car Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>		<b>Surcharges</b>	<b>Notes</b>
		<b>Day</b>	<b>Week</b>		



<a href="#"><u>Enterprise</u></a>	Economy	\$24.88	\$175.51	+\$28.70 (+\$10 per day if under 25)	Unlimited kilometers within the rental province (Quebec) or 200 km per day or 1600 per week outside of the rental province. Any excess kilometers is charged at \$0.15 per kilometer
	Compact	\$26.89	\$180.51		
	Minivan	\$49.89	\$249.45		
<a href="#"><u>Hertz</u></a>	Compact	\$27.49	\$185.49	+\$38.63 (+\$15 per day if under 25)	Unlimited kilometers
	Midsized	\$29.49	\$195.49		
	Minivan	\$85.49	\$459.49		

*Bus Quotes*

Please note that the quotes given here are very general and subject to change. Please contact the individual companies with more specific details for a more accurate quote.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<a href="#"><u>Chartrand Inc.</u></a>	48-passenger school bus	\$2900	Costs assume a 4 day trip. + tax + driver accommodation
	20-passenger mini-coach	\$3200	
<a href="#"><u>Excel Tours</u></a>	56-passenger deluxe motorcoach	\$1050	Costs given are per day. + tax + driver accommodation
	21-passenger mini-bus	\$850	

II. ACCOMMODATIONS

Feel free to check the following websites (or other websites you may know of) for other options that may better suit your needs:

For hostels -

[www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com)

[www.hostels.com](http://www.hostels.com)

[www.hostelbookers.com](http://www.hostelbookers.com)

For hotels –

[www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com)



[www.canadianhotelguide.com](http://www.canadianhotelguide.com)

Suggestions –

*HI-Toronto*

- Easy walking distance of the TTC, entertainment district, major shopping venues, supermarkets, nightlife.
- Located downtown Toronto: 76 Church St., Toronto, ON
- Features include: Free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, lounges, laundry rooms, fully equipped kitchen, a cafe that serves breakfast and dinner with vegetarian options, lockers, elevators
- Rooms include: standard twin private rooms, 4- to 10-bed male/female/mixed dorms.
- Prices range from about low 20's to high 30's per person for the dorms and mid 40's to mid 60's for the standard twin private room.

*Super 8 Hotel – www.super8.com*

- Five Toronto locations – Downtown, East, North, Mississauga, Ajax
- Amenities vary by location but can include gym access, internet access, dry cleaning, parking, among others. Each room includes a flat screen TV, microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker and high-speed Internet
- Prices are around the low \$100's, but like most hotels, can fluctuate depending on the time of the reservation and when the reservation was made.

**OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

I. TRAVEL

WITHIN THE CITY

*OC Transpo – www.octranspo1.com*

Note: Each ticket costs \$1.30

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Ticket	\$1.30	
Cash Fares – Regular Routes	\$3.30 or 2 tickets	**Includes a POP transfer that is valid for 90 minutes or 105 minutes after 6 PM and Sundays
Cash Fare – Express Routes	\$4.65 or 3 tickets	**Includes a POP transfer that is valid for 90 minutes or 105 minutes after 6 PM and Sundays



Day Pass	\$7.75	
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*Taxis*

*Blue Line* – 613-238-1111

*Capital Taxi* – 613-744-3333

*West-Way Taxi* – 613-727-0101

Please note that Ottawa does not regulate its taxi rates like Toronto does.

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Drop Charge	\$2.85
For every 101 meters	\$0.15

MONTREAL TO/FROM OTTAWA

*Greyhound* – [www.Greyhound.ca](http://www.Greyhound.ca)

<b>Bus Line</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<i>Greyhound</i>	~\$40	Advanced Purchase tickets are normally cheaper

Ticket costs appear to be fairly consistent based on the random date checks conducted.

*Via Rail* – [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca)

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Escape	\$30-45	When bought early enough and, assumingly, on off-peak seasons, tickets could be as cheap as \$25. Additionally, these tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded.
Supersaver	\$50-60	

*Car Rentals*



Note: The minimum age for renting a car in Canada is 21 for most places.

Assuming that Ottawa is about 200 km from Montreal and 12 km/L and \$1.40/L of gas, a round trip to and from Ottawa will cost \$46.67.

<i>Company</i>	<i>Car Type</i>	<i>Cost</i>		<i>Surcharges</i>	<i>Notes</i>
		<i>Day</i>	<i>Week</i>		
<a href="#"><u>Enterprise</u></a>	Economy	\$24.88	\$175.51	+\$28.70 (+\$10 per day if under 25)	Unlimited kilometers within the rental province (Quebec) or 200 km per day or 1600 per week outside of the rental province. Any excess kilometers is charged at \$0.15 per kilometer
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	Minivan	\$49.89	\$249.45		
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For hotels –

[www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com)

[www.canadianhotelguide.com](http://www.canadianhotelguide.com)

Suggestions –

*Ottawa Inn* – [www.ottawainnhotel.com](http://www.ottawainnhotel.com)

- Close to major destinations like Parliament Hill and the University of Ottawa
- Located in downtown Ottawa
- Amenities include air-conditioned rooms, free Wi-Fi and local calling, cable TV, laundry facilities, fridge and microwaves, free parking
- Prices are \$69 for a room with one queen bed and \$89 for a room with 2 queen beds

*Travelodge* – [www.travelodge.com](http://www.travelodge.com)

- Two locations: Ottawa East and Carling and Kirkwood
- Amenities vary by location but can include free internet, parking, gym access, pool access, cable TV
- Prices are around \$120 for the Carling/Kirkwood location and around \$90 for the Ottawa East location, but like most hotels, can fluctuate depending on the time of the reservation and when the reservation was made.

*Days Inn* – [www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

- Three locations: downtown Ottawa, Ottawa Airport and Ottawa West
- Amenities vary by location but can include free breakfasts, pool access, free Wi-Fi, cable TV
- Prices are, on average, around \$100, but like most hotels, can fluctuate greatly depending on the time of the reservation and when the reservation was made.





**NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK**

I. TRAVEL

WITHIN THE CITY

Metropolitan Transportation Authority – [www.new.mta.info/nyct](http://www.new.mta.info/nyct)

*New York City Subways and Bus, Staten Island Railway*

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Base Fare	\$2.50	Valid for subway and local bus Includes a transfer valid for two hours
Express Bus	\$6.00	Includes a transfer valid for two hours
7-Day Unlimited	\$30	An additional \$1 is charged for the purchase of a new MetroCard

*Long Island Rail Road*

Fares vary – [click here](#)

For a full list of all the available fares, please see the MTA website

*Taxis*

*Yellow Cab NYC* – 1-800-609-8731 or [www.yellowcabnyc.com](http://www.yellowcabnyc.com)

Governed by the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Entry	\$2.50	
For each 1/5 mile at 6+ mph or 60 seconds when at 0-6 mph	\$0.50	
Night Charge	\$0.50	In effect from 8 PM – 6 AM
Peak Hour Weekday Surcharge	\$1.00	In effect from 4 PM – 8 PM
NY State Tax	\$0.50	
Manhattan <-> JFK	\$52.00	Does not include tolls and tax



MONTREAL TO/FROM NEW YORK CITY

*Buses –*

<i>Lines</i>	<i>Costs</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<a href="#">Greyhound</a>	\$124 for round trip	Tickets seem to be fairly consistent
<a href="#">Adirondack, Pine Hill, New York Trailway</a>	US\$86.50 – one way US\$144.00 – Round trip	<a href="#">Click here for the schedule</a>

*Trains –*

Tickets – ~\$70

<i>Lines</i>	<i>Costs</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<a href="#">AmTrak</a>	~\$140 for round trip	Tickets seem to be fairly consistent

*Car Rentals*

Note: The minimum age for renting a car in Canada is 21 for most places.

Assuming that New York City is 600 km from Montreal and 12 km/L and \$1.40/L of gas, a round trip to and from New York will cost \$140.

<i>Company</i>	<i>Car Type</i>	<i>Cost</i>		<i>Surcharges</i>	<i>Notes</i>
		<i>Day</i>	<i>Week</i>		
<a href="#">Enterprise</a>	Economy	\$24.88	\$175.51	+\$28.70 +5.99 per day for the US  (+\$10 per day if under 25)	Unlimited kilometers within the rental province (Quebec) or 200 km per day or 1600 per week outside of the rental province. Any excess kilometers is charged at \$0.15 per kilometer.
	Compact	\$26.89	\$180.51		
	Minivan	\$49.89	\$249.45		
<a href="#">Hertz</a>	Compact	\$27.49	\$185.49	+\$38.63 (+\$15 per day if	Unlimited kilometers
	Midsize	\$29.49	\$195.49		



	Minivan	\$85.49	\$459.49	under 25)	
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For hotels –

[www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com)

Suggestions –

*Q4 Hostel*

- Close to the subway and other amenities
- Amenities include free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, common rooms, laundry facilities, lounges, etc.
- Rooms include 6-bed single sex dorms and a 4-bed male dorms
- Prices are around \$50 per person

*Paris Suites Hotel – [www.thelittleritzhotel.com](http://www.thelittleritzhotel.com)*

- Close to the airport and Central Train station as well as many other destinations
- Amenities include free local calling, free Wi-Fi, TV's, complimentary breakfasts, etc.
- The Queen Suite, which has two queen beds, is at \$150 per night from Sundays to Thursdays and \$170 per night on Fridays and Saturdays

*Crowne Plaza Englewood – [www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com)*

- Close to multiple airports and Midtown Manhattan. It is close to a direct bus line to NYC
- Amenities include free Internet, an indoor pool, laundry facilities
- Prices appear to range from \$120 to \$160 per night

**QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC**

I. TRAVEL

WITHIN THE CITY



Students' Society of McGill University

Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

Funding Committee

Office of the Vice-President (Finance & Operations)

Bureau du Vice-président (Finance et Opérations)

Réseau de transport de la Capitale – [www.rtcquebec.ca](http://www.rtcquebec.ca)

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Cost (each)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Cash Fare	\$3.00	Comes with transfers that are valid for one-way travel for two hours
General Tickets	\$2.75	Tickets are sold in packs of two Comes with transfers that are valid for one-way travel for two hours
One Day Pass	\$7.25	
Two Day Pass	\$13.00	
Unlimited 7 Day Pass	\$27.50	

\*\*Please note that OPUS card holders are eligible for the student rates

Taxis

Taxi Coop Quebec - [www.taxicoop-quebec.com](http://www.taxicoop-quebec.com) or (418) 525-5191

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Drop Charge	\$3.45	
Every Additional Kilometer	\$1.70	
Waiting Charge	\$0.63	Charged per minute
Airport to downtown	\$34.25	Flat Rate

MONTREAL TO/FROM QUEBEC CITY

Orleans Express – [www.oleansexpress.com](http://www.oleansexpress.com)

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Student Round Trip Tickets	\$77.26	Includes taxes  Price is valid for any of the departing buses, which run from 6 AM to 11 PM at least once within any given hour



Via Rail – [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca)

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Escape	\$50-60	Only online.  When bought early enough and, assumingly, on off-peak seasons, tickets could be as cheap as \$29.  Non-refundable
Economy	\$70	Refundable and exchangeable with a service charge of 25% of the fare.

*Car Rentals*

Note: The minimum age for renting a car in Canada is 21 for most places.

Assuming that Quebec City is 250 km from Montreal and 12 km/L and \$1.40/L of gas, a round trip to and from Quebec City will cost approximately \$60.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Car Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>		<b>Surcharges</b>	<b>Notes</b>
		<b>Day</b>	<b>Week</b>		
<a href="#"><u>Enterprise</u></a>	Economy	\$24.88	\$175.51	+\$28.70  (+\$10 per day if under 25)	Unlimited kilometers within the rental province (Quebec)
	Compact	\$26.89	\$180.51		
	Minivan	\$49.89	\$249.45		
<a href="#"><u>Hertz</u></a>	Compact	\$27.49	\$185.49	+\$38.63  (+\$15 per day if under 25)	Unlimited kilometers
	Midsize	\$29.49	\$195.49		
	Minivan	\$85.49	\$459.49		

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[www.hostelbookers.com](http://www.hostelbookers.com)

For hotels –

[www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com)

[www.canadianhotelguide.com](http://www.canadianhotelguide.com)

Suggestions –

Auberge de la Paix – [www.aubergedelapaix.com](http://www.aubergedelapaix.com)

- Located in Old Quebec
- Paid parking nearby at a rate of \$14 for 24 hours.
- Amenities include a kitchen, lockers and Wi-Fi.
- Beds are available at \$28 per person per night. For private rooms, during the high season, a 1 or 2 person room is \$75 per night while a 3-person room is \$96 per night. During the low season, a 1-person, 2-person or 3-person rooms are \$45, \$72 or \$85, respectively.

Hotel du Nord – [www.hoteldunord.qc.ca](http://www.hoteldunord.qc.ca)

- Located in downtown Quebec City close to the Convention center, train and bus stations and other popular destinations
- Amenities include free continental breakfasts, parking, Wi-Fi, as well as laundry services, phone access and taxi service. Room amenities also vary depending on the type of room.
- Prices vary depending on the season but appears to be approximately \$110-150/night during the peak seasons and \$80-120/night during off-peak seasons.

## TROIS RIVIERES, QUEBEC

### I. TRAVEL

#### WITHIN THE CITY

Societe de Transport de Trois-Rivieres – [www.sttr.qc.ca](http://www.sttr.qc.ca)

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Cash Fare	\$3.10	
10-Ticket Booklet	\$31.00	
One Day Pass	\$8.90	



*Taxis*

Information about taxi rates currently unavailable.

*Taxi Elite* – (819) 374-4422

*Taxi-Mercure* – (819) 380-7783

MONTREAL TO/FROM TROIS-RIVIERES

*Orleans Express* – [www.oleansexpress.com](http://www.oleansexpress.com)

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Student Round Trip Tickets	\$46.86	Includes taxes  The price is valid for any of the departing buses. Buses run from 6:00 AM to 10:30 PM every few hours.

*Car Rentals*

Note: The minimum age for renting a car in Canada is 21 for most places.

Assuming that Trois Rivières is 140 km from Montreal and 12 km/L and \$1.40/L of gas, a round trip to and from Trois Rivières will cost approximately \$32.67.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Car Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>		<b>Surcharges</b>	<b>Notes</b>
		<b>Day</b>	<b>Week</b>		
<a href="#">Enterprise</a>	Economy	\$24.88	\$175.51	+\$28.70 (+\$10 per day if under 25)	Unlimited kilometers within the rental province (Quebec)
	Compact	\$26.89	\$180.51		
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<a href="#">Hertz</a>	Compact	\$27.49	\$185.49	+\$38.63	Unlimited



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[www.canadianhotelguide.com](http://www.canadianhotelguide.com)

Suggestions –

Hotel L'Urbania – [www.hotellurbania.com](http://www.hotellurbania.com)

- Located outside of, but close to, downtown Trois-Rivieres. It's a 10-minute drive to UQTR.
- Amenities include free Wi-Fi, cable TV and local calls, as well as free parking and breakfast.
- Prices appear to range from \$70 to \$120 per night. We recommend booking the rooms from the websites provided from tripadvisor.ca (e.g., Expedia).

## HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

I. TRAVEL

WITHIN THE CITY

Metro Transit – [www.halifax.ca/metrotransit](http://www.halifax.ca/metrotransit)

<b>Fare</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Cash Base Fare	\$2.25	Access to the Ferry and the conventional transit system.  Fare includes a transfer valid for 90 minutes in any direction (i.e., return trips are permitted)
10-Ticket Pack	\$18.00	Access to the Ferry and the





		conventional transit system. Fare includes a transfer valid for 90 minutes in any direction (i.e., return trips are permitted)
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Access to the MetroLink, which are the express routes operated by Metro Transit, can be obtained with a ticket, transfer or cash fare by adding \$0.50

Access to the MetroX, which are the rural express routes operated by Metro Transit, such as to the airport, can be obtained with a ticket, transfer or cash fare by adding \$1.00

*Taxis*

Atlas Halifax Airport Taxi Service – [www.atlastaxilimo.ca](http://www.atlastaxilimo.ca) or 1-902-877-0087

Casino Taxi – [www.casinotaxi.ns.ca](http://www.casinotaxi.ns.ca) or (902) 429-6666 or (902) 425-6666

Armdale Taxi – (902) 455-1525

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Drop charge	\$3.20
Every 76.7 meters	\$0.13
Each additional passenger in excess of four	\$0.70
Each article/baggage handled by the driver	\$0.10

While taxi services charge a flat rate to the airport from Halifax, the amount varies and in some cases, this cost varies depending on which part of Halifax you are headed to. So far, the lowest rate found for from the airport to downtown Halifax is \$55 while the lowest rate for downtown Halifax to the airport is \$50.

MONTREAL TO/FROM HALIFAX

*Flights*

Please note that flight costs can vary greatly depending on a variety of factors. With that said, a few Google searches came up with some “tips” on the best times to get tickets:

- Usually, the best days to fly are Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Flights are generally cheaper during the “off” hours, such as red eye and early morning flights.
- It is suggested that tickets be purchased about 7 weeks in advance.
- It is also suggested that the “best” times to buy tickets are on Tuesday or the weekends.



There are many travel websites that could aid you in your search for cheap tickets, and a few of such sites are listed below –

- Expedia – [www.expedia.ca](http://www.expedia.ca)
- CheapoAir – [www.cheapoair.ca](http://www.cheapoair.ca)
- Itravel2000 – [www.itravel2000.ca](http://www.itravel2000.ca)

Round trip flights to Halifax can be found for as low as \$340. Airlines with service between Montreal and Halifax are WestJet, Air Canada and Porter Airlines.

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Assuming that Halifax is 1250 km from Montreal and 12 km/L and \$1.40/L of gas, a round trip to and from Halifax will cost \$291.67.

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		Day	Week		
<a href="#">Hertz</a>	Compact	\$27.49	\$185.49	+\$38.63 (+\$15 per day if under 25)	Unlimited kilometers
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- [www.canadianhotelguide.com](http://www.canadianhotelguide.com)

Suggestions –

*Halifax Backpackers* – [www.halifaxbackpackers.com](http://www.halifaxbackpackers.com)

- Located just north of downtown Halifax and close to the public transit



- Amenities include free Wi-Fi, free linens, lockers and luggage storage.
- Private and dormitory-style rooms offered
- Rates are the lowest in Halifax at \$22.22 per person per night

**MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK**

*I. TRAVEL*

WITHIN THE CITY

Codiac Transpo – [www.codiactranspo.ca](http://www.codiactranspo.ca)

Note: All buses are equipped with free Wi-Fi

<b>Fares</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Cash Fare	\$2.25	Transfers could be requested at a transfer point on the first connecting bus. Transfers issued are good for one continuous trip.
10-Trip Pass	\$19.00	Transfers could be requested at a transfer point on the first connecting bus. Transfers issued are good for one continuous trip.
20-Trip Pass	\$37.00	Transfers could be requested at a transfer point on the first connecting bus. Transfers issued are good for one continuous trip.

*Taxis*

All Star Cab Services – 224-0280 or [www.allstarcabservices.com](http://www.allstarcabservices.com)

White Cab – 857-3000

Air Cab – 857-2000

Moncton does not appear to regulate its cab fares. However, an estimate is given below –

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Drop charge	\$3.20
Every additional kilometer	\$1.70



Additionally, AllStar Cab Services is offering a flat rate to the airport as follows –

<i>Area</i>	<i>Charge</i>
Evergreen	\$30
Downtown	\$18
Lower Coverdale	\$27
Upper Coverdale	\$28
Melanson Drive Area, Dieppe	\$23

#### MONTREAL TO/FROM MONCTON

##### *Flights*

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Round trip flights to and from Moncton could be found for as low as \$390. Airlines with service between Moncton and Montreal are WestJet, Porter Airlines and Air Canada.

##### *Car Rentals*

Note: The minimum age for renting a car in Canada is 21 for most places.



Assuming that Moncton is 1000 km from Montreal and 12 km/L and \$1.40/L of gas, a round trip to and from Moncton will cost \$233.33.

Company	Car Type	Cost		Surcharges	Notes
		Day	Week		
<a href="#">Hertz</a>	Compact	\$27.49	\$185.49	+\$38.63 (+\$15 per day if under 25)	Unlimited kilometers
	Midsize	\$29.49	\$195.49		
	Minivan	\$85.49	\$459.49		

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Suggestions –

*Midtown Motel & Suites*

- Centrally located in downtown Moncton, close to the University of Moncton and the Moncton International Airport
- Rooms are equipped with free Wi-Fi, cable TV and kitchenettes among other amenities. Free parking is also provided.
- Rates vary from approximately \$90 to \$120 for a room with two queen beds.

*C'mon Inn Hostel* – [www.monctonhostel.ca](http://www.monctonhostel.ca)

- Centrally located, close to downtown Moncton and the University of Moncton
- Amenities include, but are not limited to, free Wi-Fi, a fully equipped kitchen, laundry facilities, lockers and free parking.
- Private rooms that can accommodate 2 to 3 people, as well as females and mixed dorms are available.
- Prices are approximately within the range of \$25-35 per person per night.



## VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

### I. TRAVEL

#### WITHIN THE CITY

TransLink – [www.translink.ca](http://www.translink.ca)

Vancouver's public transit system, TransLink, is an integrated transport system consisting of buses, a rapid transit system known as the SkyTrain and a passenger ferry known as the SeaBus. TransLink also allows for travel to nearby municipalities, such as Richmond and Burnaby.

TransLink divides its coverage area into three "zones": Zone 1 covers the city of Vancouver, while Zone 2 covers the areas immediately adjacent to Vancouver like Richmond, Burnaby and North Vancouver. Lastly, Zone 3 covers the region beyond Zone 2, including Coquitlam and Surrey. For more information, please [click here](#).

Because of the different zones, fares can vary depending on how many zones are accessed.

Additionally, fares are valid for 90 minutes with no restrictions on direction.

#### Cash Fares

During the weekdays from the start of service to 6:30 PM, the fares are as follows

<i>Number of Zones Accessed</i>	<i>Fare</i>
1 Zone	\$2.75
2 Zones	\$4.00
3 Zones	\$5.50

After 6:30 PM on weekdays and during the weekend and holidays, the fare is \$2.75, regardless of the number of zones accessed.

#### FareSaver Tickets – book of 10 TransLink tickets

<i>Number of Zones Accessed</i>	<i>FareSaver Tickets</i>
1 Zone	\$21.00
2 Zones	\$31.50
3 Zones	\$42.00



Note: It is possible to “upgrade” the tickets on the bus or at a SkyTrain or SeaBus vending machine with a proof of payment transfer according to the following table

Current Ticket	AddFare to Travel...	
	2 Zones	3 Zones
1 Zone	\$1.25	\$2.75
2 Zone		\$1.50

DayPass - \$9.75

These are valid for unlimited use on all buses, SkyTrain and SeaBus for one day from the start of service to the end of the service day. They are valid across all zones.

*Taxis*

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Vancouver Taxi – (604) 871-1111 or [www.avancouvertaxi.com](http://www.avancouvertaxi.com)

Taxicab rates in the lower mainland is regulated by the Passenger Transportation Board.

Charge	Cost
Drop Charge with Tax	\$3.20
Each additional 54.44 meters or 10.95 seconds with Tax	\$0.10

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Suggestions –

*Best Western Downtown* – [www.bestwesterndowntown.com](http://www.bestwesterndowntown.com)

- Located downtown, close to amenities and the public transport. They also offer a complimentary shuttle service.
- There is a pretty good variety of room sizes, including rooms with two double beds or two queen beds.
- Room amenities include, but are not limited to, free Wi-Fi, small appliances in the room, free local calls and cable TV.
- Rooms can be found for as low as \$85 but could be around \$110 to 130 normally.