



Powell River lies along the shores of the Georgia Strait at the heart of the Malaspina Peninsula. A deep inlet separates the area from the rest of the British Columbia mainland, resulting in a rare unspoiled natural beauty. From Vancouver follow the Sunshine Coast route for 145 km/90 miles. Complete your journey with a 50-minute ferry ride between Saltery Bay and Earl's Cove. The road, which runs along the coast from Saltery Bay in the south to Lund in the north, is the northernmost portion of Highway 101, the world's longest highway, which begins 14,880 miles/24,000 km to Quellon at the south end of Chile.

Transportation

Powell River is a community that relies on air and water for passengers as well as cargo. The community has developed an efficient transportation system that caters to its residents and visitors, as well as the logistical needs of the goods being shipping in and out of the community. Within the community you will find reliable public transportation, friendly taxi services as well as water taxi, and other transportation means.

Distance to Major Centres	
Vancouver	172 km
Victoria	258 km
Seattle	398 km
Portland	677 km
Calgary	1,141 km



Vehicle/Ferry

Powell River is located 172 kilometres from Vancouver and travellers will need to utilize the BC Ferry system. From Horseshoe Bay, take the ferry to Langdale and continue up the coast to the second ferry from Earls Cove to Saltery Bay to arrive at the Upper Sunshine Coast. The length of trip from downtown Vancouver to Powell River is approximately 5.5 hours. From Vancouver Island, travellers will take the ferry from Comox to Powell River, a scenic 80-minute crossing of the Strait of Georgia. Both trips offer the traveller opportunities for outstanding scenery and views of coastal mountains and wild marine life.

Major Roadways serving Powell River

Highway 101 is the longest continuous highway in the world, running from Southern British Columbia to South America (Peru, Chile). Hwy 101 (Highway Code 19) is a provincial highway running north/south and connects Powell River with Vancouver.



Air Service

Pacific Coastal Airlines offers daily direct flights from Powell River’s Municipal Airport to Vancouver International Airport’s South Terminal. Flight time is 25-minutes and shuttle service is provided to connect travellers to domestic and international flights at Vancouver’s main terminal.

Across the Strait of Georgia the Comox Valley Airport is serviced by major airlines including Air Canada and WestJet. Daily flights to Vancouver and Calgary are offered daily. Access to the Comox Airport is provided by the BC Ferries and is an 80-minute crossing.

Powell River Municipal Airport

Hub Status	Commercial
Hours of Operation	6am – 9:30pm Mon-Fri; 6am – 7:30pm Sat-Sun
Number of Runways	1
Runway Length	3,627 feet/1,106 metres
Air Carrier Companies	Pacific Coastal Airlines
Helicopter Pad	Land on apron
Helicopter Companies	Oceanview Helicopters
Flights to Largest Cities Services: Vancouver	Mon – Fri: 4 return flights Sat – Sun: 3 return flights

Comox Valley Airport

Hub Status	Commercial
Hours of Operation	5:30am – 11:00 pm
Number of Runways	2
Runway Length	10,000 feet/3,048 metres 5,000 feet/1,524 metres
Air Carrier Companies	Air Canada, Central Mountain Air, Pacific Coastal Airlines, Transat Holidays, Westjet
Helicopter Pad	Yes
Helicopter Companies	Oceanview Helicopters
Flights to Largest Cities Services: Vancouver	Mon – Fri: 4 return flights Sat – Sun: 3 return flights



Courier Services

Powell River is home to courier companies that offer many services to the area. Courier services are offered by the following handlers: DHL, Federal Express, Purolator, UPS Canada.

Ports

Powell River is close to two major ports, making importing and exporting goods relatively easy. Port Metro Vancouver, the largest and busiest port in Canada, is easily accessed from Powell River. The Port's jurisdiction covers nearly 600 kilometres of shoreline and extends from Point Roberts at the Canada/U.S. board up through the Fraser River. The Port is the most diversified in North America, with 28-deep-sea marine cargo terminals, 2 international cruise terminals and several domestic intermodal short sea shipping terminals.



Closest Custom Port of Entry	Comox Valley Airport
Type of Entry Point	Airport
Location	1250 Knight Road, Comox, BC
Services Available	Designated for CANPASS permit holders

Closest Port	Port of Powell River – Barge Terminal
Location/City	Powell River – Catalyst Harbour
Type of Port	Ocean
Turning Basin	Unlimited
Shallow Water Barging Facilities	Yes
Deep Water Barging Facilities	Yes
General Cargo Facilities	Yes
Containerized Facilities	No
Storage Facilities	Yes
Highways Serving Port	#101
Railways Serving Port	No rail service available

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