

Magic the Gathering Judge Guide to Grand Prix Vancouver



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The Gathering
**GRAND PRIX
VANCOUVER BC**

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Welcome to Vancouver! Bienvenue de Vancouver!

Venue:

Vancouver Convention Centre
1055 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC

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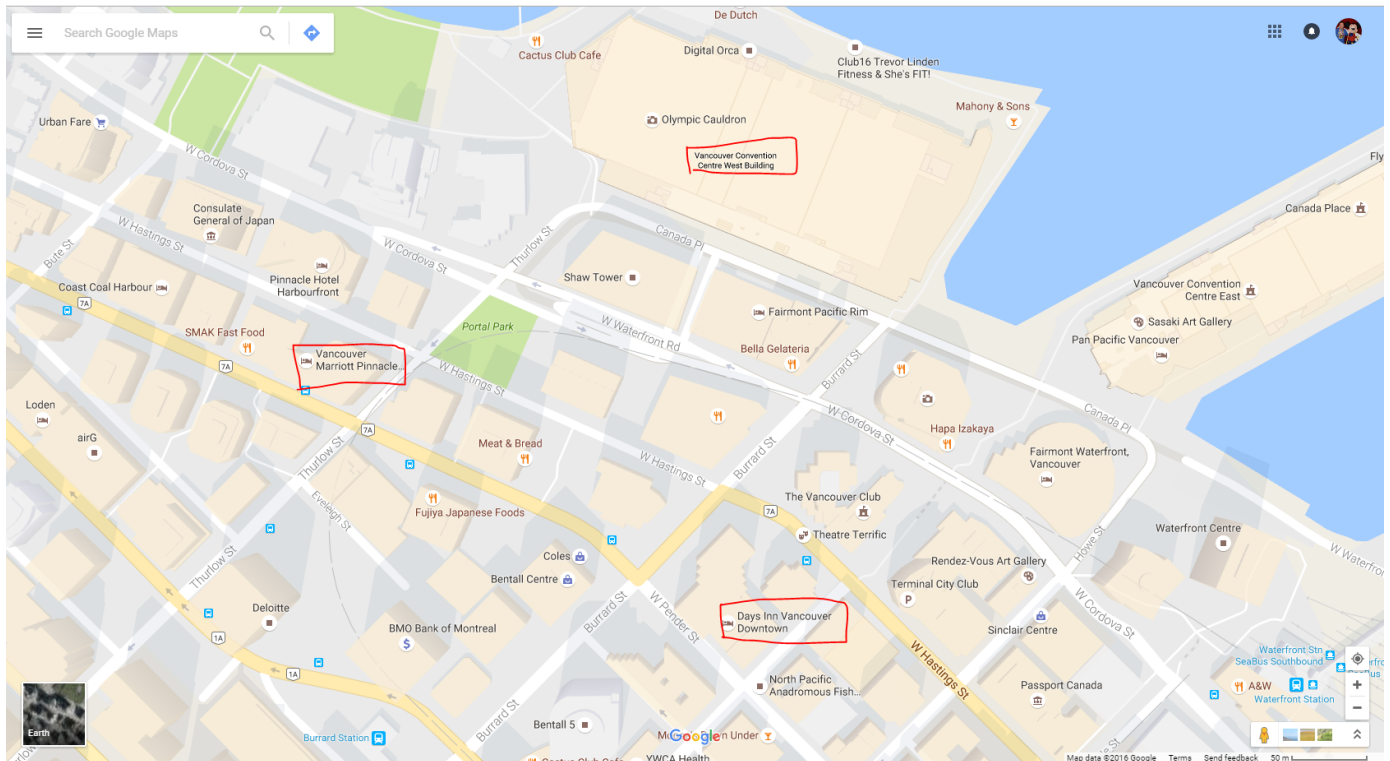
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Airfare Discounts:

Magic Judges flying to Vancouver can receive a discount flying Via Air Canada. Please contact me for additional details. (theopsmanatmaildotcom)

Judge Hotels

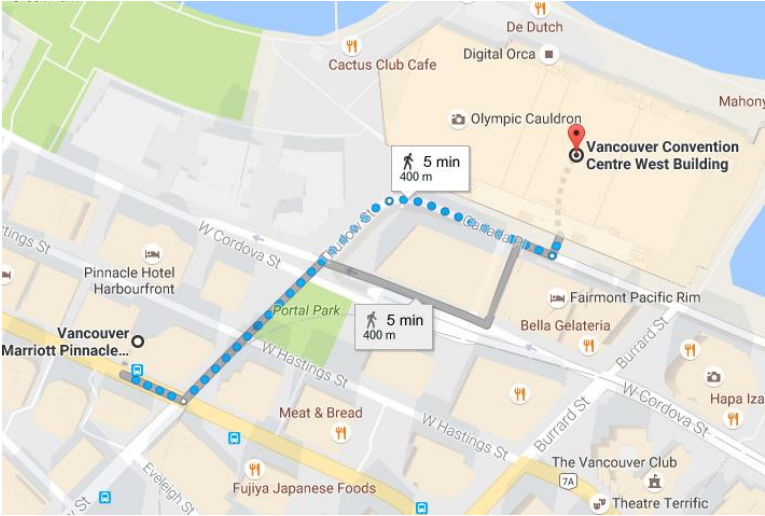
Both hotels are in relative walking distance from the Venue



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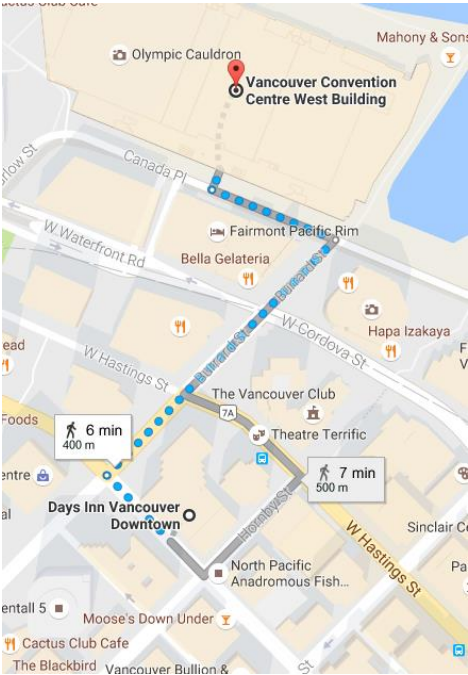
Marriott Pinnacle Hotel

1128 West Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6E 4R5
\$139/Night



Days Inn Vancouver Downtown

921 W Pender St, Vancouver, BC V6C 1M2
\$82/Night Double Occupancy



Transportation:

How to get to the hotel:

There are 3 ways to get to the hotel from the airport: Transit, Taxi, Rental Vehicle. Unfortunately there is no Uber in the Province of BC.

Airport to Hotel:

Transit- Fare \$9 peak (If you have a Compass Card* the value of the trip is \$8.15)- Trip time 30 mins.

*Compass is a reloadable fare card that works everywhere on transit in Metro Vancouver. It's convenient, easy to use, safe and secure. Now you can load fare products onto one card and tap your way across the system.

- 1) Take the Canada Line Skytrain from YVR/Airport Station to Waterfront Station (2 zones - red button).
- 2) Exit Waterfront Station via the Granville Street exit.

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- 3) Walk north to the intersection of Granville and Hastings.
- 4) Turn left on Hastings and walk 4 blocks to Thurlow Street.
- 5) Marriott Pinnacle is on the corner of Hastings and Thurlow.

For Days Inn

- 3) Walk south towards Pender Street
- 4) Turn right onto Pender Street
- 5) Continue onto the Pender for 2 blocks
- 6) Days Inn will be on the right side

Car/Taxi- Taxi fare ~\$35

- 1) Leave YVR via Grant McConachie Way and follow it over the Arthur Laing Bridge where it will become Marine Drive (Highway 99).
- 2) After a short distance Marine Drive will dump you onto Granville Street (still Highway 99).
- 3) Keep following Granville, after about 8.5 miles (13.5 km) you'll arrive at the Granville Street Bridge.
- 4) On the far side of the bridge keep right and exit onto Seymour Street.
- 5) Follow Seymour Street about 9 blocks and turn left onto Pender Street.
- 6) Days Inn will be on the Right Side.
- 7) Marriott Pinnacle is on Pender on your right about 5 blocks from Seymour. Find a place to park.

Greyhound/Train Station to Hotel: -Transit- Fare \$2.75

- 1) Exit the terminal and cross the courtyard to Main Street/Science World Skytrain.
- 2) Take the train heading to Waterfront Station for 3 stops to Burrard Station.

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3) Exit Burrard Station to Burrard Street and turn left (north) on Burrard.

4) Walk 2 blocks down Burrard to Pender Street

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5) Turn left The Marriott Pinnacle is one block ahead on your right

Days Inn

5) Turn Right and Days Inn will be on the Left

Local Restaurants within Walking Distance

Storm Crow Tavern	1305 Commercial Drive	Gamer Bar/Restaurant
EXP Bar + Restaurant	309 West Pender	Gamer Bar/Restaurant
The Eatery	3431 West Broadway	Gamer Sushi Restaurant
La Belle Patate	1215 Davie Street	Quebecois Cuisine
Miku Restaurant	#70 200 Granville Street	Japanese Cuisine
Shizen Ya	985 Hornby Street	Japanese Cuisine
Kishimoto 2054	Commercial Drive	Japanese Cuisine
Japadog	various locations	Japanese-style Hotdog
Cloud 9	1400 Robson Fine Dining	Rotating Restaurant
Top of Vancouver	555 West Hastings Fine Dining	Rotating Restaurant
Ouisi Bistro	3014 Granville	Cajun Cuisine
Steamworks Brew Pub	375 Water Street Craft	Beer Pub
Gotham Steakhouse	615 Seymour High-end	Steakhouse
The Keg	688 Dunsmuir	Steakhouse
Moose's Down Under	830 West Pender	Australian Cuisine
Old Spaghetti Factory	53 Water Street	Pasta
La Casita	101 West Cordova	Mexican Cuisine
Al Porto	321 Water Street	Italian Fine Dining
Incendio	103 Columbia Street	Pizza & Pasta
Nicli Antica	62 East Cordova	Pizza
Rio	689 Denman	Brazilian Steakhouse
Stepho's Souvlaki	1124 Davie Street	Greek Cuisine
Tuc Craft Kitchen	60 West Cordova Pacific	Northwest Cuisine
The Reef	1018 Commercial Drive	Caribbean Cuisine
Irish Heather	212 Carrall Street	Irish Cuisine
Afghan Horseman	1833 Anderson Street	Afghani Cuisine
To Dine For Eatery	333 Terminal Avenue	Burgers

If you have a vehicle:

Richmond is one of the best areas to get Chinese Food.

Things to do while in Vancouver

Shopping:

If you desire to go shopping Vancouver area has various shopping areas. There is an outlet mall near the airport that is accessible by Canada Line. There is another Outlet mall in Tsawwassen which is a bit bigger than the one at the airport. There is also an outlet near Seattle in Washington State, ensure you have your passport, and are allowed to go into the US.

Shopping on Robson Street and Granville Street are also another option.

Local Vancouver malls include Oakridge Mall, MetroTown in Burnaby.

Things to do while in Town

There are a few escape rooms within walking distance of the hotel.

<http://www.guesshq.com/>

<http://smartypantz.ca/>

<http://www.gofindandseek.com/>

The Vancouver Canucks will be playing on Saturday (Calgary Flames) and Sunday (Philadelphia Flyers). If interested please visit this site http://tickets.canucks.com/?cfc=tix_box

Skiing in Whistler

<https://www.whistlerblackcomb.com/>

Skiing at Grouse Mountain

<https://www.grousemountain.com/ski-board-tickets>

Stanley Park Aquarium

<https://www.vanaqua.org/>

Nightlife on Granville Street

Movie at Scotiabank Theatre

<http://www.cineplex.com/Theatre/scotiabank-theatre-vancouver>

Food Tours

<http://www.vancouverfoodtour.com/>

<http://tastevancouverfoodtours.com/>

Granville Island

<http://granvilleisland.com/>

Steam Clock Tower in GasTown

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steam_clock

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Visit Lonsdale Quay by taking the Seabus from Waterfront Station.

<http://lonsdalequay.com/>

Take in marijuana culture at the Amsterdam Cafe.

<https://newamsterdamcafe.com/>

Tour a movie or TV studio in Hollywood North.

Visit the Rainbow Crosswalks

<http://604now.com/2016/06/16/rainbow-crosswalk-british-columbia/>

Visit the TRIUMF particle collider site

<http://www.triumf.ca/>

Visit Electronic Arts game development studio in Burnaby.

<http://www2.ea.com/locations/vancouver>

Check out the Vancouver Police Museum.

<http://vancouverpolicemuseum.ca/>

Watch a burlesque/boylesque performance. Vancouver has a few locations that cater to that taste.

Take a trip out of town to the wilderness. Vancouver is nestled in a paradise.

Visit the VanDusen botanical garden or the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese garden.

<http://www.vandusengarden.org/>

<http://vancouverchinesegarden.com/>

Take the ferry over to Vancouver Island and visit Victoria.

Steveston Pier

<http://www.steveston.bc.ca/>

Gaming Shops

Golden Age Collectibles

<http://gacvan.com/>

852 Granville Street

Magic Stronghold

<http://www.magicstronghold.com/>

3665 Kingsway #185

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Drexoll Games

<http://drexollgames.blogspot.ca/>

103-2880 West 4th Ave

Connections Games

<http://theconnectiongames.com/>

2945 Renfrew St.

One Stop

<http://onestopshopstore.crystalcommerce.com/>

1069-88 West Pender Street

General Info

Police / Fire / Ambulance: Dial 911.

Parking meters are in effect 9am-10pm every day.

Car towed? City Impound Yard, 425 Industrial Ave. (604) 685-8181

Tipping Yes – Around 10% - 15%

Provincial Sales Tax: 7% Federal Sales Tax: 5%

Credits: Todd Bussey's GP Vancouver Guide from 2016