

ARRIVE EARLY

Plan your trip so that you're at the venue well before the scheduled start of the event. Gates open **one to two hours** before the start of competition at city and Whistler venues. Gates open **four hours** prior to the start of the Opening Ceremony, **three hours** prior to the start of the Closing Ceremony and **two hours** prior to the start of the Victory Ceremonies.

TRAVELLING TO VENUES

In Metro Vancouver, public transit is the best way to go. If you're heading to Whistler, options include commercial motorcoach and rideshare/carpool. Parking for spectators is at the Whistler Paralympic Park spectator parking lots (see map on [page 45](#)).

DRESS APPROPRIATELY

Dress for cold and wet weather — warmly, in layers and in waterproof clothing. Remember to wear suitable footwear as you may have to walk on uneven, snowy or icy surfaces.

HAVE YOUR TICKETS READY

Be sure to have your tickets with you as you must have a valid ticket to enter a venue. Treat your tickets like cash; lost or stolen tickets will not be replaced or refunded.



PREPARE FOR THE SECURITY SCREENING

Avoid taking large bags to the venues. If you are unsure of what you can and cannot bring with you, check the prohibited and restricted items list on [page 26](#).

YOUR PAYMENT OPTIONS

Visa cards and cash are the only methods of payment accepted at Paralympic venues.

ACCESSIBILITY

All venues have been reviewed for accessibility. If you have a specific need, see the nearest staff member for assistance.

BE INFORMED

At the venue, look for wayfinding signage, listen to announcements and read the message boards — this will provide you with the information you need to make the most of your experience. Is there still something you need to know? Don't hesitate to visit our information booths located at each venue.



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OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

Opening and Closing Ceremonies are unique, large-scale celebrations capturing the spirit and personality of our city, province and country, and are a celebration of the world's greatest athletes.

The Paralympic Winter Games Opening Ceremony will take place at Vancouver's BC Place on March 12, 2010. The Closing Ceremony will be held on March 21, 2010 in Whistler at Whistler Medals Plaza.



VICTORY CEREMONIES

When the athletes step up to the podium to receive their medals at the Victory Ceremonies, be there to share in their excitement. At Whistler Medals Plaza, each evening begins with the awarding of the medals, followed by a concert honouring the medallists.



PARALYMPIC SPORTS IN VANCOUVER

Victory Ceremonies for wheelchair curling and ice sledge hockey will be held in the venue immediately following the competition.

VICTORY CEREMONY SCHEDULE AT WHISTLER MEDALS PLAZA

- 18:30:** Pre-show
- 19:00:** Medals presentation
- 19:30:** Live concert*

PARALYMPIC SPORTS IN WHISTLER

From March 13 to March 18, Victory Ceremonies for alpine skiing, biathlon and cross-country skiing will be held nightly at Whistler Medals Plaza. On March 19 and 20, due to the staging of the Paralympic Closing Ceremony in the Plaza, Victory Ceremonies will be presented in the venues.

Tip Visit [vancouver ~ .com](http://vancouver2010.com) for more information.

*Start time will vary depending on the number of medals being presented.

CULTURAL OLYMPIAD

WHAT IS THE CULTURAL OLYMPIAD?

Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad, presented by Bell, is inspired by culture's role as the second pillar of the Olympic Movement. Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad encompasses music, dance, theatre, visual arts, film, and literary, digital and new media events in venues throughout the Sea to Sky corridor.

WHEN IS IT?

Cultural Olympiad 2010 kicks off 60 days of celebration on January 22, 2010 and continues through March 21, 2010.

WHAT'S ON?

With more than 600 free and ticketed performances and exhibitions by Canadian and international artists, there's something for everyone. Music and theatre fans can catch Laurie Anderson, Martha Wainwright and Jorane, Robert Lepage and *Juste pour rire 2010*. Classical music and opera lovers can take in Mahler's *Symphony of a Thousand* by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and Vancouver Opera's production of *Nixon in China*. And for a digital experience, connect to CODE, the Cultural Olympiad's digital edition.

DETAILS AND TICKET INFORMATION

Pick up your free copy of the *Cultural Olympiad 2010 Program Guide*, available at cultural venues and entertainment hotspots, Tourism Vancouver kiosks, community centres and public libraries throughout Metro Vancouver and the Sea to Sky corridor. Tickets to most events can be purchased online or at the venue. Many events are free, although some require a reservation. For complete details, use the Event Listings function on vancouver.com/culturalolympiad.

FOR FAMILIES

From interactive art workshops to enchanting theatre performances, families can enjoy a wide variety of cultural programming to entertain children of all ages.





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CULTURAL OLYMPIAD 2010

JANUARY 22 to MARCH 21

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CELEBRATION SITES



Enjoy broadcast coverage of Games competitions, sponsor showcasing, interactive pavilions, live performances, and recreational and cultural activities. Free, family-friendly environments, Celebration Sites offer you the opportunity to join in and celebrate the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games at a variety of locations, as listed below.

LIVECITY DOWNTOWN

livecityvancouver.ca

WHAT Local, Canadian and international performing artists; special appearances by Olympians and Paralympians; giant screen showings of Paralympic events and highlights

WHERE Corner of Georgia Street and Beatty Street

WHEN March 12–21, 2010
from 11:00 to 24:00

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S ROBSON SQUARE CELEBRATION SITE

www.gov.bc.ca

WHAT Skating on Vancouver's only outdoor rink; multimedia displays and live television broadcasts

WHERE Robson Square
Robson Street between Hornby Street and Howe Street, downtown Vancouver

WHEN March 12–21, 2010
from 10:00 to 22:00

WHISTLER LIVE!

whistler.com/whistler-live

WHAT Music, dance, art, exhibitions and interactive celebrations for all ages

WHERE Whistler Village Stroll

WHEN March 12–21, 2010,
from 09:00 to 23:00

