

Arrivals

- Travel arrangements must be made to Victoria** — Acceptable arrival locations include the Victoria International Airport (YYJ), the Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal, the Victoria Bus Terminal, the University of Victoria, a Victoria hotel, or a hostel. Hosts can not pick up students at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR).
- Flight Details must match the Program Arrival date** — Your students must arrive on the program’s scheduled arrival date for host pickup. Groups should arrive between 8:00am and 10:00pm. Hosts are not required to pick up arriving students before 8:00am or after 10:00pm at any location.
- Early Arrivals** — If your students are arriving earlier than the program arrival date, alternate accommodation must be booked for them until the program arrival date. Hosts can then pick up the students at their accommodation at their check-out time, on the program’s established arrival date.
- Late Arrivals** — If your students are arriving later than the program arrival date, a bus will need to be booked to bring them from the Airport to the University of Victoria campus where hosts will pick up the students after 5:00pm. Homestay staff will be present to welcome the students and facilitate the meeting between host and student.

The ELC can help with YYJ—UVic bus booking, and require advance notice of bus booking requirements to do so. We can not help with YVR-UVic bookings. Bus drop off location for late arrivals is the University Centre at UVic.
- On the Day of Arrival** — Hosts will meet your students at the arrival location, and will hold up a sign with your student’s name on it. Homestay staff will also be present at group arrivals if numbers are 10 or greater.

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Departures

- Travel arrangements must be made from Victoria** — Acceptable departure locations include the Victoria International Airport (YYJ), the Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal, the Victoria Bus Terminal, the University of Victoria, a Victoria hotel, or a hostel. Hosts can not drop off students at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR).
- Departure Details must match the Program Departure date** — Your students must depart on the program’s scheduled departure date for host drop off. Hosts are not required to drop off students before 6:00am or after 10:00pm at any location on the departure date. If your students are departing later than the program departure date, alternate accommodation must be booked for them for any nights beyond the program departure date.
- Early Departures** — If your students are departing earlier than the program departure date and on a weekday, students must be prepared to arrange and pay for ground transportation to the departure location.
- Flight Time** — If your students are booked to depart on a flight that would require drop off outside of the hours above (before 6:00am), alternate accommodations will need to be made for the students’ last night in Victoria and/or alternate transportation to the airport for their early morning check in for their flight. Hosts would deliver their student to the partner-arranged accommodation after dinner on the night prior to departure. For very late departures on the scheduled program departure date, hosts will drop off no later than 10:00pm and students will need to wait at the airport for their flight departure time, or book alternate transportation.