



Elevated monorail at Expo 86.

panoramic view of the exposition, and by an intra-site ferry service, stopping every few hundred metres along the shore. Backing this up are two skyride transportation systems, the Air Canada and Canadian Pacific gondolas, serving each end of the site.

Between the main site and Canada Place, visitors will be able to travel on a new electrically powered light-rail transit system developed in Canada. Or they may choose to travel by water *via* a speeding hydrofoil or hovercraft, as part of the Expo 86 intersite ferry system.

The transportation and communications theme of Expo 86 will also be emphasised by the inauguration of the Vancouver Regional Rapid Transit (VRRT). It will eventually connect downtown Vancouver with all its suburbs.

Special events

Throughout the 5½-month-long Expo 86, there will be races, regattas and rodeos, plus a variety of showcase events. Visitors will enjoy musical spectacles, film and theatre festivals, arts and science exhibits, folk fairs and sporting events.

As an examples, the 'World Festival' will be an international showcase for the performing arts, covering theatre, dance, music, opera, popular entertainment, folk music, crafts and the visual arts. It will be just one of the special events (see separate article on World Festival).

Among the events that are scheduled are:

RCMP Musical Ride	May 2 — Oct 13
Water-Ski Show	May 2 — Oct 13
Ship Construction	May 2 — Oct 13
Aircraft Construction	May 2 — Oct 13
Steam Expo	May 23 — Jun 1
DC-3 AIRMADA	Jun 7
International Tattoo	Jun 28 — Jul 5
Vintage Car Rally	Jul 6 — Jul 10
Innovative Vehicle Design	
Competition	Jul 14 — Jul 19
Tall Ships	Jul 26 — Jul 31
International Air Show	Aug 8 — Aug 10
Motorcycle Thrill Team	(no dates available)

Ticket prices

Tickets to Expo 86 will be available on a season pass, a three-day pass and a one-day ticket basis.

The single-day ticket will cost \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (ages 6-12). Children under five may enter free.

A three-day pass will cost \$45 per adult and \$22.50 per child. Again, children under five will be free.

Included in the admission price is entrance to the more than 80 pavilions, all displays, specialised demonstrations and most on-site entertainment.

Unlimited use of the monorail, cable skyways and intra-site ferries is also included, as is transportation by the new regional rapid transit system between the main site and Canada Place. ♣

World Festival celebrates international performing arts

Among the many attractions at Expo 86 will be the 'World Festival', the largest international celebration of the performing arts that Canada has seen since Expo 67. Below is a partial list of scheduled events, indicating the quality and range that visitors to Expo 86 can expect to enjoy.

- Leningrad's legendary Kirov ballet will make its first North American appearance in more than two decades at Expo 86. The Kirov will present *Swan Lake* and a new ballet, *The Knight in the Tiger's Skin*, choreographed by the company's artistic director Oleg Vinogradov.
- Great Britain's Royal Ballet will perform Sir Kenneth MacMillan's *Romeo and Juliet* and the North American premiere of his *Le Baiser de la Fee*; Sir Frederick Ashton's *A Month in the Country*; and a world premiere by David Bintley.
- The Vancouver Symphony will present five events, including soprano Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and mezzo soprano Dame Janet Baker with Maestro Rudolf Barshai conducting both concerts. Later concerts, conducted respectively by Kazuyoshi Akiyama and Gerard Schwarz, will feature trumpet virtuoso Maurice Andre and the French piano duo of Katia and Merielle Labeque.
- The VSO will also perform a concert of contemporary music.
- The Vancouver Opera Association will present Bizet's *Carmen*, with Canadian mezzo soprano Jean Stilwell in the title role.
- The Philadelphia Orchestra, conducted by Riccardo Muti, will give two performances.
- The World Drum Festival, under the artistic direction of percussionist John Wyre, will be held in the second half of July.
- The Ballet Gala will spotlight three world-renowned Canadian ballet companies. Montreal's Les Grands Ballets Canadiens will offer a new work by James Kudelka. The National Ballet, Canada's largest dance company, will present the world premiere of a work by choreographer Helgi Tomasson. And the Royal Winnipeg Ballet will present another world premiere by Canadian choreographer Sandra Neels.
- Five choreographers have received commissions for new works to be premiered during Dance in Canada.
- And the Vancouver Playhouse, BC's oldest and largest professional theatre company, has commissioned *Lysistrata 86* (working title), a musical by Canadian playwright Sharon Pollock with music by Bruce Ruddell. ♣