



Explore Calgary

Calgary is a vibrant city that combines the best of all worlds. It's cosmopolitan but casual; outdoorsy, but urban. There's more than enough to keep its population of over 1.1 million people busy year round. "The Heart of the New West", Calgary is a city in the province of Alberta, Canada. It is located approximately 80 km east of the Canadian Rockies. Boasting friendly people, safe districts, gorgeous scenery and entertaining nightlife, Calgary has something to offer any and all prospective visitors.

Attractions



You'll find cultural attractions, festivals, restaurants, live performances, specialty shops and trendy nightspots. Calgary's wide-open blue skies and moderate climate beckons year-round outdoor enthusiasts with activities ranging from golf to skateboarding, and from fishing to skiing. There are many attractions; the Glenbow Museum, the Calgary Tower, Olympic Plaza, Stephen Avenue, the Art Gallery of Calgary, Military Museum and the EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts. Other major city attractions include Heritage Park Historical Village, Canada Olympic Park and a number of large shopping complexes in the city.



Climate

Calgary has a dry climate and has more days of sunshine per year than any other Canadian city. Calgary's winters can be very cold, but warm, dry Chinook winds routinely blow into the city from over the Rocky Mountains during the winter months which give Calgaryans a break from the cold. These Chinook winds raise the winter temperature by up to 20 °C in just a few hours, and may last several days.



Festivals in Calgary

Festivals keep Calgarians hopping all year, with international events celebrating film, jazz, Shakespeare, the blues, theatre, folk music, wine and food, African culture and even the seasons. The Calgary Stampede is a 10-day celebration of Western pride and pioneer spirit. For 10 days in July, the Stampede takes over. Calgarians and visitors shine up their belt buckles and flock to the streets (and the midway) in search of pancake breakfasts, Stampede parties and delectable mini-doughnuts.



Spectacular Nature

Calgary is situated just outside the spectacular Rocky Mountains. The Rockies offer dazzling views, excellent opportunities for hiking and camping in the summer and some of the best skiing in the world during the winter season. And of course, there is the largest collection of dinosaur fossils in North America housed at the Royal Tyrell Museum in Drumheller, about an hour's drive away.

