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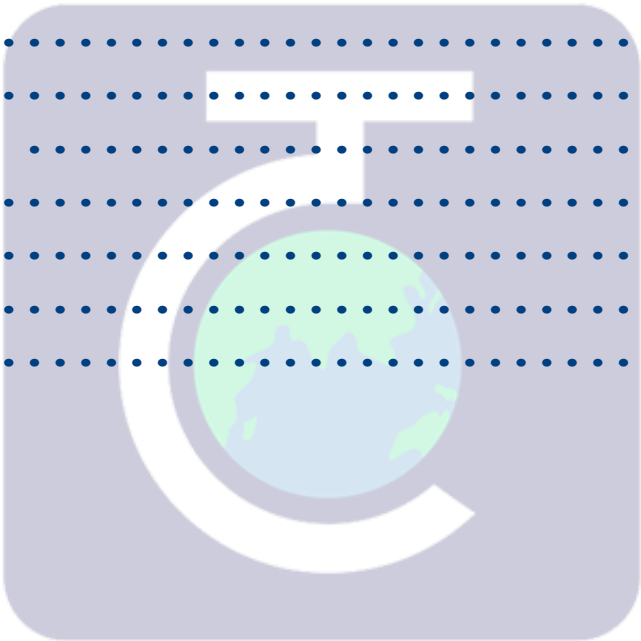
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1. Geographical location

Commonly known as the 'Cowtown', Calgary is the largest city in Alberta Province, Canada. It is situated at the southern side of the province specifically at the confluence of river Elbow and Bow River. This area is commonly referred to as the transition zone of Canadian Prairies and Canadian foothills. Being 3418 ft above sea level, Calgary City is approximately 50 miles (80km) east of the front parameters of Canadian Rockies and 250 km north of the American border.



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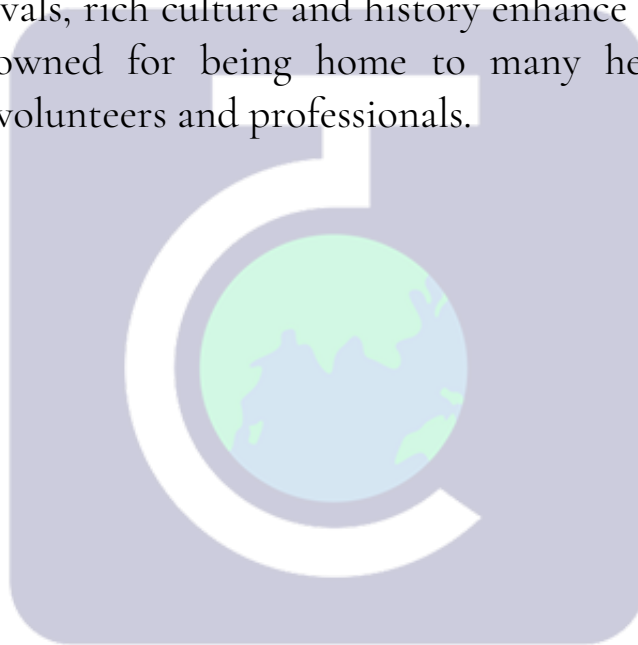
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Calgary Is Approximately 848 Sq. Km And Is Surrounded By Multiple Cities And Sub-urban Communities. It Neighbours Two Municipalities I.e. Rocky County View (9 Kilometres Away From Calgary) On The Northern Side And Municipal District Of Foothills (65.9 Kilometres Away From Calgary) In The South. Cochrane Town Is Located 18 Km North West Of Calgary, Airdrie Is Located 37 Km North Of Calgary, Okotoks Town Is 18 Km South Of Calgary And Carseland Is Situated 67.3 Km Away In The South-east Of Calgary. Other Nearby Towns Includes Banff (125 Kilometres Away From Calgary), Bassano (142 Kilometres Away From Calgary), Nanton (93 Kilometres Away From Calgary), Cremona (77.6 Kilometres Away From Calgary) And Many Others.



Index**3. Significance**

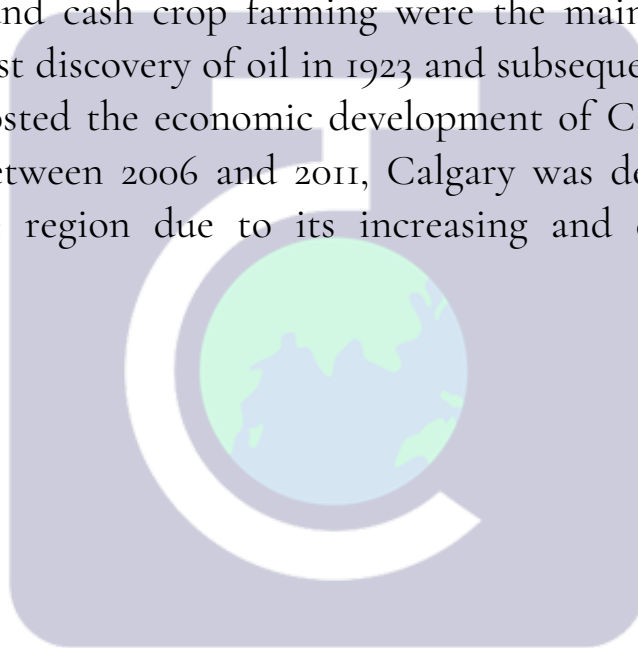
Calgary is designated as the financial stronghold of Western Canada. The city's economic significance is founded on expansive industrialization especially the oil and gas industry which is the highest income generator. The city is well blended with panoramic landscapes of the Rocky Mountains, thus becoming one of the best tourist destinations in Alberta. Other key attractions such as museums, parks, activities, festivals, rich culture and history enhance the tourism industry. Calgary is also renowned for being home to many head-offices with vast workforce including volunteers and professionals.



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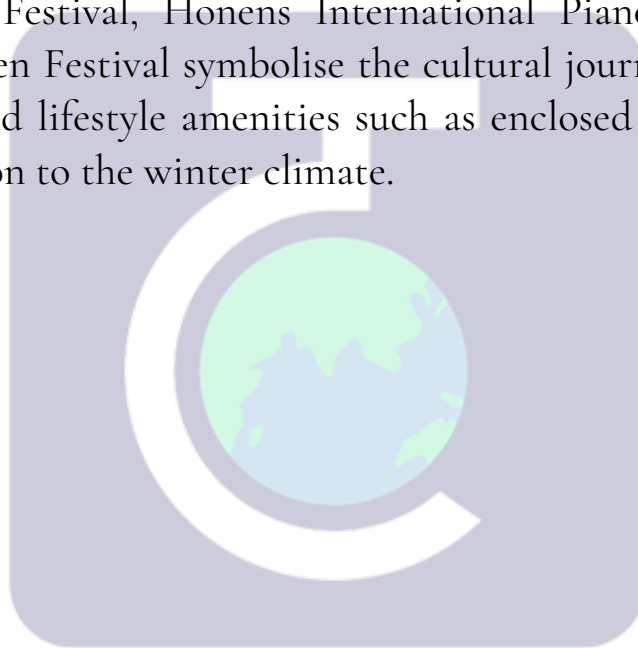
4. History

Before the Europeans arrived in Calgary, the area was home to the Blackfoot confederacy which included the Peigan, Tsuu T'ina, Blood and other first nation's communities. In mid-17th Century, bison hunters from US and illicit whisky vendors appeared in relatively large numbers. This necessitated the erection of a port near Glenmore Reservoir to control the sale of alcohol to the locals. Ranching industry and cash crop farming were the main economic activities before 1900's. The first discovery of oil in 1923 and subsequent discoveries of vast oil reserves have boosted the economic development of Calgary and the entire Alberta province. Between 2006 and 2011, Calgary was declared as the fastest growing city in the region due to its increasing and diversified economic structure.



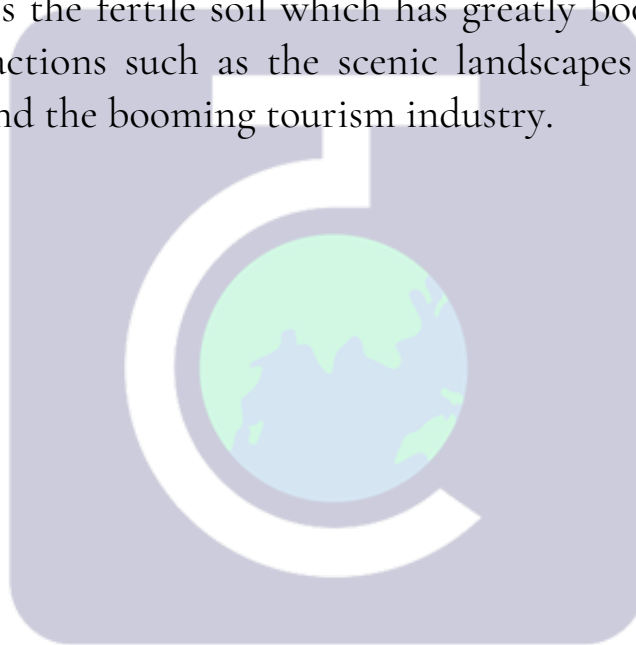
Index**5. Cultural identity**

Although underestimated, Calgary has a rich culture that is well preserved through events, facilities, festivals and events. Some cultural facilities include Heritage Park Historical village, Glenbow Museum, Theatre Calgary, the Chinese Cultural centre and the Calgary Opera. The art exhibitions and cultural concerts (in the theatres) are very informative on the city's culture and heritage. The International Blues Festival, Honens International Piano Competitions and International Children Festival symbolise the cultural journey of the locals. The city's architecture and lifestyle amenities such as enclosed walkways reflect the history and adaptation to the winter climate.



Index**6. Natural resources**

Calgary is famous for having the largest oil reserves in Western Canada. Therefore major oil drilling companies, pipeline manufactures & operators and natural gas exchange head-offices are situated in Calgary to facilitate and monitor the mining of oil and gas. It's estimated that Calgary and other parts of Alberta produce 80% of Canada's natural gas and 70% of its crude oil. Another landmark resource in Calgary is the fertile soil which has greatly boosted the agricultural sector. Physical attractions such as the scenic landscapes and rivers are some major resources behind the booming tourism industry.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Calgary Zoo

Conveniently located in the city's downtown, Calgary Zoo conserves and sustains wildlife while inspiring action to preserve the endangered species and protect susceptible genetic diversity. Comprising of 120 acres of land, the zoo is known to be one of the largest ones in Canada, housing over 1,000 different animals and featuring captivating exhibits. As a part of their conservation program, the zoo focuses on saving 80 endangered fauna species in Western Canada that include the swift fox, northern leopard frog and Vancouver Island marmot. The highlight of this zoo is Zoolights, an animal-themed show with a marvelous display of lights, making it Western Canada's largest annual light show.

Address : 1300 Zoo Rd NE, Calgary, AB T2E 7V6, Canada

Zipcode : T2E 7V6

Location : 51.0459004, -114.02367379999999

Contact : +1 403-232-9300

Website : <https://www.calgaryzoo.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB Zoo CTrain Light Rail Station and WB Zoo CTrain Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adult: CAD \$23 Senior (60+years): CAD \$21 Child (3-15years): CAD \$15 Infant (2years and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Heritage Park Historical Village

No matter what time of the year it is, Heritage Park Historical Village, the largest and thriving history museum in the country, always has something compelling to offer to all its visitors. Discover the history of the early west by exploring the interactive exhibits or uncover how the invention of automobiles impacted the city's culture, all at this park. The park focuses on Canada's historical stages starting from the fur trading phase to the prairie railroad town phase, that has

been displayed across 127 acres of lush greenery. Offering a terrific opportunity to learn about the great historical happenings in the country along with adventurous activities and interactive exhibits, this parkland narrates the stories of the western settlement of Canada in a unique and exciting way.

Address : 1900 Heritage Dr SW, Calgary, AB T2V 2X3, Canada

Zipcode : T2V 2X3

Location : 50.9828692, -114.1021362

Contact : +1 403-268-8500

Website : <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Heritage Park Bus Station

Entry Fee : Summer Rates (September 5 to October 10)- General Admission (15-64years): CAD \$26.25 Child (3-6years): CAD \$13.50 Youth (7-14years): CAD \$18.75 Senior Admission (65+years): CAD \$20.50 Winter Rates (October 11 to December 31)- General Admission (15-64years): CAD \$10.75 Child (3-6years): CAD \$5.50 Youth (7-14years): CAD \$6.75 Senior Admission (65+years): CAD \$8.50
Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The park usually opens between 08:30hrs-10:00hrs and closes anywhere between 16:00hrs-17:00hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of the visit.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. TELUS Spark

TELUS Spark is the science center of the city where you can discover answers for all your scientific curiosities and inquisitive thinking. This extraordinary science museum will spark your chimera as you explore the museum's interactive exhibits, educational demonstrations, and multimedia presentations. From live planetarium expositions to human physiology, a miniature theatre, exhibitions, trade shows and astronomy, Spark invites people of all age groups to explore science, art and math.

Address : 220 St Georges Dr NE, Calgary, AB T2E 5T2, Canada

Zipcode : T2E 5T2

Location : 51.05369709999999, -114.02477349999999

Contact : +1 403-817-6800

Website : <http://www.sparkscience.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : SB 12 ST E @ Centre AV E Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult (18-64years): CAD \$19.95 Senior (65+years): CAD \$17.95 Youth (13-17years): CAD \$15.95 Child (3-12years): CAD \$12.95 Children under 3years: Free
Open & Close Timing : Sunday-Friday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs, Saturday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Calaway Park

Satisfy your craving for excitement and thrill at the Calaway Park as it features exhilarating roller coasters and rides like Chaos, Storm, the Vortex and the Dream Machine. Calaway Park, the largest theme park in the western, is known to offer exciting activities that are perfect for a family vacation. From live entertainment to quirky shows, incomparable street performances, 3D attractions and galvanizing rides, this park compels visitors with its fun-filled vibes to come again.

Address : 245033 Range Rd 33, Calgary, AB T3Z 2E9, Canada

Zipcode : T3Z 2E9

Location : 51.0854558, -114.3561326

Contact : +1 403-240-3822

Website : <http://www.calawaypark.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : SB Cresthaven RI @ Crestmont BV SW Bus Station

Entry Fee : Regular (7-49years): CAD \$39.95, Junior (3-6 years): CAD \$33.00, Fifty Plus (50 years & over): CAD \$31.00, Children (2years and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The park usually opens anywhere between 10:00hrs-11:00hrs and closes anywhere between 18:00hrs-21:00hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit.

Time Required : 10

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Glenbow Museum

For all the art lovers, Glenbow Museum, a premium museum dedicated to art and history, is where you will encounter outlandish landscape paintings, famous Canadian prints collection by world-famous artists like Walter J. Phillips, collections of Alberta pottery, numismatics and a lot more. The museum portrays Western Canada's culture by providing a glimpse into the life and livelihood of people in the 19th century. Featuring over 20 permanent galleries and a library comprising of 100,000 periodicals, newspapers and books, one of the largest museums of Western Canada offers its visitors an extremely knowledgeable experience.

Address : 130 9 Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2G 0P3, Canada

Zipcode : T2G 0P3

Location : 51.0449777, -114.06113349999999

Contact : +1 403-268-4100

Website : <http://www.glenbow.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : SB 1 St SE @ 8 Av SE Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult (18+years): CAD \$16 Seniors (65+years) & Students (with valid ID): CAD \$11 Youth (7-17years): CAD \$10 Family (upto 2 adults and 4 youth): CAD \$40 Child (6years and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs, Sunday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs, Monday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Sikome Lake

Placed within the Fish Creek Provincial Park, Sikome Lake was used for the purpose of skating during the winter season until the late 1990s when it transformed into a public beach. It is a manmade lake providing excellent amenities like a beach wheelchair, changing rooms, showers, playgrounds for children, picnic tables and food trucks with great delicacies. The lake's participation in the 'Kids Don't Float' life-jacket program has gained much appreciation, as it focuses on creating water safety awareness by motivating

people to get their own life-jackets to the facility as well as making a life-jacket loaner available there.

Address : Fish Creek Provincial Park, Sikome Cir SE, Calgary, AB T2X 2Z3, Canada

Zipcode : T2X 2Z3

Location : 50.899444, -114.015556

Nearest Public Transport : NB Sunmills DR @ Sun Harbour CR SE Bus Station

Entry Fee : Family (upto 2 adults, and children): CAD \$10 Persons with disabilities: CAD \$2 Adult (18-64years): CAD \$5 Senior (65+years): CAD \$4 Child (6-17years): CAD 3 Child (0-5years): Free

Open & Close Timing : June 25 to September 5, 2016 Daily: 10:00hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. The Military Museums

Calgary has taken a distinct approach to highlight the sacrifices, tragedies and victories of Canadian Army, Naval and Air forces with their largest tri-service museum, the Military Museums of Calgary. This museum provides insights into the happenings of Canada's military timeline by preserving, collecting and exhibiting the priceless artefacts, archives, memorabilia and equipment related to all the 3 branches of the Canadian Forces.

Address : 4520 Crowchild Trail SW, Calgary, AB T2T 5J4, Canada

Zipcode : T2T 5J4

Location : 51.0140329, -114.11686099999999

Contact : +1 403-410-2340

Website : <http://www.themilitarymuseums.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : SB Richard RD @ N. of Richardson WY SW Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CAD \$10 Seniors: CAD \$5 Youth(7-17years) & Students: CAD \$4 Family: CAD \$20 Children (under age 7): Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Fort Calgary

Strategically erected in 1875 to prevent the trading of alcohol and to establish Canada's independent authority, Fort Calgary, recognized as a National Historic Site, has been positioned as Calgary's center where the past, present and future of the city meet. Also known to be the birthplace of modern Calgary, the fort serves as a historic site and museum featuring informative exhibits and displays that narrate the story of the city's past.

Address : 750 9 Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2G 5E1, Canada

Zipcode : T2G 5E1

Location : 51.0447446, -114.04479149999999

Contact : +1 403-290-1875

Website : <http://www.fortcalgary.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : WB 9 Av SE @ 7 St SE Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CAD \$12, Seniors (65+years) & post secondary students: CAD \$11, Youth (7-17years): CAD \$7 Children (3-6years): CAD \$5 Children (2years and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.9. The Hangar Flight Museum

If the evolution of airplanes and helicopters interest you, the Hangar Flight Museum is where you should be to learn about the development of historically monumental military aircrafts. Primarily built to preserve the history of aviation and space technology of Canada, the museum demonstrates the aeronautics while focusing on encouraging the interpretation and admiration of the growth of flights. The museum features over 24 aircrafts including Auster Taylorcraft Auster, McDonnell CF-101 Voodoo, and Sopwith Triplane, and helicopters like Bell 47G, and Sikorsky S-51.

Address : 4629 McCall Way NE, Calgary, AB T2E 8A5, Canada

Zipcode : T2E 8A5

Location : 51.09438, -114.01367399999999

Contact : +1 403-250-3752

Website : <http://www.thehangarmuseum.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : SB McCall WY @ George Craig BV NE Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CAD \$12.00 Senior (65+years): CAD \$8.00 Student (12-17years or with valid student ID card): CAD \$8.00 Children (3 -11years): CAD \$6.00 Children (age 2 and under): Free Family (Includes 2 adults, and 4 children of 17 and under): CAD \$32.00

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.10. Calgary Stampede

One of Canada's foremost tourist attraction, Calgary Stampede is an event venue accommodating the best of concerts, parades, stage shows and midways in Calgary. The venue is best-known for organizing the world's largest rodeo, which is a 10-day event featuring the preeminent competitors of the rodeo world and animals. The captivating rodeo event includes Barrel Racing, Novice Bareback, Junior Steer Riding and Bull riding among others. The other major events you should look forward to are Evening Show, Dog Bowl and Bell Adrenaline Ranch.

Address : 1410 Olympic Way SE, Calgary, AB T2G 2W1, Canada

Zipcode : T2G 2W1

Location : 51.0379127, -114.05320159999999

Contact : +1 403-261-0101

Website : <http://www.calgarystampede.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : NB Victoria Park / Stampede CTrain Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CAD \$18 Children/Senior: CAD \$9

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.11. Calgary Tower

For enjoying a riveting scenery of Calgary city and the lands beyond, ascend to one of the highest observation decks in the world, which is housed in the Calgary Tower. Located in the downtown Calgary, this 191-meter tall tower is designed to withstand earthquakes and also includes a revolving restaurant, Sky 360, which offers an ultimate dining experience alongside the panoramic views of the city below. The tallest structure in the city, the Tower is just a few seconds away as the high-speed elevator carries 25 passengers at a time to the top in not more than 62 seconds.

Address : 101 9 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1J9, Canada

Zipcode : T2P 1J9

Location : 51.04431229999999, -114.0631587

Contact : +1 403-266-7171

Website : <http://www.calgarytower.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB 9 AV S @ Centre ST S Bus Station

Entry Fee : General (13-64years): CAD \$18 Senior (65+years): CAD \$16 Child (4-12years): CAD \$9 Infant (3years and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : September to June Daily 09:00hrs-21:00hrs July to August Daily 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Spruce Meadows

An all-season equestrian facility in Calgary, Spruce Meadows is famous for hosting show-jumping, commonly referred to as "stadium jumping", which is a part of English riding equestrian events. The venue also hosts the production of a popular TV series based on show-jumping named Spruce Meadows Chronicles by a television facility. Besides show jumping, other events that are enjoyed here include conventions, dressage events and trade shows. Major tournaments held at this facility are CSI 'Canada One', CSIO Spruce Meadows 'Masters' Tournament (September), and Name the Foal contest among others.

Address : 18011 Spruce Meadows Way SW, Calgary, AB T2J 5G5, Canada

Zipcode : T2J 5G5

Location : 50.8859118, -114.1001415

Contact : +1 403-974-4200

Website : <https://www.sprucemeadows.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : WB Bridlewood AV @ Bridlemeadows CM SW Bus Station

Entry Fee : General admission: CAD \$5.

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 11:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Escape Capers YYC

Experience Calgary's team-building event at the Escape Capers YYC, which includes adventurous escape games where players are trapped in a room with clues, codes and puzzles to help them abscond. With only a 19%-36% escape rate, Escape Capers YYC is the best of its kind with many interesting puzzles to unriddle and mysteries to unravel. Escape rooms feature levels like Maxim's Dinner Party, Dick Dickerson: Private Eye and The Chamber of the Mysterati, while assuring that you have the most memorable hours of your visit.

Address : 4235 16 St SE, Calgary, AB T2G 3S2, Canada

Zipcode : T2G 3S2

Location : 51.0156795, -114.022375

Contact : +1 403-903-9162

Website : <https://escapecapers.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : SB Ogden RD @ 17A ST SE Bus Station

Entry Fee : Price ranges from CAD \$28 to CAD \$32.

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 17:30hrs-22:00hrs, Friday & Saturday: 13:00hrs-23:00hrs Sunday: 13:00hrs-22:00hrs Tuesday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.14. Gasoline Alley Museum

Travel back in time as you come across the vintage vehicles and multicolored automotive objects at the Gasoline Alley Museum, located within the Heritage Park. The museum captivates automobile enthusiasts with its impressive collection of vehicles, antique gas pumps, and the mesmerizing outmoded car exhibits which offer you a glimpse into Western Canada's revolutionary era.

Address : 1900 Heritage Dr SW, Calgary, AB T2V 2X3, Canada

Zipcode : T2V 2X3

Location : 50.9829067, -114.1019317

Contact : +1 403-268-8500

Website : <https://www.heritagepark.ca/bookings-and-functions/venues/gasoline-alley-museum-grand-hall.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Heritage Park Bus Station

Entry Fee : Winter Rates (October 11, 2016 - May 19, 2017) General (15-64years): CAD \$10.75, Child (3-6years): CAD \$5.50, Youth (7-14years): CAD \$6.75, Senior (65+years): CAD \$8.50.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs, Monday Closed.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.15. Studio Bell

Visit the Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, to discover the effect of music through people, time and landscapes. Get acquainted with the history of Canada's music as you enjoy the immersive instrument installations and the 5 floors of exhibitions that draw your attention to the tales of music. You can amplify your love for music by celebrating the music icons at the Canadian Halls of Fame. You can also exercise your vocal cords at the booths present in the studio.

Address : 850 4 St SE, Calgary, AB T2G 1R1, Canada

Zipcode : T2G 1R1

Location : 51.0445585, -114.05262419999999

Contact : +1 403-543-5115

Website : <http://studiobell.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB 9 Av SE@ 4 St SE Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: CAD \$18 Senior/Student: CAD \$14 Youth (3-12years): CAD \$11
Children (under 3years): Free

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday-Saturday, and Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs,
Monday and Tuesday Closed.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Chinook Centre

Chinook Centre is a renowned mall and the largest one in Calgary, featuring many departmental stores, upscale brands and restaurants. The ambiance of the mall and the spacious aisles captivate tourists and locals to spend quality time here, shopping, strolling and grabbing a bite at the full-service restaurants or simply enjoying a movie at their in-house theatre.

Address : 6455 Macleod Trail SW, Calgary, AB T2H 0K8, Canada

Zipcode : T2H 0K8

Location : 50.9982833, -114.07385699999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Nose Hill Park

If you wish to take a blissful stroll away from the rush of the busy city, Nose Hill Park, a large and tranquil public park, is the perfect spot that offers invigorating hikes. This is a great place to unwind while enjoying long walks as you are gape at the spectacular landscapes and unique species of plants. Home to wildlife like porcupines, Richardson's ground squirrels, and northern pocket gophers, this park gives you ample of opportunities to spot mammals, especially deer and coyotes roaming in the grasslands.

Address : 5620 14 St NW, Calgary, AB T3K 2P6, Canada

Zipcode : T3K 2P6

Location : 51.109537, -114.10890599999999

Contact : +1 403-268-2489

Website : <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/NW-parks/Nose-Hill-Park.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : WB 52 AV NW @ Brisbois DR Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 05:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Prince's Island Park

Commonly referred to as the Urban Oasis (an island on the Bow River), Prince's Island Park is a splendid park located in Downtown Calgary, hosting many vibrant and busking events all year round. Offering everything urban from bike paths and walking trails to playgrounds and shaded picnic areas, people of any age group can have a great time unwinding at this park. The Canada Day celebration and Calgary Folk Festival held at this park, are celebrated with traditional gusto and great fervor.

Address : 698 Eau Claire Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2P, Canada

Zipcode : T2P

Location : 51.055637, -114.07024899999999

Contact : +1 403-268-2489

Website : <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/Downtown-parks/Princes-Island-Park.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : WB 2 Av SW @ 4 St SW Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 05:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Devonian Gardens

For a memorable experience, visit Devonian Gardens, which is an indoor botanical garden surrounded with glass and garnished with koi ponds, fountains and a photogenic living wall, on the top floor of "The Core Shopping Centre". Be prepared to get amazed as you enter the garden of natural light, featuring over 550 trees and ponds teeming with fishes while participating in their wonderful drop-in programs. The garden is wheelchair accessible and includes amenities like event spaces, meeting rooms, playgrounds, free Wi-Fi, and playgrounds for children.

Address : CORE Shopping Centre, 317 7th Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1B5, Canada

Zipcode : T2P 1B5

Location : 51.04630909999999, -114.06952289999999

Contact : +1 780-987-3054

Website : <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/Downtown-parks/Devonian-Gardens.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : EB 3 Street SW CTrain Light Rail Station

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Edworthy Park

Playgrounds, gazebos, firepits, barbecue stands, off-leash areas, walkways, shaded picnic areas, hiking and biking trails make Edworthy Park worth visiting all throughout the year. Bordered by the Bow River, the park covers a large area with grassland and mixed shrubland, along with trees like willow, riparian woodland with aspen and balsam poplar. The park includes the gorgeous Douglas Fir Trail, which starts at the base of the park, and Lawrey Gardens, both offering great places for the visitors to laze around and relax.

Address : 5050 Spruce Dr SW, Calgary, AB T3C 3B2, Canada

Zipcode : T3C 3B2

Location : 51.062552, -114.16030599999999

Contact : +1 403-268-2489

Website : <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/SW-parks/Edworthy-Park.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : EB Patina DR @ Patina PL SW Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 05:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Calgary Farmers' Market

If you are looking for locally produced goods, Calgary Farmers' Market is a one-stop destination in the city, offering art, poultry, meat, international delicacies, organic products and jewelry. Right off the Blackfoot Trail and Heritage Drive, the market welcomes shoppers and tourists every Thursday to Sunday for enjoying local food and products served by over 80 vendors.

Address : 510 77 Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2H 1C3, Canada

Zipcode : T2H 1C3

Location : 50.9852532, -114.05204609999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Conversation

Located along Stephen Avenue, Conversation is a terrific bronze sculpture symbolizing 2 businessmen in a deep conversation with each other. The realism of the sculptures generates assumptions as to what the men could be possibly talking about. Join the chat and predictions as you click photographs of this masterpiece in downtown Calgary.

Address : 200-216 8 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1B5, Canada

Zipcode : T2P 1B5

Location : 51.04568719999999, -114.06584529999999

Nearest Public Transport : E 1 St SW / 8 Av SW sb nearside Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Inglewood Bird Sanctuary

Accommodating migratory birds and enlightening people about the local wildlife with the help of interpretive exhibits, Inglewood Bird Sanctuary has been preserving wildlife since 1929. Covering over 32 hectares of area, the sanctuary features diverse species of birds, mammals and plants along with school and nature programs, TD Outdoor Learning Centre, and walking trails by the riverine forest. The display in the center of the sanctuary provides excellent information about the different species of birds and animals conserved here.

Address : 2425 9 Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2G 4T4, Canada

Zipcode : T2G 4T4

Location : 51.0301798, -114.00997999999999

Contact : +1 403-268-2489

Website : <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/SE-parks/Inglewood-Bird-Sanctuary.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : SB 20 St SE @ 9 Av SE Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : October - April: Tuesday to Friday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs, Saturday 12:00hrs-16:00hrs, Sunday & Monday: Closed May - September: Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Battalion Park

Nestled in Signal Hill overlooking the Camp Sarcee, Battalion Park is a tribute to the Canadian soldiers who trained around the site before World War I till the late 1990s. The hiking trail that stretches across half a kilometer will expose you to 16,000 whitewashed stones with battalion numerals as well as photographs and historical tablets. Note: The park might charge an entry fee.

Address : Calgary, AB T3H 3B7, Canada

Zipcode : T3H 3B7

Location : 51.0209822, -114.173136

Contact : +1 403-268-2489

Website : <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/SW-parks/Battalion-Park.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : WB Signal Hill DR @ Signal Hill PT SW Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 05:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Baitun Nur Mosque Calgary

Renowned as the largest mosque in the continent, Baitun Nur Mosque Calgary, owned by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, is a serene place to devote yourself to prayers. The exterior of the mosque is beautifully embellished with 99 Arabic words which attribute Allah's character as stated in the Qur'an. The mosque warmly welcomes everyone to meditate and unwind, except on Fridays when it hosts over 2,000 worshipers for the Jumuah Prayers.

Address : 4353 54 Ave NE, Calgary, AB T3J 4L3, Canada

Zipcode : T3J 4L3

Location : 51.1018437, -113.9712238

Contact : +1 403-243-1600

Website : <http://baitunnur.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : WB Westwinds DR @ 44 ST NE Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Fish Creek Provincial Park

If you are on a lookout for some adventurous activities, the Fish Creek Provincial Park is where you should be, as it offers phenomenal hiking and bicycling trails along with amenities like an artificial lake, swimming pool, on-site day picnicking and camping facilities. Strolling down the walkways of one of North America's largest urban parks gives you a magical experience as you are welcomed by nature in its purest form, along with diverse bird species like great blue herons and natural wildlife like coyotes, owls and deer.

Address : 15979 Bow Bottom Trail SE, Calgary, AB T2P 0Y8, Canada

Zipcode : T2P 0Y8

Location : 50.903942, -114.0136138

Contact : +1 403-297-5293

Website : <http://www.albertaparks.ca/fish-creek.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : NB Sun Valley BV @ Sun Harbour RD SE Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The park usually opens at 08:00hrs and closes anywhere between 18:00hrs-20:00hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Southcentre Mall

Southcentre Mall is one of the largest shopping malls in Calgary with over 190 stores of home decor and fashion, providing a warm ambiance for strolling and window shopping. The stores in this mall hold unique and updated collections with seasonal discount offers and sales. The food court in the mall serves visitors with local delicacies as well as international favorites.

Address : 100 Anderson Rd SE, Calgary, AB T2J 3V1, Canada

Zipcode : T2J 3V1

Location : 50.9529869, -114.0659182

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. CORE Shopping Centre

The largest and the busiest urban shopping centre in Calgary, CORE Shopping Centre is famous for its glass skylight along with upscale brands, luxury goods and apparels stores. The shopping center features a tropical indoor garden, spacious food court and over 160 stores offering unique accessories, lifestyle items and fashion trends that are not available elsewhere in the city.

Address : 324 8 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2P 2Z2, Canada

Zipcode : T2P 2Z2

Location : 51.0459559, -114.0691289

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Westbrook Mall

Zipcode : 0

Location : 51.04179600000001, -114.1389922

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Market Mall

Zipcode : 0

Location : 51.0847586, -114.1555384

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. North Hill Shopping Centre

Zipcode : 0

Location : 51.06625199999999, -114.1004332

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Bowness Park



Situated along the banks of Bow River, Bowness Park is a beautiful urban parkland spanning across 74 acres, featuring a Spray park, Bow river access, shady picnic sites, children playgrounds and BBQ stands. The park offers a serene environment for people to unwind while enjoying boating during the summer season and ice skating during the winters. Its highlight includes the miniature railway that is available seasonally within the park for touring. Canoeing is another popular water sport in this park, which is enjoyed by locals as well as tourists.

Address : 8900 48 Ave NW, Calgary, AB T3B 2B2, Canada

Zipcode : T3B 2B2

Location : 51.097159, -114.21691399999999

Contact : +1 403-268-2489

Website : <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/NW-parks/Bowness-Park.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : WB 48 Av NW @ 88 St NW Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 05:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Peace Bridge

Structured by the Spanish architect, Santiago Calatrava, Peace Bridge is a red and white tubular bridge that spans over the beautiful Bow River. Offering splendid views of the river and nature around, this iconic pedestrian bridge, with no piers in the water, has become an essential part of the country's culture. This bridge is a paradisiacal location for avid shutterbugs as it offers them plenty of opportunities for clicking extraordinary pictures.

Address : Peace Bridge, Calgary, AB, Canada

Zipcode : T2P 0E5

Location : 51.0539425, -114.0789515

Nearest Public Transport : NB 2 Av NW @ St NW Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. Eau Claire Market

Zipcode : 0

Location : 51.0525997999999, -114.0684482

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.20. Stephen Avenue Walk

One of the major shopping districts in the city, Stephen Avenue Walk in downtown Calgary bustles with historical buildings, food chains, cafés, souvenir shops, entertainment hubs and other kiosks. The 'Galleria Trees'- large white effigies on the street steals the attention of thousands of visitors at this pedestrian mall. Sip on a coffee, be entertained by a cultural event and buy one of the locally made souvenirs or just stroll through and be amazed by the colorful flower baskets hanging on the stalls; this street has got it all for you.

Address : 340 8 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1C1, Canada

Zipcode : T2P 1C1

Location : 51.0457443, -114.07021029999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.21. Chinatown

Representing the Chinese settlers in Calgary, Chinatown is the most culturally diverse neighborhood of the Asian diaspora of northern Canada. Learn more about the Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and other ethnic cultures through people, restaurants, shops and more.

Address : 328 Centre Street SE, #283, Calgary, AB T2G 4X6, Canada

Zipcode : T2G 4X6

Location : 51.0495405, -114.0611708

Nearest Public Transport : WB 4th Av at 1st St SE (Calgary - Harry Hays Building) Bus Station

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Boating -**

Address : Glenmore Park, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Location : 50.9813392,-114.116474999999

Website : <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Recreation/Pages/Sailing-school/Glenmore-Reservoir.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : WB 90 AV SW @ Bayview DR Bus Station

Open / Close Time : May 1st to October 31st Daily: 17:00hrs-23:00hrs (Tentative Timing) Visit the website for more information on the hours of operation

Time Required : 2

- **Luging -**

Address : Winsport Canada Olympic Park, 88 Canada Olympic Road SW, Calgary, AB T3B 5R5, Canada

Location : 51.0824648,-114.215230099999

Contact No : +1 403-776-0617

Website : <http://www.skylineluge.com/luge-canada/skyline-luge-calgary/>

Nearest Public Transport : EB Canada Olympic RD @ Canada Olympic GT SW Bus Station

Entry Fees : One luge ride: CAD 15, Three Luge rides: CAD 23, Five Luge rides: CAD 32

Open / Close Time : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The park usually opens anywhere between 10:00hrs-13:00hrs and closes anywhere between 19:00hrs-21:00hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit.

Time Required : 1

Wait Time : 20 minutes

- **Shooting -**

Address : 510 77 Avenue Southeast, Calgary, AB T2H 1C3, Canada

Location : 50.9854707,-114.05220359999

Contact No : +1 403-720-4867

Website : <https://www.theshootingedge.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : NB Heritage DR @ 79 AV SE Bus Station

Entry Fees : The price ranges from CAD 75 per person to CAD 125 per person per visit.

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs Saturday: 09:00hrs-21:00hrs Sunday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 20 minutes

- **Ice Skating -**

Address : 228 8 Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2P 2M5, Canada

Location : 51.0457,-114.05945099999

Contact No : +1 403-268-2489

Website : <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/Downtown-parks/Olympic-Plaza.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : SB 1 St SE @ 8 Av SE Bus Station

Entry Fees : Skating is free of charge Though there are rental fees
Children's skates (age 12 and under): CAD 8 Figure and Hockey Skates: CAD 12

Open / Close Time : Monday to Wednesday: Closed Thursday and Friday: 16:00hrs-21:00hrs Saturday: 12:00hrs-21:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 15 minutes



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Calgary is an exceptional destination with diverse events, sports and activities for all tourists. This involves simple activities such as cycling, swimming, boating, and karting to the more adventurous sports like escape rooms and luge riding. You can also get entertained by watching horse training, football, speed skating, hockey and much more. Some sport venues include Skyline Luge Calgary, Olympic Oval, University of Calgary Outdoor Centre, Spruce Meadows, and Winsport.

- **McMahon Stadium:**

Address : 1817 Crowchild Trail NW, Calgary, AB T2M 4S7, Canada

Location : 51.0703813,-114.12146530000001

Contact No : +1 403-282-2044

Website : <http://www.stampeders.com/mcmahon/>

- **Foothills Stadium:**

Address : 2255 Crowchild Trail NW, Calgary, AB T2M 4S7, Canada

Location : 51.073789,-114.12016510000001

Contact No : +1 403-268-2489

Website : <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Recreation/Pages/Athletic-parks/Foothills-Athletic-Park.aspx>

Open/Close time : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-10:00hrs,
12:00hrs-15:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 08:00hrs-10:00hrs,
14:00hrs-16:00hrs

- **Calgary Soccer Centre:**

Address : 7000 48 St SE, Calgary, AB T2C 4E1, Canada

Location : 50.99240599999999,-113.96219100000002

Contact No : +1 403-279-8453

Website : <http://calgary.ca/CSPS/Recreation/Pages/Calgary-Soccer-Centre/Calgary-Soccer-Centre.aspx>

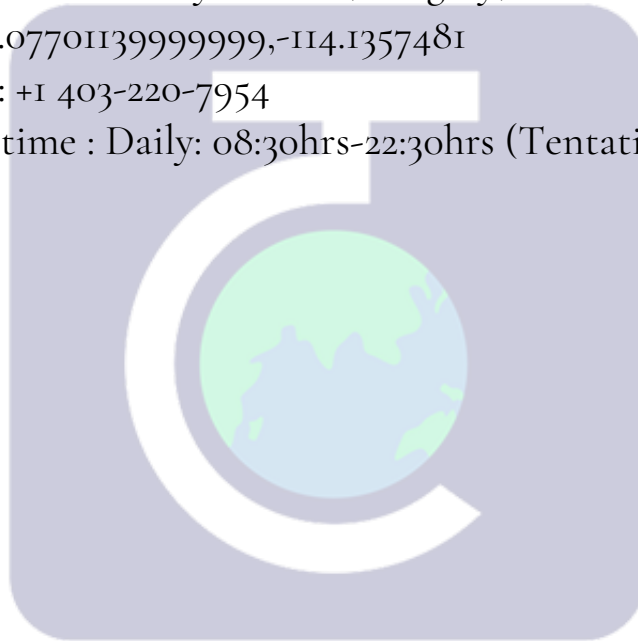
- **Olympic Oval:**

Address : 2500 University Dr NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4, Canada

Location : 51.07701139999999,-114.1357481

Contact No : +1 403-220-7954

Open/Close time : Daily: 08:30hrs-22:30hrs (Tentative Timing)



10. Spas and relaxation

Calgary has multiple spas and relaxation spots. After long and tiring days of touring, you will need to seek comfort, relation and healing in the unique and quality spas of the city.

- **Riverside Spa:**

Address : 110 Point McKay Crescent NW, Calgary, AB T3B 5B4, Canada

Location : 51.0621879,-114.14809969999999

Contact No : +1 403-270-7500

Website : <http://www.riversidespa.ca/Default.aspx>

- **EXIGE MEDI SPA:**

Address : 110 2 Ave SE #6, Calgary, AB T2G 0B3, Canada

Location : 51.051391,-114.06199400000003

Contact No : +1 403-918-8936

Website : <http://www.exige.ca/>

- **The Centre Spa & Wellness:**

Address : 1430 19 Ave NW, Calgary, AB T2M 1A6, Canada

Location : 51.06976299999999,-114.09401639999999

Contact No : +1 403-210-3203

Website : <http://www.centremassage.com/>

- **Aura Spa Calgary:**

Address : 1304 4 St SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0X8, Canada

Location : 51.0403045,-114.07133190000002

Contact No : +1 587-351-0914

Website : <http://www.auraspacalgary.com/>



11. Key local guides and tours

Although it is very convenient to tour Calgary on your own, you may need tour services for convenience and easy schedule planning. Some key attractions are located in the sub-urban areas and getting to them without missing any important sites may be difficult. Additionally, most of the tour companies offer complete package offers including accommodation, food and transportation which may be more cost effective. Most of the tours start from 45 CAD to 1500 CAD. There are many tour companies in Calgary giving you a wide variety to choose depending on your budget or preference. Some of the common companies include Calgary Food Tours, Calgary Walks, River Valley Adventure, Calgary Brewery Tours, Hammerhead Scenic Tours, Round the Block tours and many more. Greg A. is a local guide who is certified by both the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides and the Interpretive Guides Association, and he puts safety and enjoyment of his guests first in all his trips.

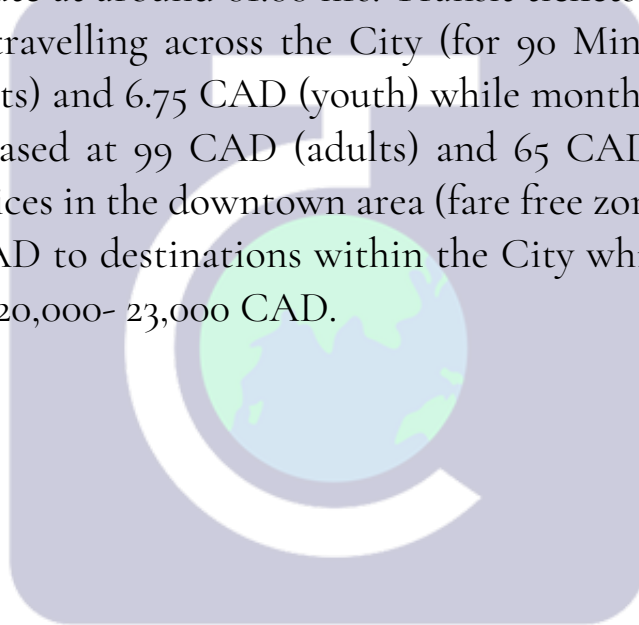
12. Transportation hubs

Getting to Calgary is quite easy due to the wide choice of transportation means available. For convenience and comfort, you may consider travelling by plane. Calgary International Airport is served by regional and International airlines such as Air Canada, West Jet, British Airways, American Airlines, Delta, Thomas Cook Airlines and others. From the airport to the city centre (11.58 km) you can travel by taxi (40-45 CAD) for only 20 minutes, Private shuttles to various hotels (15-20 CAD), Calgary Transit Bus 300- Airport to City Centre (3 CAD) or rent a car at the Airport. You can also drive to Calgary from south of Edmonton via highway #2, or from East of Banff on Trans Canada Highway #1. Buses such as Greyhound, Red Arrow and Executive Express transit through Calgary and other Alberta areas. For more comfort and style, you can opt for the luxurious limos provided by the Skylark limos and Quest Limos Companies. Currently, there is no train service to Calgary. 69 Street, McKnight-Westwinds, Sunalta and Saddletown are the major light rail stations in the city. C-Train Calgary Transit is the major train station.

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13. Transportation cost

Getting around Calgary is fairly easy mainly by bus or train. It is convenient for those not taking taxis or walking to the various destinations within the city. The C-Train operates two lines, 201 and 202, which offer free services across 14 city blocks along the 7th Avenue. Bus routes are numbered accordingly which connect the LRT station and Downtown Calgary. The buses start operations as early as 05:00 hrs until very late at around 01:00 hrs. Transit tickets cost approximately 3 CAD per adult for travelling across the City (for 90 Minutes). The daily pass costs 9.50 CAD (adults) and 6.75 CAD (youth) while monthly passes for the local transit can be purchased at 99 CAD (adults) and 65 CAD for youths. The C-Train offers free services in the downtown area (fare free zone). Taxis operate at a normal tariff of 4 CAD to destinations within the City while renting a car for a month may cost you 20,000- 23,000 CAD.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

Travelling with luggage around the city is relatively convenient as the transit buses have enough space for luggage. The private tours also have spacious carriers for your extra and do not charge extra fee for transportation. If you prefer convenience and comfort when travelling with your luggage, you may consider hiring a taxi which do not usually charge luggage fee. Renting a car may be a viable option especially when travelling with family and with lots of luggage.



Index**15. Must try food and local savouries**

Calgary is home to great food and variety of cuisines that you must try when touring the city. The locals do not have any signature delicacy, but the Alberta beef is very common. The city hosts diverse restaurants including international ones, Italian and of Southeast Asian twists.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

Calgary is home to several bars and restaurants which offer outstanding services, menus and wine collection of brews. Downtown is a great place for a drink during the day or early evening whereas if you want a diverse range of cafés, bars, restaurants and clubs, stick to Kensington and or 17th Avenue SW where the pubs and restaurants are more lively and one can have amazing nightlife in the city at these places.

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- **Chianti Cafe & Restaurant:**

Address : 20 Crowfoot Crescent NW #300, Calgary, AB T3G 2P6, Canada

Location : 51.1255822,-114.1987722

Contact No : +1 403-547-5020

Website : <http://www.chianticafe.ca/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday, and Sunday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs
Friday and Saturday: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Chicken On The Way:**

Address : 1443 Kensington Rd NW, Calgary, AB T2N 3P9, Canada

Location : 51.052095799,-114.0944018

Contact No : +1 403-283-5545

Website : <http://chickenonthewaycalgary.ca/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 10:30hrs-00:30hrs Friday and Saturday: 10:30hrs-01:30hrs Sunday: 10:30hrs-23:00hrs

- **Laurier Lounge:**

Address : 1111 7 St SW, Calgary, AB T2R 1A6, Canada

Location : 51.0422368,-114.0793496

Contact No : +1 403-228-3771

Website : <http://laurierlounge.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday: 10:00hrs-22:00hrs Monday and Tuesday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Wednesday to Friday: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Saltlik Steakhouse:**

Address : 101 8 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1B4, Canada

Location : 51.0454506,-114.0632097

Contact No : +1 403-537-1160

Website : <http://www.saltlik.com/calgary/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs Saturday: 17:00hrs-23:00hrs Sunday: 17:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Japanese Village:**

Address : 317 10 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0A5, Canada

Location : 51.0433487,-114.0691901

Contact No : +1 403-262-2738

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 11:30hrs-14:00hrs, 17:00hrs-21:00hrs Saturday: 15:45hrs-21:30hrs Sunday: 16:30hrs-21:00hrs

- **The Palomino Smokehouse:**

Address : 109 7 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2P 0W5, Canada

Location : 51.0463112,-114.0635702

Contact No : +1 403-532-1911

Website : <http://thepalomino.ca/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 11:00hrs-01:00hrs Friday: 11:00hrs-02:00hrs Saturday: 10:30hrs-02:00hrs Sunday: 10:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **Morgans Pub On 17th:**

Address : 100 SW, 1324 17 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2T 0C3, Canada

Location : 51.0380031,-114.0930679

Contact No : +1 403-244-6670

Website : <http://morganspubcalgary.com/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Friday: 20:00hrs-02:00hrs Saturday: 15:00hrs-02:00hrs Sunday and Monday: Closed

- **Moose McGuire's:**

Address : STADIUM SHOPPING CENTRE, 1941 Uxbridge Dr NW, Calgary, AB T2N 2Z2, Canada

Location : 51.0703314,-114.1305280

Contact No : +1 403-289-9184

Website : <http://moosemcguires.blogspot.in/?m=1>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 11:30hrs-01:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 11:30hrs-02:00hrs Sunday: 11:30hrs-00:00hrs

Index**17. Average meal cost**

It is possible to tour Calgary on a budget as there are many hotels and restaurants with different price ranges to accommodate everyone. You can grab a decent meal in the cheaper restaurants which cost 4 - 10 CAD. Mid-range restaurants offer meals starting from 10 - 20 CAD while classy ones have it at 20 - 35 CAD. Bottled beer will cost you 4.50 CAD, pints at 5 CAD and 15 CAD for Jugs of Pabst Blue Ribbon.



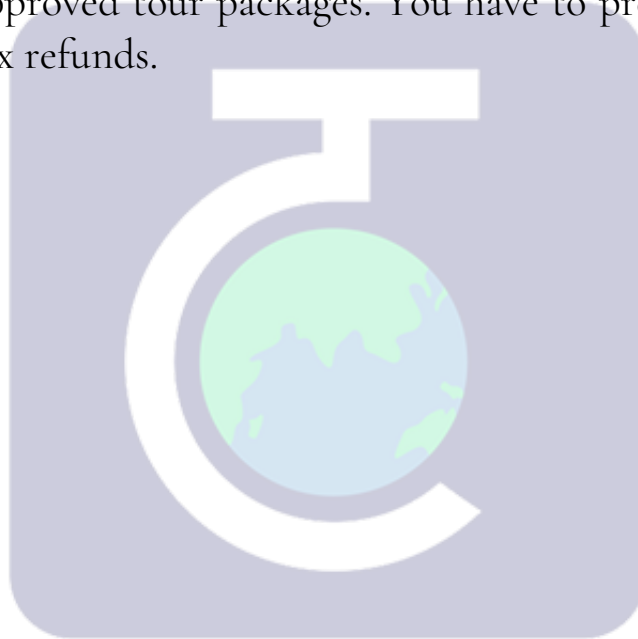
Index**18. Shopping**

For serious shoppers, Calgary is your dream destination. The endless malls and shopping centres offer exactly what you need. All you have to do is put on some comfortable shoes since the malls are quite huge thus a lot of walking is required. No matter your age, the different designs, brands and trends of both local and international twists will certainly interest you. Even if not for actual shopping, an afternoon of window shopping around these centres will build unforgettable memories.



Index**19. Tourist benefits**

The Tourism Levy Act requires that all hotels around Alberta levy a tax of 4% for personal and business accommodation purchasers. These taxes are to be remitted to the Alberta Tax and Revenue Authority (TRA). Tourists can claim refund for services tax or harmonized sales tax (GTS/HST) under the Foreign Convention and Tour Incentive Program (FCTIC). The rebates maybe on some purchases or paid GTS/HST of approved tour packages. You have to present official receipts when claiming the tax refunds.



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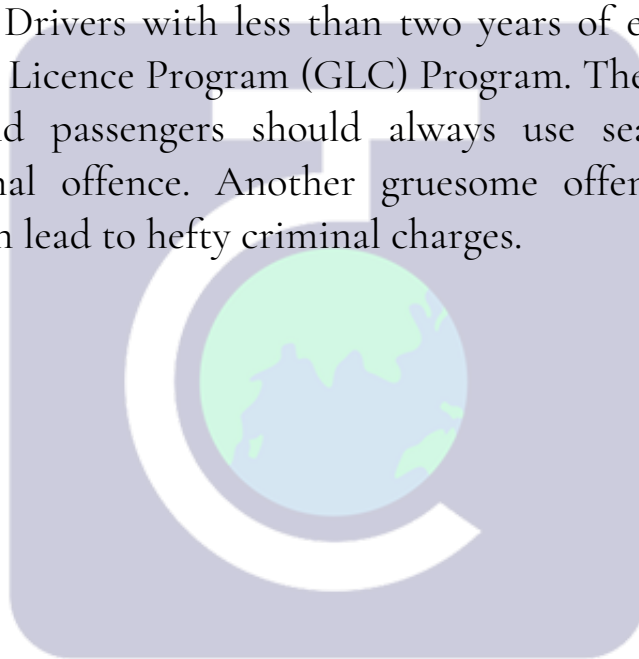
20. Essential local apps

Getting around Calgary City has been made extra-easy by the numerous local travel apps. All you need is your smart phone to access the free and up-to-date apps available in iOS, Android Blackberry and windows app stores. Agent of Discovery app offers an exciting way for your children to interact with nature. Explore nearby parks and children play areas using this app. City of Calgary News app provides recent city news, videos and job advertisements. My parking app helps you identify good parking lots conveniently while the pathways & Bikeways help you navigate the cycling paths and walkways. Other resourceful local apps include Pets, roads, Golf, Garbage and Recycling days, Downtown Public Art Circuit, 311 Calgary Mobile app and much more.



21. Driving

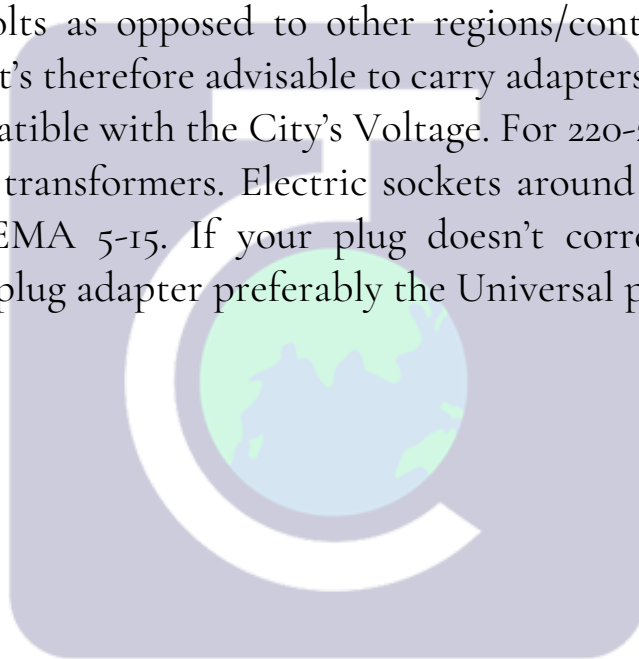
Alberta province has a reciprocal licensing correspondence with various countries (e.g. Australia, Japan, France, German, England, US, Korea, Wales and 7 others-check with your immigration office for details). If you are from those countries, you are allowed to drive around Calgary without any tests. If not, you should have an international driving permit failure to which you shall be subjected to a road and knowledge test. Drivers with less than two years of experience are placed under the Graduated Licence Program (GLC) Program. The by-laws require that drivers, children and passengers should always use seat belts and failure constitutes a criminal offence. Another gruesome offence is driving when intoxicated which can lead to hefty criminal charges.



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22. Travel essentials

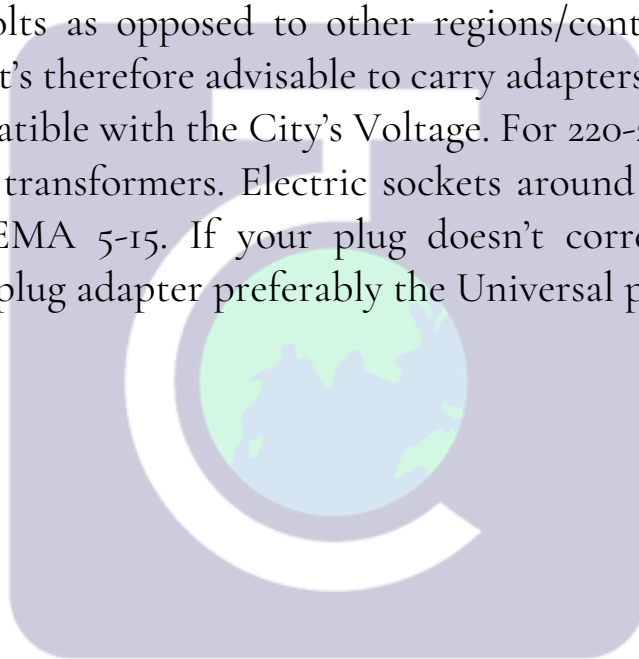
You will need to pack all your travelling essentials prior to your departure to avoid panicking or unnecessary expenses. Some of the common but easily forgotten essentials include weather friendly clothes for your destination, gadget earphones, memory cards and chargers, travel cards, visas, credit cards and an extra wallet. Just like the other Cities around Canada, Calgary has a standard voltage of 110-120 volts as opposed to other regions/continents which have a standard 220-240 V. It's therefore advisable to carry adapters or converters if your devices are not compatible with the City's Voltage. For 220-240 V appliances, you should pack step-up transformers. Electric sockets around Calgary are Type B" North American NEMA 5-15. If your plug doesn't correspond to this type, consider acquiring a plug adapter preferably the Universal plug adapter.



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23. Essential clothes

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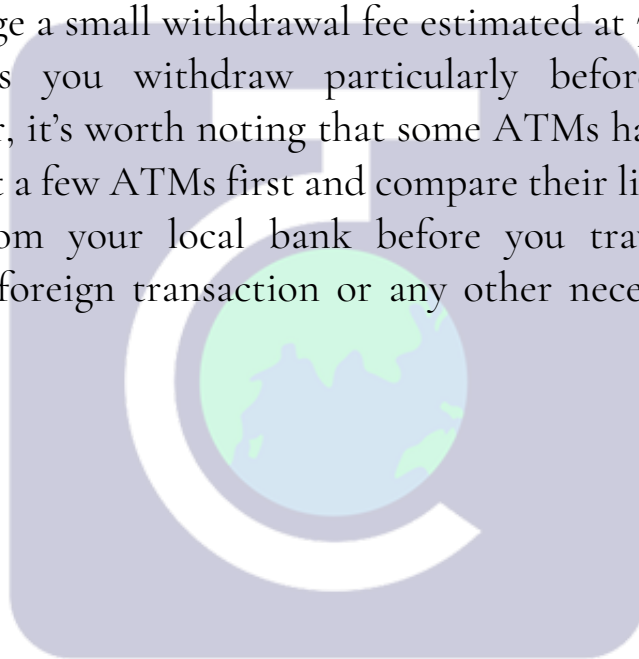
24. Local currency

The local currency of Calgary is the Calgary Dollar (C\$) which has the same value as the Canadian Dollar (CAD). Currently the exchange rate of CAD to USD is:-
 $1.00 \text{ CAD} = 0.76 \text{ USD}$



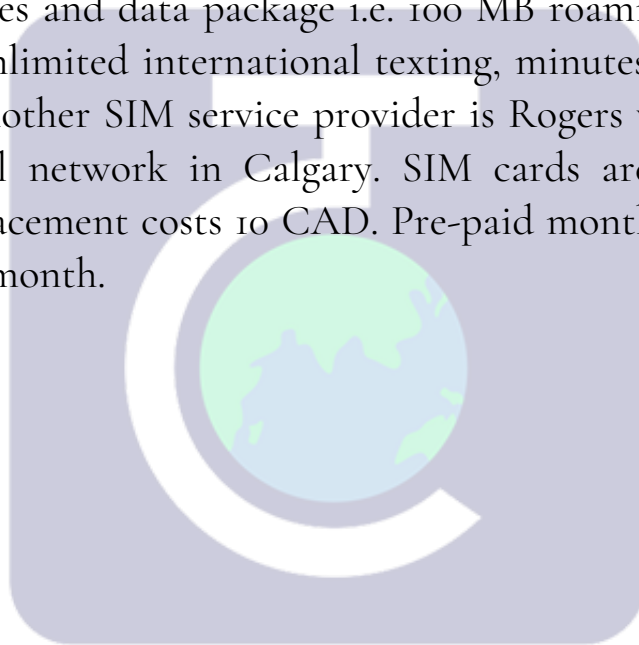
25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

There are several currency exchange companies around Calgary city such as Albern Coins & Foreign Exchange Ltd, Calforex Currency Exchange and Internal Currency Exchange. Normal currency exchange rates apply for these companies and other bureau shops at airports and borders. Normally, most vendors in the City charge a commission of 2.5% for currency exchange services. ATMs in and around Calgary charge a small withdrawal fee estimated at 3 - 5 CAD. The Fee is always presented as you withdraw particularly before you confirm the transaction. However, it's worth noting that some ATMs have withdrawal limits thus advisable to visit a few ATMs first and compare their limits. It is also wise to get clarifications from your local bank before you travel as to additional withdrawal fees for foreign transaction or any other necessary information to avoid frustrations.



26. Staying connected

You can stay connected in Calgary by using your own cell phone. All you need is a local SIM card and there are several companies offering the SIM services. Bell Company sells SIM Cards compatible with 4G, 3G, LTE and LTE Advance networks. Your phone is compatible with the Bell SIM card if 1900 MHz, 850 MHz, HSPA or UMTS compatible. The company provides affordable international call rates and data package i.e. 100 MB roaming data for 10 CAD. Pre-paid tariff for unlimited international texting, minutes and data costs 15.75 CAD per month. Another SIM service provider is Rogers which enables you to connect to the local network in Calgary. SIM cards are free for first time registration but replacement costs 10 CAD. Pre-paid monthly internet packages start at 45 CAD per month.



27. Time Zone

Calgary has two time zones:- Mid March to mid-November- Mountain Daylight Time UCT - 07:00hrs. Mid- November to mid-March – Mountain Standard Time UCT - 06:00hrs.



28. Languages

According to the 2011 population statistics, 70% of the total population in Calgary speak English as their mother tongue. French speakers make up only 1% of the total population. Other foreign languages spoken around Calgary include Chinese, Spanish and Punjabi.



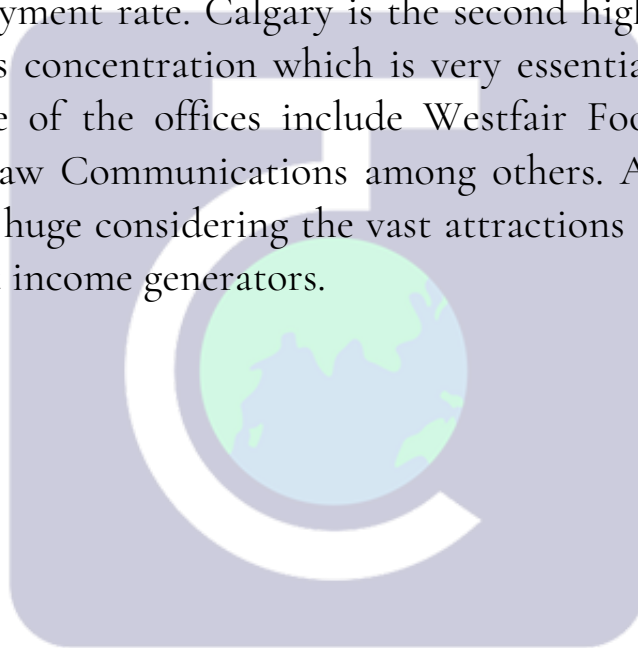
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The Municipal government structure of Calgary is founded on the Alberta's Municipal Government Act (1995). The Mayor and 14 councillors representing the 14 wards around the city are elected every four years in civil elections. The current Mayor is Naheed Nenshi. The City Council (the 14 councillors and Mayor) is the legislative body which administers the Municipal operations and services such as public safety, building and planning, public transportation, garbage collection, water and sewer services.



Index**30. Economic Scenario**

Calgary is famous for its oil and gas industry which dominates the economy. The industry is the highest GPD contributor with over 15% annual contribution. Some of the oil and gas companies include Cenovus Energy, Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Imperial Oil, Encana, Husky Energy and many others. Business services and Health & Education industries are the leading employers with over 25% employment rate. Calgary is the second highest after Toronto in terms of head offices concentration which is very essential in generating head office revenue. Some of the offices include Westfair Foods Limited, Canada Safeway Limited, Shaw Communications among others. Although the tourism industry is relatively huge considering the vast attractions and events, it doesn't top the list of highest income generators.



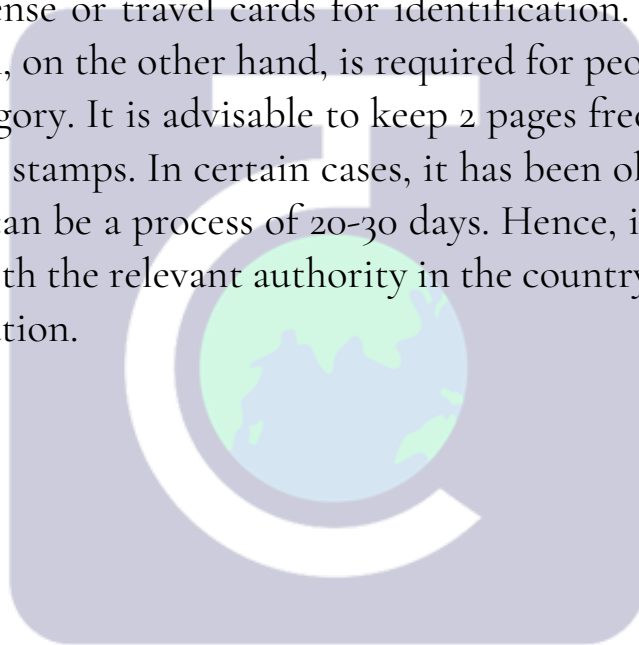
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The population of Calgary City sums up to over 1 million and 54% of this population is made of Christians. The number of those without religious affiliation is the second highest standing at 32%. Muslims constitute only 5% of the population while other religions such as Sikh, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish and other form less than 10% in total.



32. Visa requirements

Every visitor or tourist entering Calgary should have a visa and a valid passport unless they are exempted. Tourists from other provinces in Canada, US citizens, British Citizens, Citizens of British dependent countries and other countries are visa exempted(Consult your local immigrant office to acquire details). The visa is to be presented at points of entry together with other documents such as a passport, driving license or travel cards for identification. Electronic System of Travel Authorization, on the other hand, is required for people from countries in the Visa Waiver category. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



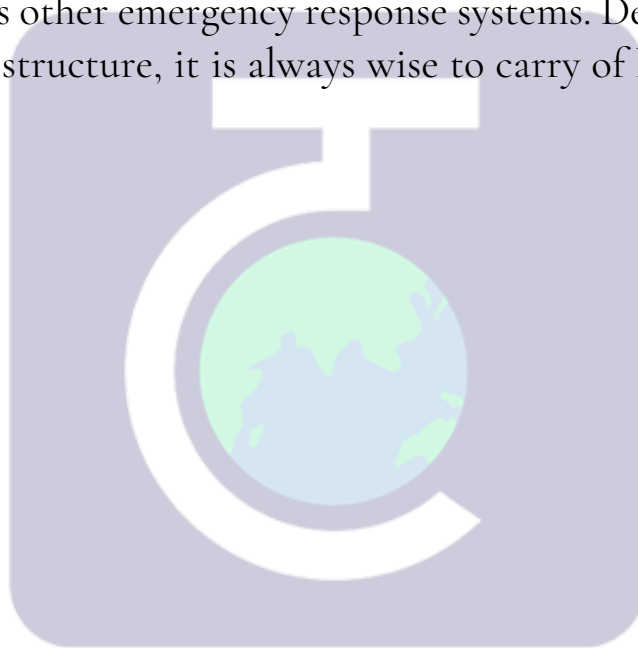
33. Essential vaccination

Calgary is quite safe with no cases of dangerous communicable diseases in the recent past. However it is always advisable to seek general vaccinations i.e. against yellow fever, hepatitis A & B, measles and rabies.



34. Theft and Safety

Public safety is guaranteed as you tour Calgary considering the advanced security and emergency response units. The famous Calgary 9-1-1 safety answering point connects emergency seekers to the Police Services, Fire department and Health service providers. Other essential safety departments in Calgary include Public safety and Communications, Bylaw education and Enforcement, Calgary Fire Department as well as other emergency response systems. Despite of the extensive safety reinforcement structure, it is always wise to carry of lock up your valuable belongings.



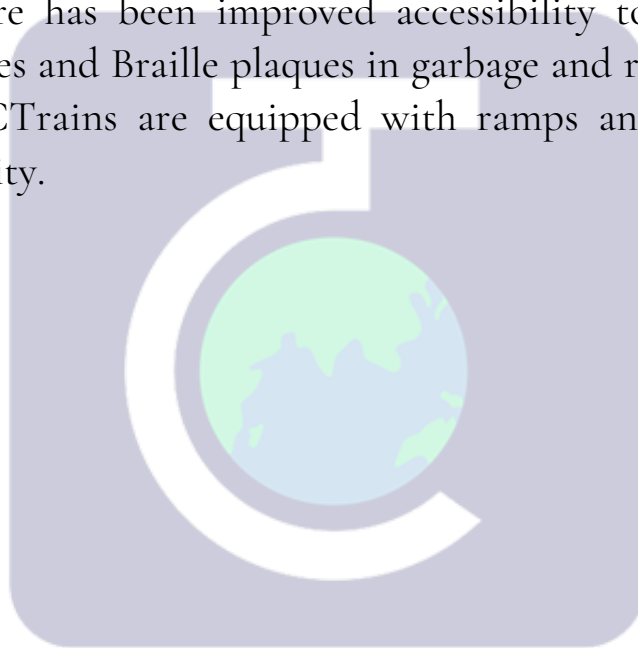
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Calgary is home to 38 foreign consulates and embassies. More information is available at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/canada>.



36. Accessibility

Calgary is very accommodative to the physically challenged. Several programs and initiatives have been developed to enhance accessibility for the disabled. They include Corporate Accessibility Policy, International Day of Persons with Disabilities and Advisory Committee on Accessibility (ACA) which guide and advice on provision of services that meet the needs of disabled people. In light of these programs, there has been improved accessibility to public recreational services, parking zones and Braille plaques in garbage and recycling trolleys. The Transit buses and CTrains are equipped with ramps and lowered to enable wheelchair accessibility.



Index**37. Emergencies**

For any health or other related emergencies, it is recommended you dial the Calgary 9-1-1 service number which connects you to the respective emergency response units. There are numerous hospitals and medical centres within Calgary and the main ones are: Foothills Medical Centre (FMC), South Calgary Health Centre (SCHC), and Rockyview General Hospital (RGH).



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38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • Doing volunteer work is like a custom in the City. It has the most volunteer workers around the world. • Use your coins wisely, there is a limit to the use of loonies, pennies and nickels • Always say hello to people, the locals are friendly people. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. Don'ts: • The City is among the cleanest in Canada. Hence, littering is highly prohibited. • It's an offence to stand on public benches or tables • Do not throw snowballs without the mayor's permission. • Spitting on the ground is a criminal offence. • Smoking in public areas or near major entrances and windows is prohibited. • Do not shout, yell or swear in public. It is an offence. • Do not paint a wooden ladder in Calgary • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.

Index**39.Tipping basics**

According to the tipping custom of Calgary, the lowest you are expected to tip is 15% of the total bill before tax. Those who opt to tip more can always give 20%-25% of their bill. If you are unhappy about the services given, it's expected that you should alert the waiter instead of leaving a bad or small tip. Tipping is a common practice in restaurants, bars and housing or room service. However, tipping is not compulsory in Calgary and should not be automatically included as part of the bill.



40.Pet info

Calgary City by laws allow visitors to tour with their pets provided they bring the correct documentation such as training certificate, full description, health status, breed and sex. The City's animal and pets by-laws require that pets should be licensed (i.e. Dogs-37 CAD and Cats-17 CAD for 6 Months), kept attended in public and dogs should be on leash and kept silent to avoid public nuisance. Various hotels such as Hyatt Regency Calgary allow pets and provide convenient services such as Deep cleaning for only 100 CAD. Pets may be restricted in some restaurants and health centres.



Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Getting to Calgary is quite easy considering that Calgary International Airport is well served by regional and international airlines at affordable rates. Travelling within the city is cheap and convenient due to the availability of extensive public transit services, private shuttles, tour buses, taxis, cars and bike rentals. Calgary is known for panoramic landscape and breathtaking attractions such as parks, museums, towers, rivers and historic sites. There are several museums with diverse exhibitions ranging from military and aerospace artefacts to art and cultural galleries. Other historical sites such Fort Calgary Historical Park and Chinatown are very charming considering their ancient designs, tales and historical significance. When touring Calgary, be ready to engage in some activities and sports whether indoor or outdoor. The expansive network of nature trails provides a good environment for walking, hiking and cycling. Adventure games such as skyluge and escape rooms are a must try activities. Swimming, boating and kayaking are also common sports in the nearby rivers and reservoirs. Be ready to watch hockey, baseball or football matches in the various stadiums and sport venues around Calgary. Calgary is a famous shopping destination with a lot of malls and shopping centres. The wide network of hotels, restaurants and clubs guarantees you quality and diverse cuisines, drinks and unforgettable nightlife. Before you complete your vacation, make a point of visiting professional therapists in one of the many spas within the City to relieve you off the fatigue and stress from long days of touring.

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