

Calgary is...

- **A vibrant Canadian city.**

The third-largest civic municipality by population in Canada, Calgary is full of things to see, do, enjoy, savour and appreciate. From once-in-a-lifetime opportunities like racing down a Bobsleigh track to everyday occurrences like visiting the local coffee shop for a fresh cup of gourmet coffee or sitting down at a restaurant for a locally inspired meal, the city is full of special and unique moments and experiences that leave a lasting impression on all visitors.

- **A major urban centre that is safe, clean and friendly.**

Although Calgary is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada it has been ranked the safest city in North America and 25th safest in the world. It is also the cleanest city in the world based on an environmental examination of 215 global cities. Calgary has also been ranked as the #1 Canadian city in which to live, and #5 in the top ten best cities in the world to live.

- **Easy to get to and easy to get around.**

Calgary's International Airport serves well over 12 million passengers with an average of about 200 flights per day, the majority of which are non-stop connections to other major centers. Calgary International is a main North American hub that offers fantastic connections to other hubs like Toronto, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Washington, Frankfurt, London, and Amsterdam. The airport has recently undergone a renovation and expansion.

Calgary's downtown is just a 20-minute drive from the airport. A variety of shuttles, taxis, buses – and of course rental cars – are available from the airport. The backbone of Calgary's Transit system is the C-Train, a light-rail train system that runs NW to SE and SW to NE. Over 280,000 passengers ride the system every weekday. The C-Train is free within the downtown core, allowing easy movement between office towers, meeting facilities, hotels and other venues. For those who want to explore on foot, Calgary has the world's largest elevated, climate-controlled pedestrian pathway. "The Plus 15" system, as it is known, is 16 km (10 miles) long and links more than 100 downtown office buildings, hotels, meeting facilities and shopping centres.

- **An energy city that's eco-aware.**

Despite its reputation as a world energy city, Calgary has a remarkable dedication to sustainable green initiatives. The City of Calgary was the first municipality in North America to achieve corporate-wide ISO 14001 certification, recognizing environmental management systems across all its operations; and in 2006 received the World Leadership Award in the environment category, in recognition of its sustainable development and work that continues to enhance, protect and respect the environment.

The Calgary TELUS Convention Centre and the Calgary International Airport have both been recognized by BOMA (the Canadian Building Owners and Managers Association) for environmental leadership, and the city's Light Rail Transit system is powered by wind-generated electricity which makes it completely emission free – the only one of its kind in North America.

- **Within an hour's drive of the Rocky Mountains.**

Breathtaking views of Canada's largest mountain range can be enjoyed from just about anywhere in Calgary. Home to spectacular mountain parks, charming villages and resorts, and some of the best camping, skiing and snowboarding in the world, the Canadian Rocky Mountains are a sight worth seeing.

- **Renowned for its Western Hospitality, White Hats and Volunteer Spirit.**

Surveys have shown that over 71 per cent of Calgarians actively volunteer. The white Smithbilt cowboy hat has become an international symbol of Calgary's western heritage and down-home hospitality. White Hat volunteers at the airport greet and assist thousands visitors every day. Each year, dozens of special guests and visitors become honorary Calgary citizens through official White Hat Ceremonies.



- **More than oil and gas.**

While Calgary is well known as a hub for Canada's oil and gas industry, the city's economy has diversified over the years. Calgary is home to over 105 corporate head offices – that's more per capita than any other city in Canada and Calgary leads the nation in technology start-up companies. Calgary boasts a highly educated population and the highest labour force participation rate of any Canadian centre. It is on the rise as an international hub of commerce.

- **An experienced international host.**

Each year, in addition to numerous international conventions and business events, Calgary welcomes a million visitors for the world-famous Calgary Stampede. As a Winter Olympics host city, Calgary set new standards of excellence in hospitality and organization, forever influencing the way both Winter and Summer Olympic games are hosted around the world.

Facts and Figures

- **Population.**

Calgary Metropolitan Area:	1,070,285
Greater Calgary Region:	1,328,000

- **Airport.**

Flights per week:	1400
Passengers per year:	12.5 million

- **Climate.**

Hours of sunshine:	2,300 hours per year (more than any other Canadian city)
Average daily high temp:	Summer (June – August) 21.9C / 71.4F
	Winter (December – February) -1.4C / 29.5F

- **Accommodations.**

Total guest rooms:	11,000+
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- **Meeting & Convention Space.**

Meeting/Convention Centres:	828,429 sq. ft.
Hotel Meeting Space:	353,174 sq. ft.
Total:	1,181,603 sq. ft.

