

## **CALGARY**

## **TRANSCRIPT**

Calgary is a city in the Canadian province of Alberta, about 80 kilometers east of Canadian Rockies.

With a population of 1.2 million people, it is the fifth largest city in Canada after Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Ottawa.

Calgary became a city in 1894. It was originally called Fort Calgary.

Calgary is among the top 5 most livable cities on earth and is among the top cities in quality of life.

Calgary sits at 1048 meters (3,438 feet) above sea level.

Calgary is a very dry city. Calgary receives an average of 2600 hours of sun per year. This makes it the sunniest city in Canada.

The coldest temperature recorded in Calgary was -45 C in 1893. Calgary's warmest day ever recorded was 36.1 C in 1919.

Although it's the sunniest city in Canada, in Calgary there is a lot of snow too. In fact, Calgary was the site for the Winter Olympics in 1988.

Calgary has two professional sports teams – the Calgary Flames (NHL hockey) and the Calgary Stampeders (CFL football).

In Calgary, you can visit a lot of interesting places such as: Calgary Zoo and Prehistoric Park, Heritage Park, Canada Olympic Park, Prince's Island Park Calgary Tower, with spectacular views of the city, among other attractions.

Also you can visit the beautiful Rocky Mountains, which are near Calgary.

## **INTERESTING FACTS**

Do you enjoy bike riding? Calgary offers over 700 kms of bike pathways.

The Bow River runs through the city and is famous for its fish. There are loads of trout here, and fishermen come from far and wide to get a good catch.

The Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava designed the pedestrian bridge known as the Peace Bridge.

The Calgary Stampede is considered the "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth". In The Stampede you can see the largest rodeo in the world, outdoor concerts and exhibitions. It is held every year for ten days. It attracts over 1 million people.

You can walk 18 kms in downtown Calgary without having to go outside, thanks to a system of suspended bridges that connect 100 building. That's a very good idea specially in winter.