## **Newsy BITS**



## Calgary. Urban Nature, Greenspace & Basecamp to Alberta Adventure

Calgary is Canada's sunniest major city, perfect for enjoying the outdoors, beautiful landscapes, unique experiences and hidden gems in our four-season destination. Recently, the New York Times acknowledged Calgary among the **top 52** places to go in 2019 and ranked 5th on Condé Nast Travelers 'Top 10 Best Places to Live in the World' list in April 2020, and here are just a few of the reasons why:

## The Great Outdoors

- Cycling, walking or running along the longest urban recreation pathway in the world, 1000 km long and connecting 55 communities
- Calgary is home to two of the largest urban parks in North America and has over 8,000 hectares of parkland and greenspace
- BUMP Festival: The Beltline Urban Mural Project is a community driven initiative transforming this downtown neighbourhood into an expansive open-air art gallery. Each year in August, artists from around the corner and around the globe create new works of art during the month-long festival, and in 2020 over 20 new murals were added to the collection
- Basecamp to adventure at five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the Rocky Mountains, the Badlands and the Cowboy Trail. Ski the Rockies, learn about dinosaurs that roamed millions of years ago, explore the hunting grounds of Alberta's Indigenous peoples or take in the sanctuary of alpine flowers and glacial waters - all within a three-and-a-half-hour drive from Calgary
- Farm to table, farm to glass. Calgary is only 30 minutes from the historic, cool little towns of the Foothills region featuring over 15 agritourism attractions such as Millarville Farmer's Market, Eau Claire Distillery, Spirit Hills Flower Winery, Chinook Honey Farm & Meadery, Granary Road and more
- Winter Fun: Calgary is the first city in Canada to have ice bikes, conventional bikes with the front wheel removed and set on a frame of skates. Cruise around the Bowness Park lagoon on your new ride





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