



## SAMPLE ITINERARY: Edmonton – Fuelling Fun from Fur Trade to Festivals

(Five days; year round)

**DAY 1** - Begin at the Muttart Conservatory – with more than 700 species of plants showcased in four spectacular glass pyramids – you'll get insight in the area's landscape, from ladybugs and bedding plants to Canadian forests. Next, explore Edmonton from the very beginning at Fort Edmonton Park, Canada's largest living history park. Join costumed historical interpreters and experience life as a pioneer. Then, learn a fascinating story of immigration to Canada at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, an award-winning provincial historic site just 45 minutes east of Edmonton – an area once home to the largest settlement of Ukrainian pioneers in all of Canada. Interact with costumed role players and explore over 30 historic buildings.

**DAY 2** - Alberta's magnificent Legislature Building remains the province's foremost historic site. Located on the original site of the Hudson Bay Company's Fort Edmonton, 45 minute guided tours are available. Just west of downtown, the Royal Alberta Museum explores the human and natural history of Alberta. Permanent features include the Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture. Book a tour, talk to a resident expert or close your eyes and let a storyteller take you away. Later, spend some free time exploring Edmonton's Old Strathcona Historic Area, well-known for its unique ambiance and the variety of stores including antiques and gift shops, bookstores, and a farmer's market. Have dinner at one of the area's many restaurants then take a guided Ghost Tour featuring some of Edmonton's significant 'spirits'.

**DAY 3** - Drive south of the city and move ahead half a century to the discovery of oil near Leduc on February 13, 1947. This find ushered in an era of prosperity and transformed Edmonton into the Oil Capital of Canada. The Leduc No. 1 Discovery Well Historical Site and the Canadian Petroleum Interpretive Centre and Hall of Fame feature a replica of the original oil rig, real equipment, photos, scale models and hands-on displays. Continue south to the Reynolds-Alberta Museum, where you can learn how their outstanding collection of rare and unusual cars, airplanes, tractors, farm equipment and industrial "giants" are collected and restored.

**DAY 4/5** - Many Edmonton attractions can develop curriculum-based programs for student and youth groups. Experience the wonders of science at West Edmonton Mall's Galaxyland Amusement Park and get up-close-and-personal with marine life biology at Sea Lions' Rock. Visit the TELUS World of Science™ – Edmonton and learn about the environment, space, astronomy, even forensic science and health.

Extend your stay beyond Edmonton to visit the massive Oil Sands in Fort McMurray, or head west towards the Rockies and Jasper National Park.

Enriching Festival City... Develop a learning tour around one of Edmonton's signature festivals or use an Edmonton Festival to incorporate an arts and cultural theme into an existing tour:

- The Works Art & Design Festival (June)
- Historic Edmonton Week (July)
- A Taste of Edmonton (July)
- Edmonton's Art Walk and Art Gallery of Alberta (year-round)

In addition to experiencing Edmonton's educational attractions, you will also find many dining, entertainment, nightlife and free time options. West Edmonton Mall, downtown Edmonton and Old Strathcona all offer great, safe options for shopping and exploring.

