



EDMONTON TRIVIA

DID YOU KNOW?

- The name “Edmonton” is a Latinized version of a Saxon word meaning “Happy Hamlet”. Edmonton was named after a borough of London, England
- Edmonton is Canada’s 6th largest city and is the capital of the province of Alberta
- Edmonton is known as the Gateway to the North, Oil Capital of Canada, Canada’s Festival City and the City of Champions
- Edmonton is the largest city located on the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway #16 and on Highway #2. Edmonton is 45 km (30 miles) west of Elk Island National Park and 362 km (226 miles) east of Jasper National Park
- Saskatoon berries are very common throughout Alberta, and are prevalent along the North Saskatchewan River valley. The name is derived from the Cree Indian word “Missask-quah-too-min”
- The largest cowboy boot in Canada is located in Edmonton (10007-167 Street) and is about 4 stories high
- Edmonton’s sister cities are Hull, Quebec (1967), Nashville, Tennessee (1992), and Harbin, China (1985). The province of Alberta was twinned with Hokkaido, Japan in 1980 and Heilongjiang, China in 1981
- The first Moslem mosque in North America was the Al Rashid Mosque, now located at Fort Edmonton Park
- The Marigold flower, selected as an official city symbol in 1964, symbolizes sunny Alberta and Edmonton’s role in the Klondike Gold Rush in the 1890’s. Like the many varieties of marigolds, Edmonton is a city of diversity, with more than 50 ethnic groups represented
- The Black Gold Hat was adopted in 1981. The shape is similar to that worn by the early miners and settlers. The colour symbolizes Alberta’s energy resources, particularly coal and oil. A gold imprint of an oil derrick identifies hats used as official city gifts
- Ripley’s Believe It or Not has recognized 96th Street as “Church Street” for its 16 churches in the neighbourhood
- The Canadian Cold Buster Bar was invented and developed at the University of Alberta in 1991 by Dr. Larry Wang. This energy bar, sold under various trade names worldwide including Access Bar and Fat Lighter, is available in North America, Taiwan, Singapore, New Zealand and Australia
- Edmonton has the longest stretch of urban parkland in Canada, which is 22 times larger than New York’s Central Park and 8 times larger than Vancouver’s Stanley Park
- The Victoria Golf Course is the oldest municipal golf course in Canada (1907). There are more than 70 golf courses within the Edmonton Alberta Capital Region
- The Canadian Finals Rodeo, held each November in Edmonton, is the largest annual indoor sporting event in Western Canada and features the top ten professional cowboys and cowgirls in Canada
- The world’s largest ice cream sundae weighing 54, 914 lb. 13 oz (24.91 tonnes), was made by Palm Dairies in Edmonton on July 24, 1988
- The world’s largest car park is located at West Edmonton Mall. It can hold 20, 000 vehicles
- The world’s longest crude oil pipeline is the Interprovincial Pipe Line Co. installation (1950) from Edmonton to Buffalo, NY a distance of 2,856 (1,7775 miles)
- Edmonton has scheduled train service 3 times per week by VIA Rail Canada’s “The Canadian” route (Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Jasper and Vancouver)
- Edmonton has a downhill ski facility located in the city centre which has been used every winter since 1911
- Edmonton is one of Canada’s sunniest cities with about 2,300 hours of bright sunshine per year. In June, Edmonton enjoys up to 17 hours of daylight per day!