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Alberta

A Winter Wonderland

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Having visiting every other Canadian province (excepting Saskatchewan), I had to ask myself why I had waited so long to come to Alberta? My travelling companion and I both agreed that this was definitely a trip to remember and one that we would readily do all over again.

Our plans were quite simple: tour Downtown Calgary on arrival; drive to Lake Louise for a weekend of skiing and relaxation; then enjoy some sightseeing at nearby Banff National Park before returning to Calgary. Everything on our whirlwind trip went off way better than we could have ever expected!



On arriving at Calgary International Airport in mid-afternoon, we picked up our rental car to begin our tour of the city, which welcomed its one millionth resident in July 2006. There are many unique things for the first-time visitor to see and do in Calgary, but with some help from friends who had visited the city, our own Internet research and a call to the Calgary Tourism Board, we were able to narrow down our must-do list.

But let me tell you, there are so many things to see and do in this fast-growing Western Canadian city that one would need well over a week to discover them all.