



**livability**

# EIU Global Liveability Ranking



Ranking of 140  
global cities with  
30 indicators



Calgary is the "**4<sup>th</sup>  
Most Liveable City  
in the World**" and  
has placed as a Top  
5 city every year  
since 2009



Criteria: stability,  
healthcare, culture  
and environment,  
education and  
infrastructure

*The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2009-2018*

# Quality of Living



## **Canada ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in quality of life, 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in citizenship and education**

- Ranking among 60 countries and 65 attributes
  - *U.S. News Best Countries, 2016*

## **Calgary ranks #2 in Canada**

- For healthy lifestyle and life satisfaction
- Ranking among 10 Canadian metropolitan areas
- Grade "A" overall
- Criteria: healthy lifestyle, life satisfaction, health care, population health
  - *City Health Monitor, The Conference Board of Canada, 2016*

# Attractiveness to Newcomers



**In an assessment of 43 features in seven categories that make cities attractive to newcomers here is how Calgary stacked up:**

- #2 with Grade A in Overall Ranking
- #1 with Grade A for Economy
- #1 with Grade A for Innovation
- #5 with Grade A for Housing

# Community



## A focus on family and a sense of community

- Calgary schools are consistently **top performers** in Alberta
- Numerous **charter** and **private schools**
- **Subsidies** are available for eligible low- and middle-income parents who wish to use a licensed pre-school or child care facility
- There are **8 hospitals and 5 cancer care centres** in Calgary Zone
- Calgary CMA **charitable donations** were the second highest median donation of major cities in Canada at \$450 in 2016
- Alberta's average annual charitable donations of \$2,581 was the highest among Canadian provinces and territories in 2015
- 50 per cent of Albertans **volunteer** (higher than the national average of 44 per cent in 2013)

# Getting Around



- **Vast integrated network of roads, LRTs and buses**
- The city is spread out covering more than 848 square kilometres
- Calgary boasts one of the **most successful transit systems** in the world
  - The most rapid transit service per million residents of any major Canadian city
  - Ridership of 110 million customers in 2015
  - 4,369 km of transit routes
  - 159 bus routes and 45 LRT stations
  - Free and monthly permit parking at most LRT stations
- Among the **easiest commutes** of major cities in Canada
- Calgary is home to the **car2go** car sharing service with over 550 vehicles in the network and 100,000 members
- Several taxi companies serve Calgary
  - Catch a taxi downtown at the cab stand – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (Stephen Avenue)
- **Uber** is available in Calgary

# Enviably Lifestyle



## Active and healthy lifestyle

- An hour's drive to spectacular **Banff and the Rocky Mountains**
- The most extensive **urban pathway and bikeway system** in North America (~850 km of regional pathways; 95 km of trails and 290 km on-street bikeways)
- World-class **attractions and sporting amenities**, including: Calgary Stampede, Spruce Meadows, Calgary Zoo, WinSport Canada Olympic Park, National Sports Hall of Fame, TELUS Spark Science Centre and the National Music Centre
- Abundant **green space and parks** including over 8,000 hectares of parkland and natural areas; 8,400 park benches; more than 1,100 playgrounds; over 700 rectangular sport fields and over 600 ball diamonds
- Calgarians are animal lovers - 1 in 10 choose to be proud pup parents! There are over **150 off-leash areas totaling more than 1,250 hectares**
- A community rich in the **arts, culture, entertainment and leisure** activities and venues
- Home to **St. Patrick's Island**. Named one of 2016's Great Places in Canada