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PENTICTON

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Lifestyle

- We live where people come for holidays! With one of the best year-round climates in Canada it’s easy to enjoy our two beautiful lakes, acres of parks, and wilderness trails on the local mountains.

- We also have world class wineries, award winning restaurants, craft brew pubs, local foods markets, festivals, concerts, and ski areas - plus entertainment and recreation facilities right in town.

- There is more time to enjoy life here, because everything we do is close by. Instead of fighting traffic we spend our time with family and friends, at the lakes, shopping downtown (lots of parking!), catching a show, and going to the markets for amazing local wine and foods.

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Public beaches stretching 5kms along two pristine lakes on each side of town

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Season playground with great weather year round to swim, boat, bike, hike, golf, rock climb, quad, hunt, snowshoe and ski

120
Kilometers of spectacular hiking and biking on the famed Kettle Valley Trail

2,100
Hours of sunshine annually
Seasons

- Our Summers are holiday perfect for beaching, playing on the lake, wine touring, and savouring local produce.

- Spring comes early with warm days and green hills for cycling, hiking and quadding. You could enjoy snow sports in the morning and head out for rock climbing or paddleboarding in the afternoons.

- Fall lingers long with bright days and crisp nights for fires on the beach, turning leaves and harvest celebrations.

- But Winter is our best kept secret with dry, clear weather great for brisk walks on the lakeshore, meeting friends for dinner and a touring show downtown, or enjoying holiday festivities in the shopping districts.

- Famed Okanagan powder can be found on the local mountains for x-country, snowmobiling, skiing and boarding - all just half an hour from town.

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30°

30 Degrees Celsius is the average temperature in Summer

7°

7 Degrees Celsius is the average Winter daytime temperature

8.4 cm

8.4 Average centimeters of snowfall per month in Winter

2.85 cm

2.85 Average centimeters of rain in the Summer months
Employment

- Our local employers Interior Health and Okanagan College are breaking new ground using state of the art technologies.

- Local industrial manufacturers like Structurlam, Slimline, and Betts Electric are shipping custom products around the world.

- Our growing wine and tourism industries are recruiting people with a broad range of technical and customer service skills.

- With technology making more jobs portable, Penticton is ideally suited to working from home as a telecommuter or virtual employee with access to fast internet, business support services, and overnight shipping to North America.

- If your career needs ready access to a larger centre, Vancouver and Calgary are less than an hour’s flight from our Penticton airport, while 45 minutes away the Kelowna airport flies internationally.

Top industries in Penticton:

- Manufacturing & Technology
- Healthcare
- Wine & Agriculture
- Construction
- Tourism
- Virtual Work

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170 Virtual workers and businesses use our Cowork Penticton hot desk facility downtown

1 Hour max commute time to all the major employment areas

200 Percent increase projected in employment positions available over the next 4 years
Opportunities

- Penticton has entrepreneurial incentives and support programs for both online and bricks & mortar businesses.

- Travel and shipping to major markets in Canada, the US, and internationally is easy through the Penticton Airport, and proximity to major highway routes.

- Penticton is ideally suited to internet-based businesses as our multiple major internet suppliers in the area provide communications that are fast and dependable for dealing with clients and customers world-wide.

- Penticton has a robust retail and hospitality trade plus an infrastructure of office supply and business support services.

- Low tax rates for business and attractive economic incentives for development help make Penticton ‘Open for Business’.

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**2015**

Penticton named Most Entrepreneurial City in BC and 2nd in Canada by Canadian Federation of Independent Business

**$62.6 million**

Value of construction projects started in the first half of 2016

**$1.3 Million**

Community Futures Program business loans for entrepreneurs in the area in 2015

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Community business organizations meeting regularly for support and insight
Activities

- In Penticton we like to be fit and have fun. Our modern community centre features a 25 meter lap pool, kids’ play pool and water slide, plus hot tub and sauna.

- Our state of the art South Okanagan Events Centre seats up to 5,000 for hockey games, concerts with performers like Rihanna and Carrie Underwood, plus shows ranging from Cirque Du Soleil to monster truck and motocross events.

- There are fitness centres, running and biking trails, skating rinks, yoga, and dance studios. Join one of our local clubs for fitness, running, cycling, baseball, swimming, soccer, or hockey to keep fit with friends.

- We see Hollywood releases in 3D at the 7 screen multiplex and we enjoy theatre, dance, and music in live theatre venues as well as pubs, night clubs, and the casino.
Our public school system has elementary, middle, and high schools with modern facilities and programs in sciences, arts, extra-curricular sports, and French immersion.

There are alternate and private schooling options available as well including Montessori, French language schooling, and denominational private schools.

After school there are plenty of opportunities for our young people with recreational and competitive level sports, music, dance, and arts programs. Plus there are parks, playgrounds and beaches because kids need time off too.

Okanagan College’s modern Penticton campus offers University transfer courses, and certificate programs including business admin, technical and construction trades, nursing, and others. University completion programs are available at UBCO less than an hour from Penticton.
Some of us like to live close to the vibe of downtown. Others enjoy a great view, or need a bit of space and privacy. Some of us like a friendly neighbourhood for backyard barbeques and the occasional helping hand.

In Penticton you can choose any of these and more. Live within walking distance of downtown or one of the beaches. Or settle on a quiet lot with a view, and still be just ten minutes from shopping and activities.

We have options for all preferences and budgets, each with the sense of community that comes from living in a small city.

It doesn't take long for you to know your neighbours, your kids to know the neighbourhood, and share in our sense of place and pride for Penticton.
Living

- Relocating to Penticton means having quality of life year-round without the stresses and costs often associated with larger centres. You’ll still find all the amenities and activities you want and need for your business, your family, and your lifestyle.

- People have moved from over 50 different countries to make Penticton their home, infusing our city with food, language, and vibrancy.

- Penticton has a wide range of culture for every taste to enjoy: with theatre, art galleries, clubs, and music ranging from intimate live performances to stadium rock concerts.

- With a walkable downtown, plus ready access to the outdoors and lakes, Penticton is a place where day to day life is simpler and lifestyle is a decision you make, rather than one that is made for you.
City Resources

- Personalized business relocation and development assistance and services through the Penticton City Economic Development Office.

- Both the Federal and Provincial governments have full public service offices located in Penticton handling regulatory issues, taxation, medical programs, pensions and other government matters.

- WorkBC Employment Services Centre serves local businesses by providing key labour force information and recruitment services, including free job postings.

- We’ve taken the worry out of moving. Get our online Move to Penticton Checklist and deal with the details with ease.

www.penticton.ca/move
Safety & Health

- The RCMP detachment based in Penticton focuses its efforts on pro-active policing to maintain a safe community. Programs include Crime Stoppers, Lock Out Auto Crime and Citizens on Patrol.

- Ambulance and fire stations are located right in Penticton with quick access to all parts of the city.

- Medical specialists with practices in Penticton include maternity, pediatrics, orthodontics, surgery, ophthalmology and more.

- The Penticton Regional Hospital is a full service facility with a 24/7 emergency department. Physicians and patients have local access to the medical professionals, and the equipment they need, to perform CT scans, MRI’s, endoscopies, surgeries and other medical procedures.

24/7
Hours and days of the week that the Emergency Department at Penticton Regional Hospital is open

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Firehalls with 30 professional firefighters on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week

137
General Practice Physicians working in Penticton

$325
Million dollars to be spent on the new Penticton Regional Hospital Patient Care Tower starting 2016
Penticton is located in the heart of the beautiful Okanagan Valley
Just 416km to Vancouver; 669km to Calgary; and 66km to the USA border.

Location

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