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Penticton

YOUR GUIDE TO **LIVING LIKE A LOCAL**



**WHY
YOU'LL
LOVE IT
HERE**

**HOW
TO GET
CONNECTED**

**LOCAL
RESOURCES**

LIVE WHERE PEOPLE GO FOR VACATION

Life in Penticton is about easy access to all the things that matter most. It's about lakes, trails, bike routes and other recreational activities outside your door. It's ski mountains, orchards and vineyards teeming with fruit, and the laughter of kids playing on the streets. It's a simpler life, with long sunny days and friendly faces greeting you hello.



FIRST STEPS

Get your **Just Moved Checklist**. Download this helpful document at penticton.ca/movehere and work your way through the list. It includes tips for how to:

- » Set up your utility accounts (including electrical and water)
- » Find a family doctor or walk-in clinic
- » Register kids for school
- » Find child care
- » Dispose of your garbage, recycling and yard waste
- » Look for work ...and more!

Learn more about what it's like to live and work here. Join a community of newcomers and be inspired by others who have made the move. Get tips to help you settle in.

Go to StartHerePenticton.com and follow the social media channels [eStartHerePenticton](https://eStartHerePenticton.com).



WELCOME TO YOUR NEW COMMUNITY!

We know you're going to love it here. This guide provides some local highlights so you can start living like a local.

NEW TO CANADA?

Start by connecting with the local settlement organization, South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS). Their services are free for newcomers and they can help you with everything from getting your documents in order to accessing free English language classes, finding housing or school for your children, and more. Download their **Newcomers Guide** at soics.ca/welcome-guide.

For more, visit soics.ca.

Why we **LIVE** HERE

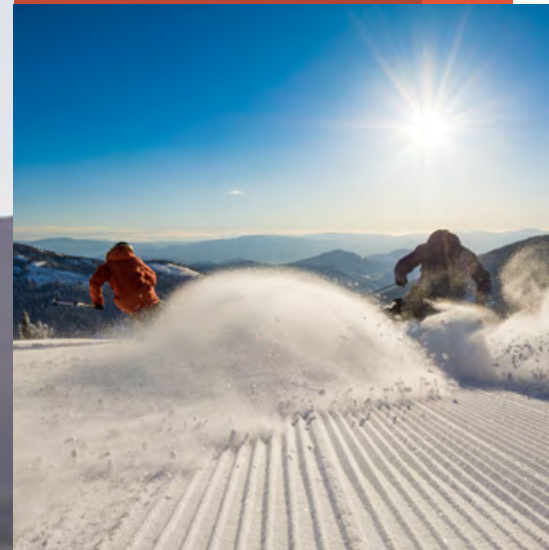


OUR HISTORY

Penticton is located on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Syilx/Okanagan people. Its name, from the Interior Salish word *snpintktn*, is commonly translated as “a place to stay forever,” or more accurately, “a place where people live year-round.”

You can read about the city’s history at penticton.ca/history or visit the Penticton Museum & Archives penticton.ca/museum and the S.S. Sicamous Museum* sssicamous.ca.

* *The S.S. Sicamous is the largest surviving sternwheeler ship of its kind in Canada.*



Explore the ever-growing list of reasons why Penticton is an **AMAZING PLACE TO LIVE.**



Four-season playground to swim, boat, paddle, float, bike, hike, golf, rock climb, snowshoe, snowboard, ski and more.



Average commute: **less than 10 minutes** walking, biking or driving.



88+ wineries within 20 minutes of the city.



8 craft breweries, named the craft beer capital of Canada, according to Lonely Planet.



Penticton Airport, with direct flights to and from Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton (seasonally).



Live events and concerts at the 5,000-seat South Okanagan Events Centre.



120 km of spectacular hiking and biking on the famed Kettle Valley Rail Trail.



2 places to ski: Apex Mountain Ski Resort (downhill) and Nickel Plate Nordic Centre.



Float your troubles away along the **7 km channel** connecting Okanagan and Skaha Lake.



Excellent care at the renovated **Penticton Regional Hospital**.



One of the largest **outdoor farmers' and community markets** in Canada.



Long sunny days and only 38 cm of rain annually.



Great schools, daycares and post-secondary education options.



Some of the **best beaches** in Canada.

LEARN



Whether you're planning for your kids' futures or your own, Penticton has a lot to offer. Check out penticton.ca/schools to learn about public, private and specialized curriculum schools. There are a range of early education and extra curricular options as well.

Okanagan College and Sprott Shaw College provides a variety of career pathways and continuing studies programs and the world-class University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus is a simple bus trip away in Kelowna.



WORK

START A BUSINESS

Penticton is a place where big ideas grow into big business. Our vibrant city has strong entrepreneurial spirit, where local companies are doing business around the world.

Do you have a business idea? Or maybe you have questions about the local market?

Start by visiting penticton.ca/business and StartHerePenticton.com.

Need a business licence?

Visit penticton.ca/businesslicences.

FIND A JOB

Visit penticton.ca/jobs for tips about how to start your job search – or join our growing community of remote workers.



OUR LOCAL AIRPORT

Penticton Airport is the ideal choice for flying to and from the South Okanagan. YYF is quicker and closer to everything our year-round playground has to offer.

- » Direct flights to and from Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton
- » Three commercial carriers (Air Canada, WestJet, and Pacific Coastal) plus charter flights
- » 10 minutes' drive from anywhere in Penticton
- » Affordable parking at \$3 a day
- » Short lines and quick check-ins
- » Newly renovated terminal

Find out more at yyf.penticton.ca and follow their social media channels [@yyfpenticton](https://twitter.com/yyfpenticton).



FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Penticton is a welcoming community with many opportunities for meeting new people. For social groups, view the latest Recreation Guide

penticton.ca/recreation.

For business networking opportunities, view the City's Business Resources page

penticton.ca/business-resources.

Joining clubs and volunteering are great ways to meet others and feel engaged in your community.

Find out more at

penticton.ca/get-involved.



ENJOY LIFE IN THE SLOW LANE

Float the 7km Channel from Okanagan to Skaha Lake for the ultimate unwind.

RELAX

PLAY

GET ACTIVE

Glide across the ice. Splash in a pool. Build sandcastles at the beach. Coast across the ice. Play ball in a sports field. Our parks, trails and amenities are a huge part of what makes living here so great. Get ready to explore!

For recreation activities, visit

penticton.ca/active.

For sports, go to

penticton.ca/sports.



FIND YOUR FAVOURITE HOT SPOT

Hungry? Thirsty? Or maybe you seek retail therapy? To find your favourite spot, check out the Downtown Penticton Business Improvement Association (DPBIA)

downtownpenticton.org.

For events, activities and a variety of maps and guides, check out

visitpenticton.com.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Penticton is a mecca for festivals, live music, arts and culture, endurance sports events, and so much more. As the birthplace of IRONMAN Canada, we regularly host and attract major international events.

Check out visitpenticton.com/events, penticton.ca/events and soec.ca to see what's coming up.



JUST THE TICKET FOR ARTS & CULTURE

Immerse yourself in the arts, sing at the top of your lungs or open your mind to fascinating exhibits. From concerts or hockey games at the South Okanagan Events Centre to theatre performances, art exhibitions and live music, your social calendar will be filled year-round.

Visit penticton.ca/arts.



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SO SOCIAL

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[@soics.penticton](#)

[@theSOEC](#)

KEY CONTACTS

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businesslicences@penticton.ca

Bylaw Services

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City of Penticton website

penticton.ca

Community Centre

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rec@penticton.ca

Economic Development

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economic.development@penticton.ca

Emergencies

911

General Switchboard

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Mon. to Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(closed for all statutory holidays)

Penticton City Hall

171 Main Street

Penticton Fire Department

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Penticton RCMP

250-492-4300

Taxes

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taxcl@penticton.ca

Transportation

[penticton.ca/
transportation](http://penticton.ca/transportation)

Utilities Billing

(Electric & Water)

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Waste Collection

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