

Making the Most of Calgary

You're here, why not experience some of the best of Calgary? Here are some spots recommended by our very own local experts!

"I just arrived and I'm starving. Where can I eat that's close?"

Don't settle for the corner store or the food court on campus. Here are some options only a short walk, train, or taxi ride from the university campus.

The Den & Black Lounge MacEwan Student Centre, 11AM-7PM, den.su.ucalgary.ca

On Campus!

Jamesons Pub 3790 Brentwood Rd, 11AM-12AM, jamesonspubs.com/brentwoodurant.ca

Open Late!

Earls Kitchen + Bar 1110 16 Ave NW, 11AM-12AM, earls.ca

Juree's Thai Place 2055 16 Ave NW, 11AM-10PM, jureesthaiplace.com

Denny's Diner 2450 16 Ave NW, Open 24 hrs, www.dennys.com

Open 24/7

"Wednesday night, feeling like hitting the town. What places are worth my time?"

Here are a couple of our top picks for food and experiences unique to Calgary. Even better, all areas are within a fifteen minute drive from campus.

Craft Beer Market 345 10th Ave SW, 11AM – 2AM, craftbeermarket.ca

Best Beer Selection

Best... Alberta Steak

Ceasar's – 512 4 Ave SW, 11AM-10PM

Hy's – CORE Centre, 3 St, 11AM-11PM

"Alberta is world famous for its beef – you can't leave Calgary without trying it. These two restaurants serve the best steak in town. Choose Ceasar's for quirky 70s décor, and Hy's for a sleek, modern feel.

Ricky, Manager Int'l Services



Cibo Italian 1012 17 Ave SW, 11AM – 12AM, cibocalgary.com

Best Outdoor Patio

Village Ice Cream 431 10 Ave SE, 11AM – 11PM, www.villageicecream.com

Best Sweet Fix

Native Tongues Taqueria - 235 12th Ave. SW, 11:30 AM – 1AM, www.nativetongues.ca/#masa

Shikiji Japanese Noodles and Sushi 1608 Centre St. NE, 5PM – 9PM, www.shikiji.ca

National on 8th 360 225 8th Ave, +30 LEVEL, Scotia Centre, 11AM – Late, ntnl.ca/national-on-8th/home-ntnl8

Best Rooftop Ping Pong

“Saturday morning and I have time to kill before my ride back. Where to go?”



Check out some of these locations perfect for a late breakfast or lazy lunch followed by a scenic stroll. All areas are easily accessible by train.

River Café Prince’s Island Park, 10AM – 10PM, www.river-cafe.com

TOP PICK!

Vendome Café 940 2nd Ave NW, Kensington, Open Weekends 8AM – 5PM, vendomecafe.com

Vero Bistro 209 10th Street NW, Kensington, Bruch 10am-2pm, <http://verobistro.ca/home>

Blue Star Diner 809 1 Ave NE, Bridgeland, 8AM – 10PM, www.bluestardiner.ca

Al Forno Café 222 7 ST SW, Eau Claire, 8AM – 9PM, www.alforno.ca

Best... Take Out n’ People Watch

Tuk Tuk Thai — 636 17th Ave, 11AM-12AM

“Grab some killer Pad Thai in a signature Tuk Tuk take out box and hit the streets! 17th Ave is one of the trendiest areas in town and full of interesting characters. Find a shaded bench and enjoy watching the world go by. “

Evangeline, Group Study Programs Advisor



Activities

What else is there to do other than eat? Here are a couple ideas.

See Alberta’s history up close at [Heritage Park](#) or [Fort Calgary](#)



Both [Heritage Park](#) and [Fort Calgary](#) give visitors the chance to tour original and recreated buildings dating back to the city’s founding. Heritage Park, the much larger of the two options, also offers train rides and a steam boat tour on the city’s beautiful reservoir – price included with admission. 9AM-5PM.

Encounter wild life at the Calgary Zoo

The [Calgary Zoo](#), spanning St. George's Island within the Bow River, hosts a considerably large collection of animals from around the globe. International visitors will be interested in the Canadian Wilds section, which hosts indigenous mammals and birds from across the country. Gates open 9AM-5PM. Now featuring pandas!



Get cultured at the Glenbow Museum

A perfect option for rainy days, the [Glenbow](#) hosts diverse exhibits from fine art to scientific to historical collections. Check the website for monthly events also hosted. Find the Glenbow at the heart of the downtown core between Stephen's Avenue and Olympic Plaza. Opening hours are 9AM-5PM.

Rent a bike – or find a buddy and get a tandem!

The University's [Outdoor Centre](#) offers affordable full day rentals for various styles of bikes. Feeling adventurous? Take a mountain bike up and over Calgary Nose Hill Park, just a short bike ride from the university campus. Equally scenic trails can be found along the Bow River, a quick and exhilarating downhill ride from campus.



Stroll around beautiful older neighborhoods

The Sunnyside/Kensington, Inglewood, and Mount Royal communities all feature lovely leafy neighbourhoods and parks - perfect for a walk and picnic. There are also plenty of shops and restaurants to explore.

Fit in your last minute shopping

There are a number of places in Calgary for finding day-to-day essentials as well as distinct souvenirs. [Market Mall](#) is the closest major shopping centre to the university, and has a grocery store, bookstore, and countless clothing stores. Both the #9 and #72 bus goes directly past the mall.



[Chinook Centre](#) - is the largest shopping centre in the city, and features an enormous cinema shaped like an Egyptian temple, oversized scarab beetle included! For local shops, the 17th Avenue, Mission, Inglewood, and Stephen's Avenue neighbourhoods feature unique boutique shops for every need.

For even more ideas, check out these websites:

<http://www.visitcalgary.com/things-to-do>

<http://www.avenuecalgary.com/Things-to-Do/>

<http://www.where.ca/alberta/calgary/20-things-to-do-calgary-under-20/>

