

WINTER IN EDMONTON



YOU GOTTA GIVE IT TO US- EDMONTONIANS KNOW HOW TO DO WINTER RIGHT!

Our winters are snowy, so dive on in and play around. Edmonton's expansive river valley and park systems run right through the heart of the city with over 150 km of fresh trails. Pack your cross-country skis or snowshoes and find the best trails to explore. The real fun starts when temperatures drop below zero, so start exploring some of Edmonton's snowy festivities!



ICE ON WHYTE

Jan 24-Feb 3, 2019 • Jan 23-Feb 2, 2020

Every year, the Ice on Whyte festival grabs winter by the snowballs and carves it into a wicked combo of ice and art. Just imagine, 155,000 pounds of ice is dumped to prep for this week-long party!



SILVER SKATE FESTIVAL

Feb 8-18, 2019 • Feb 7-17, 2020

This festival is an extravaganza of art, culture, recreation and sport! Edmonton's oldest winter festival is rooted in Dutch winter traditions and involves various skate races, live entertainment and a snow sculpture garden.



DEEP FREEZE

Jan 12-13, 2019 • Jan 18-19, 2020 • Jan 16-17, 2021

This two-day festival brings together Ukrainian, Franco-Albertan, Franco-African, First Nations and South American communities to celebrate their diverse cultures, and revel in the magic and beauty of winter.



FLYING CANOE VOLANT

Feb 1-2, 2019 • Feb 7-8, 2020 • Feb 5-6, 2021

Experience and celebrate music, storytelling, local history, and dance at the Flying Canoe Volant. This event celebrates Edmonton's beautiful Mill Creek Ravine with French, First Nations and Métis traditions.



LUMINARIA

At Luminaria, stroll through candle-lit pathways of the Kurimoto Japanese Garden, sipping hot apple cider beside a bonfire, enjoying seasonal sounds of strolling a capella singers and spotting magical "snow sprites" within glittering ice sculptures.



ELK ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Strap on a pair of snowshoes and explore over 80 kilometres of trails. Elk Island National Park is home to free roaming Plains and Wood bison, moose, deer and over 250 species of birds. If you're lucky, you may even catch a glimpse of the aurora borealis.



SEGWAY

Hop on your own Segway for a remarkable winter tour through Edmonton's world famous river valley. This urban gem has over 150 km of trails perfect for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. River Valley Adventure also offers a Legislative Lights Segway tour through the Alberta Legislature grounds.



ICE CASTLES

It's back! This winter, explore the Ice Castles, an acre-sized winter wonderland crafted by hand using only icicles and water. The Ice Castle features thousands of LED lights that are embedded into the ice to create a stunning Narnia-like display. The Ice Castles are open from January until March, weather permitting.



FAT BIKING

Winter transforms Edmonton's river valley into a cyclist's version of the TV series Ice Road Truckers-but without the drama. Essentially, by slapping monster truck tires on a widened mountain bike frame, you get an abominable snowmobile that can chew through ice and snow!



ICE DISTRICT/ROGERS PLACE

Canada's largest mixed-use sports and entertainment district is in the heart of Edmonton's Ice District. Rogers Place is one of the best arenas in North America and is home to our Edmonton Oilers & Oil Kings hockey teams! Edmonton has some of the loudest fans, so bring your voice and help cheer on our epic teams.



ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM

The new Royal Alberta Museum is the largest museum in Western Canada and one of the top museums in Canada. Located in the Arts District in downtown Edmonton, the museum houses a wide-ranging collection from petroglyphs to prehistoric dinosaurs.