



# RED DEER

Red Deer is a proud four-season sports tourism destination that's large enough to host marquee events like the Canada Winter Games and the Memorial Cup. Thanks to Red Deer's hospitality and authentic western Canadian vibe, visitors will feel right at home.

Red Deer is young, active and passionate about sports. With a population of just over 100,000, it is Alberta's third-largest city and has a potential market of more than two million people within a 160km radius.

With new sports facilities coming online and improvements being made in preparation for the 2019 Canada Winter Games, Red Deer is ready and able to host any type of sport event—whether it's a national curling, hockey or multi-sport competition, or speed skating, volleyball, pickleball and quidditch.

Red Deer is one of Alberta's most cost-effective destinations, and its compact transportation network means you're never far from any of the excellent sport facilities, abundant high-quality accommodations and unique off-site venues.



### **WE'RE HERE TO HELP**

Hotels Red Deer is your first point of contact for planning sport events. Let us simplify the process!







# **2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES**

FEBRUARY 15-MARCH 3, 2019

Red Deer is gearing up to host more than 25,000 athletes, coaches, media and visitors, making the 2019 Canada Winter Games the largest multi-sport and cultural event in Alberta since the Calgary Winter Olympics.

### **LEGACY PROJECTS**

- Construction of the \$88-million Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre/Centre des Jeux du Canada Gary W. Harris on the Red Deer College campus to host short track speed skating, squash and other competitions.
- A new \$21.6-million Red Deer arena, opening in 2018, featuring large dressing rooms, an indoor walking track and direct connections to the Pidherney Curling Centre.
- Upgrades to Great Chief Park including a new 400m speed skating oval and a synthetic sports field.
- Improvements to Canyon Ski Resort in preparation for snowboarding and freestyle skiing events.
- The development of the Canada Games Celebration Plaza as a community gathering space.
- Trail upgrades at River Bend Golf and Recreation Area, including construction of a stadium area and enhancements to the biathlon range.

# 2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES

20.000 **VISITORS** 

5.000

VOLUNTEERS ATHLETES, COACHES AND MANAGERS

5NN **TECHNICAL** 

**OFFICIALS** 

MEDIA

**SPORTS** 

**SPORT** VENUES

Great Chief Park speed skating oval and sports field



Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre/Centre des Jeux du Canada Gary W. Harris

The number one factor when you bid to host these types of events is demonstrating the level of commitment in your community. Red Deer was so excited about the Games that 10,000 people came out, all dressed in red, to welcome the siteselection committee, which had rarely seen that kind of engagement from a community.

-SCOTT ROBINSON, CEO, 2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES RED DEER

# **RED DEER** BY THE NUMBERS

OOR TRAIL SYSTEM!

**5 U** TENNIS COURTS (INCLUDING 12 COMPETITIVE COURTS)

6

**INDOOR** 

**OUTDOOR SPEED** SKATING OVAL

400M OUTDOOR **RUNNING TRACK**  SPORT PLAYING FIELDS

**CROSS-COUNTRY** COMPETITIVE SKI TRAILS

**I** PICKLEBALL COURTS ICE RINKS

**OUTDOOR** COMMUNITY ICE RINKS

16 CURLING SHEETS

CITY GOLF COURSES

37 RESTAURANTS, MORE THAN 350,000 SOUARE FEET OF PREMIER EVENT AND MEETING SPACE FOR GROUPS OF 10 TO 10.000 PEOPLE.



Download a list of Red Deer sports venues.





# MASTERCARD MEMORIAL CUP 2016

MAY 19-29, 2016

Imagine the excitement when Red Deer hosted the 98th edition of the Memorial Cup—the first time in 32 years that the junior ice hockey championship was played in Alberta. The action took place at Westerner Park's ENMAX Centrium, which had recently completed an expansion that included the addition of new seating and suites.

# 2016 MASTERCARD MEMORIAL CUP

**57,000+** ATTENDEES

**5,500+** HOTEL ROOM NIGHTS

**530** VOLUNTEERS

**160** PLAYERS AND COACHES



Among the reasons Red Deer was chosen to host the Memorial Cup is its reputation for hosting national sport events. From the World Junior Ice Hockey Championships, to the Brier, to the Scotties, the city has always put on a really good show. That's the kind of community we are. We believe in sports and sports tourism.

—MERRICK SUTTER, SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, RED DEER REBELS AND CO-CHAIR OF THE MEMORIAL CUP HOST COMMITTEE



# SPORT EVENTS IN RED DEER

2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES

2016 MASTERCARD MEMORIAL CUP

2015 ESSO CUP

2014 SKATE CANADA WESTERN REGIONAL ADULT COMPETITION

2013 SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES; ALLAN CUP

2012 & 2004 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

2011 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY EXHIBITION GAMES

2006 ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES

1995 WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

1994 CURLING CANADA'S BRIER CHAMPIONSHIP

**ANNUAL EVENTS:** Mud Hero Alberta; Foothills Cowboy Association Rodeo; 5K Foam Fest; Spartan Race; Red Deer Highland Games



# **LET'S CONNECT!**

Hotels Red Deer is your one-stop resource for sport event hosting. Our team of dedicated professionals will guide you through all the steps, so be sure to contact us early in the process. From site selection and bid assistance, to liaison with local suppliers, we're with you every step of the way!

Hotels Red Deer is a sport event collaborator and first-class resource. When you reach out to us at the very beginning of the process, we will set you up for success by putting all the pieces together for an unforgettable event.

-KAREN KITCHEN, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, HOTELS RED DEER

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### **SAY GOODBYE TO GRIDLOCK**

Travelling to Red Deer couldn't be easier. Situated in central Alberta, it's just a 90-minute drive from either Edmonton to the north or Calgary to the south. Air Canada offers daily flights to Red Deer Regional Airport (connecting through Calgary), or check out the frequent services offered by Greyhound Canada and Red Arrow Motorcoach.

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