

## Canada Day events

**Aspen Crossing** It's Canada 150! You'll discover that Aspen Crossing has 130 years of Rail History right here in Southern, Alberta! Join us on Canada Day for a fun packed day of festivities for the whole family! Free pancake breakfast, and afternoon activities such as bouncy castles, face painting and other family fun activities.

**Calaway Park** Celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with us! The first 1000 guests will receive a Canadian birthday cupcake. Surprise giveaways all day long! Come celebrate Canada with us! Open 10am to 7pm.

**Fort Calgary** Beginning with our free pancake breakfast in the morning, this is a day of celebration and riotous fun. Family-friendly activities go all-day long and could include: live local music, traditional Indigenous games and stories, the NWMP Commemorative Association patrol camp, a food truck caravan, powwow dance workshops, plus the City of Calgary's 'living flag' event.

**Heritage Park** Known as Dominion Day before 1982, commemorates the formation of Canada in 1867. Join us for a day packed full of fun for all - including a free pancake breakfast for the first 2,017 Canada Day guests with paid admission in the gates at before 10:30am!

**Spruce Meadows** Bring the whole family and spend your Canada Day with Spruce Meadows! The 2017 Heroes behind the Heroes run is the first of three races in the 2017 Spruce Meadows Run Series. It offers a thrilling 5km Military Inspired Obstacle course and a challenging 10km course without obstacles. Afterwards relax at Founders Plaza and listen to the Rocky Mountain Symphony Orchestra for a free Canada Day concert in the park.

**Studio Bell** Celebrate at Studio Bell with live music that takes you across Canada, interactive exhibitions, and some surprises! To celebrate, visitors on July 1 will receive free admission to Studio Bell courtesy of Bell Canada.

See a full list of Canada day activities in Calgary [here](#).

## July 2017 - Upcoming events

May 23 – August 29: **Heritage Park River Forth Dining:** This two-hour dining experience served in the dining car includes a glass of wine, appetizer, choice of gourmet main course, dessert and coffee or tea served while travelling through Heritage Park Historical Village. Tuesdays, 11 am to 1 pm.

June 3 – August 27: **Heritage Park Tea on the Verandah:** Saturdays and Sundays. Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea every weekend on the verandah of the Famous 5 Centre of Canadian Women. Nibble on a selection of dainty treats and enjoy silver tea service. A lovely girl's afternoon out! Sitzings are from 11 am to 3 pm and reservations are recommended. Call 403-268-8500 for tickets.

June 16 – September 2: **Rosebud Theatre The Spitfire Grill:** A feisty parolee starts over again in a small town and finds herself working at the Spitfire Grill. But news of her past makes her attempt at a second chance more difficult than expected. An uplifting folk musical about unlikely friendships, redemption, and a place to call home.

June 20 – August 27: **Theatre Calgary As You Like It:** This summer, follow our brave heroine Rosalind, and her cousin Celia, as they escape the rigid rules of court life for the wilds and freedom of the Forest of Arden. Here, they will fall in and out of love, encounter one of Shakespeare's greatest fools, and discover the value of true friendship.

June 23 – August 27: **Jubilations Dinner Theatre Flashdance An 80's Flashback:** Alex is a young woman from a working class neighbourhood who is driven by her desire to become a professional dancer. She works two jobs to save money for school. By day she is a welder at a steel mill, by night she is a go-go dancer in a local bar. This is a hilarious tale of mistaken identity filled with crazy night club characters, snooty dance school judges and lots of great music from the 80's! Please join us for Flashdance: An 80's Flashback!

June 29 – September 2: **Rosebud Theatre An Almost Holy Picture:** The groundskeeper of a small church has had a life filled with divine encounters – mysteries he cannot reconcile. His daughter suffers from a peculiar condition that covers her whole body in a coat of fine golden hair. Join his quest for answers in an intimate church garden as he struggles to regain his faith and discover what is holy.

June 30 – September 3: **Stage West Murder for Two:** The perfect blend of music, mayhem and murder! In this hilarious 90-minute show, two performers play 13 roles and a piano in a witty and winking homage to old-fashioned murder mysteries.

July 4: **Grey Eagle Casino Russ The Wake Up Tour:** Southern rapper and producer who built an audience through SoundCloud, earning hundreds of thousands of plays. He began receiving increased attention from hip-hop media outlets with the release of his 2014 album Silence

July 5 – August 30: **Heritage Park Music in the Plaza.** Wednesdays. The Stampede Talent Search will partner with Heritage Park to provide a weekly opening act. Our featured acts are selected from among Western Canada's finest up and coming artists. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic or dine on the patio of the Selkirk Grille while enjoying two hours of live music.

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July 5-9: **Spruce Meadows North American Tournament**: See some of North America's best show jumpers compete in this tournament at Spruce Meadows. Stick around after the competition to wander the property and experience the venue's other attractions, like the Spruce Meadows Prairie Dogs, shopping in the Riding Hall and wagon rides.

July 7-16: **Calgary Stampede**: Enjoy 10 days of the greatest outdoor show on Earth with favourite traditions, like the Rodeo and evening show, but don't miss the exciting new things that Stampede 2017 has in store. Sneak-a-peek features a silent disco, a Beakerhead collaboration and an opportunity to ride later by purchasing the IgNITE package. Enjoy 10 days of local, national and international music at the Coca-Cola stage and Nashville North, including Nelly Furtado, The Strumbellas, country star's Chad Brownlee, Jess Moskaluke and many more. Value days have been updated to include a Canada 150 day and like always, there will be amazing new food to try.

July 7-16: **Bell Live Series at the King Eddy** For 10 days, the National Music Centre will host live shows featuring an all-Canadian lineup of roots and country artists. A wide selection of local craft brews will be available at the shows too through a partnership with the Alberta Small Brewers Association. The King Eddy headliners throughout the series include Fred Eaglesmith, JJ Shiplett, Leeroy Stagger and more.

July 8: **Deerfoot Inn & Casino**: Musical guest **Steel Panther**.

July 11: **Roundup MusicFest**: New location at Shaw Millenium Park. An annual outdoor music festival during Stampede in support of the Rotary Club of Calgary! This year's performers Duran Duran.

July 12: **Fort Calgary Stampede Shaker**: Tom Cochrane will headline the evening, joined by Sloan, Trooper and Steven Page. The general admission ticket includes admission to the Calgary Stampede on July 13, free bus transportation to and from downtown Calgary and admission into the concert's official after-party.

July 13: **TELUS Spark Adult Night: I <3 Fried Food**. Every year, you promise yourself you won't try the latest fried concoction. But why is it so tempting? We'll dive into the science behind why we love that fried food so much, the appeal of the weirdest food combinations, and the chemistry of the deep-fryer's tasty siren song.

July 14-16: **Calaway Park Calaway Comic Fest for Kids**: CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES! Dress up in your best family friendly costume and visit the Artist Market featuring unique items from local artists! Or stop by the Photo Op Zone to be transported to a world far, far away. Forgot your mask? Stop by the Superhero Face Painting Center. Come experience Calaway Park like you never have before! Open 10am to 7pm.

July 14-23: **Cyclepalooza 2017**: The community-driven bicycle festival, **Cyclepalooza**, is back for another summer. The event runs 10 days, bringing people across the city together to enjoy cycling. The calendar is open from July 14 to 23 for individuals to organize and lead their own bike rides as part of the festival. Some of the events in this year's festival include a tour of Calgary breweries, a bike prom and a bike picnic all in white.

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July 15: **Creekfest 2017**: This annual event is a celebration of Alberta's natural areas. The whole family can learn how to protect our watersheds and respect the provincial park at this free event. The day includes live performances, interactive displays, nature walks and even more family-friendly activities.

July 17: **Deerfoot Inn & Casino**: Featuring hypnotist **Terry Stokes**.

July 17: **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Canmore Charity Golf Classic**: The 17th annual Canmore Charity Golf Classic is back this summer at the Silvertip Resort, raising money for families with sick children at Ronald McDonald House Charities Southern and Central Alberta. Golfers who sign up will receive a day of golfing in the mountains surrounded by panoramic views, as well as breakfast, dinner and the chance to bid in a silent auction.

July 19 – August 23: **Spruce Meadows Movies at the Meadows**, Wednesday nights: Watching movies on a large screen outdoors has become a popular summer activity - and what better place to do it than at Spruce Meadows! Bring a chair, blanket and friends and enjoy a movie under the stars! Popcorn, movie treats and meals are available to purchase on the lower Plaza, so feel free to come early.

July 20-22: **Milky Way Nights**: Head out to Priddis this month to admire the night sky and ask astronomers your questions. The University of Calgary's Rothney Astrophysical Observatory is open to the public at a time of year when the conditions are ideal for stargazing and viewing distant galaxies. You can observe the night sky through the observatory's telescopes from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

July 20 – August 24: **Heritage Park Captain's Cruises**: Thursdays. Set sail for a scenic summer cruise on Calgary's only paddlewheel boat and enjoy the breathtaking views of the Glenmore Reservoir & the majestic Rocky Mountains. Aboard the S.S. Moyie Captain's Cruise you'll enjoy gourmet hors d'oeuvres with a selection of beer & wines while listening to a live jazz band.

July 21-23: **Langdon Days**: The Langdon Community Association will gather people together this summer for the 72nd annual Langdon Days. This summer festival-like event will feature a weekend-long slo-pitch tournament, Friday and Saturday night beer gardens, a Saturday morning pancake breakfast and parade, Sunday car shows, as well as various vendors, food trucks and kids activities.

July 22: **Grey Eagle Casino Nazareth**: Nazareth is a Scottish hard rock band formed in 1968 that had several hits in the United Kingdom as well as in several other West European countries in the early 1970s. Nazareth established an international audience with their 1975 album *Hair of the Dog*, which featured their hits "Hair of the Dog" and a cover of the ballad "Love Hurts". The band continues to record and tour.

July 25-30: **Theatre Calgary Victors, Villains and Vixens**: *Shakespeare By the Bow* takes a pause during Calgary Folk Music Festival but evening performances of *Shakespeare After Dark* will take place at St. Patrick's Island. The show, *Victors, Villains and Vixens*, runs every night at 7 p.m.

July 27: **Heritage Park Big Rock Brewing Workshop**: This workshop is a must for the Calgary beer lover. Learn how to make beer and participate in the brewing process from start to finish. You'll be guided by professional brewmasters Alan Yule and Neil Bamford.

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July 27-30: **Calgary Folk Music Festival**: See musicians from around the world perform across eight stages, spend time shopping at the artisan market, buy food from one (or several) of the food trucks and unwind with a beer in the Big Rock Beer Garden. This year, the festival's lineup includes award-winning throat singer Tanya Tagaq, French-Canadian singer-songwriter Coeur de pirate and the popular, country-rock band Blue Rodeo.

July 28: **Grey Eagle Casino Michael Jackson History Show**: Showtime Australia presents this spectacular music tribute and full-scale stage production honouring the one and only King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Get the full Michael Jackson concert experience with accomplished impersonator Dantanio – electrifying in his role as Jackson – plus a live band, choreographed dancers, authentic costumes and state-of-the-art production.

July 29: **Deerfoot Inn & Casino**: featuring the **Pink Floyd Tribute**.

July 29: **Century Downs Racetrack Packwood Grand**: Aiming to celebrate old world leisure and sophistication with a new audience, Packwood Grand returns to Calgary this July. The horse racing event invites attendees to arrive wearing their most luxurious fashion or anything traditionally suited for horse racing. The event expects to bring in Calgary's most fashion-forward, highly cultured and influential individuals out to the tracks, just like old times.

July 29-30: **Pet-A-Palooza**: This annual, free festival is one that Fido and Rover are allowed — and encouraged — to attend. This festival is all about the pets. Expect a range of exhibitors selling goods for your pet. As well as shopping, there are pet-friendly activities taking place all weekend. There are French and English bulldog races (called the Running Of the Bulls), wiener dog races, a puppy stampede and dock diving. Also take part in the pet selfie contest.

July 29-30: **Calgary Arab Festival**: This weekend-long cultural festival is a chance to learn more about the different cultures in the Middle East as whole. There will be a range of exhibition tents showing Middle Eastern fashion, dance and arts and crafts. Sample Arabic coffee and try authentic dishes. Also expect a pavilion with entertainment like dance and music and a shisha cafe.

July 29-31: **Calaway Park Canadian Heroes Weekend**: This weekend is for our Canadian Heroes! Canadian Forces / Veterans as well as Canadian First Responders (EMS, Fire, Police) will receive free admission to Calaway Park on July 29 to 31, 2017. Immediate family members (spouse and children) will receive a special admission rate of \$23 plus GST per person. Identification required. Please visit the Canadian Heroes tent in the front admission area for your tickets and discount admission vouchers.

July 31 – August 6: **Calgary International Blues Festival**: The 13th annual Calgary International Blues Festival returns July 31st to August 6th for the best party of the summer! A full week of Blues workshops, concerts and special events culminate in four days and nights (August 3-6) of non-stop music on MainStage at Shaw Millennium Park, followed by the nightly Twilight Blues Dance Parties. Artists performing at Bluesfest this year include Amos Garrett and the Eh! Team, Angel Forrest, Bob Hall, The Claudettes and many others.