WELCOME TO THE CALGARY STAMPEDE!

THE GREATEST OUTDOOR SHOW ON EARTH

FUTURE DATES
July 3 - 12, 2020
July 9 - 18, 2021
July 8 - 17, 2022
WHERE THE WORLD MEETS THE WEST

Each year, more than one million guests from around the world come to Calgary to experience the heart-pounding action of the world’s largest outdoor rodeo, featuring bull riding, barrel racing and more. The GMC Rangeland Derby is a Stampede original, with 36 teams of horses and drivers racing to the finish line each night. The excitement is capped off nightly with the Bell Grandstand Show and a fireworks finale that lights up the sky for all 10 nights.

The Calgary Stampede is also one of Canada’s largest music festivals, with five stages and 300 performers, including a slate of international music headliners. World-class agricultural events and adrenaline-pumping Midway rides will entertain guests of all ages. Experience First Nations culture and traditions at Elbow River Camp in Calgary Stampede’s beautiful ENMAX Park.
CALGARY STAMPEDE KICKOFF
Each year the Stampede Parade showcases more than 150 western-themed entries, including 30 marching bands, 40 floats, 750 horses and 4,000 people. It’s not just a Parade marching down an avenue; it’s a march through tradition, history and local Calgary culture.

DARING FOOD CHOICES
The Calgary Stampede plays host to more than 100 food vendors during our 10-day festival. Guests can get everything from festival favorites like mini doughnuts and corn dogs to mouth-watering BBQ, to some of the craziest and creative combos like mac and cheese stuffed burgers and the most delicious deep fried treats.

COWBOY COUTURE
Western wear isn’t just for cowboys anymore! As soon as July rolls around you will see just about everyone donning cowboy boots, denim jeans, a plaid shirt and the iconic white cowboy hat, a symbol of western hospitality.

ONE OF CANADA’S LARGEST MUSIC FESTIVALS
The Calgary Stampede continuously rounds up some of the biggest and best entertainment in the world to perform. There are several stages and each has a unique purpose, whether that is live country music all day and night, showcasing great new artists.

ENVIRONMENT
Throughout Calgary Stampede’s long history with the land, the Stampede has worked hard to preserve it by following environmentally-friendly practices.

During the annual Stampede festival, we have several environment initiatives in place such as extensive recycling and composting programs, and our Midway lights are programmed to save energy. Year-round, the Stampede takes care of our almost 2,000 trees (including fruit trees) and 6,500 shrubs, as well as our bat houses that act as an eco-friendly pest and mosquito control system.

The Stampede is dedicated to keeping the city of Calgary green; the bedding waste and manure produced from our agriculture events are composted and turned into nutrient-rich-soil to help grow strong, healthy trees, which are distributed throughout Calgary. Extra food is donated by the Stampede Food & Beverage team to a non-profit organization that helps to feed those in need in Calgary.

TREATY 7 FIRST NATIONS
Take the opportunity to visit people from the Tsuut’ina, Kainai, Piikani, Stoney Nakoda and Siksika First Nations of Treaty 7 in Elbow River Camp presented by Enbridge. Located in ENMAX Park on the banks of the Elbow River, the camp is home for more than 500 people throughout the 10 days of Stampede. Here, they showcase their cultures and histories by welcoming guests into their tipis, telling stories and sharing traditions such as beaded crafts and bannock.
The Calgary Stampede Rodeo is the world's largest outdoor rodeo.

There are six major events that happen including ladies barrel racing, bareback, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc and bull riding. The action starts daily at 1:30 p.m. and runs until 4:15 p.m.

The calibre of a rodeo comes down to two things: the skill of the competitors and the quality of the horses, bulls and steers. The Stampede Rodeo features the world's best competitors and animals.

The cowboys and cowgirls face off in a furious display of skill and grit, with every win building towards Showdown Sunday—Rodeo's Richest Afternoon. Cowboys consider performing in front of more than 20,000 fans daily to be the highlight of the rodeo season.

Ticket prices range from $44 to $150 (includes all fees and taxes).

Tickets purchased in advance admit the ticket holder to Stampede Park on the date that the ticket is valid.

**FUN FACTS**

- The Calgary Stampede Ranch covers a total of 23,000 acres and provides a beautiful natural environment for its horses.
- With 600 horses in the Stampede Ranch’s herd, about 200 are actively competing in any given year.
- Cowboys know that when they draw a Stampede Ranch horse, they’ve got a great opportunity at being in the money, as they are confident the horse will do its half to score top points.
SMALL SPURS, HUGE FUTURES

Becoming one of the best in the sport requires extreme dedication and commitment. The Calgary Stampede supports and showcases the best young riders in its Novice events, from kids who have grown up in rodeo families, to young city slickers who just fell in love with the sport. The rodeo trail is not an easy road to travel, but for some it’s the only path they want to take.

ANIMAL CARE

There is no doubt that animal welfare is central to the rodeo lifestyle. Grounded in more than a century of tradition in agriculture, the Calgary Stampede is passionate and vigilant about animal care. As an added support, our independent Animal Care Advisory Panel helps to guide our decisions for animal policies and procedures, harnessing expertise in livestock care, health and handling.

STARS AND LEGENDS

Record-shattering performances at elite rodeos and record-breaking careers - the bucking horses from the Calgary Stampede Ranch are world-renowned for their performances at professional rodeos across North America. The legendary Grated Coconut’s name continues to be one of the most successful bucking horses in the history of the sport. Come see his offspring as part of the new generation of talented horses as they continue to build on the Stampede’s reputation.

A BARREL OF FUN

Rodeo entertainers and bullfighters - there is a difference! Flint Rasmussen is a famous rodeo entertainer who provides much of the comic relief during the Calgary Stampede Rodeo, but it is the bullfighters who are putting their lives on the line. They protect a fallen rider from the bull by distracting it and providing an alternative target. That’s no bull!

FAST FEARLESS FEMALES

Barrel racing showcases the fast, fearless females of rodeo as they fly around the Infield on horseback. In this event, timing comes down to hundredths of a second and requires great control, attention to detail and close cooperation between horse and rider. Unlike most rodeo events, age is not a factor in barrel racing. In 2016, a 67-year-old grandmother named Mary Burger dominated the competition, which included many women who were one-third of her age.
Every night at 7:45 p.m. the Calgary Stampede presents the world’s most unique doubleheader, the Evening Show, featuring the GMC Rangeland Derby and the Bell Grandstand Show.

As the sun sets, the GMC Rangeland Derby thunders around the track with 36 chuckwagons vying more than $1 million in prize money. Witness all the heart-pounding action, an experience like nothing else.

When the last wagon thunders across the finish line, prepare yourself for the Bell Grandstand Show: a variety extravaganza that includes comedy, elaborate song and dance numbers, acrobatics and a spectacular fireworks finale.

Ticket prices range from $56 to $138 (includes all fees and taxes).

Tickets purchased in advance admit the ticket holder to Stampede Park on the date that the ticket is valid.

FUN FACTS

- Chuckwagon drivers bring approximately 25 - 35 horses to the Calgary Stampede to compete during the 10-day annual event.
- There is such a thing as horse “Gatorade” (an electrolyte drink) and the horses love it!
- The Bell Grandstand Show production wardrobe collections houses more than 80,000 costumes. There are on average 1,800 costume changes per show.
- During the annual Calgary Stampede, more than 7,500 animals take part in our various exhibitions, educational programs and competitions.
- Each year, the First Nations Princess is selected from a Treaty 7 nation as part of the Calgary Stampede Royalty.
SECOND CAREER
A successful chuckwagon driver has developed a strong trusting relationship with his horses, and understands their unique personalities and desire to run. Not everyone knows that the thoroughbreds pulling the chuckwagons are participating in their second career. Most have spent several years on the racetrack before making the transition to chuckwagon racing, where they experience another dozen or so years doing what they love, running. While some drivers prefer a certain colour of horse, or look for other traits, it is truly the heart of a chuckwagon horse that makes it a great equine athlete.

IT’S IN OUR BLOOD
Fathers and sons, it’s an ongoing theme in the chuckwagon racing world. If you view the list of competitor’s in the GMC Rangeland Derby over the years, you’ll find the same last names over and over as generations of fathers and sons make their mark.

FITNESS TO COMPETE
The Calgary Stampede’s “Fitness to Compete” program makes sure that only the fittest and healthiest animals compete. The Thoroughbred horses in the chuckwagon races and the stock in the rodeo all receive veterinary inspections before and after competition. If there is a health concern, the vet withdraws the animal from the event. A microchip is implanted in the neck of each chuckwagon horse, allowing veterinarians to track and monitor performance, treatment and mandatory rest days.

THE BELL GRANDSTAND SHOW

THE YOUNG CANADIANS
The Bell Grandstand Show is a spectacular production that audiences have enjoyed for decades. Each Stampede features a newly created performance, featuring The Young Canadians of the Calgary Stampede with timeless musical arrangements and stunning performances. This energetic group of young performers shine throughout the evening, showcasing world-class vocals and precise choreography. Emmy Award winner, David Pierce, is the creative producer of the Bell Grandstand Show.

TALENTED YOUTH
For half a century, Calgary youth have been captivating audiences at the Bell Grandstand Show with their energetic dance numbers and outstanding vocal performances. The Young Canadians feature students are between the ages of 7 and 20 years old. This youth achievement program, which is funded by the Calgary Stampede Foundation, consists of annual auditions, where those selected receive tuition-free training through The Young Canadians School of Performing Arts.

YOUTH CAMPUS
The Calgary Stampede has had an exciting few years of development, specifically on Youth Campus, our new community, youth and performing arts-dedicated zone. The TransAlta Performing Arts Studios, Calgary Arts Academy, 800-seat BMO and Doherty Hall have been completed in the last few years and more developments are on the horizon.
AGRICULTURE

The Stampede began as a way to preserve the ideals and values of the western way of life. True to its roots, agriculture is showcased in fascinating ways that will educate and entertain all ages.

- Nutrien Ag-tivity in the City – urban meets rural with a hearty salute to the importance of agriculture. Find a bumper crop of free, fun-packed activities.
- Cowboy Up! Challenge – lights, music, demanding obstacle courses put horse-and-rider trust to the test in this remarkable display of horsemanship and speed.
- Draft Horse Town – take an engaging ride back in time to see this tribute to the mighty draft horse.
- Free barn tours with expert guides, daily from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

FIRST NATIONS AT ELBOW RIVER CAMP

We invite you to experience the traditions and cultures of the Siksika, Piikani, Kainai, Tsuut’ina, and Stoney Nakoda First Nations in Elbow River Camp presented by Enbridge. Families from these nations have set up their tipis on Stampede Park for more than 100 years.

Ambassadors will share traditions and histories with you throughout the Camp as you explore 26 tipis with vibrant designs to visit, local artisans selling beautiful jewelry and art pieces, delicious bannock and saskatoon berry jam, traditional dancing and singing and so much more.
The Calgary Stampede is one of Canada’s largest music festivals! You can catch the Calgary Stampede Showband in the Stampede Parade or the Saddledome steps during the 10 days, or see country legends to rock royalty on one of our stages.

**MUSIC AND CONCERTS**

**VIRGIN MOBILE STAMPEDE CONCERT SERIES**

These acts need no introduction, they’ve sold millions of albums, won countless awards and have fans all over the world. The list of iconic chart-toppers who’ve rocked the Scotiabank Saddledome stage include Taylor Swift, Luke Bryan, Katy Perry and Garth Brooks.

**COCA-COLA STAGE**

You can say you saw them when... The Coca-Cola Stage brings you 10 straight days of performances by North America’s hottest young artists—and it’s free with your admission. Previous acts include some of today’s biggest stars, such as Alessia Cara, Sheryl Crow and Alexisonfire.

**NASHVILLE NORTH**

A live country music paradise. Whether you listen to country year-round or just 10 days in July, Nashville North is the place to catch rising stars and familiar favourites. This legendary venue is for those over 18 years of age and older.

**BIG FOUR ROADHOUSE**

The Big Four Roadhouse is the place where you can kickback with your friends, enjoy delicious food, grab a cold drink while listening to great musical acts and challenge your friends to play the classic games you’ve grown up with.

**FUN FACTS**

- In 1971, the Stampede Showband was formed to serve as musical ambassadors for the event.
- The Showband performs all over the world on a year-round basis, and makes more than 100 appearances at the Stampede alone.
FUN FOODS

We have spent many years seeking out the best and most tantalizing foods from all over North America to bring you the best new Midway foods out there! Think your taste buds and your stomach are up to the challenge? Don’t worry – all your favourite classic fair foods are still as popular as ever. Guests will be part of the biggest unofficial food party Calgary has to offer – no matter what you try, you will be taken on a delicious culinary adventure.

SHOP TILL YOU DROP

- The Official Stampede Store carries unique souvenirs, clothing and accessories.
- Stampede Market is the place to shop while visiting Stampede Park. Find the latest must haves and old favourites.
- Western Oasis – you’ve never discovered western culture quite like this. Stroll through this calm, cool oasis where creativity abounds – art and artists, music and musicians, crafts and crafters and food and wine in a lush garden setting with the distinct serenity of the west.

FUN FACTS

- Every year the food sold on the Stampede Midway gets a little more adventurous. Some memorable items include the doughnut burger, deep-fried Oreos, scorpion pizza and any/everything you can imagine on a stick.
- When getting dressed to attend the Stampede, don’t forget to put on cowboy boots, a cowboy hat and jeans.
- More than two million mini doughnuts are consumed during the 10 days of Stampede.
MIDWAY RIDES AND GAMES

Pop, drop and whack your way across the Midway. There’s enough exhilaration on the Midway to satisfy any adrenaline aficionado — even specially sized kids’ rides in The Great FUNtier! If you prefer skills to thrills, the Midway games will challenge your hand-eye coordination. Just keep your eyes on the target and you might take home a prize.

FAMILY FUN

The Stampede is a wonderful place for those knee-high to a Clydesdale. There are tons of areas and activities geared to youngsters.

- The Great FUNtier— dip, dive, swing, slide and play, the rides and games are built especially for families with young children in mind.
- Weadickville – enjoy the historical family feel and discover the best deals on the Midway in this traditional town setting of 1912 Calgary.
- Extra family programming during the Stampede Value Days! Family Day the first Sunday, Kids’ Day on Wednesday.

FUN FACTS

- More than two million mini doughnuts are sold each year.
- If lined up end to end, the Midway tickets used would be 83 kilometres long.
- There are more than 120,000 lights on the rides.
- Taking a trip on the WestJet Skyride is the best way to get a birds-eye view of Stampede Park, while giving your feet a much-needed rest.
TOP 3 TIPS FOR PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL STAMPEDE

1. Book your accommodations early
Only 40 per cent of Calgary’s hotels are downtown. Many Hotels are located close to the C-Train in the North and South quadrants. There is more availability and better rates on the weekends (opposite of Banff National Park).

2. Don’t forget your western wear
During the Stampede, Calgary gets an extreme denim makeover. Business suits take a back seat to blue jeans, and everyone puts on their favourite pair of cowboy boots. Don’t forget your white cowboy hat!
Pro tip: Stampede Park is big and you’ll be walking a lot. Break in those boots before you arrive.

3. Spend two days at The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth
There is so much to see and do that fitting it into one day is nearly impossible. You will not want to miss the iconic events

WHEELCHAIR, STROLLER AND STORAGE RENTAL
There are three locations near the entries to Stampede Park. There are paved pathways and ramps throughout the Stampede Park to assist with wheelchair and stroller access. All public buildings are accessible.

ATM LOCATIONS
Several ATMs are located throughout the Stampede Park during events and the Stampede. In addition, permanent ATMs are located in BMO Centre, the Big Four Building and the Grandstand.

SUMMER WEATHER
Pack sunglasses and a light jacket. Summers are warm and dry, and even in the winter Calgary has more hours of sunshine than any other major city in Canada. Summers are glorious with big blue skies and highs typically in the low-to-mid-20s, occasionally surpassing 30°C (86°F). Evenings are cool and pleasant. Summer days are long - by July the sun doesn’t set until nearly 10 p.m. Plan for the following average temperatures:
High: 22.9°C (73.2°F)  Low: 9.4°C (48.9°F)

WHERE TO STAY
Calgary has more than 12,000 hotel rooms covering virtually every budget and lifestyle. Stampede Park is just one hour to Banff where your guests can stay in more than 5,000 rooms or in the 2,300 rooms in Canmore or Kananaskis.