



Magic Fest Calgary

Travel Guide

Welcome to Calgary, Alberta's largest city and Canada's third largest municipality.

The Venue



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The venue for the weekends MagicFest is the Telus Calgary Convention Center located in downtown Calgary.

The address for the site is 120 Ninth Avenue SE, Calgary.

There is an underground Parkade onsite at the Convention Center (Lot 60) where you can Park for the following rates (as of 2019-01-07)

Evenings (after 18:00hr) - \$1.50/half hour, \$5.00 Max

Daytime (Sat/Sun) - \$1.50/half hour, \$5.00 Max

Transit Options

A current transit fare will cost you \$3.40 and is good for 90 minutes from boarding with unlimited transfers between any Calgary Transit Bus Routes or Light Rail Transit (LRT). You can also purchase a day pass for \$10.75

There is currently no train that runs from the airport - so you will need to take one of the bus routes to get to the LRT stations.

Getting There

From Calgary International Airport (YYC)

The convention center is located approximately 20km from the Calgary International Airport where a majority of you will be flying into.

From there it is approximately a 20 minute Taxi/Uber ride from the Airport to the Convention center. An Uber will cost you around \$26-32.

You may also choose to take Calgary Transit. A current transit fare will cost you \$3.40 and is good for 90 minutes from boarding with unlimited transfers between any Calgary Transit Bus Routes or Light Rail Transit (LRT). You can also purchase a day pass for \$10.75

Your two easiest options from the Calgary Airport via transit would be:

Take Route 100 bus to McKnight/Westwinds LRT Station

Take the Southbound Train from McKnight/Westwinds to 1st Street West Station

Take the Route 1 - Forest Lawn Bus to the Telus Convention Center

or

Walk 2 Blocks south from the Center Street and 7th Avenue SW intersection to the Convention Center

OR

Take the Route 300 Bus straight downtown - This service costs \$10.75 and comes with all day access

This bus stops right near the Telus Convention Center

Both options take approximately the same amount of time

Lodging

There are many hotels located near the venue, listed below are some of the closest options. All prices that have been shown are for the dates of March 29-April 1.

1. Fairmont Palliser

133 9 Ave SW, Calgary Alberta

(403) 262-1234

[Search Online](#)

Approximate Rate \$161/Night

Distance: ~4 Min Walk

2. Calgary Downtown Marriott

110 9 Ave SE, Calgary Alberta

(403)266-7331

[Search Online](#)

Approximate Rate \$184/Night

Distance: ~3 Min Walk

3. Le Germain Hotel Calgary

899 Center Street SW, Calgary Alberta

1 (877)-362-8990

[Search Online](#)

Approximate Rate \$189/Night

Distance: ~3 Min Walk

4. Hyatt Regency Calgary

700 Centre Street SE, Calgary Alberta

(403)717-1234

[Search Online](#)

Approximate Rate \$208/Night

Distance: ~5 Min Walk

5. Hilton Garden Inn by Hilton Calgary Downtown

711 4 Street SE, Suite A, Calgary AB

(587)352-2020

[Search Online](#)

Approximate Rate \$159/Night

Distance: ~11 Min Walk

6. AirBnB

There are many Airbnb options near the venue.

[Check Here to See Availability](#)

As of the date of writing this prices for 2 people average around \$133/Night

7. If you are searching for an economical is a nearby hostel

Hi Calgary City Center Hostel

520 7 Ave SE. Calgary AB

(778)328-2220

[Search Online](#)

Approximate Rate \$58/Night

Distance ~12 Min Walk

Food

Calgary has a great variety of food options, spanning almost every ethnicity. While Calgary is the Steak and Beef center of Canada, some more unique options have been listed for your enjoyment and broken down into All you can Eat (AYCE) and non-AYCE options.

All You Can Eat

Hot Pot - If you have never tried Hot Pot I suggest you do. It's a simple concept - everyone gets their own individual pot of broth (varying from regular beef broth to a spicy Szechuan to Tonkatsu) and you cook all the protein, vegetables and noodles you can eat. In some ways it's similar to Korean BBQ, but something worth experiencing.

I would suggest 1Pot , located in Calgary's Chinatown its under a 10 minute walk from the Convention Center and is a great All You Can Eat Option.

1 Pot - 123 3rd Avenue SE - [Google Maps](#)

Approximate Price - ~\$25/person

WARNING - If you have a peanut allergy this may not be a good choice for you



Sushi - While sushi in Calgary won't be as good as you might find in a more coastal city like Vancouver, if you are looking to consume as much as you could eat I would recommend Fusion Sushi. While the sushi quality is not the highest, it does come with the benefit of having a decent amount of non-sushi food on their AYCE menu for the people who are fans of fish.

Fusion Sushi Downtown - 118a 5 AVE SE - [Google Maps](#)

Approximate Price - ~\$30/person

Brazilian BBQ - If you want copious amounts of meat Calgary can help you out. We have a few Brazilian BBQ's but my recommendation would have to go to Bolero's

Bolero Brazilian BBQ - 6920 Macleod Trail SW - [Google Maps](#)
Approximate Price - \$45/Person - Full Rodizio

Korean BBQ - If you are jonesing for a more asian influence on your all you can eat meat then you are looking for Seoul Korean BBQ. With 9 different meats available to be grilled as well as 32 other vegetable and other proteins on their buffet

Seoul Korean BBQ - 4336 Macleod Trail SW - [Google Maps](#)
Approximate Price - \$35/Person

Non-All You Can Eat

Steak - Since you're in the land of Canadian beef then we have to include a steakhouse on the list and one of the best in the city is Caesar's Steak House. A short 15 minute walk from the convention center this old school steakhouse will serve you any cut you would like.

Caesar's Steakhouse - 512 4 Ave SW - [Google Maps Link](#)



If you want something a little cheaper and bit more random I strongly suggest Tubby Dog. This place is home to some of the most unique hot dogs you'll have the pleasure of experiencing. They serve everything from the classic, with chilli and bacon, to the incredibly unique offering up a dog with Peanut Butter, Jelly and Captain Crunch on it.

Tubby Dog - 103 1022 17th Avenue SW [Google Maps](#)



Things to Do

Glenbow Museum - Located right in Downtown Calgary the Glenbow Museum contains over a million objects, documents, photographs and pieces of art making it one the largest museums in Western Canada. If you are looking for a cultural experience this is a good place to visit.

Admission - \$18 per Adult

As a note - Closed on Monday

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Calgary Zoo - Calgary's Zoo opened in 1929 and is home to over 1000 animals housed in over 120 Acres of land. The zoo has recently just gone under renovations due to flooding in 2013 and is now home to some Giant Pandas and one of the best Penguin Exhibits in the world.

Admission - \$30 per Adult

[Website](#)

[Google Maps](#)

Hockey - If you thought Canadians were nuts about hockey ... you were likely very right! And Calgary is home to Canada's best professional hockey team (and if you disagree well you're wrong ;)). Conveniently the Flames have two home games around the time of Magic Fest: Weds, March 27 @ 7:30pm against Dallas and Fri, March 29 against Anaheim. If you're interested in enjoying the Canadian game - this is your opportunity.