



2 Days in Edmonton: A Summer Weekend in Alberta's Capital

Thank you for considering **Holiday Inn Express Edmonton Downtown**. We hope you choose to stay with us and create unforgettable moments along the way.

We've got countless suggestions on how to spend the perfect day, but here are a few of our favourites to get you started

Day 1:

- **Activity/Attraction 1**

Ride the High-Level Bridge Streetcar

One of the unique things to do in Edmonton is to ride the High-Level Bridge Streetcar. The car runs between Jasper Plaza in downtown Edmonton and the historic Old Strathcona neighborhood, crossing the North Saskatchewan River on the High-Level Bridge.

The High-Level Bridge is one of the most iconic bridges in Edmonton. Not necessarily because of how it looks, but because of its history. The bridge sits more than 150 feet above the river, and opened in 1913 as the only bridge in Canada designed to carry four different types of traffic: rail, streetcar, automobile and pedestrian.



- **Activity/Attraction 2**

Visit the Royal Alberta Museum

The largest museum in Western Canada, the [Royal Alberta Museum](#) is definitely worth an hour or two of your time in Edmonton. The museum largely focuses on Alberta, with galleries covering both the province's natural and cultural history.

In the Human History gallery, you can learn about Alberta's roots and the First Nations people who first called it home. In the Natural History gallery, you can learn about the animals and landscapes of Alberta, from the ancient ones to ones you can see today. Some of the exhibits here are shockingly realistic.

- **Activity/Attraction 3**

Eat all the good food

Get ready, foodies! There's a ton to eat and drink in Edmonton. Some of the favorite spots included:

- **For brunch: Pip** – It's not a very big space (only 28 seats), but it's worth the wait for a table here, especially for brunch.
- **For lunch: Situation Brewing** – They have good beer, but also really good food! We ordered a bunch of plates to share, and enjoyed them all.
- **For cocktails: Clementine** – Sit at the bar and order a fancy cocktail or two.
- **For drinks and sharable plates: Baijiu** – This hip downtown spot serves up sharable Asian-inspired plates. The red braised pork bao, Thai basil pesto noodles, and smoked confit chicken were all especially good.
- **For dinner: Uccellino** – Delicious Italian food. Order the Ricotta Gnocchi 'Tocco Genovese.'



Day 2:

- **Activity/Attraction 1**

Explore Old Strathcona

Old Strathcona was once a city of its own separate from Edmonton, but the two merged in 1912. Today, the Strathcona neighborhood is known for its arts and entertainment facilities, along with good shopping and plenty of bars and restaurants. This was my favorite neighborhood in Edmonton!

- **Activity/Attraction 2**

Get some treats at Duchess Bake Shop

This bake shop on 124th St. is absolutely worth a visit. They serve up amazing macarons, tarts, cakes, coffee, and more.

And, while you're in the area, the 124th St. neighborhood is home to some cute shops, too, so you may as well go for a stroll and explore (and, you know, walk off all the Duchess pastries you're bound to eat).

- **Activity/Attraction 3**

Go to a festival

Edmonton is known as Canada's Festival City, and hosts a bunch of really cool festivals throughout the year (though, a large proportion of them take place in the summer!).

Some of the major festivals to check out in Edmonton include:

- International Street Performers Festival (July)
- Edmonton Folk Music Festival (August)
- Edmonton Fringe Festival (August)
- Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival (August)





High Level Bridge



Royal Alberta Museum



International Street Performers Festival

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