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Winter Harbour Beach House

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248 Alpine View Rd

2750sqft 2 story home in the **Village of Tahsis**. Home has 3 residential units, all with separate entrances. Lower level is a 2 bedroom suite and a bachelor suite, while upstairs is a 3 bedroom residence. Recent upgrades include a new roof in 2023 and updated electrical. Short term rentals and zoning permits secondary suites. **\$389,000**



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580 Cardiac Climb

Sweet hillside bungalow with ocean views in the **Village of Tahsis**. 910sqft home with two bedrooms and a 3 piece bathroom. The kitchen, eating area and living room look over the front garden with ocean views. Large deck, partially covered to allow for year-round outdoor enjoyment. In a west coast **Vancouver Island** community. **\$259,000**



Campbell River Ocean View

0.76 acre property with modern, welcoming residences, and inviting ocean and mountain views. 2525sqft 3 bed/3 bath main residence built in 2018; 1625sqft 3 bed/3 bath carriage house built in 2020. Extensive lawn, lots of outdoor parking, plus garages on both buildings. Main house has stunning views over **Discovery Passage**. **\$1,750,000**



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WELCOME SUMMER!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer came early to British Columbia this year. With temperatures rising steadily over the past few weeks, the province is buzzing with the energy of a season everyone has been looking forward to. I am glad we get to enjoy it together!

June and July hold a special place in the heart of our province and our country. Like the rest of Vancouver, Pacific Coastal Airlines has been gearing up for the World Cup with great excitement. Whether you are travelling to catch a game or venturing beyond the city for the first time, we are always ready to take you to the best corners of British Columbia.

To kick off the season, we launched our very first Charity Online Auction. True to Pacific Coastal Airlines' long-standing tradition of giving back, all funds raised will support our Community Support Program, our charitable partners, and BCAC scholarships. For 33 years, we have remained committed to our communities because we believe that being a responsible organization means ensuring our actions reflect our values.

June 25 also marks Airport Workers Day in Canada, a day to celebrate the dedicated people who keep Canadian aviation moving and communities connected. As a proud tenant of the South Terminal at Vancouver International Airport, we are honoured to be part of our passengers' journeys every day. Whether it is a flight within British Columbia or the first leg of

a bigger adventure, every travel story begins at the airport. On behalf of Pacific Coastal Airlines, thank you to all airport workers for everything you do.

And of course, July 1 brings Canada Day. As a Canadian airline, we are proud to fly Canadian skies and carry the Canadian spirit to every community we serve. Happy Canada Day!

Summer is always a meaningful time for us, from reuniting families to welcoming new passengers to the beauty of this province. I wish you all a wonderful season filled with sunshine, warmth, and great travels ahead!

Sincerely,

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Time with PCA: 30 years

Position: Flight Attendant/ Trainer

Job description:

Ensuring safe and comfortable travel of passengers onboard the aircraft

Where were you born and where did you grow up?:

Born in South Wales, UK

What path did you take to get to this job?:

I started with Pacific Coastal as a seasonal flight attendant, for summer charters to fishing lodges, then became a permanent employee as we transitioned to more scheduled flights.

What do you like best about this job?:

The best part of my job are the people I spend time with onboard the aircraft and especially my coworkers. Also, getting to experience our province through our beautiful destinations.

What are your hobbies outside of the job?:

My favourite activities outside work are impromptu adventures, whether driving or flying, with my sister. For local adventures, we are found on our kayaks in and around Deas Island. 🇨🇦



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THE GATEWAY TO THE Okanagan

Kelowna is known for its lakes and wineries, but that only tells part of the story

Words by Natalie Bruckner

Photos courtesy of tourismkelowna.com



Knox Mountain Biking

Kelowna's built quite the reputation as a summer bucket-list destination, thanks to its lush vineyards, long, lazy lake days, and slower pace of life. It's the version everyone knows, but it only scratches the surface of the valley.

Often dubbed "Canada's Napa Valley," the region sits in a long north-to-south corridor carved by ice and shaped by tectonic forces over thousands of years. The land rises from the valley floor into fertile benches and steep hillsides before falling toward Okanagan Lake, which stretches 135 kilometres through the valley and plunges to depths of more than 230 metres.

Sheltered by the Coast and Cascade ranges to the west, Kelowna sits in a rain shadow that limits incoming moisture and brings the warm, dry summers the region is known for. To the east, the Monashee Mountains feed rivers and reservoirs as winter snow melts through the warmer months. The result is a landscape built for outdoor living and year-round adventure.

COOL ESCAPES

Lake life is a big part of Kelowna. After all, the region is home to more than 100 lakes, so finding a quiet stretch of shoreline isn't difficult, even in the middle of summer. Paul's Tomb in Knox Mountain Park (look out for the legendary Ogo-pogo lake monster from here) and what locals refer to as "Secret Beach" at the mouth of Mission Creek offer easy escapes from the busier parts of the city.

For those looking to experience the city from another angle, the Kelowna Paddle Trail offers a front-row seat to the region's natural beauty. This 27-kilometre self-guided route stretches from McKinley Beach in the north to Bertram Creek Regional Park in the south, marked by a series of buoys just offshore. Along the way, you pass more than 20 beaches, quiet waterfront parks, resort shorelines, bird sanctuaries, and the edge of downtown Kelowna.

Move inland and the terrain changes quickly. The hills around Kelowna hide a side of the valley most visitors never

see—shaded canyons and cold rushing water. Here, the temperature drops significantly. You'll discover hidden waterfalls that cut through steep rock corridors and rock pools holding onto glacier-cold runoff. Western Canyoning Adventure Company is one of several operators that run guided routes through these formations, taking you into places you would never find on your own.

SOUND WAVES

Music may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Kelowna, and yet the region has produced artists like Yukon Blonde and The Grapes of Wrath, while quietly building one of the most active live music scenes in British Columbia.

More than 50 venues across the valley host live music through the summer. Wineries, breweries, and distilleries feature regular live sets, often outdoors and frequently free, where music drifts across patios and vineyard rows late into the evening. Red Bird Brewing, for example, runs outdoor shows that feel more like gatherings than performances.

At the larger end of the scale, summer music in Kelowna can be heard in vineyard amphitheatres and at downtown festivals. The Mission Hill Concert Series brings major Canadian artists each summer, with names like Tom Cochrane (July 8) and Burton Cummings (July 22) performing against vineyard views, while the Touchdown Kelowna Festival runs from June 26 to July 4, filling the downtown core with concerts, community events, and football throughout the week. The annual standout is Music in the Park, a free Friday series at Memorial Park during July and August, where people settle onto the grass with their farmer's market finds and simply enjoy the music under the clear Okanagan night sky.



Crawford Falls
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Ribfes Kelowna
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HIDDEN FLAVOURS

When you think of Kelowna, a flourishing food scene isn't always the first thing that comes to mind, but that's exactly what's emerged over the past few years, even surprising locals.

Places like Waterfront Restaurant and Old Vines Restaurant at Quails' Gate remain local benchmarks with the farm-to-table and seasonal fare, but the focus has shifted to experiences that feel less formal.

Smile Cycle Tours takes that idea into the streets, turning downtown into a moving table as a 15-passenger pedal bike winds through the city with stops along the way for drinks and nibbles.

Elsewhere, Kekuli Café brings Indigenous cuisine into an everyday café setting, where dishes like baked hummus bannock sit alongside coffee and easy conversation. Not far away, Bistro offers a quieter contrast on Sunset Drive, a small Paris-style room with a simple charm.

Out in the winery landscape, Home Block Restaurant at CedarCreek Estate Winery also builds its menu around what the land is producing each season, while The Modest Butcher keeps things more relaxed with its locally-sourced meats.

In summer, food naturally spills outdoors, and not just onto patios. Ribfest fills City Park each July with food, music, and long communal tables under open sky, while Diner en Blanc appears once a year in a temporary location, transforming a public space into a shared open-air dinner.



Bannock Treat from Kekuli Cafe
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TEE TIME

Golf in Kelowna isn't exactly a surprise, but the scale of it often is. The season is long—one of the longest and sunniest in Canada—with over 2,000 hours of sunshine in a typical year. There are more than 19 courses in and around the valley, but the experience extends well beyond the fairways.

One of the less obvious parts of golfing is the snack shack culture that has become a small tradition across courses in the valley.

At Black Mountain Golf Club, the “homey pierogis” are a well-known stop mid-round, while at Shannon Lake Golf Course, a loaded hotdog and a boozy Arnold Palmer made with local Indigenous vodka tend to stand out just as much as the back nine. Snack with a view? Yes please.

This snack shack culture embodies something very distinct about Kelowna these days. On the surface, it appears one way, but spend a little more time here and you start to see just how much is going on. 🍷



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WALKING THROUGH THE VINEYARDS AT PAINTED ROCK WINERY WITH VIEWS OF SKAHA LAKE. Kari Medig

SIPS, STAYS, AND SCENIC WAYS

EXPLORE THE OKANAGAN THROUGH VINEYARD ADVENTURES, LAKESIDE STAYS, AND CANADA'S FIRST UNESCO CITY OF GASTRONOMY.

SIP HAPPENS: ACTIVE WINE OUTINGS

Prefer less sweat and more sip? Lakeside Eco-Sports in Kelowna invites visitors to zip through the Okanagan Valley on a self-guided e-bike tour. The route includes wine and mead tastings at three venues, along with a vineyard-side charcuterie lunch at Meadow Vista. Hoodoo Adventures combines paddles with pours on its award-winning Kayak Wine Tour. Embarking from Penticton, guests paddle sunny Okanagan Lake before



BIKING AT MYRA CANYON TRESTLES DURING GOLDEN LARCH SEASON. Ken Hagen

hopping aboard a shuttle bound for local wineries, a picnic with a view, and a sweet orchard stop on the return. For those always dashing to the next pour, the Half Corked Marathon in Oliver Osoyoos Wine Country offers a vineyard-to-vineyard course, complete with wine stations, a costume contest, and a finish-line party that keeps the celebration flowing.

EAT, SLEEP, AND SIP THROUGH HARVEST SEASON

In fall, the Okanagan comes alive with vineyard escapes straight from a storybook where guests can eat, sleep, and sip—all without leaving the vines. In Cawston, the beating heart of harvest, Klippers Organics celebrates the season's bounty across 24 hectares (60 acres) of regenerative farmland. Savour wood-fired dishes at Row Fourteen, sip estate ciders straight from the orchard, and unwind in comfortable farmstay suites, just steps from the orchard. Also in Cawston, Orofino Vineyards is harvest-ready with the first straw-bale winery in Canada. Solar-powered and Gold Level Certified by Green Tourism, Orofino offers suites with private decks overlooking the vineyard, seated tastings, and picnics amid the fall foliage. In Oliver, Burrowing Owl is set on a 56-hectare (140-acre) vineyard bustling with harvest activity. With adult-only rooms, vineyard-view decks, and a restaurant serving locavore cuisine, it's autumn in a glass.



KELOWNA NAMED UNESCO CITY OF GASTRONOMY STATUS—A FIRST FOR CANADA

Located in the heart of Valleys and Vineyards, Kelowna is crafting a new chapter in culinary history as Canada's first UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. More than merely a title, the designation recognizes cities with cultures rooted in food: from sustainable farming and Indigenous culinary traditions to communities that live and breathe local. Kelowna is known for its sun-drenched vineyards, abundant orchards, and innovative hyper-local food scene. This designation serves as the ultimate pairing of place and plate.



DINING IN THE VINEYARD AT BLUE MOUNTAIN VINEYARD AND CELLARS NEAR OKANAGAN FALLS. © Patrice Halley

A CENTURY OF LAKESIDE LUXURY: THE TIMELESS TALE OF HOTEL ELDORADO

Situated on the shores of Okanagan Lake, the iconic Hotel Eldorado has been a beacon of lakeside elegance since 1926. Founded by Countess Bubna, an English stage actress-turned-aristocrat with a flair for glamour and adventure, the hotel began as a refined retreat for her worldly circle—drawn by the valley's natural beauty and the promise of a new railway connection in 1927. Today, the hotel blends classic charm with modern indulgence. Guests enjoy access to a private marina, lakefront boardwalk, heated outdoor pool and hot tubs, and over 50 stylishly appointed rooms and suites. Rooted in history, yet always looking forward, Hotel Eldorado is a story still unfolding, with each visit adding a new page to a century-old story.



DINING ON THE BOARDWALK AT HOTEL ELDORADO. © Mirae Campbell

PICKING APPLES AT KLIPPERS ORGANICS IN CAWSTON. © Kari Medig



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24 Hours in *Penticton*

Words by Lauren Kramer

There's nothing quite like Penticton in the summer, when the sleepy Okanagan town comes to life. Beaches and restaurants are filled with music and laughter, couples stroll hand in hand along Lakeshore Avenue, kids splash in the shallows, and excitement and possibility linger in the air.

With just 24 hours in town, you have to move fast and plan ahead to explore the best it has to offer. But you'll come away with new respect for Penticton's quiet charm, its natural beauty, and its many offerings for exhilarating outdoor activity.



FUN FACT:

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BIKE

Everyone should bike the **Kettle Valley Rail Trail** at least once in their lives, though there's no need to commit to the full 650km trail. We set our sights on the 60km from Chute Lake Lodge to Penticton, a route that highlights some of the trail's best sights and is easily accomplished in two to three hours of leisurely pedaling. We had **Penticton's Freedom Bike Shop** (freedombikeshop.com) drop us off at Chute Lake with bikes and helmets. We hit the trail, biking through forests where old-growth ponderosa pines still stand tall. The trail follows a gentle downhill grade, which means you never have to work hard on this segment of the KVR.

Look out for the old stone ovens, built to bake baguettes by the Italian crew who laboured on the railroad back in 1912. We passed woodpeckers hammering on the tree trunks, turkey vultures soaring on the thermals, and even a rattlesnake that moved rapidly off the trail. The views of Penticton and the lake from these 2,000-foot vantage points are simply spectacular. The **Adra Tunnel** is one of the ride's highlights, a 483-meter semicircular tunnel that's quite possibly the coolest tunnel you'll ever bike through. Built in 1913 for the railroad, it was barred up for years before the regional district

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Adra Tunnel

removed fallen rocks, added safety improvements, and opened it to the public in May 2025. Inside, it's deep, dark and chilly, but motion-activated lights illuminate the path, and the sound of a whistling train played on speakers somewhere deep inside the tunnel creates a strong sense of place. We detoured off the trail for lunch at **Lake Breeze Vineyards** (lakebreeze.ca), where a peaceful patio restaurant serves organic, farm-to-table fare and refreshing pinot gris.

Then we hopped back on the bikes for the last segment of the KVR trail, passing mom-and-pop vineyards and suburban homes until we arrived in downtown Penticton.

PADDLE

A paddle on Lake Okanagan on a still day is a tonic to the soul, a chance to escape noise, traffic and people and connect with the beauty of the water.

We rented kayaks from **Hoodoo Adventures** (hoodooadventures.ca) on the beach, taking a gentle paddle to explore the lake's parched cliffs and small, private coves. Within 10 minutes of leaving the shore, we were in blissville, free to swim at private, secluded beaches with nothing but the birds to break the silence.

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While Penticton has many culinary gems, Elma is one of the most talked-about, both for its upscale, beautiful interior and its fabulous Turkish dishes infused with fresh Okanagan ingredients. We dined family style on pide, pacanga rolls, grilled octopus and kebabs, sipping carefully crafted cocktails to take the edge off a warm evening.

REST

The family-owned **Balcomo Hotel** (balcomo.com) embodies Penticton's small-town charm, with an amenity list that includes a heated swimming pool in the courtyard and a brand new wellness center. Guests can take a yoga class in a salt-walled fitness room, lounge in the hot tub, or try the hot-cold plunge, the perfect end to a day immersed in Penticton's great outdoor playground.

For general information: visitpenticton.com 



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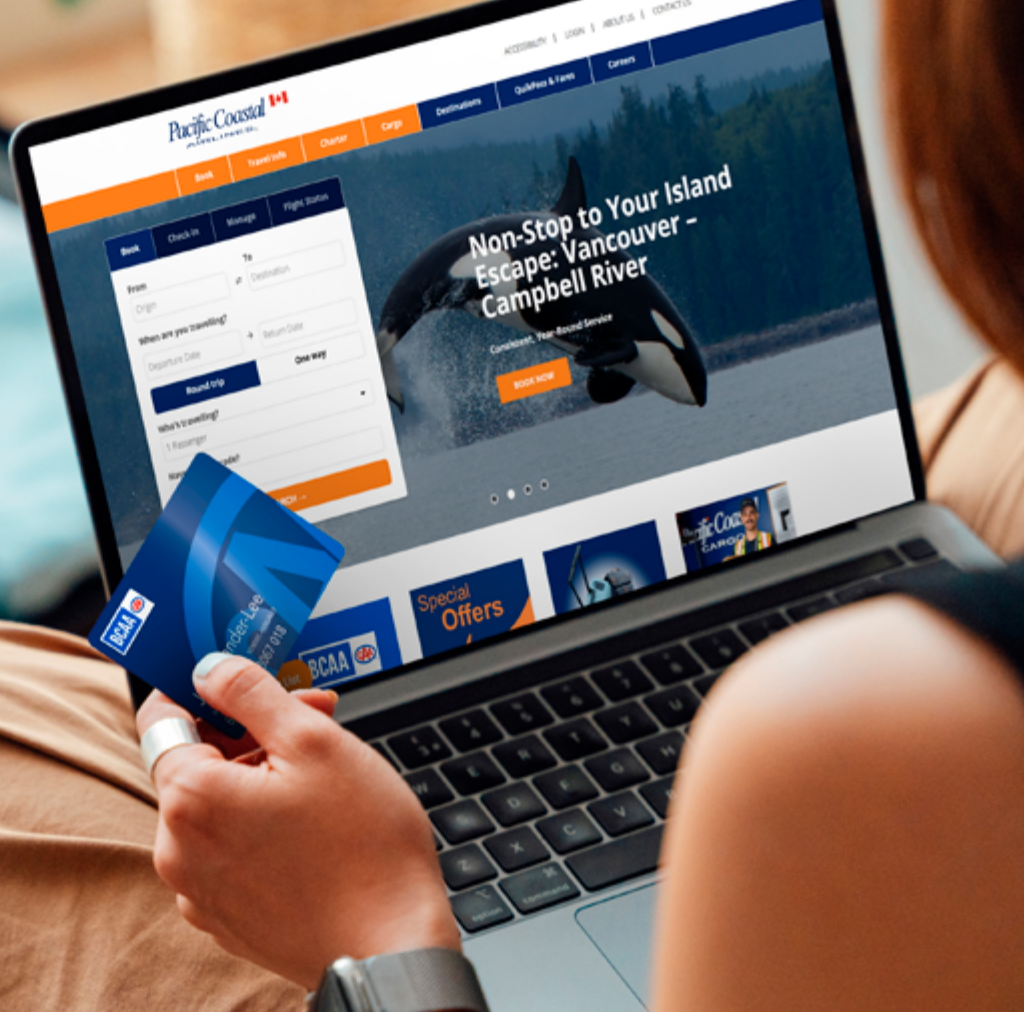
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Sun, sand, peaches, beer and wine. The list of what the South Okanagan is becoming famous for is constantly growing.

Penticton is the ideal base camp for expeditions out to visit the region's many wineries and spectacular new restaurants.

Start your tour just north of Penticton in Summerland, with the 19 wineries, distilleries and breweries that make up the town's Bottleneck Drive.

Penticton has its own series of wineries, many of which you will discover as you head out to Naramata. Don't forget to sample some of the local delicacies on your way as well, perhaps at Poplar Grove Winery or Hillside Winery and Bistro. Travel to Tuscany without having to leave Naramata with a visit to Serendipity's restaurant.

Nestled along a 14-kilometre winding country road overlooking Okanagan Lake, there are almost 40 different wineries in the Naramata Bench Winery Association, providing breathtaking views, patio tastings and of course, award-winning wines.

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Just 15 minutes south of Penticton is the Heart Of Wine Country, which wraps around Okanagan Falls and covers over 16 wineries from Penticton to Vaseux Lake.

With more than 40 grape growers and wineries, the Oliver-Osoyoos Wine Association boasts some of the most prime wine-growing land in Canada and is aptly named the Wine Capital of Canada. Hallmarked by the dramatic cliffs of the glacially sculpted McIntyre Bluff, the area is pure majesty of nature. This region is home to large wineries like Phantom Creek Estates, Jackson & Triggs and Tinhorn Creek to name a few.

Previously named by enRoute Magazine as "one of the world's five best wine regions you've never heard of," the Similkameen wineries are starting to get the attention they deserve.

Check out Wine Trails magazine for maps of each region and tasting and food ideas.

To have all your wine questions answered visit the BC Wine Information Centre at 533 Veas Drive or at (pentictonwineinfo.com). 



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