#### St. Albert

## YOUR must SEE & DO GUIDE



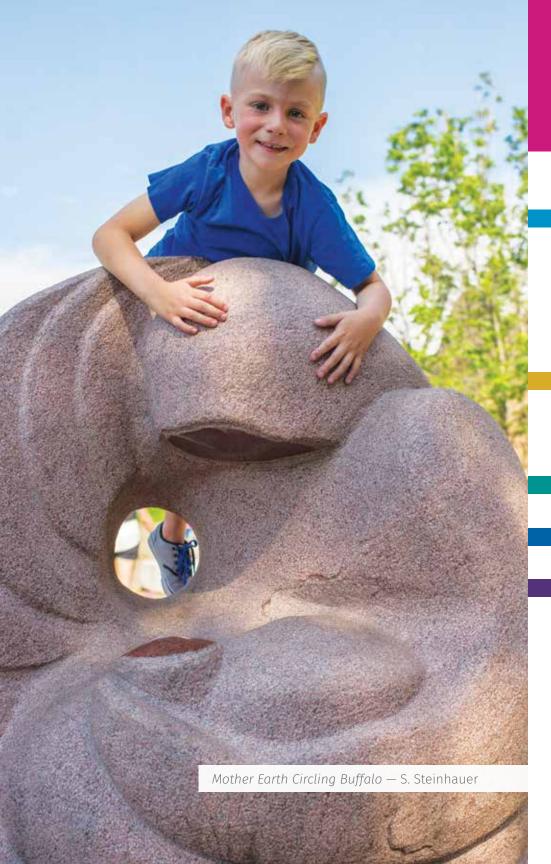




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## TOP 5 Things You Must See



## through Downtown



CN Train Trestle

Perron District

As part of a 95 km trail system found in St. Albert, the trails through the downtown offer beauty throughout the seasons.

Notable sights include St. Albert Place, Celebration Garden, the Children's Bridge and the CN Train Trestle. The Perron District in St. Albert's downtown fills the senses with beauty, art, festivals, local food and unique boutiques. [D4]









The St. Albert Farmers' Market is the largest outdoor market in western Canada.

Every Saturday from mid-June to Thanksgiving weekend you will find over 250 vendors offering you home-baked, homegrown or homemade items. [D4]

## TOP 5 Things You Must See

As voted by local residents

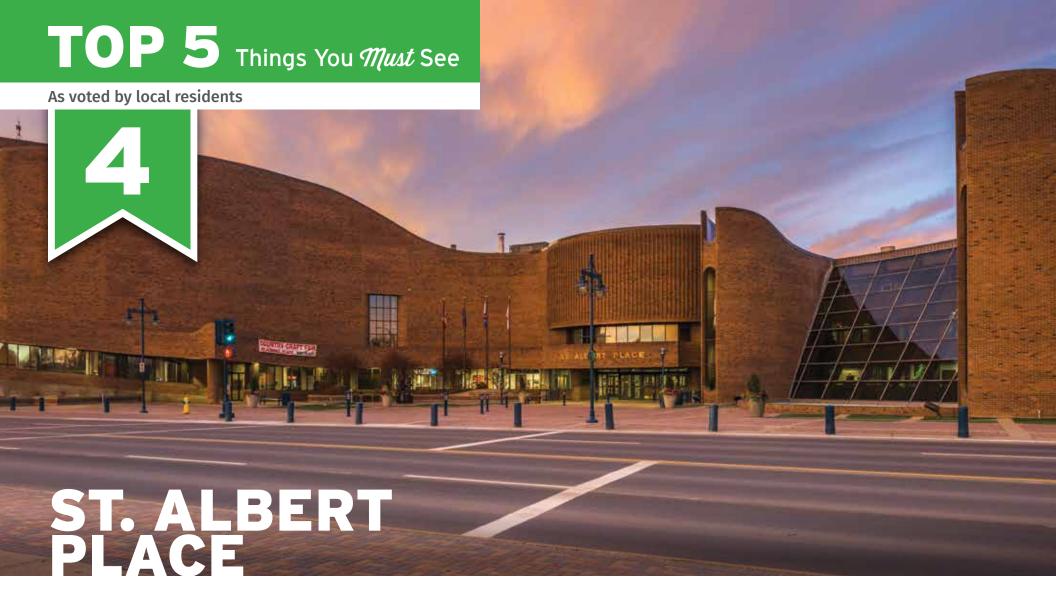






The Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park is a globally significant Important Bird Area located on the outskirts of St. Albert.

Visit this pristine, peaceful park to see trumpeter swans, peregrine falcons, Canadian geese and more. **[C5]** 







A visit to St. Albert Place brings you to The Arden Theatre, the St. Albert Public Library, the Musée Héritage Museum and artist guilds.

Right in the heart of downtown, this historic building, designed by architect Douglas Cardinal, is home to numerous pieces of public art and some of the best festivals in town. [D4]







A visit to the completely restored Grain Elevators and replica 1920s Train Station is the perfect outing for families.

Kids can play on vintage farm equipment, learn how the elevators worked in days past and even try out a Morse code transmitter. Open from May long weekend to September long weekend. [C4]





Music lovers will find all they could wish for in St. Albert, especially if you're visiting in the summer.

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and pick out your spot on Mission Hill for St. Albert's very own Seven Music Fest. The natural grassy amphitheatre is the perfect setting for dancing and singing along with amazing Canadian talent.

If old-time rock 'n roll is more your thing, don't miss Rock'n August. The annual Friday night street dance is always a blast.

Throughout the rest of the year, check out nationally acclaimed artists performing at The Arden Theatre. Whether you are looking for that up and coming band that has yet to be discovered, or some great local tunes and covers, the live music scene in St. Albert will have something worth listening to.

The Arden Theatre • ardentheatre.com

Live Music Listing • stalbert.ca/livemusic





The glory of active storytelling can be experienced through various venues and companies in St. Albert. The Arden Theatre hosts many artists throughout the year, ranging from the young talent of the St. Albert Children's Theatre to seasoned performers and musicians from across the country and around the world. The 509 seat space provides an intimate theatre experience, with not a bad seat in the house. For a change of pace, check out a local dinner theatre at the Kinsmen Club presented by the St. Albert Theatre Troupe. Productions run year-round and offer a great experience for friends, family and children.

The Arden Theatre • ardentheatre.com

St. Albert Children's Theatre • sact.ca

St. Albert Theatre Troupe • **stalberttheatre.com** 

## MORE TO DO

## International Children's Festival of the Arts

During the festival, children can sing and dance to world music, interact with roving artists, listen to stories about faraway places, and create their own masterpieces with the help of a multitude of hands-on activities. Performances and activities are meticulously planned to introduce kids to a cultural kaleidoscope of sights, sounds, and one-of-a-kind experiences such as puppetry, music, dance, theatre, clowning, acrobatics, literary and visual arts.

childfest.com









A fun activity in any season is exploring the city to check out the over 30 pieces of public art. Be ready to take lots of photos and share your experiences with #visitstalbert.

Start in the downtown and get a feel for what St. Albert is all about. St. Albert's Métis heritage is evident in many of the pieces, with a favourite being "Buffalo Hunt", by Don and Shirley Begg. This sculptural piece depicts how extremely important buffalo were to our Métis community, not only for the food and hides but also the family interaction that occurred along with the hunt.

Barbara Peterson's "Legacy of Love and Learning" out front of St. Albert Place commemorates former St. Albert resident Lois Hole. She was famous for her passion for gardening, health and lifelong learning. As you explore the murals, sculptures and interactive pieces, they will all give you an insider's view of what made St. Albert the city it is today.

View and plan your art discovery using the online interactive map of Public Art. Go to **stalbert.ca/getting-around/maps/art-in-public-places-map** or download the app for iPhone.

## MORE TO DO

#### **Art Gallery of St. Albert**

Submerse yourself in the exhibits of great local artists.

artgalleryofstalbert.ca

#### **VASA**

This completely unique St. Albert artist run studio and gallery allows you to see artists at work and chat with them about their pieces.

vasa.ca

#### **ArtWalk**

Stroll through the downtown and experience St. Albert's unique art scene. First Thursday of every month from May – September.

artswalkstalbert.com

## St. Albert Artist Guilds – W.A.R.E.S.

This quaint store inside St. Albert Place features arts created by the various guilds in St. Albert.

stalbert.ca/experience/explore/ st.-albert/shopping/w.a.r.e.s

#### **StARTS Fest**

A community celebration of arts and culture in St. Albert.

Held every September startsfest.ca



d Thunder's Gift — S. Steinhauer



As the oldest non-fortified city in Alberta, stepping back in time is a pleasure in St. Albert.

In 1861, Father Lacombe developed the St. Albert Mission on prime agricultural land along the trade route from Fort Edmonton to the key fur trading regions. Step into Father Lacombe's original log chapel, the oldest surviving wooden structure in Alberta. This humble chapel even became one of the original cathedrals in the Canadian North West Territories.

Nearby is the very European Grotto. This relic is a replica of the shrine in Lourdes, France, and was originally built in 1920 with stone right from the Sturgeon riverbank and surrounding fields.

## MORE TO DO

#### **Founder's Walk**

Download a map and explore the contributions of St. Albert's early settlers.

stalbert.ca/experience/arts-andculture/museums-and-heritage/ founders-walk

#### Musée Héritage Musuem

Visit the exhibits or sign out a backpack to do a self-guided tour of St. Albert's historic sites. [D4]

museeheritage.ca

#### **Mission Hill Day**

A day filled with costumed historical interpreters, historic demonstrations and lemonade all celebrating St. Albert's founders. [D4]

history.alberta.ca/fatherlacombe

#### **Grain Elevator Park**

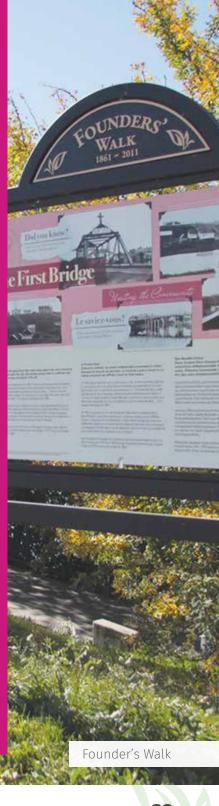
Tour two of Alberta's provincially designated elevators and a 1920 replica train station. [C4]

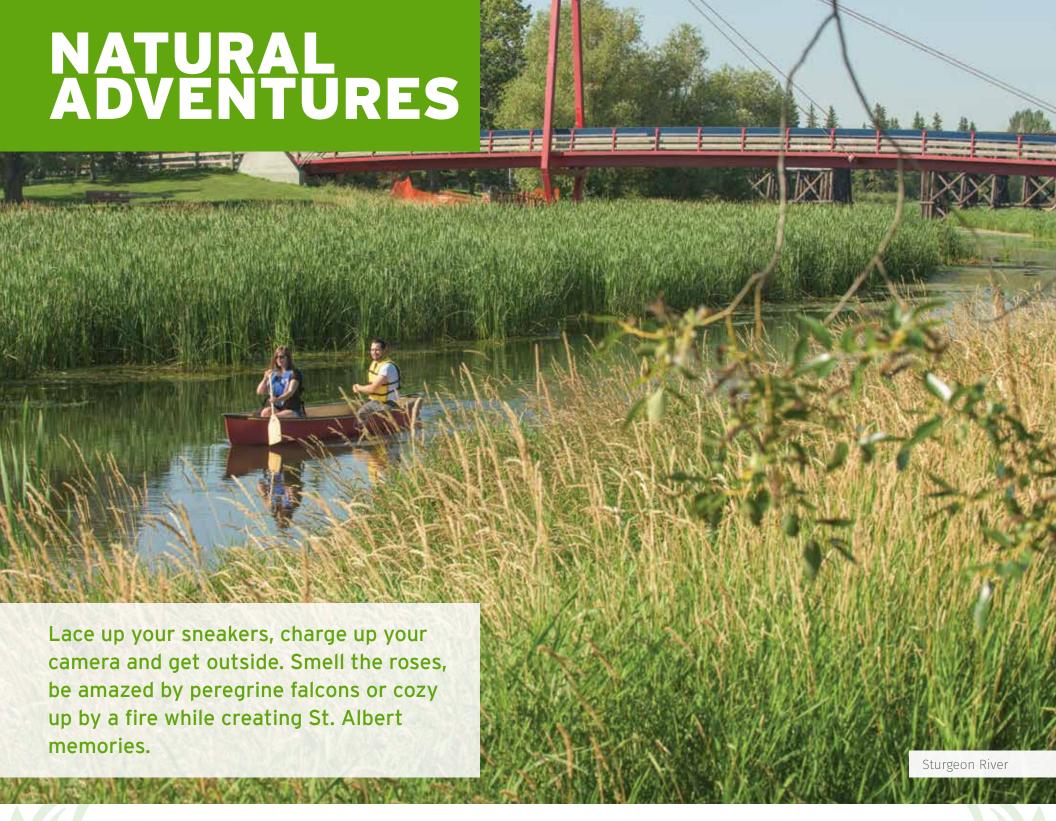
museeheritage.ca/ heritage-sites/grain-elevators

#### Michif Centre/ Juneau House

Discover St. Albert's rich Métis history. Appointments are necessary. Please call ahead at 780-631-8176. [**D4**]

facebook.com/MichifInstitute







If you're someone that loves being outside, St. Albert has lots to offer. Head out early in the morning to Lois Hole Centennial Proviincial Park (Big Lake) to see why it is one of the most important wildlife areas in Alberta. The lake and wetlands attract more than 220 bird species including trumpeter swans, spragues, pipits, peregrine falcons, short-eared owls and bald eagles. The John E. Poole Interpretive Boardwalk at Big Lake includes trails, boardwalks, a picnic area and interpretive signage to help you understand the unique ecosystem.

After all that wildlife watching, you'll want to head over to the St. Albert Botanic Park next. Enjoy your snack as your stroll through this five-acre garden along the banks of the Sturgeon River. The Botanic Park is home to a beautiful display of Zone 2 and 3 plants and trees including Alberta's largest public rose garden – over 210 varieties. Make sure your camera is fully charged or there is room on your phone for all the pictures you'll want to take.



St. Albert Botanic Park



As the Botanical Arts City, no visit to St. Albert is complete without a visit to our garden gems. Start your day off at the St. Albert Botanic Park and be filled with inspiration for your own yard. This five-acre garden is located along the banks of the Sturgeon River and is a floral paradise featuring roses, lilacs, daylilies, Asiatic lilies, peonies as well as annual flowers and vegetables. Don't forget your camera and be sure to check out the gift shop for a unique treasure for your home or garden.

After all this walking, you will need to recharge. Pop into the nearby Shops at Boudreau where you will find several great restaurants, many with summer patios to enjoy a beautiful day outside.

To wrap up your garden themed day, visit the Enjoy Centre. The Enjoy Centre is a unique multi-use facility featuring a restaurant, bakery, deli and whole foods market, kitchen and décor boutique, liquor store, floral studio and greenhouse. Greenhouse tours are available if you book in advance.

## MORE TO DO

#### **Botanical Loop**

This hop-on, hop-off bus tour runs every Saturday between mid-June and September. The free tour visits three of St. Albert's favourite destinations, the Enjoy Centre, the Farmers' Market and the St. Albert Botanic Park.

stalbert.ca/botanical-loop

#### **Farmers' Market**

Western Canada's largest outdoor farmers' market fills up the downtown every Saturday from mid-June to the Thanksgiving weekend. It's not an event to miss if you're in St. Albert on a Saturday. Be sure to use the free park and ride area at Village Transit Station.

stalbertfarmersmarket.com

#### Dig In – St. Albert's Horticulinary Festival

During the first week of May pop in to this festival that celebrates eating and growing local food.

diginstalbert.ca





Back on the trail you will pass St. Albert Place and some impressive aboriginal-themed granite sculptures by artist Stewart Steinhauer. Passing under the iconic Trestle Bridge you will end your ride at Big Lake. This is an opportunity to stretch your legs and marvel at one of Alberta's premier wetlands. Big Lake is recognized as a globally significant Important Bird Area for its abundant and diverse bird populations, especially waterfowl and shorebirds. It's a perfect place to rest and reflect before you head back.

Trails Map • stalbert.ca/getting-around/trail-system



Cycling through St. Albert is one of the best ways to take in the beautiful parks, gardens and public art. For an easy 11 km ride, strap on your helmet and start at Kingswood Park on the east end of the city; as you travel west you will come to the St. Albert Botanic Park, a stunning five-acre park filled with lilacs, roses and lilies. It's definitely worth a quick stop. Continuing on westward along the river you ride into the heart of downtown St. Albert, the Perron District. Named after one of St. Albert's founding businessmen, the Perron District is home to many great restaurants and one of a kind shops. Perfect if you need to stop for some refreshment before carrying on.

## MORE TO DO

Pack a BBQ picnic and enjoy the afternoon grilling in the open air and playing ball with your friends at Lions Park. [D4]

**Explore the Grey Nuns White Spruce Park** an ecologically and historically significant area that includes the White Spruce Forest, designated as a Municipal Historic Resource. Many of the trees are well over 100 years old, providing habitat for a variety of birds, mammals, plants and amphibians. **[C3]** 

**Pickleball?** Play this large scale version of ping pong at specialized courts in Lacombe Park - 139 Larose Drive. [C3]



#### Pack your skates if you're planning a winter visit to St. Albert.

There are 27 maintained outdoor ice rinks throughout the city and the one at Lions Park promises a fun afternoon of laughter and rosy cheeks. As you head downtown, grab a hot chocolate to go at one of the unique coffee shops. Skate, twirl or wobble depending on your abilities and then warm up with a cozy fire in one of the park fire pits. Wood is restocked every week.

If it's too cold for outdoor fun, pop into Servus Credit Union Place for a pick up basketball game or head over to St. Albert Bowling Centre and knock over a few pins.

Servus Credit Union Place • servusplace.ca [F3]

St. Albert Bowling Centre • stalbertbowling.com [D3]

## MORE TO DO

**Cross country ski or snowshoe** through Riverlot 56 on trails maintained by the St. Albert Nordic Ski Club. Trail maps are available at **stanski.com**. **[F2]** 

**Lacombe Lake Park** is a beautiful spot for outdoor skating or just taking a winter walk. It is dog friendly too so bring your pup and enjoy some outdoor time together. **[C3]** 





Nothing feels better on a hot summer day than diving into the cool waters of Grosvenor Outdoor Pool. Splash around the shallow end, play water tag in the deep end or just perfect your cannon ball off the diving board. Relax poolside with a snack available from the concession. [D3]



International Children's Festival of the Arts



Grosvenor Outdoor Pool

## MORE TO DO

Step back in time and play together on vintage farm equipment or pretend to send out an urgent Morse code message at the **Grain Elevator and Train Station Park**. [C4]

Try to spot as many of the 220 bird species as possible that stop at **Big Lake** along their migratory routes. Learn about the importance of wetlands to our environment along the **John E. Poole**Interpretive Boardwalk. [C5]

Splash your way through 20 spray features and a **50-gallon super** splash bucket at Woodlands Water Play Park. [C3]

Bring along some deli meat and a net and do some **cray fishing at Lacombe Lake Park**. [C3]

Be entertained at the **International Children's Festival of the Arts. childfest.com** 





MORE TO DO

**Skating** at one of the 27 community maintained outdoor skating surfaces.

#### Fire and Ice Festival

Skating, hot chocolate and entertainment every Family Day at Lacombe Lake Park.

#### **Snowflake Festival**

Our holiday season kick off in the downtown is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of November each year.

Snowflake Festival

Enjoy a day of winter adventure. Deck yourselves out in full snow gear and head to Liberton Hill. Tobogganing down this hill is all about excitement and thrills. After a cozy hot chocolate to warm up, put on some cross-country skis and explore the trails through Kingswood Park and Riverlot 56 Day Use Area. Your kids will make memories of St. Albert they won't soon forget.

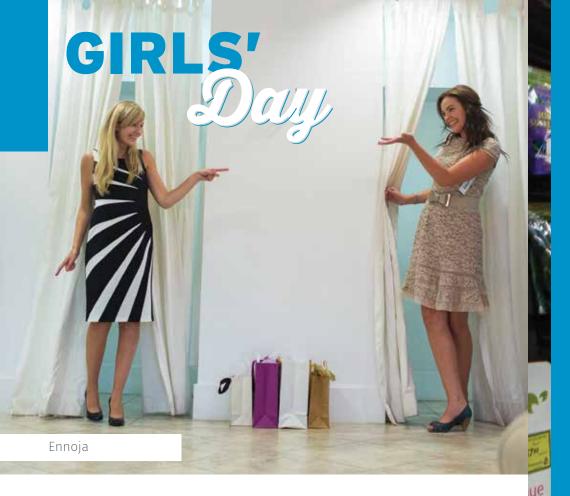
If the temperature drops too far, plan a day inside floating along the lazy river at Servus Credit Union Place or take up a virtual reality challenge at Game OVR.

Servus Place • servusplace.ca

Game OVR • gameovr.ca







When it's time to reconnect with your friends and have some fun, you will want to start in the Perron District, downtown St. Albert. You and your girlfriends can shop local unique boutiques with great clothing, shoes and household gifts. Make sure not miss the side streets – St. Thomas, St. Michael, St. Joseph and St. Anne.

When you start to feel peckish there are several great options for lunch whether you feel like a soup and sandwich from the deli, Italian, Cajun or a freshly made burger.

## MORE TO DO

Arrange an olive oil tasting party at **Oliv Tasting Room** in **Shops of Boudreau**. **olivtastingroomedmonton.com** 

Shop, eat or go to the spa at the **Enjoy Centre**. **enjoycentre.ca** 

Spend the first Thursday night of each month visiting unique boutiques and mingling with local artists at **Artwalk**.

May – September

May – September artwalkstalbert.com

#### **Spa Services**

Check out our business directory for local salons.

stalbert.ca/business/ economic-development/ business-directory





Bonding with the guys starts with a cold one at the Beer Factory – St. Albert's funky tap room with locally brewed beer on tap.

Try a pint of Malty Goodness or the Mosaic Pale Ale along with some of the beer infused items on the menu like the Shepard's Pie made with chocolate stout.

Don a headset and challenge each other to a virtual contest at Game OVR, a virtual reality gaming centre. This fully immersive experience allows you to battle zombies, pilot a space ship or play dodgeball.

Beer Factory • beerfactory.rocks

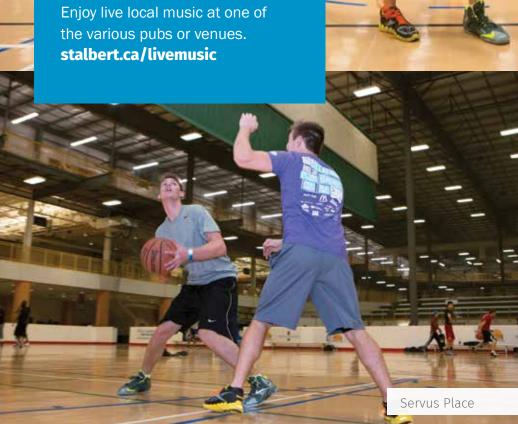
Game OVR • gameovr.ca

## MORE TO DO

Feeling competitive? Have a friendly 3-on-3 basketball game at **Servus Place**. **servusplace.ca** 

There is always something exciting happening whether it's the gaming, live entertainment or all the sports action you can handle at **Century Casino**.

cnty.com/stalbert/





No day trip is complete without a bit of shopping but for some, shopping is what it's all about. If this describes you, St. Albert will not disappoint. There are one of a kind shops throughout the city where you can find unique treasures for your closet, home or garden.

The Perron District in downtown St. Albert offers a great selection of boutiques and cafés along with the Shops at Boudreau on the east side of town. Other local gems will complete your unique shopping experience. Search the business directory or ask a resident about their favourites.

Every Saturday between mid-June to Thanksgiving, St. Albert hosts the largest outdoor farmers' market in western Canada. There is a huge selection of baking, crafts, vegetables, fruit and more along with street performers and entertainment for the whole family.

## MORE TO DO

Other unique shopping districts include the **Mission Ridge Shopping** and **The Enjoy Centre**.



Forge memories that will last forever against the backdrop of tree-lined trails and quaint architecture in downtown St.

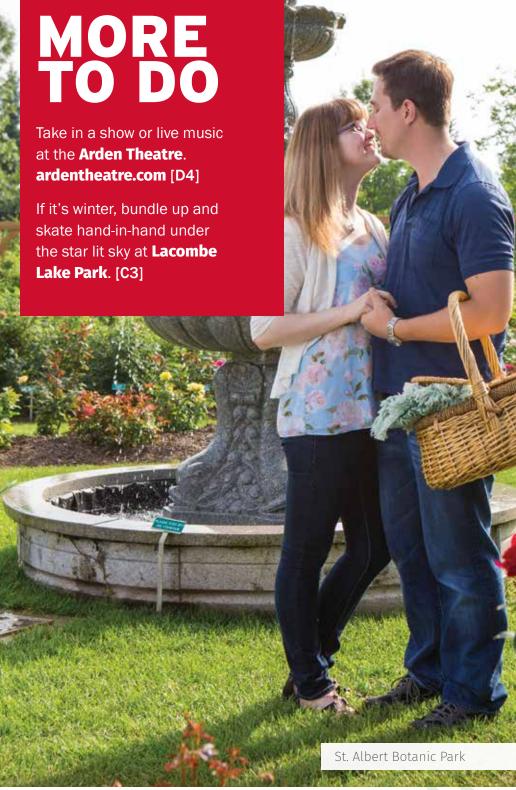
Albert. Hand-in-hand stroll along the Sturgeon River Valley at sunset and watch for herons, beavers and other wildlife. Enjoy public art and historic buildings while you reconnect. Cap the evening off with a glass of wine and a romantic dinner for two at one of the great restaurants in town.

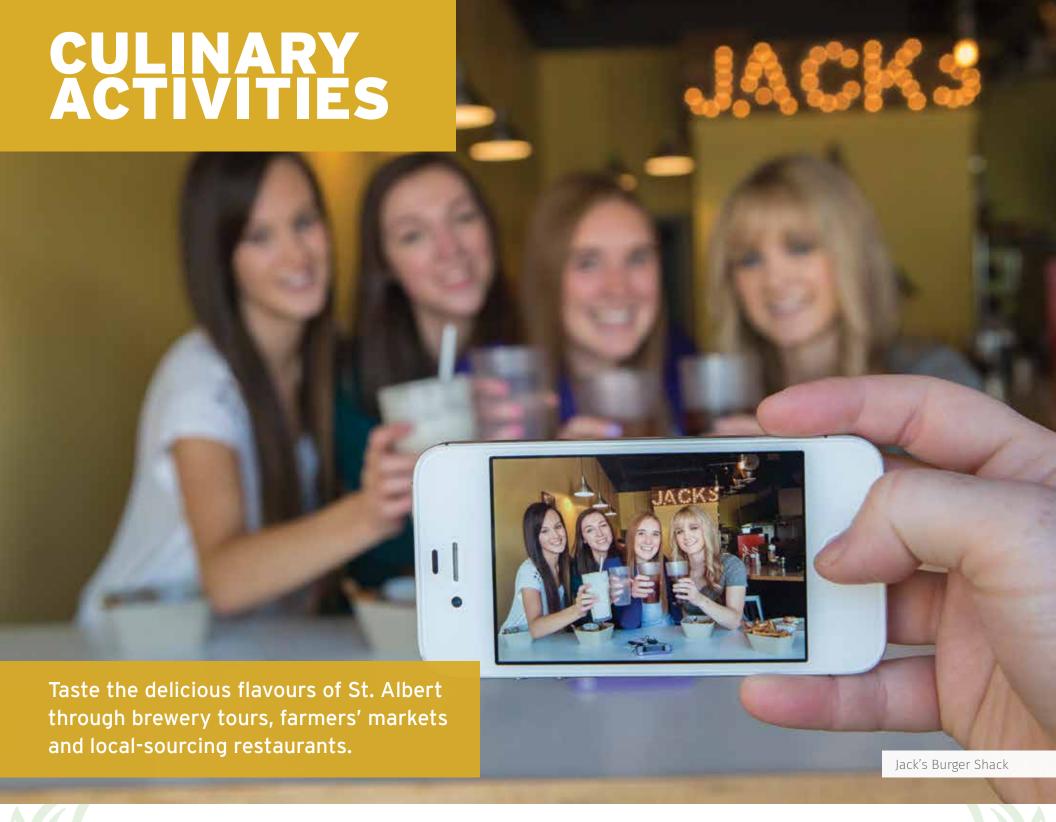


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The Arden Theatre







If you love sampling local cuisine, one of your stops must be the St. Albert Farmers' Market. With over 250 vendors it is western Canada's largest outdoor farmers' market. You will find local produce, meat products, amazing soups, dips, pies and more.

After the market, drive to Endeavour Brewing Company. Tour the facilities and sample their signature beers all made from the finest Alberta grains. If spirits are more your fancy, Black Diamond Distillery is a locally owned craft distillery in the Riel Business Park; Andrea and Dave would love to give you a tour and some samples.

St. Albert Farmers' Market • stalbertfarmersmarket.com [D4]

Endeavour Brewing Company • endeavourbrewing.com [D4]

Black Diamond Distillery • blackdiamonddistillery.com [D4]

## MORE TO DO

**Dig In - St. Albert's Horticulinary Festival**. Every spring celebrate eating and growing local food through culinary tours, a celebrity dinner, hands on workshops and more.

diginstalbert.ca

Pop into **The Enjoy Centre**and grab lunch at their café
or restaurant. Both source all
ingredients locally. Shop around the
unique centre and get inspiration
for growing your own local food
back home. [C5]
enjoycentre.ca







Dig In - Horticulinary Festival

## TOP RESTAURANTS

As chosen by local residents

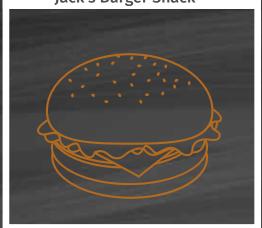
## Breakfast

**Eggs Benedict at Toast** 



## Light Lunch

BBQ Crunch Burger at Jack's Burger Shack



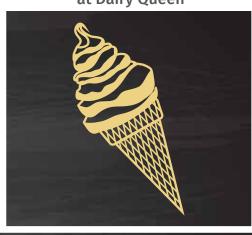
## Romantic Dinner

Sorrentino's



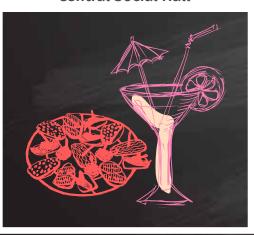
#### Dessert

Classic Blizzard at Dairy Queen



## Girls' Might

Central Social Hall



## Guys' Might

**Central Social Hall** 



# WANT MORE DINING CHOICES?

Check out our Dining Guide at: stalbert.ca/experience/dining

# 5 Yan't Miss PHOTO OPPS

Share your photos online using #visitstalbert



## EVENTS CALENDAR

#### January to April

#### John Reid Memorial Tournament

January johnreidmemorial.com

#### Fire and Ice Family Day Festival

February stalbert.ca, Search Fire & Ice

#### **Night of Artists**

March nightofartists.com

## Mayor's Celebration of the Arts

March stalbert.ca Search Mayor's Celebration of the Arts

#### **Rotary Music Festival**

**April** st-albertmusicfestival.com

#### St. Albert Lifestyle Expo

April stalbertchamber.com

## May to August ArtWalk

First Thursday of each month from May to September artwalkstalbert.com

#### Dig In – St. Albert's Hortinculinary Festival

May diginstalbert.ca

#### **Rainmaker Rodeo**

May rainmaker.ab.ca

#### **Autorama**

May stalbert.ca Search Autorama

#### Road Rage Street Hockey Tournament

May roadragestreethockey.com

#### International Children's Festival of the Arts

May/June childfest.com

## St. Albert Children's Theatre Spring Performance

May/June sact.ca

#### Baggataway Lacrosse Tournament

June

ramslacrosse.ca

#### St. Albert Outdoor Farmers' Market

Every Saturday from mid-June to October stalbertfarmersmarket.com

#### **Botanical Loop**

Every Saturday from mid-June to Labour Day weekend stalbert.ca Search Botanical Loop

#### St. Albert Soap Box Derby

June rocknaugust.com/soap\_box\_ derby.html

#### National Aboriginal Day

June stalbert.ca Search Aboriginal Day

## Food Truck Event at the Grain Elevators

June and August artsandheritage.ca

#### Canada Day Celebration

July 1 stalbert.ca Search Canada Day

#### **Seven Music Fest**

July sevenmusicfest.com

#### **Rock 'n August**

August rocknaugust.com

#### September to December

#### **Harvest Festival**

**September** artsandheritage.ca

#### **StARTS Fest**

September startsfest.ca

#### Turkey Ring Ringette Tournament

October stalbertringette.com

## Amplify Youth Festival

October stalbert.ca Search Amplify

#### EEK! Comic & Pop Culture Fest

October theeek.com

#### **STARfest**

October starfest.ca

### Remembrance Day Commemorations

November 11 stalbert.ca Search Remembrance Day

#### **Country Craft Fair**

November stalbert.ca Search Country Craft Fair

#### **Snowflake Festival**

November stalbertchamber.com

## St. Albert Indoor Farmers' Market

Every Saturday from November to December stalbertfarmersmarket.com

#### St. Albert Children's Theatre Fall Performance

November/December

sact.ca

#### New Year's Eve Fireworks

December 31 stalbert.ca Search Fireworks

## TRAVEL PLANNING

## **Accommodations**

#### **Best Western Plus –** The Inn at St. Albert

460 St. Albert Trail P 780-470-3800 Toll Free 1-800-370-0158

#### bestwesternstalbert.com

Number of rooms: 90 Rates: \$135-\$199











#### St. Albert Inn & Suites

156 St. Albert Trail P 780-459-5551 **Toll Free** 1-800-450-8612

#### stalbertinn.com

Number of rooms: 148 Rates: \$120-\$225













#### **Horizon Motel**

440 St. Albert Trail P 780-459-2965

#### horizonmotel.ca

Number of rooms: 31 Rates: \$79-\$95







#### **Sleep Inn Motel**

208 St. Albert Trail P 780-459-5311 Toll Free 1-800-459-6602

#### sleepinnmotel.ca

Number of rooms: 35 Rates: \$79-\$104







#### **City View Bed & Breakfast**

59 Langholm Drive P 780-459-9535

#### bbcanada.com

Number of rooms: 3

Rates: \$100







#### **Kinsmen RV Campground**

Riel Recreation Park This 92 stall campground is nestled right along the Sturgeon River. The campground offers 50 amp power, city water and sewer, paved access roads, pull-thru availability, washrooms and showers.

Legend



Wheelchair Accessible



Pet-Friendly







Fireplace



Kitchenette







**Exercise Facility** 



Breakfast



Dining/Lounge

## **MAP**



## GETTING HERE

St. Albert is just minutes north of Edmonton.

#### **Driving directions from the Edmonton International Airport:**

Travel north on Queen Elizabeth II Highway to the Anthony Henday Drive West exit. Continue west to the Ray Gibbon Drive exit. Travel north to St. Albert. Approximate travel time: 30 min.

**Driving from Downtown Edmonton:** Travel north on 109 Street to Kingsway Avenue. Turn left and travel west to the St. Albert Trail intersection. Turn right and travel north to St. Albert. Approximate travel time: 20 min.

**Driving from Yellowhead Trail/Highway 16:** Whether going eastbound or westbound, travel to the St. Albert Trail exit. Continue northbound to St. Albert. Approximate travel time from the Yellowhead Trail/St. Albert Trail intersection: 12 min.

#### **Getting Around**

**Transit:** St. Albert Transit (StAT) offers service both locally and to and from key destinations in Edmonton including downtown, the University of Alberta and West Edmonton Mall. For route information call 780-418-6060 or look it up at **ridestat.ca**.

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