

Grande Prairie, AB

<http://gptourism.ca/>

Grande Prairie is the gateway to Peace River Country. Serving as the regional centre for business, health care, service and shopping for northwest Alberta and northeast British Columbia, Grande Prairie is modern and vibrant and provides a full range of educational, cultural, recreational and employment opportunities while retaining a small town feeling! The city boasts excellent infrastructure, transportation, and communication links, and the availability of a well-trained work force making it a wonderful place to raise a young family.



Weather

Grande Prairie has a northern continental climate typical of Alberta and BC. Winters are generally cold with some mild spells. Summers are pleasantly warm with cool nights and the temperature rarely rises above 30 °C (86 °F). Winter conditions can vary from year to year, but it always starts snowing before February.

Average Yearly Precipitation

Average Days with Rainfall per Year (>0.2mm): 77.2

Average Days with Snowfall per Year (>0.2cm): 57.3



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Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)

January: -15°C
April: 4.1°C
July: 14.1°C
October: 4°C

Additional Information

For further information on weather in Grande Prairie, please visit:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/caab0140>

Location



Grande Prairie is located in the southern region of Peace River Country, which is in the northwest quadrant of beautiful Alberta.

It is situated at the intersection of Highway 43 and Highway 40, approximately 456km northwest of Edmonton.

Transportation

The Grande Prairie Airport serves flights to and from Edmonton and Calgary. To visit the Grande Prairie Airport's website click here:

<http://www.grandeprairieairport.com/home>

Highways 2, 40, and 43 provide road access in and out of Grande Prairie.

The City of Grande Prairie operates a fleet of buses that serves residents seven days a week. To see routes and schedules, click here:

<http://www.cityofgp.com/index.aspx?page=757>



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Accommodation

Grande Prairie, a booming industrial hub, is home to an ever increasing population and as such, housing rentals are limited. Many people chose to live in neighbouring areas such as Sexsmith, Grovedale, and Bezanson as all offer more reasonably priced accommodation while still being close to the city center.

The cost of renting a two-bedroom apartment in Grande Prairie typically starts at \$1,150.00/month.

Here is a helpful link for finding places to rent in Grande Prairie:

<http://www.rentboard.ca/rentals/index.aspx?locid=270>

The average price of a home in Grande Prairie (as of January 2013) is \$266,220.

For information on real estate in Grande Prairie, visit:

<http://www.discoverthepeacecountry.com/htmlpages/grandeprairierealestate.html>

To find properties for sale in Grande Prairie, visit:

<http://www.grandeprairieassocrealty.alberta.remax.ca/>

<http://www.century21gp.com/>

Industry

Grande Prairie's booming oil and gas industry and rich agricultural history is affecting all sectors in industry and business. Currently the most dominant industries are oil & gas, forestry, manufacturing, construction, and tourism. It is a fast growing city, currently home to approximately 55,000 residents.



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Medical

Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, City of Grande Prairie

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For information on health services offered in Grande Prairie, visit the Alberta Health Services website:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/about.asp>

Education

The Grande Prairie Public School District has been providing education to families in the Grande Prairie area for over 100 years. After experiencing unprecedented growth in recent years, the GPPSD now boasts enrolment of more than 6,500 students.

Post Secondary - Grande Prairie Regional College, Fairview College

High Schools - Sexsmith, Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge

Elementary Schools - Bezanson, Teepee Creek, Sexsmith, Valhalla Centre, Hythe, Beaverlodge, Elmworth, Wembley, Grande Prairie

To visit the Grande Prairie Public School District's website, click here:

<http://www.gppsd.ab.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

Recreation

Grande Prairie's landscape is perfect for a variety of outdoor activities including golfing, hiking, camping, hunting, bird watching, fishing and skiing. Other attractions and entertainment include arenas, curling rinks, baseball diamonds, rodeo grounds, historical sites, gymnasiums, tennis courts, community halls, live theatre shows, playgrounds, ski hills & trails, churches, senior centres, and farmer's markets.

For more information about what Grande Prairie has to offer visit:

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Taxes

Alberta has low personal and corporate income taxes, the lowest fuel taxes among provinces, no capital tax, no payroll tax, no health premiums, and no sales tax. For information on Alberta's tax scheme, visit:

http://www.finance.alberta.ca/business/tax_rebates/index.html

The End



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