

Kelowna, BC

<http://www.kelowna.ca/cm/site3.aspx>



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEsucIHCAgo>

Cradled within a glorious range of mountains, the city of Kelowna is located on the Okanagan Lake in the Okanagan Valley, in the southern interior of British Columbia, Canada. The Okanagan Valley is located at the northern most end of the Sonora Desert and hence has a semi-arid climate, boasting long warm summers and short mild winters. The city of Kelowna is the largest community with a population of 115,000 people, and is located midway through the valley. Kelowna has miles of beautiful parkland, and several sandy beaches which provide wonderful opportunities for boating, swimming, water-skiing, windsurfing and fishing. As well, you can hit the links at one of the many golf courses nine months out of the year. In cooler months, the snow-capped mountains and pine filled forests are a haven for skiers, boarders, snowmobilers and outdoor adventurers of all types and levels.

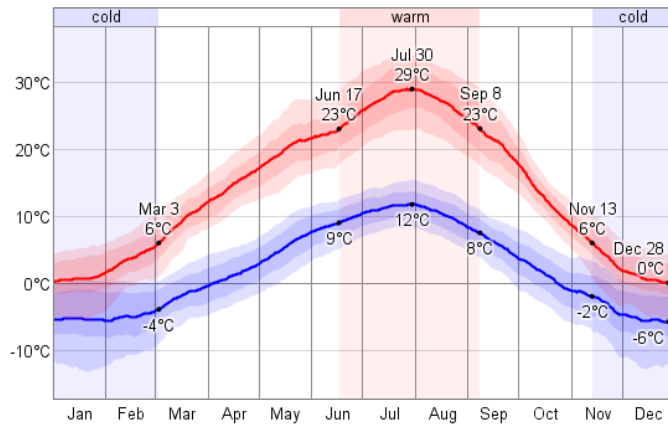


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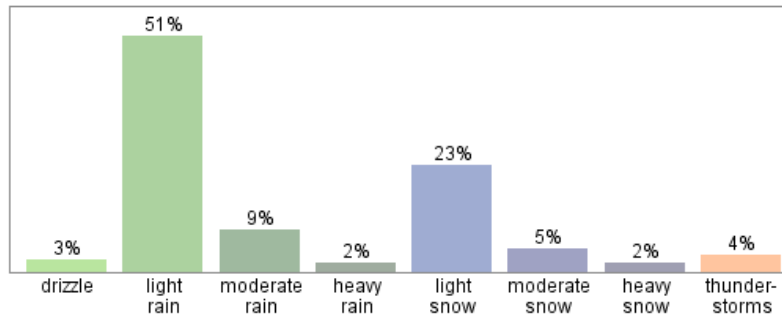
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Weather



Weather temperatures in Kelowna range from -6 degrees Celsius in the winter months to 29 degrees Celsius in the summer months. The warm season lasts from June through September and the cold season from November through March with minimal snowfall. [Click here](#) for current weather conditions in Kelowna, BC.

Types of Precipitation Throughout the Year



Location

Kelowna is a city on Okanagan Lake in the Okanagan Valley, in the southern interior of British Columbia, Canada.

Driving Distances:

Vernon, BC.....55 km (53 minutes)
Penticton, BC.....66 km (1 hour, 1 minute)
Kamloops, BC.....214 km (2 hours, 18 minutes)
Vancouver, BC.....394 km (4 hours, 22 minutes)
Seattle, WA.....507 km (6 hours, 24 minutes)



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Transportation

Air

The nearest major airport is Kelowna International Airport (YLW / CYLW). This airport has international and domestic flights and is 16 km from the center of Kelowna. Kelowna's International Airport is one of the top ten airports in Canada, serving over one million passengers annually.

Ground

Kelowna has a number of different modes of ground transportation which include taxi service, [BC Transit bus routes](#), and [Greyhound Lines](#). Major Highway 97 passes through Kelowna. It is the longest continuously-numbered route in the province of British Columbia (and the longest provincial highway in any province), running 2,081 km (1,293 mi) from the Canada/U.S. border near Osoyoos in the south to the British Columbia/Yukon boundary in the north at Watson Lake, Yukon.

Accommodation

The average home price in Kelowna is \$423,000. For viewings [click here](#).

The average rental prices range from \$700-\$1,900 depending on the size of housing you are looking for. Visit [Kijiji](#) for current rental information.

Education

There are 32 elementary schools (K-6 or K-7), four middle schools (7-9 or 8-9), and eight high schools (8-12 or 10-12). To view a list of these schools visit [Kelowna's school system website](#).

[Okanagan College](#) has two campuses located in Kelowna. For other campus locations close by [click here](#). The Okanagan College has a large variety of programs. To learn more [click here](#).



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Health Services

Kelowna General Hospital 1-250-862-4000
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Kelowna has many different facilities to help improve your health from yoga programs, clinics, chiropractic's to the Kelowna General Hospital. The Kelowna General Hospital is the largest and most comprehensive in the southern interior of BC with a full treatment cancer clinic; for a list of facilities [click here](#).

Industry

Kelowna has become the main marketing and distribution center of the Okanagan Valley, with a flourishing tree fruit industry and a growing light industrial sector that competes on a world scale. Best known for forestry and the manufacture of boats, plastics, fiberglass, body armor and oil field equipment, Kelowna also has a growing high technology sector that includes aerospace development and service.

Recreation

Kelowna has many recreational facilities available for all ages. For a list of facilities, [click here](#).

Kelowna is well known for its beaches and beautiful parks. There are waterparks, mountain bike parks, dog parks and recreational parks for kids. To view the variety of parks, [click here](#).

Kelowna is an active city. There are golf courses, sports leagues, four indoor ice arenas and an outdoor ice rink in the winter. There are multiple bowling alleys and an outdoor paintball and laser tag adventure course. It is also



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the home of the [Big White Ski Resort](#) which is known as the place to be in the winter months. The city hosts a number of [events](#) throughout the year such as ballets, music festivals, wine festivals, dinner theatres, and art gala's.

Taxes

British Columbia has some of the lowest tax rates among Canadian provinces. To see how taxes compare across Canadian provinces and territories, visit:

<http://www.taxtips.ca/taxrates/taxcomparison/taxcomparison2012.htm>

For detailed information on taxes in BC, visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/theme.page?id=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD4824>



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