Oliver, British Columbia

http://www.oliver.ca/

http://www.hellobc.com/oliver.aspx http://www.winecapitalofcanada.com/



Oliver is a community nestled in the beautiful south end of the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia. Oliver, also known as "The Wine Capital of Canada", offers visitors and residents a blend of agriculture, outdoor recreation and quality vineyards to occupy their time. The region produces more than a third of British Columbia's wines and supplies quality local produce readily available at farmers' markets and roadside fruit stands.

Oliver is a nature lovers' paradise. The community is tucked into the northern most point of the Great Basin Desert which provides a diverse landscape and a wealth of activities year round. Visitors and locals are able to go windsurfing, fishing, or canoeing on Lake Tuc-el-Nuit, go skiing, snowboarding or snow shoeing at Mt.Baldy, play golf at one of two championship golf courses, and hike or bike one of several trails.

Weather



With over 2000 hours of annual sunshine, an average of 8.9 hours of bright sunshine from May to August, and very low humidity, the weather is ideal for residents. Winters are also short and relatively mild.

Variations in altitude make the seasons in Oliver elastic. It is common to enjoy a morning of skiing followed by an afternoon round of golf.

Average Yearly Precipitation

Average Annual Precipitation: 319mm

Average Yearly Temperatures (°C)

Average Max. Summer Temperature: 30°C Average Min. Winter Temperature: -6°C

Additional Information

For further information about annual climate data for Oliver, please use the following links to visit <u>The Weather Network</u> or <u>Environment Canada</u>

Location

Oliver is located on Highway 97, a major north-south transportation link that runs from California to Alaska. The city lies 21km north of the US border crossing at Osoyoos, which is also the junction with Highway 3. This is a common route east to Calgary and west to Vancouver.





Driving Distances

Kelowna, BC	102km (approx. 1.5 hr.)
Kamloops, BC	278km (approx. 3 hr.)
Seattle, U.S.A	477km (approx. 5 hr.)

Transportation

Airport

The Penticton Regional Airport is approximately 40km north of Oliver and offers daily flights to and from Vancouver on Air Canada Jazz. Kelowna International Airport is approximately 102km north of Oliver offers multiple daily flights to and from Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Seattle, and other regional airports. Airlines include Air Canada, Central Mountain Air, Horizon Air, and Westjet. Charters are also available.

Public Transit



The South Okanagan Transit System is available to visitors and residents of Oliver. The public bus system offers transportation from Oliver to the neighbouring towns of Osoyoos, Okanagan Falls, Penticton, and Summerland. The transit system also allows for transportation to more distant communities such as Peachland, Westbank, and Kelowna. Greyhound Canada also services Oliver by providing multiple daily connections to Vancouver and Calgary, as well as regional centres.

For more information on the South Okanagan Transit

System http://www.bctransit.com/regions/oso/?p=2.list

Health Services

Interior Health is responsible for delivering programs and services to residents across BC's southern interior which includes Oliver. There are various health services locations in Oliver including a Drop-In Centre, Counselling & Resource Centre, Cardiac Rehab Clinic, Language Services, a General Hospital, a Retirement Centre, an Extended Care Facility, etc.

South Okanagan General Hospital 911 McKinney Road Oliver, BC VOH 1TO

For more information on healthcare services in Oliver, BC visit Interior Health.

For information on provincial health insurance (required for all permanent residents in B.C.), visit <u>Medical Services Plan of B.C.</u>

Education

Schools

There are two elementary schools and one secondary school in Oliver.

Oliver Elementary School (http://www.sd53.bc.ca/oes/)

Oliver Elementary is a kindergarten to grade seven school with an enrollment of



310 students. The student body is a cultural mix and the school provides a strong English as a Second Language program for those who require English language support. The school also provides a high level of academic programming complemented with various extra-curricular sports and fine arts activities.

Tuc -el-Nuit Elementary School (http://www.sd53.bc.ca/ten/)

Southern Okanagan Secondary School (http://www.sd53.bc.ca/soss/)

Public elementary and secondary schools in the Oliver area are part of School District 53. You can visit their website for more information - http://sd53.bc.ca/

Universities and Colleges

There are several colleges and universities in Mainland, BC.

- British Columbia Institute of Technology www.bcit.ca
- Douglas College <u>www.douglas.bc.ca</u>
- Kwantlen College www.kwantlen.bc.ca
- Langara College <u>www.langara.bc.ca</u>
- Ridge Meadows College www.rmcollege.ca
- Simon Fraser University www.sfu.ca
- Trinity Western University www.twu.ca
- University of British Columbia www.ubc.ca
- University of the Fraser Valley <u>www.ufv.ca</u>

Accommodation

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation publishes reports that include estimations for the rental market in the Kelowna area, which Oliver would be included.

It has been estimated that the average rent for a one bedroom unit would be \$760 in October 2013 and \$935 for a two bedroom unit.

For current real estate information we found this site to be the most helpful:



South Okanagan Real Estate Board 365 Van

Horne St.
Penticton, BC
V2A 8S4 250-492-0626
http://www.soreb.org/

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=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD48 24

