



Calgary

The explorer David Thompson was the first European to visit what would one day be Calgary, staying with the Peigan peoples on the Bow River in 1787. The first permanent settler didn't come until 1873.

The original fort in the area was named Fort Brisebois, but it was renamed Fort Calgary in 1876. Calgary is named after a town in Scotland, which in turn comes from an old Viking term that means "cold garden".

In large part due to the oil industry, Calgary's population has grown by about 700,000 people in the past 40 years. The city is known throughout the world for the Calgary Stampede, which has run every year since 1912.

Of all large Canadian cities, Calgary has the most sunny days per year. It also has the warmest average winter temperatures out of all Canadian prairie cities, thanks to the winter chinooks.

