**Calgary**

1. **Climate**

* Cold winters
* Warm summers
  + warm days, cool nights
* Dry

1. **Region**

* Eastern foothills of Canadian Rockies
* Junction of Bow and Elbow rivers

1. **Population**

* 1,512,539 and growing

1. **Transportation**

* Bus
* CTrain
* Car
* Plane
* Pedestrian infrastructure

1. **Economic Activities**

* Oil
* Natural gas
* Agriculture
* Transportation/shipping/distribution
* Manufacturing
* Technology
* Building materials
* Chemicals
* Clothing
* Electronics/electrical products
* Furniture
* Fabricated metal products
* Paper
* Plastics
* Wood products

1. **Cultural Life**

* Calgary Exhibition and Stampede
* Arts Commons art centre
* Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
* Glenbow Museum
* Calgary Zoo
* Chinese Cultural Centre
* Science museum
* Calgary Stampeders (CFL)
* Calgary Flames (NHL)
* Saddle Dome

1. **Other/Interest**

* Banff
* Lake Louise
* Jasper
* Athabasca Glacier
* Mount. Robson
  + Starts 1 hour away
* Rockies to the west
* Prairies to the south and the east
  + lots of sunlight
  + force precipitation to the west
  + Chinook winds
* No provincial sales tax because of their oil revenue
* Cheap fuel
* Alberta beef
* 6 hours to drive from Lake Louise to Jasper
* Friendly people
* Greatest outdoors in Canada: fishing, golfing, skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling
* Privatized auto insurance

1. **Landscape/Cityscape**

* Dry
* Canadian Rockies
* Downtown core
* Saddle Dome
* Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

1. **Province**

* Alberta
* Largest city

1. **Housing Costs**

* Falling prices
* Average price $419,900

1. **Crime Rate**

* 2.25 per 100,000

1. **Top 3 Reasons**

* Gas/housing/auto insurance costs less and you don’t have to pay provincial tax
* A lot of culture
* Beautiful sights

I myself was born in Calgary, and it would be an interest of mine to move back along with the rest of you. It is a very beautiful city much like the rest in Alberta, but unlike the others, it also happens to be the largest city in the province, with a population of 1,512,593. With it being so large also offers multiple options of public transportation for you to choose from, like the CTrain, which is the equivalent to our SkyTrain, or the option of your own personal vehicle.

Alberta is generally a colder province compared to British Columbia, but Calgary is one of the warmer cities in Alberta due to the Chinook winds. They flow over the Prairies, forcing the precipitation to the west and let in sunshine and warm air.

Calgary has many Economic activities being both imported and exported from the city and province, which also gives the opportunity for many jobs in various fields of work. It has a very strong economy, with its oil and gas industry. Their oil revenue is what give them higher benefits. It keeps their gas and auto insurance prices lower and prevents them from having to pay provincial sales tax like we have to here, in the lower mainland.

There is a wonderful landscape and scenery in Calgary, but also in areas not far from city limits. There are so many beautiful sights to see and learn about as close as an hour away from Calgary, like the Prairies or Rocky Mountains. Or Banff, Athabasca Glacier, Mount. Robson; in 6 hours, you could drive from Lake Louise to Jasper seeing many of these places along the way. Alberta has some of the best outdoors for a number of activities to enjoy as well; snowshoeing, golfing, skiing, snowmobiling, fishing. If you aren’t wanting to leave Calgary, there are many different places within the city you could go to exploring its culture, especially during July. The first weekend in July is when the world-renowned Calgary Stampede festival begins. You can go all around town trying different foods and watching shows like the chuckwagon races, or bull riding.

As you can see, Calgary has much to offer if you were to move there. Hopefully this has piqued your interest in a life in Calgary.