



**CHRIS TALKS  
CANADIAN TRAVEL  
– WITH FROMMER’S**





## SUMMER IN CANADA

The Travel Show invites you to explore your very own backyard and discover all the wonder and beauty that our country has to offer. The topic is inspired by the launch of the new book "Frommers Far & Wide: A weekly Guide to Canada's Best Travel Experiences". This is a guide to Canada that caters to travellers of every interest. The guide offers recommendations for every week of the year in all parts of Canada. So, for example, if you are going to be in a particular place at a particular time you can use the Guide to see what is going on while you are there. Or you can look for particular events or activities that interest you, and find the best place and the right time to go.

The Guide also features the favourite places of well-known Canadians such as TV personality Rick Mercer, Canadian novelist Johanna Skibsrud and professional wrestler Bret "The Hitman" Hart.

Frommers have also come up with their own "Top Ten Summer Vacations for Canadians" that includes hunting for icebergs in Newfoundland, snorkeling with Beluga whales in Churchill, Manitoba and hiking in Yoho National Park, BC.

"explore Magazine" – Canada's premier outdoor lifestyle magazine is packed with articles, information and handy tips on all aspects of adventure travel, camping, and getting outdoors in Canada. It also provides useful information on topics such as the latest gear, nutrition and fitness. Visit [www.explore-mag.com](http://www.explore-mag.com) for The explore Summer Travel Planner, with a list of some great summer travelling ideas. The summer edition of explore, coming to newsstands soon, will include a guide to camping - with recommendations of 25 prime locations for the perfect summer escape in our Provincial and National Parks.

The focus of the Canadian Tourism Commission is on encouraging overseas visitors to come to Canada. As part of this they have created "Canadian Signature Experiences" to showcase authentic Canada to overseas visitors. But this collection of the "best of the best" of what Canada has to offer is just as valid for Canadians seeking to experience their own country.

Not to be outdone, Chris also has his own suggestions and top ten lists to contribute some great travel ideas in Canada. Just posted is his "Top 10 Scenic Drives in Canada" as well as "Top 10 Canadian History Sites", "Top 10 Canadian Wildlife Experiences" and his own "Top 10 Canadian National Parks". So get out and about in Canada this summer and explore this great land of ours!

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<p><b>TRAVEL SHOW WEBSITE</b></p>	<p>The Travel Show website at <a href="http://www.ChrisRobinsonTravelShow.com">www.ChrisRobinsonTravelShow.com</a> is one of the most useful travel websites on the internet! It's a great resource of information and ideas to browse as you plan your trips. Check out the different sections below....</p>
<p><b>Destination Travel Notes</b></p>	<p>At the bottom of the home page there is an interactive map. Click on the map to see all the destinations that we have covered on the Travel Show in the past. There is information on over 150 destinations in this resource.</p> <p>Plus - have you discovered <b>Chris' Travel Notes</b> that you can download and print out? On each individual destination pages look for the yellow icon Chris' Travel Notes at the top right of the page. The destination pages always have all the websites and phone numbers listed to start you off on your own research.</p>
<p><b>Win Travel Prizes</b></p>	<p>The Travel Show website is where listeners email their questions to the show. Press the yellow ENTER CONTEST button on the home page.</p> <p>Every question sent has a chance to win this week's trip prize – PLUS is automatically entered into a draw for some great prizes every quarter. Here are the prizes on offer for July 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sony Cybershot Digital Camera</li> <li>Frommer's Travel Guides</li> <li>Tilley Hat</li> <li>A \$150 Best Western Travel Card</li> <li>Two Toronto CityPASS Booklets</li> <li>Chawel Travel Towel</li> <li>And a great choice of travel books</li> </ul> <p>Check out "Visit and Win" on the Right Hand Menu to keep up to date with the prizes on offer.</p> <p>For tips on how to optimize your chances of winning, there are some hints posted here:  <a href="http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Win/TipsonEntering.aspx">http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Win/TipsonEntering.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Chris' Top Ten's</b></p>	<p>Listeners often ask me where is my favourite place in the world. It's such a difficult and personal question! And, for instance, my favourite place for romance is different to my favourite place for adventure, and so on. I have enjoyed reviewing my travel diaries and looking through my photos to bring you a very personal view of my favourite places in this section of the website. So check back as I share my selections each month.</p> <p>Chris' Top Ten has just updated with "Chris' Top Ten Scenic Drives". This adds to the 37 Top Ten's already available for viewing:</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hidden Gems</li> <li>2. Wild Places</li> <li>3. Ancient Ruins</li> <li>4. Fun Places</li> <li>5. Adventures</li> <li>6. Islands</li> <li>7. Beaches</li> <li>8. Romantic Places</li> <li>9. Warmest People</li> <li>10. Cities</li> <li>11. Natural Wonders</li> <li>12. Dinosaurs</li> <li>13. Lakes</li> <li>14. Canadian History</li> <li>15. National Parks</li> <li>16. Markets</li> <li>17. Can't Travel Without</li> <li>18. Travellers' Transports</li> <li>19. Mexico</li> <li>20. Family Favourites</li> <li>21. Fabulous Florida</li> <li>22. Train Journeys</li> <li>23. Canal Trips</li> <li>24. Hotel Groups</li> <li>25. Spookiest Places</li> <li>26. Favourite Hotels</li> <li>27. Travel Books</li> <li>28. Best Little Capitals</li> <li>29. Hot Springs</li> <li>30. Religious Sites</li> <li>31. Marathons and More</li> <li>32. Canadian Wildlife experiences</li> <li>33. Wine regions</li> <li>34. South American Cities</li> <li>35. Volcanoes</li> <li>36. Vacation Safety Tips</li> <li>37. Canadian Scenic Drives</li> <li>38. Quintessential Quebec</li> </ol>
<p><b>Chris' Travel Articles</b></p>	<p>Read over 20 published articles on destinations near and far</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Canada: Travelling our home and native land</li> <li>- St. Vincent and the Grenadines: I do, again! Renewing Wedding Vows in Paradise</li> <li>- Best Time to Travel: Red Light, Green Light</li> <li>- Toronto: Toronto the Cool</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hong Kong: Time-Slip by the Sea</li> <li>- Family Travel: Have Kids, Will Travel</li> <li>- St. Lucia: Par, Ponies, Pufferfish and Pitons</li> <li>- Florida: Family Florida</li> <li>- Cuba: Cayo Coco: In the Gardens of the Kings</li> <li>- Dominican Republic: Quisqueya: The Mother of All Lands</li> <li>- Barbados: Run Barbados Marathon Interview</li> <li>- Campbellton, NB: Gateway to the Top of the World</li> <li>- Bathurst, NB: Out and About in Bathurst</li> <li>- Edmundston, NB: Edmundston – Vive La République!</li> <li>- Fredericton, NB: Family Fun in Fredericton</li> <li>- Mount Carleton, NB: Top of the World – Hiking Mount Carleton</li> <li>- Miramichi, NB: The Magic of the Miramichi</li> <li>- Moncton, NB: Go Moncton!</li> <li>- Saint John, NB: New Ways to See an Old Favourite – Saint John!</li> <li>- St. Andrews-by-the-Sea: Totally Charmed – St. Andrews-by-the-Sea</li> <li>- Crystal Palace &amp; Magic Mountain: Wild Rides and Waterslides</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chris' Travel Blog</b></p>	<p>Share some of the trips I have taken with the Travel Show to destinations near and far including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Calgary Stampede</b></li> <li>- <b>Whistler, BC</b></li> <li>- <b>Saguenay, Quebec</b></li> <li>- <b>New Brunswick</b></li> <li>- <b>Ontario Wine Region</b></li> <li>- <b>Edmonton, Alberta</b></li> <li>- <b>Kingston and Fort Henry</b></li> <li>- <b>Stratford, Ontario</b></li> <li>- <b>Mont Tremblant, Quebec</b></li> <li>- <b>Tall Ship cruising on the St. Lawrence</b></li> <li>- <b>Ottawa</b></li> <li>- St. Vincent and the Grenadines</li> <li>- Cayman Islands</li> <li>- Riviera Nayarit</li> <li>- Denver and Northern Colorado</li> <li>- SeaWorld Orlando</li> <li>- Boston Massachusetts</li> <li>- Los Angeles</li> <li>- San Diego</li> <li>- Palm Springs and Mount San Jacinto</li> <li>- Joshua Tree National Park</li> <li>- Danube River Cruising</li> <li>- Branson and Missouri</li> <li>- Orlando Florida</li> <li>- St Petersburg and Clearwater</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Barbados</li> <li>- Pittsburgh</li> <li>- Arizona</li> <li>- Britain</li> <li>- Panama</li> <li>- El Salvador</li> <li>- Ireland</li> <li>- Belfast</li> <li>- Myrtle Beach and South Carolina</li> <li>- Southern Colorado</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chris' Book Picks</b></p>	<p>I continue to receive many emails from listeners to the radio shows asking me for reading recommendations on the featured destinations – and on travel in general. This section of the website is for those listeners – and for anyone else looking to combine two great joys: travel and a good book. Some of the featured books are travelogues and guides, whilst others take us off into history, exploration, cuisine or whatever realm has a travel connection. These are my <b>21 personal picks</b> and reviews to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frommer's Far &amp; Wide</li> <li>- Tschiffely's Ride</li> <li>- The Places In Between</li> <li>- Wanderlust: A Love Affair with Five Continents</li> <li>- Maya Roads</li> <li>- The Khyber Pass</li> <li>- Crossing the Heart of Africa</li> <li>- The Rough Guide to Toronto</li> <li>- Global Warring</li> <li>- Panama: National Geographic Traveler</li> <li>- Atlas of Remote Islands</li> <li>- Travels with Charley</li> <li>- Best Hiking Trips in British Columbia</li> <li>- History Hunting in the Yukon</li> <li>- Letters to Zerky</li> <li>- The Greek For Love – A Memoir of Corfu</li> <li>- The Best of New York in Just 10 Seconds</li> <li>- One Year Off</li> <li>- Andalucía – A Portrait of Southern Spain</li> <li>- Frommer's 500 Places To See Before They Disappear</li> <li>- Pilgrim in the Palace of Words, Glenn Dixon</li> <li>- The Milepost Guide to Alaska</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chris' Photo Gallery</b></p>	<p>Once in a while I am lucky enough to take the Travel Show on location to bring you a first-hand report on some stunning and fascinating travel destinations. This is a selection from my personal photo album of places featured in some of my on-location broadcasts.</p>

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<p><b>Chris Talks Travel</b></p>	<p>These are 8 “mini” Travel Shows for you to listen to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quebec</li> <li>- Hong Kong</li> <li>- Art Gallery of Ontario</li> <li>- Orlando</li> <li>- Missouri</li> <li>- Antigua and Barbuda</li> <li>- Qatar Airways</li> <li>- St. Petersburg Clearwater</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chris Recommends</b></p>	<p>On my travels I sometimes encounter something that just makes life easier, better, safer or more interesting. Read about my personal recommendations here:</p> <p><a href="http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/ChrisRecommends.aspx">http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/ChrisRecommends.aspx</a></p> <p>Best Western Hotels          Toronto’s Ultimate Travel Show          Sony eBook Rader          Hong Kong          Sony Headphones          Sony Digital Cameras          Travel Best Buys</p>
<p><b>Travel Show Podcasts</b></p>	<p>And talking of listening to the Travel Show – on the yellow menu bar at the top, under Radio Shows, you can see a tab for the radio station. You can click on this page to listen live on Saturday mornings AND to access a growing archive of <b>200 podcasts</b> of past shows on both radio stations.</p>
<p><b>Interviews</b></p>	<p>Though the Travel Show is live each week, I interview guests from time to time when he is on location or when key figures in the tourism industry are visiting Toronto.</p> <p>Here are a selection of ten short 3-5 minute interviews from places around the world - including a Cowboy Poet in Arizona and a guide on an historic steam train in the Yukon:</p> <p><a href="http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Planning/ChrisInterviews.aspx">http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Planning/ChrisInterviews.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Useful Links</b></p>	<p>Off the top yellow menu bar there is also the Useful Links section with the websites for everything from currency conversion to overseas dialing and major airlines:</p> <p>Travel Publications and Websites          Travel Protection          Travel Blogs          Travelers' Health          Guides, Reviews and Travel Exhibitions          Travel Safety          Ecotourism and Responsible Travel          Maps          Visas and Passports          Airports, Airlines and Flights</p>

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	<p>Currency          Rail Travel          Vehicle Rental          Hotels          Canadian Travel          Language          Tourist Boards          Weather          Vacation Companies          Travel Agencies          Theme Parks          Travel Related Products and Services          Other Stuff!</p>
<b>Winners' Stories</b>	<p>Under 'Win' on the top menu bar you will find not only the rules to our weekly contest but also there are <b>over 100 posts</b> we have received from past winners of trips on the Chris Robinson Travel Show who have shared their experiences and photos.</p> <p>Winners' Stories:  <a href="http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Win/WinnersStories.aspx">http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Win/WinnersStories.aspx</a></p> <p>Winners' Photos:  <a href="http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Win/WinnersPhotoGallery.aspx">http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Win/WinnersPhotoGallery.aspx</a></p>
<b>Travel Show Newsletter</b>	<p>Subscribe to the newsletter for updates on the Chris Robinson Travel Show. You'll keep in touch with upcoming prizes and destinations. You'll also receive news from Chris and more information about the destinations that he features.</p> <p><a href="http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Planning/NewsletterSignup.aspx">http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Planning/NewsletterSignup.aspx</a></p> <p>Check out past newsletters by clicking on the links you will find on the same page.</p>
<b>Pinterest</b>	<p>The Travel Show is now on Pinterest! So far there are 12 boards with hundreds of pins. Check out Trip winners Photos, some of the places I have been and some I still want to go to!</p> <p><a href="http://pinterest.com/travelshow">http://pinterest.com/travelshow</a></p>

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<p><b>Frommer's 2012</b></p>	<p>There are many travel series to choose from, yet Frommer's thoroughly researched and easy-to-use guides continue to stand out from the pack. They're the #1-selling guidebooks in North America because they are accurate, candid, and well-written. Key titles are revised and updated every 12 months by more than 175 outspoken travel experts from around the globe. Frommer's has a guide for every trip and every type of traveller, from the value-conscious and business traveller to families and backpackers. Plan your trip with confidence and bring along the best guide to get the most out of your next adventure.</p>
<p><b>Frommer's Website</b></p>	<p>Frommer's also has a great website at <a href="http://www.Frommers.com">www.Frommers.com</a></p> <p><b>Destinations:</b> Discover details about hotels, attractions, restaurants, planning information, and more for over 4,300 destinations around the world.</p> <p><b>Trip prize:</b> See your favorite photo on the cover of a Frommer's guidebook. Upload your photo now. In addition to the cover photo, the winner will receive \$1000 and a Tamron DSLR Lens. Four runners-up will receive \$250. The ten most popular photos will each win a Readers' Choice Award, \$100 and a guidebook of their choice. Sign in to the Frommer's Community or login with Facebook. You need to upload your photos before July 31, 2012. Enter at <a href="http://newsletter.frommers.com/contest.asp?sid=CH86U4PF8J2MCFHNVBRQ&amp;id=120">http://newsletter.frommers.com/contest.asp?sid=CH86U4PF8J2MCFHNVBRQ&amp;id=120</a></p> <p><b>Trip Ideas:</b> Get inspiration and advice about cruises, family vacations, honeymoon destinations, road trips, outdoor adventures, and more types of trips.</p> <p><b>Tips and Tools:</b> Help plan your trip with expert advice about insurance, customs, packing, money, and more subjects.</p> <p><b>Community:</b> Connect with other Frommers.com members through our active reader Forums, share your travel photos in our Photos section, and read blogs from Frommer's book editors and guidebook founder Arthur Frommer.</p>
<p><b>Frommer's Top 10 Canadian Summer Vacation Ideas</b></p>	<p><b>Gene Shannon</b> - Canadian Editor at Frommer's and my guest on the Travel Show - has performed the almost impossible task of choosing just 10 Canadian vacation ideas from the huge array in the Frommer's Far &amp; Wide book:</p>
<p><b>1.Hunt for Icebergs in Newfoundland</b></p>	<p>A century after an iceberg put a tragic end to the maiden voyage of the Titanic off the coast of Newfoundland, viewing these ancient wonders is a major springtime attraction in Canada's easternmost province.</p>

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	<p>Although Newfoundland's Iceberg Alley, along the island's northern coast, is one of the most reliable and accessible places in the world to view icebergs, there are no guarantees as to where and when you'll find them. They appear along the Newfoundland coast as early as May, but often get caught up in sea ice, while by late June through July, numbers taper off as temperatures warm.</p> <p>Word travels quickly when a berg is spotted floating by the city of St. John's, as locals and visitors alike scramble to the top of Signal Hill for the best views. Reached by road from the provincial capital of St. John's in five or six hours, the village of Twillingate promotes itself as the "iceberg capital of the world," and is indeed the best-known destination for viewing icebergs. This historic fishing village of 3,500 is well prepared for the springtime onslaught of visitors, with boat tours leaving regularly from the town dock, and even an art gallery devoted to the bergs.</p> <p>If you're serious about your icebergs a visit to remote St. Anthony allows the flexibility of catching a ferry between nearby St. Barbe and Labrador, then driving up the Labrador Straits, where shore-based viewing is usually more productive than from the island of Newfoundland.</p>
<p><b>2. Golf Top Courses in Prince Edward Island</b></p>	<p>Prince Edward Island lays claim to being Canada's top golf destination, with 10 of the top-100 courses in Canada. In fact, five per cent of the top courses in North America are found within the 5,660 square kilometres that make up Canada's smallest province. It has received dozens of accolades over the years, and yet is still relatively unknown. When asked to identify an "undiscovered gem" among the world's golf destinations, members of the International Golf Travel Writers Association named PEI the 2011 Undiscovered Golf Destination of the Year. With more than 30 courses to choose from, there are choices for all levels (and pocketbooks).</p> <p>There are as many reasons for PEI's top ratings as there are courses. The range of settings is vast: seaside, mature pine, or hardwood forest, river side or inner city, nine to 27 holes, luxurious resort to basic clubhouse. Island courses seem to be part of the landscape, blended in, rather than built upon. Unspoiled countryside, open spaces, sandy beaches, protective sand dunes, and captivating red rock cliffs guarantee inspiring views. When the leaves start to turn, the landscape takes on a special vibrancy.</p> <p>For most visitors, one taste is not enough: 80 per cent of first-time golfers return to the island. The relaxed atmosphere helps lure many back. When visitors arrive, they're often reminded they need to adjust to "Island Time" -- taking the time to relax, slow down, enjoy and create memories. That such a diverse a mix of courses is found in a small area is a real bonus for those who want to squeeze considerable play into a</p>

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	<p>few days. Golfers can play as many as 36 holes in a day, and the reasonable green fees - \$18 to \$99 - make this more feasible than in many other parts of the world.</p>
<p><b>3. Soak up the Sounds of the Montreal Jazz Festival</b></p>	<p>If all the world's a stage, the spotlight certainly shines on Montréal during her most glorious days of summer. Set during the last week of June and the first few days of July, the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal shuts down traffic in a small corner of the downtown corridor, transforming the city for 12 magical days into a festive epicentre, and possibly the largest jam session on the planet.</p> <p>Over the years the stellar list of talent has showcased musical icons including Miles Davis, Winton Marsalis, Ella Fitzgerald, Sara Vaughan, Tony Bennett, James Brown, Sting, Cesaria Evora, Norah Jones, Diana Krall, Paul Simon, and Bob Dylan, just to whet your palate. Dubbed the World's Largest Jazz Festival according to Guinness World Records in 2004, it's also the most important one in every music lover's calendar, embracing a spectrum of musical influences, including blues, world beat, Brazilian, Cuban, African, reggae, electro, and pop.</p> <p>Artists typically perform at ticketed indoor venues like the grand Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier, or more casual spots like Metropolis and Club Soda. But what jacks up the cool factor of this hot and hazy summer celebration are the hundreds of outdoor concerts—all of them free. Spread out over 10 al fresco stages from noon to midnight, the largest of the lot is the Scene General Motors planted at the foot of Place des Arts. Thanks to its esplanade of cascading steps, a makeshift amphitheatre is created that accommodates up to 200,000 spectators who gather here rain or shine. (Shows are never cancelled, though sometimes delayed due to weather.)</p> <p>Even if you're not a jazz lover, the grounds are entertaining for folks of all ages. Street performers abound. And because cars are banned, the whole area is a safe place for kids.</p>
<p><b>4. Go Horseback Riding in the Rockies</b></p>	<p>Horses were used for transportation in the Canadian Rockies by the earliest explorers, but ever since the railway was completed in the 1880s they've remained a practical and enjoyable way to travel in wilderness areas. Options range from regular trail rides to overnight pack trips, but all travel through some spectacular mountain scenery. Nestled on a wide bench on the edge of Canmore, the experienced wranglers at Cross Zee Ranch have been leading city slickers through the Bow Valley since the 1950s.</p> <p>From expansive stables, one-hour rides pass through thickly wooded areas along open meadows and to high lookouts. Southeast of town, in Kananaskis Country, things get more serious at Boundary Ranch, where traditions of early outfitters such as Tom Wilson, the Brewster Brothers, and "Wild" Bill Peyto live on through pack trips consisting of up to six hours of riding per day, with nights spent at a remote tent camp</p>

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	<p>established in a high alpine meadow. Meals are cooked and served cowboy-style - no frills and no complainin' - but it's all part of the experience. The region is very remote, with an abundance of wildlife and excellent fishing in high mountain lakes.</p>
<p><b>5. Take in World Class Theatre in a Postcard-Perfect Town</b></p>	<p>The sleepy town of Stratford is home to the largest classical repertory theatre in North America, renowned both in Canada and abroad. Stratford has long been associated with the repertoire of its namesake stage, the works of William Shakespeare, and it does excel at classical theatre. This century, especially, the artistic team has updated the festival's profile to make it a destination for new and modern plays, as well as popular entertainment such as Broadway musicals. So, you can choose according to taste and experience: is the main draw an ambitious production of Jesus Christ Superstar or a traditional staging of King Lear? Does Camelot better fit the bill, or an inventive production of Richard III starring a woman in the lead role? The ever-impressive lineup is designed to suit tastes from the contemporary to the historic, the comedic to the tragic. In fact, there's so much to choose from, it's often advisable to take in two shows and turn your stay into an overnight or two. Some highlights of this season include 42nd Street, Much Ado About Nothing, The Pirates of Penzance and You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.</p> <p>Beyond the Festival, there's Stratford's pretty downtown with its riverside parks, boutiques and galleries to explore-all within walking distance. Stratford is also an excellent destination for fine dining. The haute The Church Restaurant is often regarded as one of the city's best: it's a dramatic transformation of an old church into a fine-dining room where the cathedral ceilings are as impressive as the classic menu.</p> <p>One more thing, for Stratford's younger visitors: this is the hometown of Justin Bieber. And, yes, Bieber tours are available.</p>
<p><b>6. Snorkel with Beluga Whales in Churchill, Manitoba</b></p>	<p>Churchill may be best known as the "Polar Bear Capital of the World," but watching polar bears from the comfort of a heated bus pales in comparison to snorkelling with beluga whales -- reason enough to make the long trek up to Hudson Bay.</p> <p>Each summer, up to 3,000 beluga whales congregate around the mouth of the Churchill River to feed on microscopic plankton. These distinctive white creatures, up to five metres long, are renowned for their gentle and intelligent nature-making them the perfect snorkelling companions. After being outfitted in a thick wetsuit and heading out into the river estuary aboard a Zodiac boat, you'll slide into the water and enter the magical world of the beluga whale. The most curious whales will swim right up to you, while others glide playfully past on their backs. It's an interactive experience not easily forgotten.</p> <p>Churchill is a long way from anywhere (the only access is by scheduled rail or air service), but there's more to a summer visit than whales. Far</p>

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	<p>beyond the treeline, Churchill is a meeting place of Northern Cree and Inuit culture, with indigenous crafts and caribou burgers vying for your attention in town and the endless tundra and, beyond town limits, the ruins of a fort harkening back to 1732 that beckon.</p>
<p><b>7.Join the Party at the Calgary Stampede</b></p>	<p>They don't call it "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth" for nothing. And with 2012 being the event's 100th anniversary, this may be the greatest show yet.</p> <p>Attending the 10-day Stampede is not so much joining a party as entering a state of mind. It touches everything-from the moment you slide out of bed, put on your stetson, and wander down to the nearest Stampede breakfast, through the wee hours when you're line dancing with 100 of your closest (new) friends. Calgarians are known for their friendliness and hospitality for 51 weeks a year. But this week it's more like you're part of the family.</p> <p>The crown jewel of the event is, of course, the rodeo, where the world's top cowboys compete for more than \$1 million in prizes in bull riding, steer-wrestling, chuckwagon races and other adrenaline-filled events. On the line? Bragging rights, and the biggest cash prizes on the rodeo circuit. In the sprawling Stampede Park sensory overload continues wherever you go, with whirling amusement rides, cacophonous livestock shows, food fairs, fireworks, lectures -- even a casino. You may not get a quiet moment while you're at the Stampede, but there will be too much else going on for you to notice. That said, there's much to discover when you do explore beyond the grounds. Stampede breakfasts -- served daily, early and free! -- can easily be found throughout the city.</p> <p>But perhaps the greatest thing about the Stampede is that there really is something for everyone. Concerts range from traditional country to the latest pop icons. Past headliners have included Katy Perry, Alan Jackson, Taylor Swift, George Strait, and Kid Rock. The event is also hugely popular with kids. Between the midway, petting zoo, and near-constant stimulation, this is a party for all ages.</p> <p>The event regularly draws more than 1.2 million visitors to a city of roughly one million inhabitants, so it's best to simply embrace the widespread excitement and give yourself plenty of time to get from A to B. The vast majority of events are affordable (rodeo tickets start at around \$36) but reservations are essential-some local watering holes even accept bookings for a place at the bar.</p>
<p><b>8.Hike Along Breathtaking Lake O'Hara in Yoho National Park, B.C.</b></p>	<p>Quite simply, Lake O'Hara is one of the most special places in the Canadian Rockies, The namesake lake is surrounded by alpine meadows and dozens of smaller lakes, framed by towering mountains permanently mantled in snow. As if that weren't enough, the entire area is webbed by a network of hiking trails established over the last 90 years by luminaries such as Lawrence Grassi, who was renowned throughout the Canadian Rockies for his trail building. Trails radiate from the lake in</p>

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	<p>all directions; the longest is just 7.5 kilometres, making Lake O'Hara an especially fine hub for day hiking. What makes this destination all the more special is that a bus access-only quota system limits the number of visitors. After the 20-minute bus ride terminates at the lake, most hikers head for the welcoming sight of Le Relais -- a homely log shelter where trail information is dispensed. From this point, you have enough hiking options to fill a week.</p> <p>Whether you're staying overnight or just visiting for the day, access to Lake O'Hara is exclusively by bus along a road that's off limits to the general public. Seats on the bus are very limited and highly sought after. Reservations can be made up to three months in advance, and you really must call the full three months ahead to be assured a spot.</p>
<p><b>9.Marvel at Sand Sculptures in Parksville, B.C.</b></p>	<p>Hockey fanatics know Parksville as the retirement home of gravel-voiced former hockey TV commentator Howie Meeker. It's also a year-round golf mecca. But each July, a very different sport steals the spotlight in this idyllic beachfront community on Vancouver Island's east coast. The Canadian Open Sand Sculpting Competition &amp; Exhibition attracts tens of thousands of onlookers over one month -- closer to 100,000 in recent years. Entry is by donation. The best time to come to scenic Community Beach is at the competition's start, when Canadian and American competitors are actually completing their whimsical creations.</p> <p>Turret-laden castles, sleeping bears, giant poppies . . . seemingly these sculptures are only limited by the imaginations of the solo artists and teams, and the ticking clock. Competitors get 24 hours of work time over three days, and a diluted glue is sprayed over the finished product to avert potential wind or rain damage. Leave your dogs at home -- runaway bowsers are deemed likely to bash into sculptures -- but do bring your camera. After all, spectacular snapshots and memories of your kids frolicking on the beach will probably mean more to you afterwards than, say, who advances to the World Championship of Sand Sculpting in Federal Way, Washington.</p>
<p><b>10.Drive the Alaska Highway Through Northern B.C. and the Yukon</b></p>	<p>A driver on the Alaska Highway slows down near Fort Nelson to let an ungainly bear lope across the road. Further along, a mama moose and her two little ones lurk in the trees. Every year, thousands of people witness scenes like this while driving the Alaska Highway, which winds its way for about 2,000 kilometres through northern British Columbia, up to the Yukon and over to Delta Junction, Alaska.</p> <p>This historic road began as a one-lane supply route to Alaska in 1942. Today, the scenic route starts at the Mile 0 marker in Dawson Creek, B.C. Before hitting the road, visit the town's Alaska Highway House to learn about how the highway was built and the tremendous impact it has had on local communities. Stop at the museum in Fort Nelson to see a garage crammed with lovingly restored antique cars and go for a soak at the Liard River Hot Springs further north, where nearby soldiers used to</p>

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	<p>go for a dip. Other stops include lively Whitehorse and pretty Haines Junction in the shadow of Kluane National Park and Reserve. Along the way, admire the mountain ranges that watch over the highway. Keep an eye out for bears, moose, caribou, and Dall sheep. Be sure to check out The Milepost, an annual publication that details what to see and do along the highway, and where to find amenities</p>
<p><b>Frommer's Hot New Destinations 2012 Worldwide</b></p>	<p>Each year the Frommer's travel guide team determines what new destinations travellers should consider in the months ahead. As in years past, they represent a mix of emerging spots, under-appreciated cities, and places they think you need to experience before they're overrun by tourist crowds. While authors and editors again contributed their suggestions, this year Frommer's reached out for some additional advice: during October and November readers from around the world nominated their favorites and then voted for this year's Reader Favorite. This year's top places to consider are:</p> <p><b>North America</b>          Bay of Fundy, Canada          Kansas City, Missouri          Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico          Moab, Utah (top adventure)          Hanalei Beach, Kauai (top beach)          Chicago, Illinois (top city)          Smoky Mountains National park, US (top family)</p> <p><b>Caribbean</b>          Curacao</p> <p><b>Africa</b>          Ghana</p> <p><b>South America</b>          Aysen Region, Chile (top endangered destination)          Lima, Peru (top food and drink)</p> <p><b>Asia-Pacific</b>          Beirut, Lebanon          Chongqing, China          Fukuoka, Japan          Whitsunday Islands, Australia (top destination to get lost in)          Turkey (readers' favourite)</p> <p><b>Europe</b>          Girona, Spain</p>

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	<p>Greenwich, London, UK Tromso, Norway Albanian Riviera (top value)</p>
<p><b>Win Frommer's Guides!</b></p>	<p>You can win either a set of four <b>Frommer's Travel Guides</b> covering Canada, USA, Europe and the Caribbean or three titles in the <b>Frommer's 500 Places Series</b> simply by sending your email questions into the Travel Show at <a href="http://www.ChrisRobinsonTravelShow.com">www.ChrisRobinsonTravelShow.com</a> . Each quarter a draw is made for winners from all those who submitted questions through the website. Here are the details on these great new books:</p> <p><b>Frommer's 500 Best Adrenaline Adventures</b> Frommer's 500 Best Adrenaline Adventures features high-octane experiences for both passionate travelers and adventure seekers. From dare-devil sports to hair-raising haunted houses to wacky and obscure festivals and races, Frommer's offers ideas for a wide variety of adventures.</p> <p><b>Frommer's 500 places for food &amp; wine lovers</b> The Culinary Adventurer's Guide to Food and Wine Around the World This guidebook leads you on a tempting worldwide tour of epicurean hot spots. From the flagship restaurants of celebrity chefs( Ferran Adrià in Spain, Mario Batali in New York City) to regional specialties served on location (kaiseki in Kyoto, skyr in Iceland), international culinary schools (Chiang Mai Thai Cookery School, Thailand) and vineyards in regions on five continents (France, Italy, Napa Valley, Australia, South Africa, Chile, and more), you'll find 500 irresistible places to indulge your appetite. The book includes contact information, Web sites, and details on accommodations and services to make trip-planning easy. Geographical and topical indexes help you pinpoint information quickly.</p> <p><b>Frommer's 500 Extraordinary Islands</b> Escape to the World's Most Spectacular Islands This guidebook leads you on an irresistible tour of some of the most magnificent islands around the globe—from tiny isles to island nations and from the well-trod to the totally uninhabited. Whether it's the history and charm of islands like Mont-Saint-Michel (France) and Ocracoke (United States) or the unspoiled vistas of far-flung places like Antarctica and Polynesia's Tuvalu, you'll discover a host of islands you'd love to visit—or stay on forever. The book includes contact information and details on transportation and accommodations to make trip-planning easy. A geographical index helps you find destinations quickly.</p>

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