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# Destination: Shuswap

Welcome to the Shuswap. Whether this is your first visit or one of many, you're in for a good holiday because you've picked one of the most beautiful spots in British Columbia (and thus the world) to stay and play.

This is not idle boasting. We have mountains, lakes and forests surrounding friendly communities. If you're an outdoor enthusiast, this is the spot for mountain climbing, hiking, biking, camping, swimming, canoeing, and boating. And it's not all about summer in the Shuswap and surrounding area. There is plenty of snowmobiling, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, snow shoeing, ice fishing and outdoor skating in the winter months. If you like to shop, we have a veritable range of interesting boutiques. Within short driving distances you can enjoy the different communities, each with their own flavour and a full range of tourist attractions. The area is widely known and respected for its flourishing artistic talent. It's easy enough to find souvenirs made right here in the Shuswap ranging from chocolate to pottery, sculpture and paintings.

Salmon Arm is the heart of the Shuswap. With a population of over 16,000 it is the largest community in the area with a complete range of amenities. Although the city's temperature can get as high as 39 C (perfect for a lazy day at the beach) the average July heat is 18.6 C (perfect in general).

In the winter, it can get as low as -33.5 C (just stay indoors). But the thermometer tells us the average is -3.9 C (good for every outdoor sport).

Your stay isn't complete without spending time in the surrounding communities: North Shuswap, South Shuswap, Falkland, Armstrong, Vernon, Enderby, Sicamous, Malakwa and east.. Each community has its own particular charm and this tourist book is a complete guide to what to do and see along with the dates of special events.

Enjoy your visit, relax, have fun, and welcome to the Shuswap, one of the most perfect places on earth.

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- Forest fire report: 1-800-663-5555
- Air or marine : 1-800-567-5111
- Women's shelter: 250-832-9616
- Crisis Line: 250-833-1488
- BC Nurseline: 1-866-215-4700

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