

Official club name: The Friendship Force of Lethbridge

Closest major airport: Calgary International

Closest regional/ local airport: Lethbridge Regional

Cost of transportation between the airport and our city (based on 20 people)

By bus: \$55 to \$65

By car: TBA

Maximum number of Ambassadors our club can host: 25 (prefer 20)

Our best months for hosting: June - September

About the club: Chartered in January 1995, have about 52 members (17 couples & 17 singles - 32 homes). Offer 2 exchanges each year - 2 weeks inbound homeshosting & 2 weeks outbound excursions. Typical ages - 55 to 75 yrs, with backgrounds including professionals, farmers, business, & other. We occasionally join other clubs or invite outside members to join our excursions.

About the region: Lethbridge, population 90,000, straddling the Oldman River, which rises in the Rockies to the west and flows eastward across the prairies to the Hudson's Bay, is located in the southwestern part of Alberta along the Pan American Highway (the major transportation corridor linking Alaska through USA to Mexico, South America, & on to Chile). This is in an agricultural area which includes ranching, major beef cattle production, grain production, considerable irrigated farming, and extensive related processing industries. It is bordered on the west by the Rocky Mountains, with skiing, lakes, hunting & fishing, much wildlife and great scenery., and on the east is the flat expanse of the grassland prairie.

In addition to being the 'Irrigation Capital of Canada', Lethbridge has the University of Lethbridge, the Lethbridge College, and a major national Agricultural Research Center. Nearby features of interest include Waterton/Glacier International Peace Park, The Crownsnest Pass Historic Corridor, the Head-Smashed-in - Buffalo - Jump World Heritage Site, and Writing on Stone Provincial Park. There are 2 major First Nations Reserve communities in the area, Kainai & Pikani. We are 1 hour from the American border, and 1 ½ hours from the Mountains. For further info, see www.exploresouthwestalberta.ca, or www.lethbridgeworldweb.com.

About the exchange: Our programs normally include a welcome reception, day trips to Waterton Park or other nearby attractions, a farm/country beef barbecue, hosted suppers, and a farewell dinner. Our entire membership participate by taking part in receptions and dinners, and there is much opportunity to meet most of our members. Hosts are encouraged to arrange for guests special interests, and to choose pertinent activities on optional days. We can arrange transportation to & from Calgary or other nearby clubs in US or Canada (cost extra).

Come visit us. Let us show you our beautiful part of Canada . We love to host!

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