

This is a day of **recognition**.

This is a day of **appreciation**.

This is a day of **respect**.

This is the day that we proudly stand united to say thank you for a job well done.

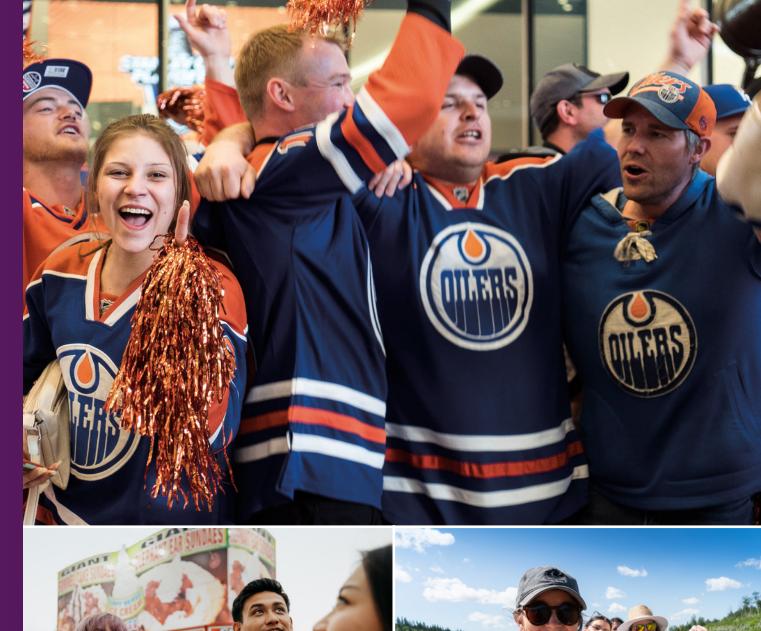
This is a day that we **showcase** the **Rest** of Edmonton.





The Edmonton
Tourism Awards are
designed to celebrate
success, leadership,
and innovation in
Edmonton's tourism
industry in key tourism
areas/touch points
critical to future success
in the tourism industry.

The Edmonton Tourism
Awards will be open to
any and all Edmonton
and greater Edmonton
metropolitan based
hoteliers, vendors,
businesses, and others
involved in Edmonton's
tourism industry.







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- This is an opportunity for you to directly reach entrepreneurs, disruptors, mavericks, influencers, and ambassadors that directly shape Edmonton's bustling tourism industry.
- Opportunities are flexible and customizable. Let's create an experience to kick-start innovation and collaboration.
- The inaugural luncheon will be held at 11:30 am on Friday, June 6, 2025 at the EXPO Centre (ballroom).



CULTURAL EXPERIENCE TOURISM AWARD

This award will recognize a tourism industry business and/or partnership committed to developing, promoting, and delivering an authentic, innovative, and enriched cultural tourism experience.

GREAT PLACE TO WORK TOURISM AWARD

Presented to an Edmonton-based member of the tourism industry who has committed to fostering equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging. A leader who embraces innovative ideas to move the company forward while supporting and encouraging workplace and personal life balance, improving well-being and productivity.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AWARD

Recognizes excellence in practicing and promoting sustainable tourism. It includes such things as going green, reducing your carbon footprint, supporting sustainable options in destinations, taking care of places, supporting community-based tourism and initiatives, respecting the practices of local people, reducing waste, and so on. Sustainable tourism is focused on the long-term sustainability of the tourism industry, providing tourism opportunities for generations to come.

TIER 1:

Program budget of over \$500K

TIER 2:

Program budget of under \$500K

SPORTS EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded for an outstanding event showcasing athletic activity requiring skill or physical prowess or an experience related to a sporting event. Submissions may be from marathons, races, team sports, other competitive events, team drafts, and other related experiences. They should include activations or other strategies that engage fans/spectators.

TIER 1:

Event budget greater than \$1 million

TIER 2:

Event budget less than \$1 million

BUSINESS EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded for the effective and creative planning of a business event, meeting, conference, or convention. Judging is based on effectiveness and originality of content, relevance to the event/subject matter, choice of speaker(s), delivery methods, integration of technology and/or social media, audience interaction, and learning environment.

TOURISM INFLUENCER AWARD

Awarded to an Influencer who promotes tourism to the City of Edmonton and includes but is not limited to, celebrities, social media stars, journalists, or industry experts.

DESTINATION EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to the tourism and hospitality group or organization that, through the production of an event (non-business, sporting, or festival-related), best exemplifies the spirit of Edmonton. It generates tourism visitation to the City of Edmonton.

PETER OGILVIE TOURISM INNOVATOR AWARD AND BURSARY

This award is being given in honour of the late Peter Ogilvie, Executive Director of Edmonton Destination Marketing Hotels Ltd. and creator of the Edmonton Tourism Awards. It recognizes an individual who has developed a tourism business, market, product, or process initiative or an unconventional approach to an existing market, product, or process. It is open to individuals in leadership positions, including owners and managers.

ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award honors the best attractions, from theme parks and zoos to guided visits. It recognizes venues that stand out for their appeal to all visitors. The Attraction of the Year Award will be presented to a tourism business or organization that provides an outstanding attraction that is a leader in applying industry best practices in all aspects of operations.

SPRING/SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

Celebrates the best spring/summer festival, judged on its ability to generate excitement and engagement. Entries should highlight innovation, creativity, and how the festival strengthened its brand image.

FALL/WINTER FESTIVAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded for the top fall/winter festival that successfully creates excitement and engagement.
Submissions will be judged on originality, creativity, and how the event enhanced the festival's brand.

CULINARY TOURISM AWARD

Awarded for an outstanding event, program, or organization that works with communities to grow food tourism by leveraging the history, heritage, and culture behind the food and drink that makes Alberta's destination unique.



HOTELIER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution of energy, service, and talent towards the growth of the hotel industry through volunteer work, service, or business accomplishments. Focusing on hotel tourism building, the recipient demonstrates leadership, vision, and innovation built on a solid foundation of strong values and sound business strategies. Individuals must be retired or current members of Edmonton Destination Marketing Hotels.



PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE

	Premier Partner	Lead Partner	Community Partner	Tourism Supporter
INVESTMENT LEVEL:	\$20,000 CAD	15,000 CAD	5,000 CAD	\$2,500 CAD
Designation as a Premier Partner. Event referenced as "presented by <your company="">" on all marketing collateral</your>				
Opportunity to play promotional video (up to 2 min) at start of ETA				
Opportunity for representative to bring opening remarks (2 minutes)				
Two Branded banners placed on stage during ETA (digital signage)				
Opportunity for custom display/exhibit at ETA entrance (or designated area)				
Opportunity to present an Award for one award category and be photographed with the winner(s)				
Opportunity to provide branded items for all guests				
Banner(s) on display within venue	2 BANNERS	2 BANNERS	1 BANNER	
Verbal recognition from emcee				
Table(s) of 10 or Tickets	1 TABLE	1 TABLE	6 TICKETS	2 TICKETS
Logo placement on event advertising	Includes website, e-newsletter, social media, e-Ticket receipt, and awards video sponsor credit roll	Includes website, e-newsletter, social media, and awards video sponsor credit roll	Includes website, e-newsletter, social media, and awards video sponsor credit roll	Includes website, e-newsletter, social media, and awards video sponsor credit roll
Company bio or recognition included in the Awards Ceremony printed program	BIO	BIO	RECOGNITION	RECOGNITION

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- Opportunity to provide branded items for all guests
- Two Branded banners placed on stage during ETA (digital signage)
- Two Banners on display within venue
- Verbal recognition from emcee
- One table of 10
- Logo placement as Premier Partner on all event advertising.
 - Includes website, e-newsletter, social media, e-Ticket receipt, and awards video sponsor credit roll
- Company bio included in the Awards Ceremony printed program.





LEAD PARTNER

INVESTMENT LEVEL OF \$15,000 CAD

- Opportunity for custom display/exhibit at ETA entrance (or designated area)
- Opportunity to present an Award for one award category and be photographed with the winner(s)
- Opportunity to provide branded items for all quests
- Two Banners on display within venue
- One table of 10
- Verbal recognition from emcee
- Opportunity to provide branded items for all guests
- Logo placement as Lead Partner on all event advertising.
 - Includes website, e-newsletter, social media, and awards video sponsor credit roll
- Company bio included in the Awards Ceremony printed program.

COMMUNITY PARTNER

INVESTMENT LEVEL OF \$5,000 CAD

- Opportunity to provide branded items for all guests
- One Banner on display within venue
- Six tickets to awards
- Verbal recognition from emcee
- Logo placement as Community Partner on select event advertising.
 - Includes website, e-newsletter, social media, and awards video sponsor credit roll
- Company recognition included in the Awards Ceremony printed program.









TOURISM SUPPORTER

INVESTMENT LEVEL OF \$2,500 CAD

- Two tickets to awards
- Verbal recognition from emcee
- Logo placement as Tourism Supporter on select event advertising.
 - Includes website, e-newsletter, social media, and awards video sponsor credit roll
- Company recognition included in the Awards Ceremony printed program.



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