

South Okanagan



cantay

# Welcome to the South Okanagan

A year round destination



# The Okanagan Valley

## DESTINATION IN-SIGHTS

### THE OKANAGAN IS GREAT FOR

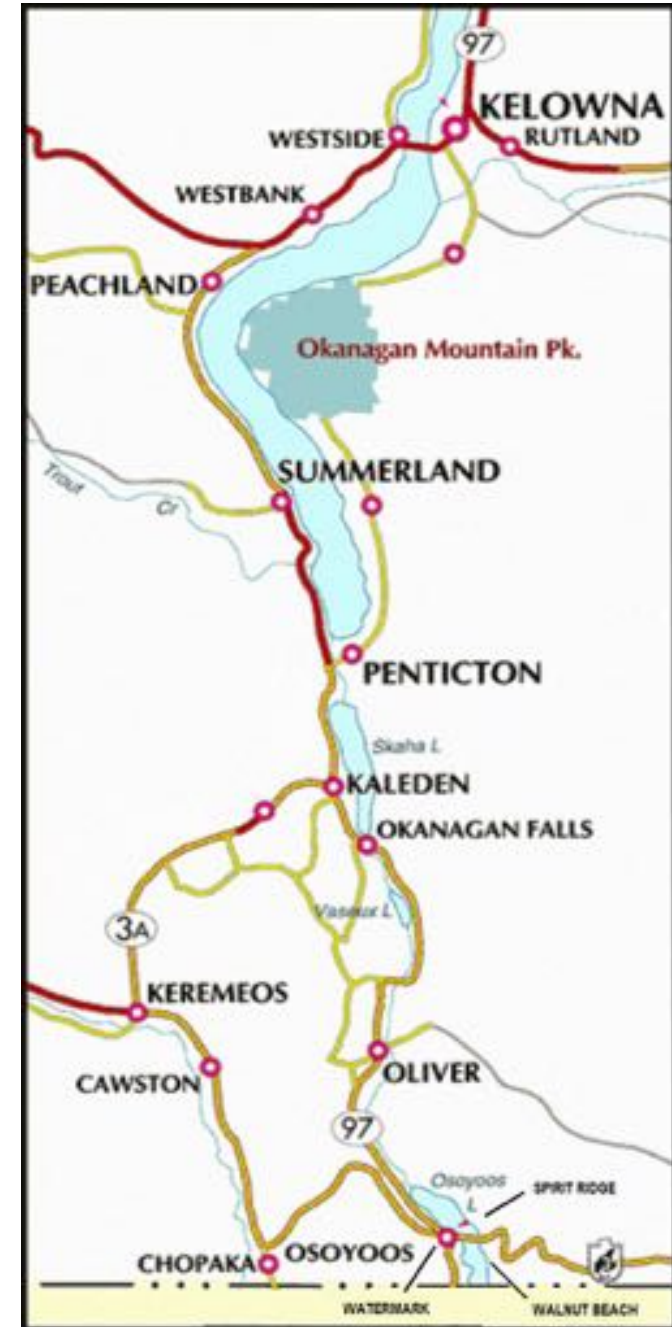
- Local Indigenous cultural experiences
- Food and wine enthusiasts
- Golfing, with over 30 golf courses of all skill levels to choose from
- Boating on Osoyoos Lake or perhaps canoeing or kayaking Vaseaux Lake
- Groups who enjoy a totally authentic place, still has family run businesses and where the heart of the destination shines

### WEATHER

- Longest summer season in Canada
- Warm, dry summers with low humidity
- The area is a semi-arid climate in a long valley between two mountain ranges, but kept mild by its many lakes

### SOUTH OKANAGAN FACTS

- Canada's most unique desert environment
- Osoyoos Lake is the warmest fresh-water lake in Canada
- Osoyoos receives over 2,000 hours of sunshine per year and less than 12 inches (318mm) of rain



# Okanagan Air Access

## KELOWNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- Approx. 15 min north of downtown Kelowna – 2 hours to Osoyoos
- Daily flights from seven different airlines (Flights increasing on a regular basis)
- Daily direct flights from Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle.

## SECONDARY AIRPORTS

- Penticton Regional Airport
- Daily direct flights to and from Vancouver and Calgary
  - Serviced by Air Canada, Westjet & Pacific Coastal
  - 45 minutes from Osoyoos & 1 hour from Kelowna
  - In the heart of wine country
  - Charter services available
- Osoyoos also has a landing strip for charters

## HELICOPTERS

- Available from Vancouver or Kelowna
  - Large 14 passenger or small 4 passenger helicopters
  - Landing areas throughout the Okanagan including Area 27, vineyards, farms, select hotels and airports

## SUMMARY

- Air access into the Okanagan from across Canada may require a transfer from a major hub. Charters are available and would keep travel time to a minimum. (Note: costs in Okanagan are very reasonable, so groups often budget a bit extra for flights)



# South Okanagan Weather

## GENERAL FACTS

- Longest summer season in Canada
- Warm, dry summers with low humidity
- Classified as Canada's desert, the area has the lowest annual precipitation and warmest annual temperatures in Canada.

## OSOYOOS AVERAGE DAILY HIGHS DURING SUMMER SEASON

April: 18°C / 64°F

- May: 22°C / 72°F
- June: 26°C / 79°F
- July: 30°C / 86°F
- August: 30°C / 86°F
- September: 24°C / 75°F
- October: 16°C / 61°F

## KELOWNA

- 2 hours north of Osoyoos
- On average 4°C / 7°F cooler



# South Okanagan Resorts

# Spirit Ridge by Hyatt

You'll know when you've arrived at Spirit Ridge; there's no mistaking the gently sloping vineyards, glittering Osoyoos Lake, and dramatic Okanagan Range, part of the Cascade Mountains, that surround the luxury resort. Welcome to Canada's only desert, a place sacred to the Osoyoos Indian Band. Discover for yourself the natural landscapes and delicious food and wine that make Spirit Ridge a true wellness-centered oasis.

Each of Spirit Ridge's 226 condos, suites, and villas boast an ambience that encourages guests to settle in right away, with spacious kitchens and cozy fireplaces. Take in sweeping views of Anarchist Mountain and Osoyoos Lake from the room, then experience the scenery up close at the NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre, where boardwalks lead you to learn about the South Okanagan's diverse grasslands.

There are also ten venues totaling approximately 12,000 square feet to accommodate all types of meetings at Spirit Ridge.

- <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/canada/spirit-ridge/ylwub>



# Spirit Ridge by Hyatt



# Walnut Beach Resort

Take a stroll along a secluded private beach on Lake Osoyoos, Canada's warmest lake. Or lounge on the expansive sundeck with all-day sun and enjoy an impressive year-round outdoor heated pool, enjoying a beverage from the wine bar.

The 102 carefully crafted designer hotel suites give you luxurious comforts of home. Relax by the hot tub, play golf year round, check out the local wineries and enjoy the laid back atmosphere of the South Okanagan. With choices of indoor and outdoor venues, Walnut Beach Resort is a stunning backdrop of golden sands, shimmering waters and azure blue skies that caress the mountaintops is what makes an event at Walnut Beach Resort memorable.

Private beach

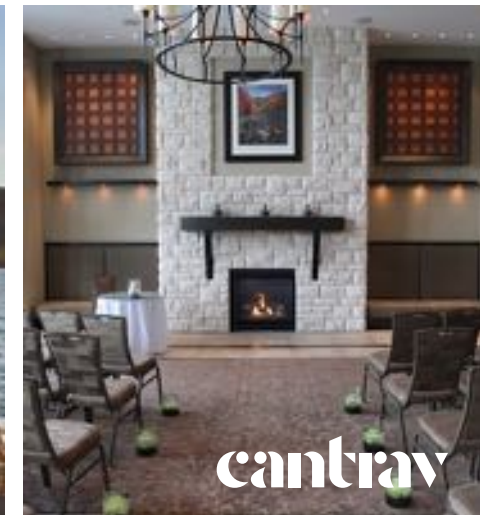
Hot tub & outdoor pool

Banquet Capacity:

Vineyard Ballroom: 140 seated/225 reception

Courtyard Lawn: 150 seated/200 reception

<https://www.walnutbeachresort.com/>



cantray

# Walnut Beach Resort



# Watermark Beach Resort

Discover the South Okanagan “good life” at the Okanagan resort that defines easy living, where attention to detail and personal service is as unmatched and unique as the experience and amenities at Watermark. Experience the Watermark difference. You’re steps to everything: beach, dining, shopping, marina, and groceries for your full gourmet kitchen. Come see what makes Watermark a top-rated choice for Osoyoos hotels and accommodation.

Watermark Beach Resort is a favourite event venue in the South Okanagan. With one and two bedroom suites making up most of the 153 suites the resort can accommodate your entire guest room requirements.

Two hot tubs, outdoor pool  
Steam room  
Spa

Banquet Capacity  
Square footage: 3,080 + additional venues  
Capacity: 260 seated

<https://www.watermarkbeachresort.com/>



# Watermark Beach Resort



# South Okanagan Activities

# Area 27 & Kartplex

Designed by Canadian racing champion and icon Jacques Villeneuve, Area 27 is quickly becoming a 'must visit' for speed enthusiasts.

Opened in the fall of 2016 in the south Okanagan, Area 27 has been designed to capture the essence of a Classic Grand Prix track. With 16 corners, a 4.83 km/3-mile length and 250 ft. of elevation change, it captures driver's imaginations while challenging and rewarding them at all skill levels.

With the state-of-the-art clubhouse completed June 2019 there is now a 3,200 sq ft dining room and 2,500 sq ft patio to watch all the action on the track as well as high-end members locker room, state of the art classroom and driver's pro shop.

## MOTORSPORT MIXER

- Exclusive use of the facility for the duration of the program
- Vehicle rental
- Fuel
- 2 hours at the Kartplex
- Catering and refreshments
- Insurance (Damage deposit still required)
- Instructor team and all additional services needed for the program

Maximum 14 guests - 5 hours on site.

## KARTPLEX

The new world class kart racing centre is an exciting and fun way to entertain and reward your employees, VIPs or clients. The events allow you to choose how many races, the type of educational or entertainment components as well as rewards and keepsakes from the event. Your team can refresh, destress and compete for fun in an event they will never forget.

<https://vimeo.com/246607683>

Area 27 is a 1.5-hour drive from downtown Kelowna or a 25-minute scenic helicopter transfer.



cantrav

# Wine Region

The second largest wine growing region in Canada with over 4,000 hectares (9,900 acres) currently planted. The Valley runs over 250 kms from the US border north and you will find over 790 vineyards and over 180 wineries.

The Okanagan Valley has four official sub-regions: Golden Mile Bench, Naramata Bench, Okanagan Falls & Skaha Bench, each with its own distinct soil and climate conditions.

The majority of Okanagan's vineyard acres are right across the US border around Osoyoos and Oliver. Osoyoos is also the home of the first Indigenous winery in North America.

The Valley has the same latitude as the Champagne and Rheingau regions of France.

## Wine Tours

Custom designed tours with private guides and access to areas not available to the general public.

- Small intimate group tours
- Large coach tours
- Helicopter tours

Duration: 3 to 6 hours



# District Wine Village

The first true wine village in Canada. Located in the heart of the South Okanagan, the Village is be surrounded by vineyards and home to 16 artisan producers.

Each of the individual spaces offers operators a production facility that includes access to a shared crush pad and operational resources, as well as a built-in tasting room.

Guests will have an opportunity to have a walk around, take some pictures, enjoy a couple of tastings or sit out on the expansive deck for a flight and enjoy the beautiful Okanagan weather.

- 13 Wineries
- 1 Brewery
- 1 Eatery
- Multi-Purpose Amphitheater with 610-person capacity
- On-site vineyard



# Golf

Averaging over 2,000 hours of sunshine a year, the Okanagan offers one of the longest, driest golf seasons in Canada. Vineyards, orchards, semi-desert terrain, rolling hills, and expansive lakes make the golf courses in the area some of the most picturesque in the country.

## Osoyoos Golf Club

- Desert Gold Course – 6,500 yards, par 71
- Park Meadows – 6,351 yards par 72

## Fairview Mountain Golf Club

7,000 yards, par 72

## Nk'Mip Canyon Desert Golf Course

6,800 yards, par 71

## Sonora Dunes Golf Course – 9 holes

2,523 yards, par 35



# Activities for everyone



## Cultural Centre Tour & Hike

An award-winning interpretive centre in Osoyoos BC, Nk'Mip Desert Culture Centre is situated on the edge of one of the most endangered ecosystems in Canada. Discover the fascinating stories of Canada's desert and share in the rich living culture of the Okanagan people.

Duration: 2 to 4 hours



## Hike McIntyre Bluff

A hike to the top of n̄aylntn (pronounced *ny-lin-tn*), a cultural site rich in Indigenous history and a place of worship for the Osoyoos First Nations. A three-hour round-trip hike takes you to the top of the wonder where you will gaze upon the Okanagan Valley from 673 meters (2,208 feet) up. It's a stunning vista that reveals the breadth of the landscape around you.

After the hike guests will head to Covert Farms to relax, enjoy a glass of wine and locally sourced charcuterie.

Duration: 4 hours



## Horseback Riding

An opportunity to see viewpoints and scenery that would be exhausting to reach on foot whether it is a valley bottom or up in the hills overlooking Okanagan, Kalamalka or Osoyoos Lake, the experience becomes nothing short of exhilarating. Experienced trail ride operators will match you with the perfect horse for the trip. Work in a custom catered lunch to make a day of it.

Duration: 3 to 5 hours



## Bike Tour

Home to some of the best cycling in the Okanagan. Just over 20 kms in length the Golden Mile and Black Sage Bench accommodate some of the best vineyards and wineries in the world. You will have a chance to enjoy spectacular scenery and some of the award-winning wines.

Duration: 3 to 5 hours.

# Venue Options

# Miradoro

Completed in 2011 as part of Tinhorn Creek Winery, Miradoro with its modern passive solar design is a comfortable stop even on the hottest summer days. The simple yet elegant design incorporates salvaged redwood and pine beetle wood while the two full walls of glass ensure everyone can appreciate the panoramic views from every seat in the house.

Five-time gold winner of Vancouver magazine's Best Winery Restaurant, Miradoro showcases local producers and suppliers for their Mediterranean influenced cuisine.

Inside – 65 seats

Patio – 65 seats



# Backyard Farms

Chef's Table Inspired by an "old world" approach to eating, Backyard Farm Chef's table can host up to 20 guests. Menus are developed and enhanced by Chef Chris Van Hooydonk's extensive culinary industry experience.

Chef's food philosophy encompasses the approachable side to healthy eating and farming, with emphasis put on sourcing the freshest and organic when possible, highest quality, seasonal and sustainable ingredients. Importance is put upon supporting the local, dedicated farmer's and producers in the area which share his passion for food.

Tailored workshops can be developed with direct interaction with an individual client. Based on an approximate 4-hour timeline, groups up to 10-12 guests can be hosted for an intimate and informal cooking demonstration. Workshop attendees will enjoy sampling the "fruits of their labour", while enjoying a glass of wine from a local winery. Groups can "get your hands dirty" alongside Chef, for a fun evening or afternoon of approachable food, in a fully functional and inspiring commercial kitchen.



# Covert Farms

A true organic farm situated on 650 acres. Covert Farms is a third-generation family endeavour. Guests have the opportunity to hike McIntyre Bluff then come down for a lunch and wine tasting or we can organize live music with a reception then dinner.

With two acres of the site available for events the perfect spot for any group can be found: a small dinner at the wine lounge, the timber pole barn for up to 200 or setting up tents for a larger dinner and or reception.

- Wine Lounge – 36
- Timber Pole Barn – 200
- Farm tours – 35 per tour



# Osoyoos from Anarchist Mountain



# Services

- Ground transportation logistics
  - Airport transfers, small or large & off-site transfers
- Activities, adventures & tours
  - Unique guest experiences
- Host & off-site event venues
  - Venue sourcing & coordination
  - Welcome receptions, gala dinners,
  - Food & beverage management
  - Creative theme development, build out & décor management
  - Unique entertainment, audio visual & lighting design
- Concierge/hospitality desk
  - Management & on-site staffing
- Creative gifting programs
  - Room drops, award gifts & speaker gifts
- Meeting audio-visual management
- Budget management
- VIP & speaker management
- Teambuilding



# Thank You

On behalf of Cantrav Services and Destination Osoyoos, We look forward to welcoming your group to the beautiful South Okanagan Valley.

Drop us a note or give us a call and Erin will discuss your needs for your event and prepare a customized experience for your corporate, association or incentive group.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Erin Urquhart  
Manager, Destination Development, Okanagan  
[Osoyoosevents@cantrav.com](mailto:Osoyoosevents@cantrav.com)  
250.212.9268

