

What's new at TOTA - March 2007

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"Life is Good" in the Thompson Okanagan

This is a region that amazes visitors with its diversity. From the dry and arid desert in the south, to the lush spectacular mountains in the north, our region provides an abundance of activities for everyone. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy a wide variety of activities such as mountain biking, hiking, climbing, fishing, canoeing and wildlife viewing. Sport lovers will be busy with championship golf courses, destination ski resorts and boating activities. Families can enjoy farms, beaches and a multitude of fun choices for everyone's particular tastes. And speaking of tastes... vineyards, wineries, fresh fruit, scenic dining... the Thompson Okanagan is a sensory experience not to be missed. Located halfway between Vancouver and the Canadian Rockies, visitors to the region can create a medley of unique itineraries. We are located 45 minutes flying and 4 hours driving time from Vancouver and 45 minutes flying and 8 hours driving time from Calgary.

New Attractions and Accommodations:



Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre

The Centre celebrates thousands of years of Okanagan First Nations habitation on desert lands. The Nk'Mip desert lands are one of Canada's three most endangered ecosystems and home to many endangered plant and animal species. The \$9 million Centre provides on-site tours- including a traditional village, interpretive program, an 80 seat performing arts theatre, archives, sculptures, water gardens and a gift shop.

Osoyoos

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Tobiano Golf Course

The old Six Mile Ranch is being developed into a 20 year community master plan that features for 2007, a new breathtaking 18 hole golf course and clubhouse overlooking Kamloops Lake. This championship course is a must play stop for golfers planning on visiting many of the other great courses in the Thompson region. Additional plans include a marina, hotel, private residences and a working cattle ranch.

Kamloops

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Playa Del Sol Resort

This resort is scheduled to open in the summer of 2007. It is conveniently located next to a beautiful city park and beach on Okanagan Lake. It will feature 283 one, two and three bedroom suites, each offering the convenience of full kitchens, living/dining rooms and private outdoor patios. Additional features include a restaurant, swimming pool, spa and fitness facilities.

Kelowna

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Burrowing Owl Winery Guest Homes

This spectacular setting now offers 10 private and spacious south west facing guest rooms each having a balcony overlooking the vineyards. Units include a soaker tub, separate shower as well as the wine bar and restaurant featuring lunch and dinner just steps away! Pool, hot tub and meeting space is also available.

Oliver

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Crowsnest Vineyards Restaurant and Guest Rooms **Keremeos**

Established in 1995, Crowsnest Vineyards has steadily grown and now boast a new 5,000 sq ft building that features a restaurant and lounge called "Landgasthof" serving authentic German cuisine. Seven guest rooms with outstanding views of vineyards and the Similkameen Valley are situated on the second floor. The old structure that comprised the tasting shop, gift store and restaurant has been retro-fitted and will open in mid summer as a cooking school!

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Hainle Vineyards Restaurant & Cookery School Peachland

Hainle has built a quintessential wine country experience. The gothic style restaurant offers a panoramic view with every seat. Diners can watch from their seats as a culinary team prepare fresh artisan creations. The exhibition kitchen also hosts the Producer's Cookery School that features hands on cooking classes to secrets of Cookery demonstrations!

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Hester Creek Winery Villas

Oliver

Five deluxe villas are situated within a short walk above the winery that command stunning views of the south Okanagan valley. Four units feature King sized beds, flat screen televisions, fireplaces, microwaves and bar fridges while the fifth unit is built for longer stays as it has a full sized kitchen. All villas have private patios that overlook the Hester Creek vineyards and are within a short distance to other wineries as well as the towns of Oliver and Osoyoos.

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Aveley Heritage Sheep Ranch

Clearwater

North of Kamloops, the Aveley Heritage Sheep Ranch offers farm tours and overnight holiday packages. They raise sheep but also offer fun and interactive experiences including, sheep shearing, and hayrides, feeding and cuddling lambs as well as trips to an alpine sheep camp.

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The Cove Lakeside Resort

Kelowna

This resort is the Okanagan's newest lakeside getaway across the lake from Kelowna. The property offers one, two and three bedroom luxury guest suites that include washer and dryer, living rooms with 42 inch plasma TV's over the fireplace, intimate dining areas and refrigerated wine coolers. This property also has a spa and restaurant and is close to many wineries and the 100 year old Gellately Nut Farm next door.

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Alpine Meadows Resort

Clearwater

The resort is a luxury destination on Hallemore Lake located an hour drive north of Kamloops in the North Thompson. There is a balance of serenity and adventure here in a pristine setting. Accommodations include deluxe duplex chalets and log homes with full amenities. Additional conveniences include a restaurant, meeting room, gazebo with fireside lounge, laundry facilities and electric boats with fishing rod rentals.

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Swan Lake Culinary Resort and Spa

Vernon

This exciting north Okanagan property is slated to open in the Fall 2007. Overlooking Swan Lake, there will be close to 50 luxurious one and two bedroom suites as well as a full service spa. The culinary theme will beckon guests with cooking classes centered on the art of food and wine pairing.

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Spring Meadowlark Festival, May 17-21, 2007

Hillsides ablaze with spectacular blooms! Celebrate the return of the Meadowlark and other species in valleys that are known among Canadian nature-lovers as "must-see" places.
www.meadowlarkfestival.bc.ca

Okanagan Spring Wine Festival, May 1-6, 2007

Taste the nectar of the gods! Come celebrate a wonderful marriage of wines during a full week of special events. Taste Okanagan wines at wineries and restaurants throughout the valley.
www.owfs.com

Kamloops Heritage "Tours With Us"

Capture the colourful history of this desert oasis of 85,000 inhabitants on an entertaining historical walking tour in the late afternoon and early evening.
www.tourwithuskamloops.com

