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## JANUARY 2019: EVENTS, FESTIVALS, SHOWS & MORE!

### Winter Fests

#### Deep Freeze Festival

**When:** January 12 & 13

**Where:** 118 Ave. between 91 St. & 94 St. | [deepfreezefest.ca](http://deepfreezefest.ca)

**About:** This free family festival celebrates with Ukrainian, Francophone, and Indigenous cultural and heritage winter games, including races in actual deep freezers, axe throwing, Cree round dances, and more.

#### Ice on Whyte

**When:** January 24-27 & January 31-February 3

**Where:** Whyte Ave. & Gateway Blvd. | 780-758-5878 | [iceonwhyte.ca](http://iceonwhyte.ca)

**About:** One of the city's most popular winter festivals displays ice and snow sculptures by international artists, and there are fun activities for the whole family, including a giant ice slide and a heated café.

#### Flying Canoë Volant

**When:** January 31-February 2

**Where:** Mill Creek Ravine & La Cite Francophone | 8627 rue Marie-Anne-Gaboury (91 St.) | [flyingcanoevolant.ca](http://flyingcanoevolant.ca)

**About:** This nighttime, outdoor festival takes its name from a French legend shared with First Nations peoples. In the legend, a French nobleman loved to hunt so much that he skipped Sunday mass and was cursed to wander the night skies forever in a flying canoe pursued by hollowing wolves. Perhaps you'll spot him as you wander the Mill Creek Ravine, enjoying music, bannock roasting, and Indigenous art.

### Exciting Expos

#### The Wedding Fair

**When:** January 6

**Where:** Edmonton Convention Centre | 9797 Jasper Ave. | 780-421-9797 | [theweddingfair.ca](http://theweddingfair.ca)

**About:** The premier event in the city for one-stop wedding planning! Watch professionally choreographed fashion shows featuring the latest in bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, and formal wear. Plus, browse a variety of vendors for all your wedding resources like bouquets, décor, guest favours, catering, cakes, and more. Whether you know exactly what you want for your big day or have no idea where to begin, the expert panellists can help!

#### Bridal Fantasy

**When:** January 20

**Where:** Edmonton EXPO Centre | 7515-118 Ave. | 780-471-7210 | [bridalfantasy.com](http://bridalfantasy.com)

**About:** Watch professionally choreographed fashion shows featuring the latest in bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, and formal wear. Plus, browse a variety of vendors for all your wedding resources like bouquets, venues, décor, guest favours, catering, cakes, and more.

#### Edmonton Renovation Show

**When:** January 25-27

**Where:** Edmonton EXPO Centre | 7515-118 Ave. | 780-471-7210 | [edmontonrenovationshow.com](http://edmontonrenovationshow.com)

**About:** Find inspiration for your next design or renovation project for your home with live demos and exhibits from top home and reno companies! With big names like HGTV star Bryan Baeumler, more than 225 exhibitors, and a slew of exciting new features, there's real advice, real inspiration, and real experts at every turn.

#### Edmonton Pet Expo

**When:** January 26 & 27

**Where:** Edmonton EXPO Centre | 7515-118 Ave. | 780-471-7210 | [petexpo.ca](http://petexpo.ca)

**About:** Animal lovers will enjoy insightful and entertaining presentations, shopping for the latest pet products and can watch a variety of performances where the animals are the stars. Family-friendly activities will be available for young pet-lovers, too! Please leave pets at home.

### Invigorating Stage Shows

#### The Illusionists, Live From Broadway

**When:** January 1-6

**Where:** Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium | 11455-87 Ave. | 780-427-2760 | [theillusionistslive.com](http://theillusionistslive.com)

**About:** Five of the world's most talented illusionists have joined forces to perform a jaw-dropping show filled with electrifying magic and death-defying stunts that will baffle and astound you! Performers include The Anti-Conjurer, known for his appearance on America's Got Talent; The Trickster, a traditional showman; and The Escapologist, known as today's Houdini.

#### The Cardiac Shadow

**When:** January 18-February 2

**Where:** ATB Financial Arts Barn | 10330-84 Ave. | 780-409-1910 | [northernlighttheatre.com](http://northernlighttheatre.com)

**About:** This performance is the shocking true story of four women who were plucked from a concentration camp by an SS officer to test the endurance of the human body in extreme temperatures. What happens to the human spirit when the body must endure such tragedies?

#### Miss Teen

**When:** January 23-February 10

**Where:** Varscona Theatre | 10329-83 Ave. | 780-433-3399 | [shadowtheatre.org](http://shadowtheatre.org)

**About:** When her awkward daughter inexplicably wins the local Miss Teen Pageant, a struggling single mother seizes the opportunity to improve her family's difficult circumstances. Determined to help her daughter succeed, she resorts to increasingly desperate measures, even as the glare from the spotlight threatens to expose her eccentric methods and tear the family apart.

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**Best Breakfast: OEB Breakfast**

10174-100 A St. | 587-520-0936 | [eatoeb.com](http://eatoeb.com)

At long last, Edmontonians don't have to trek all the way to Calgary for this mouth-watering breakfast spot. Enjoy modern, colourful, and playful décor at OEB, where they've also got waffles, pancakes, crêpes, omelettes, breakfast poutines, Bennys, and more. Whatever you opt for, the spot-on flavours and high-quality ingredients ensure there are no wrong choices. Weekday reservations available; use the Yelp app to join the waitlist remotely.



**Best Tried & True: Tony's Pizza Palace**

9605-111 Ave. | 780-424-8777 | [tonyspizzapalace.com](http://tonyspizzapalace.com)

If you're an Edmontonian, chances are you have a favourite Tony's pizza that you always order. For many, it's the Original New York Style—a thin and crispy-yet-chewy crust, topped with spicy homemade tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, and Tony's special spices. It also only comes in one size: extra-large, which is never a problem. Other house favourites include Mario's Special (prosciutto, capicollo, artichokes, and capers) and Sal's Delux (marinated tomato sauce, prosciutto, capicollo, and bocconcini). There's also a terrific menu of appetizers, pastas, and entrées to choose from. Reservations recommended.

**Best Drinks: Baijiu**

10359-104 St. | 780-421-7060 | [baijiuyeg.com](http://baijiuyeg.com)

Shanghai chic meets hip-hop in this trendy cocktail joint with Asian-inspired plates. Order yourself a kicked-up creative Last Days in Vietnam cocktail (lemongrass soju, cognac, oloroso sherry, a Thai basil syrup, and a bird's-eye chili), or finish off the evening with a Hennessy & Green Tea shot. Add a little Prohibition-style ambience with the new secretive speakeasy, Little Hong Kong, found discretely behind a cabinet within Baijiu. Reservations recommended for the dining room, though Little HK is "first come, first discovered."

**Best Treat: Gelato at La Carraia**

The Mayfair, 10067-109 St. | 780-244-0648 | [lacarraia.ca](http://lacarraia.ca)

For traditional gelato that sends your taste buds on a one-way trip to Florence, check out La Carraia Gelateria. Priding itself as "Edmonton's own sweet taste of Florence, Italy," this tiny café serves 30 rotating flavours of gelato served in cones, cups, and even between brioche buns topped with whipped cream and chocolate sauce! Sorbets and lactose-free options are also available. Leave your restraint at home.



**WHERE Edmonton's 2018 Best Restaurant Awards**

By Tamara Aschenbrenner and Carmen D. Hrynchuk

Welcome to our annual celebration of the best food in Edmonton! This year, we're shining our spotlight on six categories, sixteen winners, and all kinds of deliciousness. Check out the January/February 2019 issue of *WHERE Edmonton* magazine for the list of finalists and more great dining recommendations.

**Best New Restaurant: Noi Thai Restaurant**

10724-95 St. | 780-423-3213 | [noithairestaurant.com](http://noithairestaurant.com)

Subtle, simple, and satisfyingly scrumptious—that's what you want in a best new restaurant, right? Noi Thai set up on the edge of Little Italy, in the space previously housed by Viphalay. This casual restaurant has a stocked menu of flavourful dishes, each well priced and well made. Definitely try the Drunken Noodles—it has enough spice for a little kick without blowing out your palate for the rest of the meal. Plus, we have it on good authority that it's the perfect plate of leftovers for the occasion it describes. And like at any great Thai place, the meals here end with a handful of guava candies. No reservations required.



**Finalist: Salz Bratwurst Co.**

10556-115 St. | 587-599-7259 | [eatsalz.ca](http://eatsalz.ca)

If you're looking for a super laid-back place to pop in for authentic German-style brews and house-made brats, check out Salz. The menu is small but welcoming: draught beer and bottles, three styles of bratwurst, a few mains, and classic sides prepared fresh in-house.

**Finalist: An Chay**

11203 Jasper Ave. | 780-752-2203 | [facebook.com/anchayyeg](https://facebook.com/anchayyeg)

An Chay translates to "eat vegetarian" in Vietnamese, which you'll be more than happy to do at Edmonton's first all-vegetarian Vietnamese restaurant. Enjoy familiar fare like salad rolls, spring rolls, and various bowls with rice vermicelli—and definitely try the spicy satay soup.