

▲ **FILM MAKING PARADISE:**

A GUIDE TO THE OKANAGAN,  
BOUNDARY AREA, AND  
SIMILKAMEEN REGIONS



# SECRET'S OUT

Shown: Kelowna BC

Shown: Yatch club, Kelowna BC



# OUR SECRET IS OUT. INTERNATIONAL & REGIONAL PRODUCTION COMPANIES FIND THEIR SHOTS HERE.

The Okanagan, Boundary, and Similkameen deliver diverse and spectacular locations. Urban sophistication, small town ambiance, or dramatic unspoiled nature, **find it here.**

Shown (Top to bottom): Kelowna towers. Hoodoo bluffs and orchards near Naramata. Suburbs of Vernon, BC.

Shown: Osoyoos, BC

# WHAT MAKES THIS REGION SO SPECIAL



## EVERYTHING IN ONE PLACE

**Infrastructure:** Production facilities, stages, green screens post-production, color grading, editorial and finishing, all available in our region.

**Crew & Equipment:** Over 400 specialized resumes on file. The region offers efficient and affordable networks with Lower Mainland production equipment and service suppliers.

**Tax Credits:** some of the highest in North America, including for post-production and visual effects.

**Diversity:** Multiple small towns, cityscapes, and the ability to replicate California, The Rocky Mountains, Washington and Idaho as well as many european locations.

### THE SOUTH OKANAGAN & SIMILKAMEEN

The area is known for its history and breathtaking arid landscape.

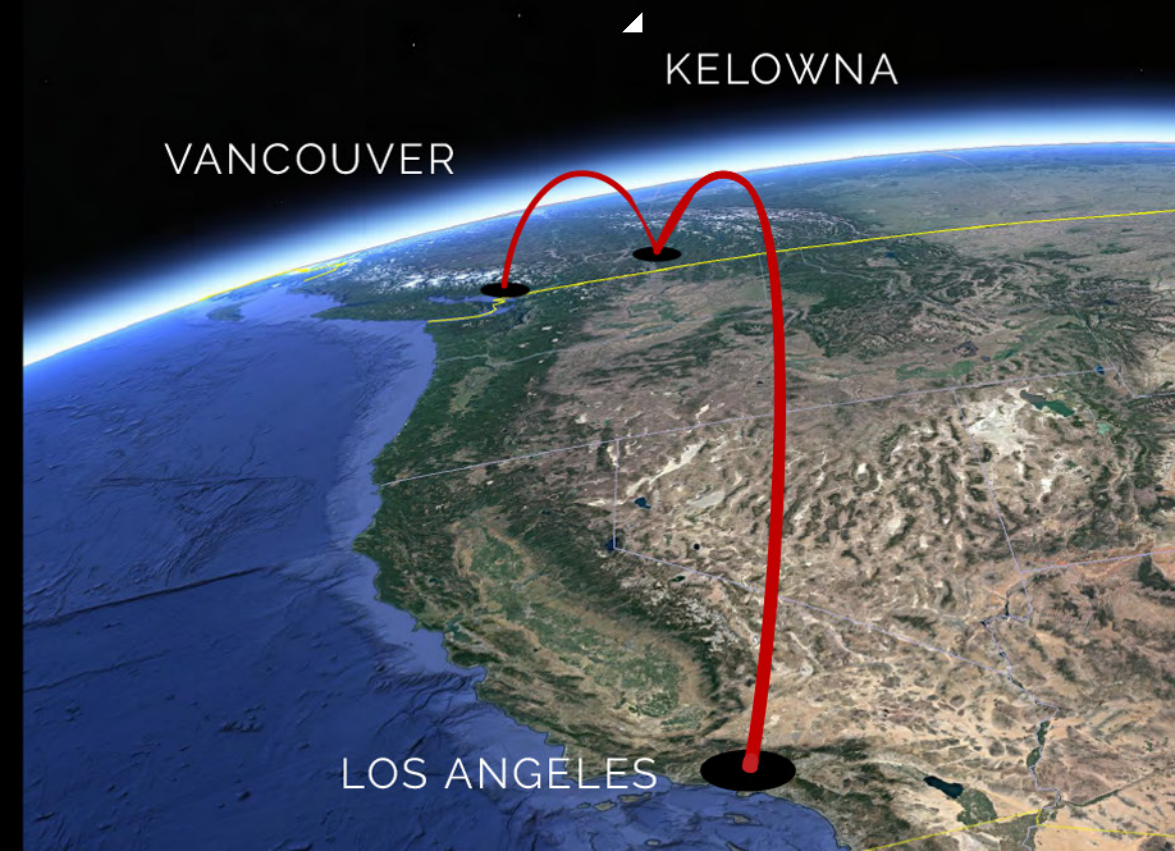
## KELOWNA, BC

Kelowna is a hub for health and wellness; with world class cuisine, organically grown produce, state of the art fitness facilities, sports fields, groomed trails, and expert nutritionists and therapists. In summer the city attracts visitors from all around the world who come here to boat our massive lake, touring cities and towns along the way, and explore the diverse terrain and breathtaking viewpoints. For the nature enthusiast there are endless places to waterski, mountain bike, hike, horseback ride, fish and hunt. Our spring through fall seasons are long, with mild winter temperatures perfect for skiing, boarding, and snowshoeing. Life in Kelowna is diverse and happy.

## FLYING HERE

Kelowna, home to 181,000 residents, features a growing international airport (YLW) with expanding airline services, offering non-stop flights, including charters from Los Angeles.

- 0:45 FLIGHT FROM VANCOUVER
- 2:30 FLIGHT FROM LOS ANGELES
- 5:30 FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK





▶ **BLACKWAY**

From the Enderby feature film with  
**Anthony Hopkins** shot in the Okanagan

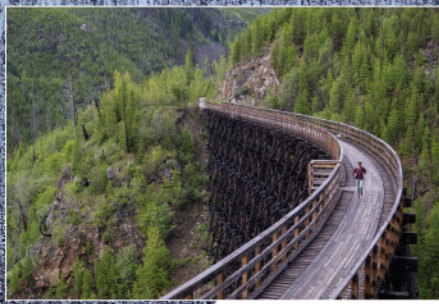
## WE DO NATURE

Forests, rivers, lakes, waterfalls,  
green orchards, mountains,  
farmlands and pastures, we've  
have it all within a short drive.



Shown: Christie Falls

**Shown:** Mountains, Boundary Region, BC



## WE DO MOODY

Explore the endless possibilities of our captivating four-season region, where the ever-changing landscapes effortlessly evoke a myriad of emotions, providing film producers with a rich canvas to craft diverse and compelling cinematic narratives.

### RECON

Filmed in the Okanagan  
Image from the Enderby feature

**Shown (left to right):** Law courts, Vernon, BC. White Lake Ranch, South Okanagan. KVR Trestles, outside of Kelowna.

# WE DO FUN

With its unique climate and unprecedented sunny days, the region is known for its outdoor activities, and Award Winning Wineries, some of which are recognized world-wide. Visually spectacular, this region is the perfect backdrop for filming a variety of productions.

## Things to do (and film)

120 Wineries	Orchards
7 Ski Hilles	Hiking
200+ Vineyards	Climbing
25+ Golf Courses	Fishing
Mountain Bike Trails	Whitewater Rafting
Parks	And so much more...

**Shown (Top to Bottom):** Mountain biking in West Kelowna. Kayaking in Penticton, BC. Powder day at Big White Ski Resort.



**Shown:** Mission Hill Winery, West Kelowna

# PAST PRODUCTIONS

## FILM & TELEVISION:

Tomorrowland (George Clooney)

Light Of My Life (Casey Affleck)

The Big Year (Steve Martin, Owen Wilson)

Snow Falling On Cedars (Ethan Hawke)

Last Victim (Ron Pearlman)

Blackway (Anthony Hopkins)

Recon (Alexander Ludwig)

T.S. Spivet (Helana Bohnam Carter)

Mummy 3 (Brendan Fraser, Jet Li)

The Pledge (Jack Nicholson, Sean Penn)

Taken (Steven Spielberg)

National Parks (Kevin Costner)

Secrets of a Marines Wife

Andromeda Strain

Over 50 Hallmark & Lifetime Movies

## COMMERCIALS:

BMW

AllState

Mercedes

Many other brands

Ford

Nike



**TOMORROWLAND**

Filmed in the North Okanagan.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## FINE DINING:

Modern & Classic cuisine from around the world: [Intermezzo](#)

Local, sustainable, seasonal: [Terrace Restaurant at Mission Hill](#)

American, Bar: [Eldorado Lakeside Restaurant](#)

Contemporary, Wine Bar: [Basil and Mint](#)

French & European: [Bouchon Bistro](#)

Okanagan inspired garden dining: [Harvest Golf](#)

## HOTELS:

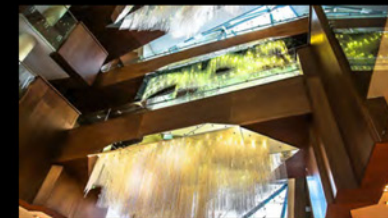
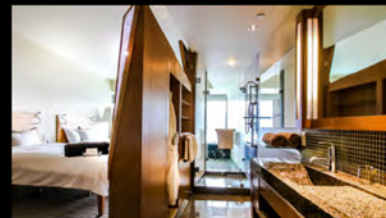
[Sparkling Hill Resort](#)

[Predator Ridge Hotel](#)

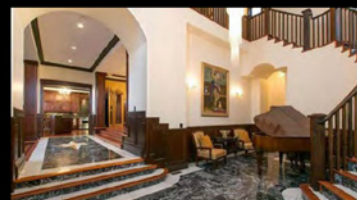
[Eldorado](#)

[The Cove](#)

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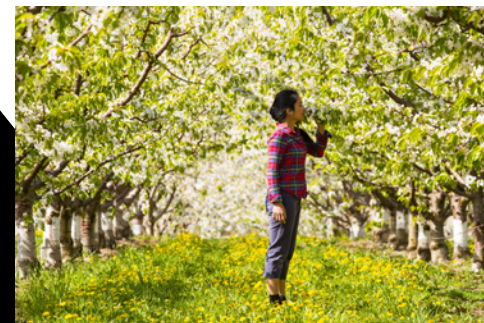


# RENTAL PROPERTIES



## WELCOME

Stay or film in some of these homes.



# OTHER RESOURCES

## COMMUNITY LINKS:

[About Kelowna \(Tourism Kelowna\)](#)  
[Business Resources \(Invest Kelowna\)](#)  
[Okanagan Tourism Profile](#)  
[Okanagan Tourism Directory](#)  
[Kelowna Wellness Information](#)  
[Orchard Park Mall](#)  
[Downtown Kelowna Shopping](#)

## VIDEOS:

[Does this place really exist? \(Tourism Kelowna\)](#)  
[Scenery Time Lapse: Kelowna](#)

**Shown (Top to Bottom):** Boundary, BC. South Okanagan Orchard.

# BC TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

Labour-based tax incentives provide refundable tax credits to production corporations that have incurred qualified expenditures on film and television productions in BC. Creative BC administers the Province's two distinct programs that eligible corporations can access:

**Film Incentive BC (FIBC)** is available for eligible domestic productions that are Canadian owned and controlled, with a permanent establishment in BC.

<u>Basic FIBC</u>	<u>35%</u>
<u>Regional Tax Credit</u>	<u>12.5%</u>
<u>Distant Location Tax Credit</u>	<u>6%</u>
<u>Training Tax Credit</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>Digital Animation, Visual Effects + Post Production (DAVE) Tax Credit</u>	<u>16%</u>
<u>Scriptwriting Tax Credit</u>	<u>35%</u>

**Production Services Tax Credit (PSTC)** is available to domestic & international producers.

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<u>Regional Tax Credit</u>	<u>6%</u>
<u>Distant Location Tax Credit</u>	<u>6%</u>
<u>Digital Animation, Visual Effects + Post Production (DAVE) Tax Credit</u>	<u>16%</u>

## CANADIAN TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS:

The Government of Canada offers two federal tax credit programs for film and video production which provides additional tax credit on the Canadian labour costs of filming or completing post-production in Canada, 16% for service productions and 25% for domestic productions. These programs are co-administered by the Canadian Audio-Visual Certification Office (CAVCO).

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# READY TO CONTACT US?

For details on working in the Okanagan on your next project, please contact us.

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