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CNN International: Calgary is the #5 best place to visit in the world in 2012

Calgary – CNN International's website www.cnn.go.com has just placed Calgary at #5 for best places to visit in 2012. The website states that with the costs of transportation and accommodation, travel choices are far from unlimited – so they created a list of the top seven places to visit in the coming year to get the most out of your travel budget.

“This is great news,” said Randy Williams, Tourism Calgary President & CEO. “Stories and lists like this, especially from credible, global media sources, provide urgency to visit Calgary now – not at some undetermined time in the future.”

Calgary was singled out in large part because of the Calgary Stampede's centennial celebrations, stating that Calgary will “hit its boot-kickin', bronco-bustin', team-ropin', chuckwagon-fare-samplin', Duke-&-Duchess-of-Cambridge-attendin' stride at the annual Calgary Stampede.”

The “[Best Places to Visit](#)” list is the third time in three months that CNN has profiled Calgary from a tourism perspective. In October, Calgary made another CNN list at #5 on the “[15 Places to Party](#)” list. On Tuesday, December 6, 2011 CNN's Jeanne Moos produced a story about the Tourism Calgary and Calgary Philharmonic Singing Tweets video on “The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer”. Tourism Calgary estimates the combined media coverage of the Singing Tweets video, including CNN, to be more than \$1.2 million in media value this year.

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