

# What's new at TOTA - May, 2009

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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, 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:***



### **Walnut Beach Resort**

This beautiful property on Osoyoos Lake contains 110 suites ranging in size from studio to one or two bedroom suites to a 1,300 sq. ft. penthouse. All units feature fully equipped designer kitchens, wireless remote and flat screen TV’s. Situated on an 800 ft. private beach, the property also boasts meeting and convention space for up to 150 people along with a business centre and full service spa. Food and beverage will include a 40 seat wine and tapas bar.

### **Osoyoos**

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### **Hijas-Bonitas Winery Helicopter Tours**

Fly out of Kelowna along the shores of Okanagan Lake to Hijas Bonitas Vineyard 20 minutes away. Not only will your clients see some fabulous bird’s eye views, you’ll sample some of their wines selections and be treated to a catered lunch overlooking the lake. A full day package includes a two-hour personalized classic tour to some additional award-winning wineries hosted by Nixdorf Classic Cars. Customized helicopter tours are available from the winery or airport.

### **Summerland**

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### **Wolfe Creek Lodge**

This is the most enticing new destination for retreats in BC. Wolfe Creek Lodge, a beautiful four story facility sits atop a massive stone bluff near Princeton. Wolfe Creek Lodge has 47 private rooms all with 3 piece ensuite and great views. The decor is stylish rustic ranch with natural, organic materials such as slate, hardwood, tile and many whimsical touches throughout. This is perfect for corporate retreat, couples retreat, staff getaways, Boards/AGM’s, workshops, hobby groups and seminars.

### **Princeton**

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### **Best Western Wine Country Hotel**

Located in the heart of the Okanagan, this Westbank Kelowna hotel is situated just minutes from downtown Kelowna, BC and features 99 hotel rooms and suites. Guestrooms are equipped with a pillow top mattress, microwave, refrigerator, iron with a full sized ironing board, hairdryer, free high-speed Internet access and a 32-inch flat panel LCD Television. There is also an indoor swimming pool with a 40’ slide, meeting facilities and the property offers complimentary continental breakfast.

### **West Kelowna**

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### **Great Estates of the Okanagan -Winery Tours**

### **South Okanagan**

Five of the most exceptional wineries in the Okanagan –Sumac Ridge - Jackson Triggs - See Ya Later – Iniskillin - Nk’Mip - have teamed up to offer visitors a one-of-a kind touring opportunity. The tours include private tours and tastings at all five wineries, transportation to each winery (or we can say transportation for the day), lunch at Nk’Mip Cellars and a Winemaker’s Dinner at the famed Cellar Door Bistro at Sumac Ridge Winery in Summerland.

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### Golf Shuswap

Shuswap consists of five championship golf courses within the Thompson Okanagan region of British Columbia - Hyde Mountain, Talking Rock, Shuswap Lake Estates, Salmon Arm and Canoe Creek Golf Courses. The site consists of images and brief descriptions of each course. Golf Shuswap also assists operators with Stay and Play packages for their clients. Clicking on golf course links will show a profile of each course complete with location map, contact numbers and links to their respective web sites.

### Salmon Arm

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### WestJet Airlines

WestJet Airlines has begun daily, year round service between Kamloops and Calgary. The once a day service utilizing their Boeing 737 aircraft with a capacity of over 100 passengers, departs Calgary at 12:45 pm and arrives in Kamloops at 12:54 pm. Departure from Kamloops is at 1:30 pm and arrival in Calgary at 3:23 pm.

### Kamloops

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### Pacific Coastal Airlines

Pacific Coastal Airlines is operating daily, year round service between Vancouver and Kamloops. The airline is flying three times daily into Kamloops with weekend flights. They are flying the Saab 340 aircraft with a seating capacity of 33 passengers and a flying time of less than one hour.

### Kamloops

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### Great Horned Owl Eco Tours

Situated in the Okanagan Valley in and around Canada's only desert, Great Horned Owl Tours offer outdoor enthusiasts of all ages a variety of unique educational excursions and exciting learning opportunities. Whether interested in endangered ecosystems, the history of gold mining or observing rare bird species, the tours are fun and rewarding ecological experiences. Great Horned Owl Eco-Tours specializes in small groups led by friendly & informative guides.

### Osoyoos

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### Carmel Beach

Carmel Beach Private Lodges is a collection of 23 lodges on magnificent Shuswap Lake. A mix of 3- 4 bedroom units ranging in size up to 2,492 sq ft, the resort offers 280 feet of beach, marina and mooring buoys with GPS locators. The 3,500 sq ft Clubhouse features a fitness centre, fireside lounge, billiards and games room, theatre room and an outdoor swimming pool and hot tub. Close to golf and boating, the units feature expansive decks, stone fireplaces, spacious layouts and multiple bedrooms perfect for large gatherings. (Minimum 3 night)

### Shuswap Lake

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### Outback Resort

Located in a hill side forest setting next to Okanagan Lake, this 60 acre property offers two to three bedroom units in styles ranging from town homes to villas and cabins that are all connected by walking trails and boardwalks. Amenities include a fitness center, tennis courts and marina that include canoes and kayaks for guest use. The units also feature designer kitchens, plasma tv's, internet, fireplaces that all overlook a beachfront pool and hot tubs. (Minimum 3 night)

### Vernon

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### **Alpine Meadows Resort & RV Park**

Is it possible to be in a secluded and remote location of the north Thomson and yet have all your creature comforts? Surrounded by the natural beauty of the area, you'll have a large asphalt pad to call home during your stay, with security provided by a gated entrance. There are 17 sites with full hook-ups, washrooms and shower house [www.alpinemeadowsresort.com](http://www.alpinemeadowsresort.com)

### **Paddle, fish and waterfalls deep in the heart of Wells Gray Park**

Imagine taking a jet boat over 100 kilometres to the far reaches of the park to canoe, fish and see the Park's famous "Rainbow Falls" for a day. Or, you can keep the canoe or use your own and take a few days to paddle back on Azure and Clearwater Lakes. It doesn't get much more beautiful and remote than this. Gear is included in full tours. [www.clearwaterlaketours.com](http://www.clearwaterlaketours.com)

### **House-boating in Luxury from May until September!**

Come to Sicamous, the House Boating Capital of Canada. Family, friends and corporate groups (from 2 to 24 passengers) can be accommodated on a variety of beautiful boats. Get lost in the majesty of Shuswap Lake. [www.twinanchors.com](http://www.twinanchors.com)