

HOW TO BE A DIGITAL NOMAD WITHOUT LOSING YOUR JOB

MY EXPERIENCES IN EXPLORING CANADA AS A DIGITAL NOMAD

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME

- Production Engineer at shopify.ca
- Hiker(Summer)
- Skier/Snowboarder(Winter)
- Surfing(Learning)
- Traveller

THERE'S TWO KINDS OF TRAVELLING

First Kind of Travelling

Travelling for novel experiences

Second Kind of Travelling

Travelling the same places with a different outlook

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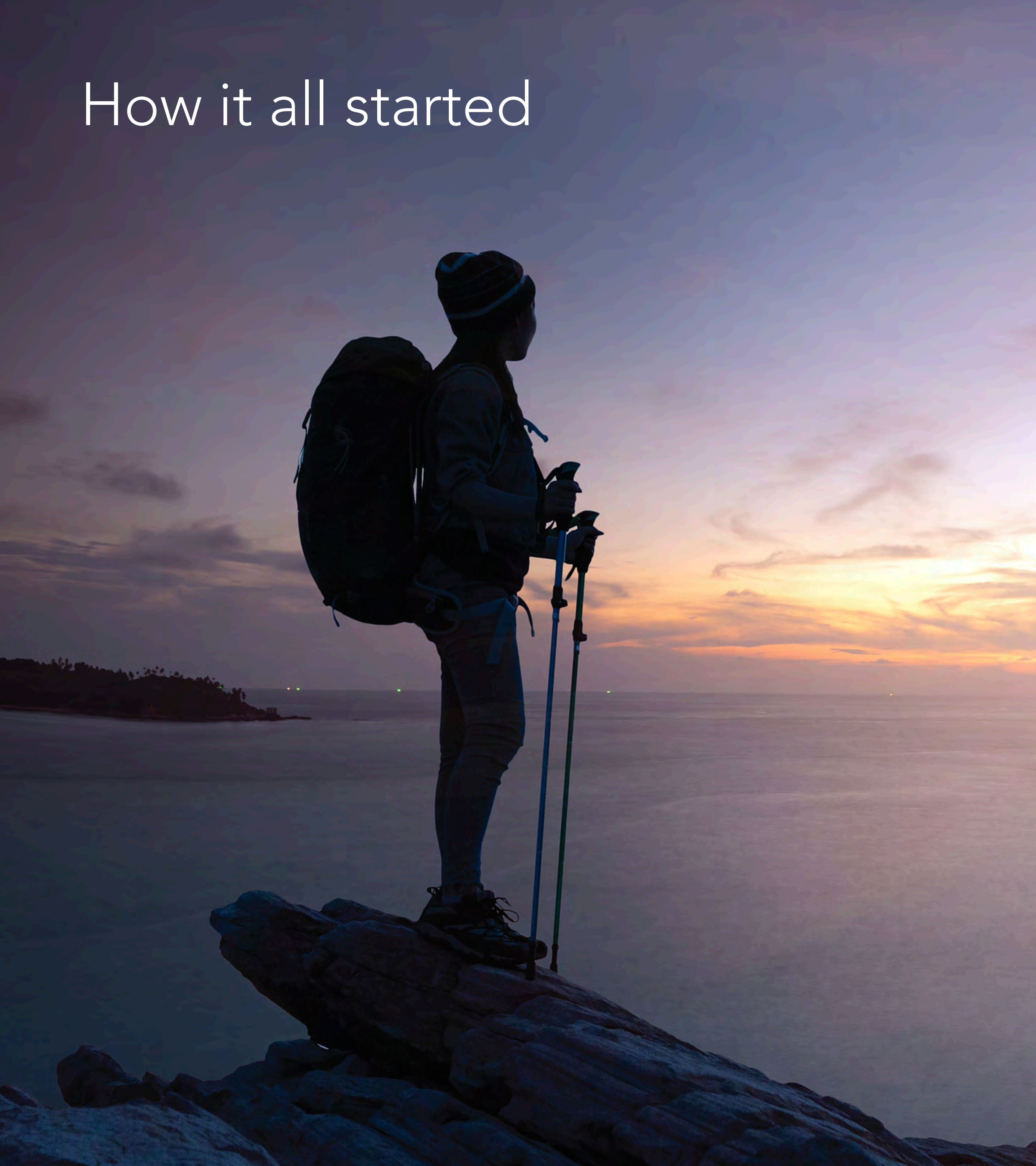
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2. Travelling the same places with a different outlook

LET'S TAKE A STEP BACK

WHY AM I DOING THIS TALK?

LET'S START WITH A STORY

How it all started





March 2020

“The thing” happens



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FIRST RULE

YOU CAN LITERALLY LIVE ANYWHERE
(AS LONG AS YOU LEARN HOW TO NEGOTIATE)

SECOND RULE

NEVER BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR THE ABSURD
AS YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT GET

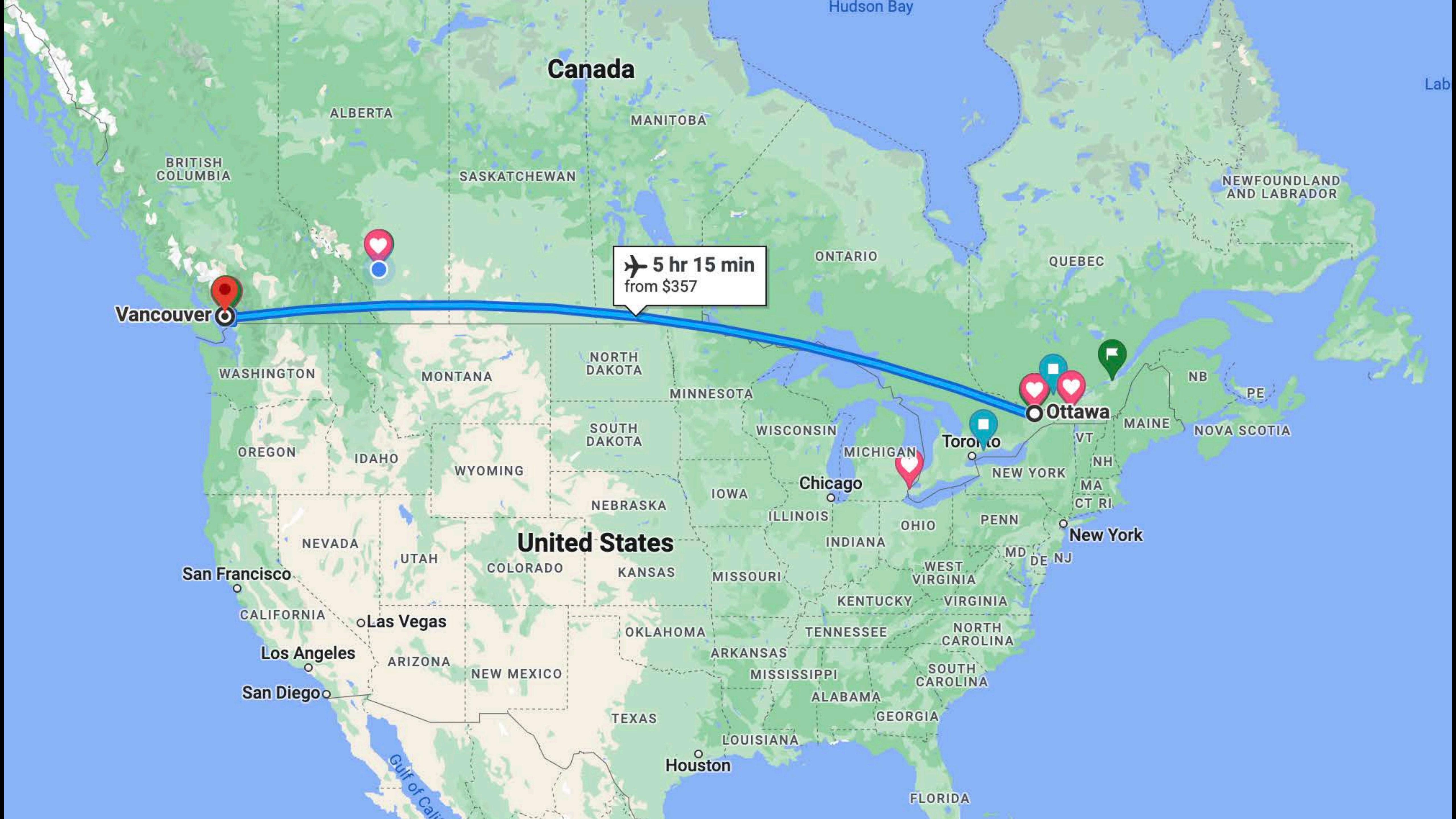
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THIRD RULE

YOUR DIGITAL NOMAD JOURNEY
DOESN'T HAVE TO BE FANCY





Canada

United States

✈ 5 hr 15 min
from \$357

Vancouver

Ottawa

Toronto

Chicago

New York

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ALBERTA

SASKATCHEWAN

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FLORIDA

Gulf of California



FOURTH RULE

MINIMALISM IS HARD BUT IT'S
WORTH IT

FIFTH RULE

WRITE DOWN APARTMENT SEARCH
AS AN OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- Monthly Rent 900-1300
- Good for WFH(Chair/Desk)
- Air Conditioning in the summer
- Furnished
- Private Kitchen/Washroom
- Working from different places in the house
- Decent Wifi
- Storage Room
- Closet for Clothes
- Flexible Agreement(Month-Month)

Distances to

- Gym
- Grocery Store
- Public Transit

Kitchen Questions

- Oven/Toaster
- Can I install a blender and use it frequently?
- Number of people sharing the kitchen

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SIXTH RULE

ALWAYS FIGURE OUT THE LEGALITY OF ALL YOUR MOVES

- Visa
- State Tax Laws
- Employer Regulations

SEVENTH RULE

CHEAP EXPERIMENTATION IS
YOUR BEST FRIEND

- Travel
- Explore
- Things to do

Round trip 1 Economy

Vancouver Canada

Fri, Dec 2 Tue, Dec 6

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- Flights
- Hotels
- Vacation rentals

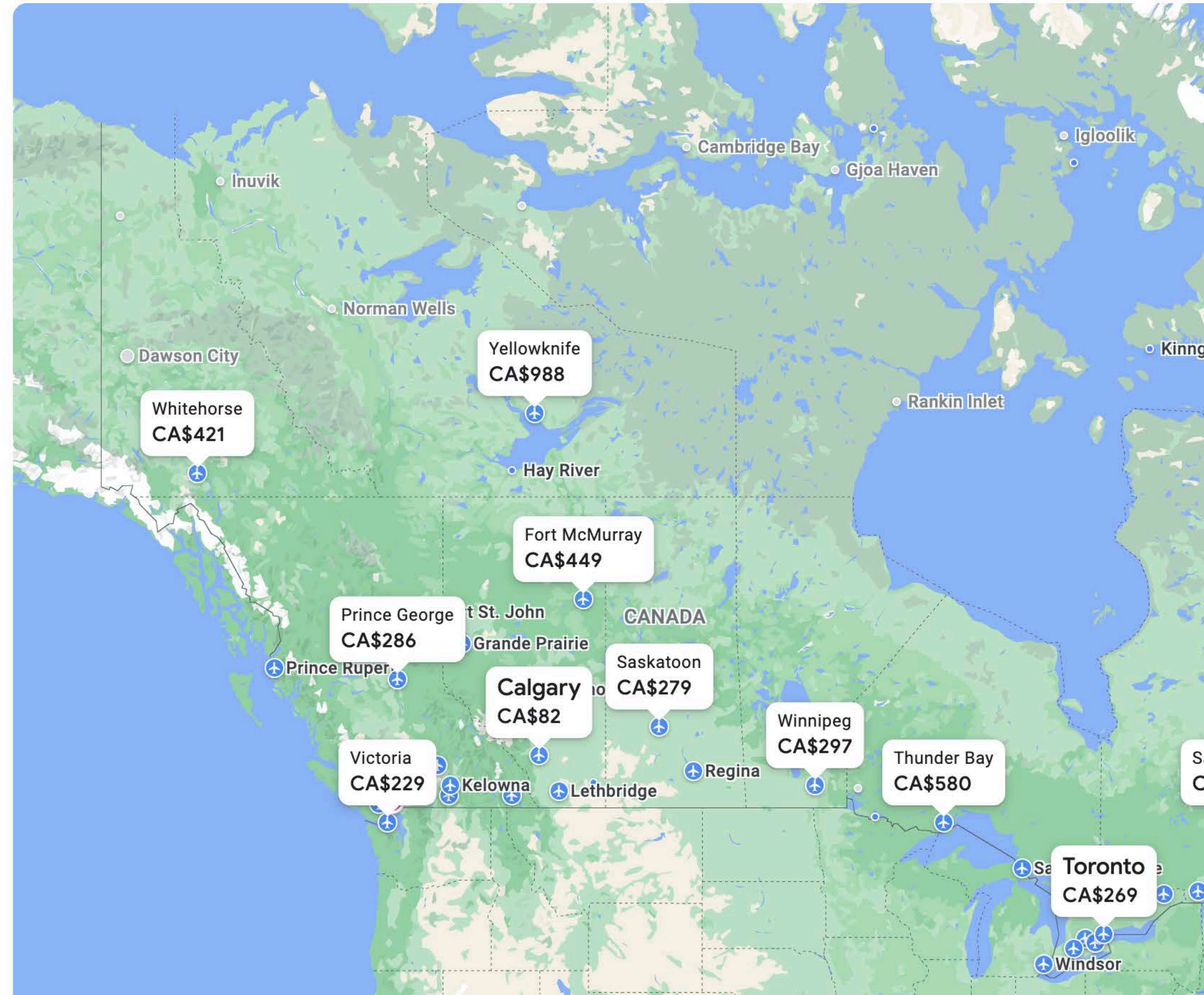
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Montreal
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CA\$294

Calgary
Nonstop · 1 hr 35 min
CA\$82

Québec City





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A FINAL NOTE ON MY PHILOSOPHY ON TRAVELLING AND EXPLORING

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