

# EXPLORING CANADIAN CITIES

## TRANSCRIPT

Interviewer: Okay, Mike, you are from Canada.

Mike: That's right.

Interviewer: So, I actually want to go to Canada for vacation. I've never been. What would you recommend for a Canadian vacation?

Mike: Well, it really just depends on the kind of holiday that you want to have. If you want to have a relaxing, outdoors, kind of a back-to-nature kind of holiday, I'd recommend Vancouver. If you wanted to do a holiday that's maybe a little more culturally oriented, if you want to experience a different type of culture, Montreal would be a city that I'd recommend. And if you wanted to go to a big multicultural city with a lot of nightlife and things to do with respect to entertainment or sports, then I'd recommend Toronto.

Interviewer: Have you been to all three cities?

Mike: Yes. Actually, I've lived most of my life in Toronto and in Montreal, but I have spent some time in Vancouver as well. So, all three are very different in attitude and lifestyle and in the way people live.

Interviewer: How so? How is somebody from Toronto different than somebody from Vancouver?

Mike: Well, somebody from Toronto, I think, is a little bit more high-paced. Maybe you could almost say they're a little bit more stressed out. Just because the pace of life in Toronto is a little bit faster, it's kind of the big economic center of Canada. So, it tends to have a lot more of a business culture to it, whereas Vancouver is much more like many west coast cities in the United States as well. It's a lot more relaxed, a lot more easygoing. So, the difference in culture there. And Montreal has a strong French-Canadian influence. In fact, it's mostly French-Canadian. So, that just changes the dynamic of the city.

Interviewer: Okay. So, if you were to live in any city, which one would you choose?

Mike: Of those three?

Interviewer: Yeah.

Mike: Personally, I would think I would go for Montreal, just because I like the dynamic. The one bad point about Montreal is the weather.

Interviewer: It's very cold?

Mike: Yes. It gets very, very cold, and it has a very long winter. In fact, the joke is that in Montreal, the seasons are nine months of winter and three months of bad skating.

Interviewer: Okay. Well, thanks, Mike.

Mike: Sure.