

Canada

Travel Facts

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Canada.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[1] (613) 688-5335; US Embassy in Ottawa, 490 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 1G8 Canada; <https://ca.usembassy.gov/>;

OttawaNIV@state.gov

Disabled Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/traveling-with-disabilities.html>

LGBTQ+ Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

Women Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/women-travelers.html>



Telephone Code

1

Local Emergency Phone

911

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Canada: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Varies from temperate in south to subarctic and arctic in north

Currency (Code)

Canadian dollar (CAD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug types: A, B



Type A



Type B

Major Languages

English, French, Punjabi, Italian, Spanish, German, Cantonese, Tagalog, Arabic

Major Religions

Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, other Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jewish

Time Difference

UTC -7, -6, -5, -4, -3 going from West to East

Potable Water

Yes

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Niagara Falls; Banff National Park & Rocky Mountains; Toronto's CN Tower; Old Quebec (Vieux-Quebec); Whistler; Ottawa's Parliament Hill; Bay of Fundy; Peggy's Cove; Green Gables; Vancouver; Butchart Gardens; Aisinaipi/Writing-on-Stone Park

Major Sports

Ice hockey, lacrosse

Cultural Practices

Canadians are generally polite and friendly, and there are certain social norms to remember when interacting with them. First meetings usually involve shaking hands, not hugging or kissing. Canadians value small chats and privacy. It's also polite to be on time for appointments and social occasions.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping 15-20% is expected at restaurants. A housekeeping tip may be included in hotel bills. If not, leave \$5 (CAD) a day or a lump sum at the end of your stay.

Souvenirs

Maple syrup products, maple leaf and loon figurine handicrafts, Canadian Mountie "Moose" items, stuffed toy polar bears, native artwork and wood carvings

Traditional Cuisine

Poutine — French fries topped with a mildly spicy chicken or turkey gravy and fresh cheese curds

