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Most Australian passport holders do not require a visa to enter Canada for tourism purposes, however those arriving by air are required to apply for an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) from <http://canada.ca/eta> before boarding their flight to Canada for a cost of CAN\$7. Those entering Canada by land or sea do not currently require an eTA. The length of stay granted is determined by the officer at the port of entry (usually six months). Passports should be valid for the period of intended stay (six months beyond is strongly recommended). Travellers should be in good health and be able, if asked, to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay. Travellers should also be able to satisfy the immigration officer that they will leave Canada before their period of stay has expired. Persons with prior criminal convictions (including drink driving) may not be eligible to enter Canada without a visa and should contact the Canadian Consulate for a formal assessment of their admissibility.

Further conditions apply for those under 18 years of age, especially if travelling alone or with only one parent. Persons travelling via the US are reminded of their obligation to comply with US entry and transit visa requirements. Travellers are recommended to contact a Canadian representative on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Canada without a visa.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Frequent travellers or those intending a long stay overseas should consider vaccination against hepatitis B. Vaccination against rabies should be considered by those involved in activities that put them at risk for bat or other animal bites.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Canada should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Canada. Use common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. You'll need to get an electronic travel authorisation (eTA) before you travel to Canada, even if you are just transiting. See Entry and exit. If you're a dual Australian-Canadian citizen, you're not eligible for an eTA - you'll need to present a valid Canadian passport to enter Canada. See Entry and exit.

The recreational use of cannabis is legal in Canada subject to provincial or territorial restrictions. There is a strict legal framework around its use. See Laws. There are restrictions on the import of certain medications, including 'over-the-counter' and prescription drugs. Contact Health Canada for advice before you travel. See Health. Parts of Canada experience extreme weather. Earthquakes, avalanches, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and tsunamis are also possible. See Natural disasters.

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Canada at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Canadian Representation in Australia

Consulate General of Canada, Sydney

Immigration Section Tel: (02) 9364 3000
Level 5, Quay West Fax: (02) 9364 3098
111 Harrington Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000 Web: www.australia.gc.ca

Canadian Department of Immigration & Citizenship

Web: www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit

Canada also maintains a High Commission in Canberra and honorary consulates around Australia. However all visa and immigration enquiries should be directed to the Consulate General in Sydney or directly to the immigration department.



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Canadian Time Differences with Australia

Canada has six standard times zones. These are Pacific (Vancouver; GMT -8), Mountain (Calgary; GMT -7), Central (Winnipeg; GMT -6), Eastern (Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal; GMT -5), Atlantic (Halifax; GMT -4), and Newfoundland (St John's; GMT -3.5). Daylight Saving Time is observed in all provinces except Saskatchewan and some small regions.

- Vancouver, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 4 am; Darwin 5:30 am; Brisbane 6 am; Adelaide 6:30 am; Hobart, Melb., Syd. 7 am.
Vancouver, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 3 am; Adelaide, Darwin 4:30 am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 5 am.
Toronto, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 1 am; Darwin 2:30 am; Brisbane 3 am; Adelaide 3:30 am; Hobart, Melb., Syd. 4 am.
Toronto, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth midnight; Adelaide, Darwin 1:30 am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 2 am.

Important Contact Numbers

- Country Code for Canada: +1
To Dial Australia Call: 011 61 <City> <Number>
Australian Reverse Charges Direct: 1800 663 0683
Travelex Card Services: 1 888 713 3424
Visa Global Assistance: 1866 639 1911
MasterCard: 1800 307 7309
American Express Travellers Cheques: 1866 296 5198
Directory Information: 411
Emergency Services: 911

The emergency services number may not be applicable in remote areas. In such circumstances travellers may call the Australian after hours consular emergency number on 1800 364 9180.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports
Name: _____ Passport #: _____
Name: _____ Passport #: _____
Credit Cards
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _____
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _____
Travel Insurance
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Canada

Australian High Commission, Ottawa
Suite 1301, 50 O'Connor Street
OTTAWA ON K1P 6L2
Tel: (+1 613) 236 0841
Fax: (+1 613) 786 7621
Web: www.canada.embassy.gov.au

Australian Consulate, Vancouver
Suite 2050 - 1075 West Georgia St
VANCOUVER BC V6E 3C9
Tel: (+1 604) 694 6160
Australian Consulate General, Toronto
S1100 Sth Tower, 175 Bloor Street, East
TORONTO ON M4W 3R8
Tel: (+1 416) 323 4280

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Canada are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at one of these missions or online at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for Canada and Australia

Allowances for non residents entering Canada:

Alcohol: 1.5 L (53 oz) of wine or 1.14 L (40 oz) of liquor or 24 x 355 ml (8.5 L) cans/bottles of beer.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes and 50 cigars and 200 tobacco sticks and 200 g (7 oz.) of manufactured tobacco.

Allowances when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

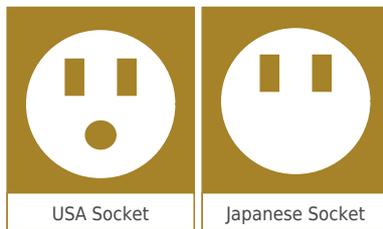
Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Canada and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Canadian customs please visit www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca, or for information on Australian customs please visit www.border.gov.au.

Electrical Adaptors and Voltage

Electrical socket: USA (type B) and Japanese (type A) sockets are the most common in Canada.

Supply: 110-120 V, 60 Hz (different to Australia). A voltage converter will usually be required to use appliances designed for use in Australia.

Travellers are urged to check the electrical info panel on their device. If it says "Input: 100-240V, 50-60 Hz" then a voltage converter should not be required.



Canadian Holidays 2018

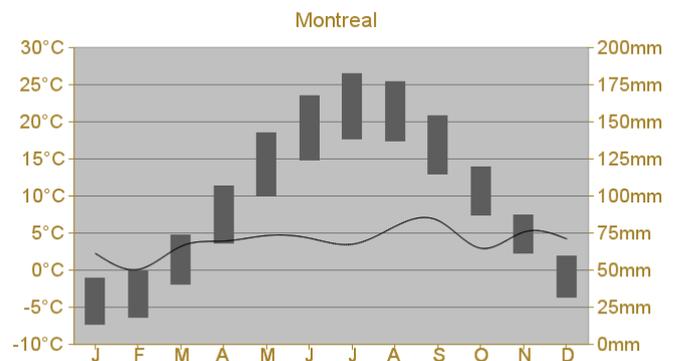
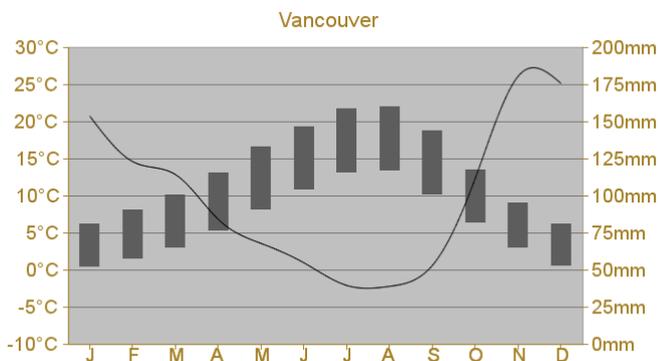
01/02 Jan: New Year's Day	03 Sep: Labour Day
30 Mar: Good Friday	08 Oct: Thanksgiving
02 Apr: Easter Monday	11 Nov: Remembrance Day
21 May: Victoria Day	25 Dec: Christmas Day
01 Jul: Canada Day	26 Dec: Boxing Day
06 Aug: Civic Holiday	

School Holidays

The Canadian school year is designated by individual states. The below dates represent a rough guide to school holidays.

Christmas/New Year:	late December - early January
Easter/Spring:	one week in mid March
Summer:	end of June - early of September

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Canada



For local forecasts please go to <http://weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca>.

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Exchange Rate with Australia

Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.94 Canadian Dollars
 1 Canadian Dollar (CAD) = 1.06 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 0.91 Canadian Dollars
 1 Canadian Dollar (CAD) will cost 1.10 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Purchasing Power Parity

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the Canadian Dollar and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it does not present a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing power of each currency.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = 5.60 Canadian Dollars
 Big Mac Canada: \$6.55 (CAD) = 6.96 Australian Dollars

A Big Mac in Canada is therefore 17% more expensive than in Australia.

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

Currency Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.

\$0.50 CAD = \$0.55 AUD	\$10 CAD = \$11.05 AUD	\$100 CAD = \$110.45 AUD
\$1 CAD = \$1.10 AUD	\$20 CAD = \$22.09 AUD	\$200 CAD = \$220.91 AUD
\$2 CAD = \$2.21 AUD	\$30 CAD = \$33.14 AUD	\$300 CAD = \$331.36 AUD
\$3 CAD = \$3.31 AUD	\$40 CAD = \$44.18 AUD	\$400 CAD = \$441.82 AUD
\$4 CAD = \$4.42 AUD	\$50 CAD = \$55.23 AUD	\$500 CAD = \$552.27 AUD
\$5 CAD = \$5.52 AUD	\$60 CAD = \$66.27 AUD	\$600 CAD = \$662.73 AUD
\$6 CAD = \$6.63 AUD	\$70 CAD = \$77.32 AUD	\$700 CAD = \$773.18 AUD
\$7 CAD = \$7.73 AUD	\$80 CAD = \$88.36 AUD	\$800 CAD = \$883.63 AUD
\$8 CAD = \$8.84 AUD	\$90 CAD = \$99.41 AUD	\$900 CAD = \$994.09 AUD
\$9 CAD = \$9.94 AUD		\$1,000 CAD = \$1,104.54 AUD

Notes and Coins of Canada

The currency of Canada is the Canadian dollar which has the currency code "CAD" and is abbreviated using the symbol "\$" or "C\$" to distinguish it from other dollar denominated currencies. The following units of currency are the most common but other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling.





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About Canada

Independence: 1 July 1867. Canada (Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick) is formed from British Provinces. Other provinces join later, Newfoundland being the last in 1949.

Size: 9,984,670 sq km (30% larger than Australia).

Population: 35 million (50% larger than Australia).

Ethnic Origins: British 28%, French 23%, mixed 26%, Other European 15%, Indigenous 2%.

Language: English 68%, English and French 17.5%, French 13%, neither English or French 1.8%.

GDP Per Capita: US\$44,500 (Australia US\$46,600).

Significant Dates:

- c 30,000 BC - First people enter North America from Asia.
- c 1,000 AD - Vikings explore the Atlantic coastline.
- 1497 AD - John Cabot claims Newfoundland for England.
- 1534 - Jacques Cartier claims modern Quebec for France.
- 1756-63 - Seven Years War, Britain acquires French colonies.
- 1812-14 - War of 1812. US fails to invade Canada.
- 1867 - British colonies unite to form the Dominion of Canada.
- 1871 - B.C. and P.E.I. join Canada.
- 1881-85 - Canadian Pacific Railway is built across Canada.
- 1896 - A Gold rush begins along the Yukon River.
- 1965 - Canadian flag is officially adopted.
- 1980,95 - Referenda on secession of Quebec are defeated.
- 1976 - Montreal hosts the Olympic games.

