

ABCs of Canadian Travel



- A** Airports x 2! YYZ (Pearson) is closest to the hotel. YTZ (Billy Bishop) airport is downtown Toronto. Good to know before you go!
- B** Baggage. YYZ is a big airport. Expect bags in Terminal 1 to take 30+ minutes to get to the carousel in Terminal 3.
- C** Credit cards. International cards are widely accepted for tap payments, but watch out for foreign exchange fees from your credit card provider.
- D** Driving. You need a passport to enter Canada at land borders.
- E** "Eh." A Canadian slang word used by many that means many things...
- F** Food. Canada is diverse, and Toronto even more so. Near the hotel you'll find Turkish, Indian, Japanese, and even McDonald's.
- G** Gas. Prices are expensive and priced per litre, with just under 4 litres in a gallon.
- H** Highways. Not interstates.
- I** Immigrants. Canada is a country of immigrants – diverse and visible!
- J** Jays. Canada's team!
- K** kilometers. If driving in Canada, remember that speed limits and distances are in kilometers, not miles. 110 kph is about 60 mph.
- L** Land acknowledgment. We acknowledge Mississauga as the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat and Wyandot Nations, and recognize the Indigenous peoples who have stewarded these lands since time immemorial.
- M** Money. Most businesses only accept Canadian currency. Cash is colourful, but it doesn't fold easily. Be careful that it doesn't jump out of your pocket!
- N** Nice. Canadians have a reputation for being nice. Don't tick us off, though, or it's Elbows Up!!
- O** O Canada. The national anthem of Canada.
- P** Passport. You need a passport to enter Canada. Check if your country requires a visa, & make sure your passport will not expire near your travel dates. Better safe than sorry!
- Q** Queuing. Canadians are expert line-uppers, and people with disabilities are entitled to jump to the front of the line at airports and on public transportation. Priority is also given to pregnant women, the elderly, and parents with young children.
- R** Railway. An alternative for getting to Toronto from some cities.
- S** Sorry. You will hear this everywhere!
- T** Tim Hortons, Canada's national coffee chain. Inexpensive coffee and baked goods.
- U** U. Add it to words like honour, colour, & neighbour to show your Canadian language aptitude.
- V** Via Rail. The national train system.
- W** Winter. Not in September, we hope! But seriously, check the weather & pack accordingly.
- X** X. Gender abbreviation option for Canadian passports.
- Y** YYZ. Pearson Airport), but also for Yonge Street, the world's longest street at 50 km.
- Z** Zed. That is the last letter of the Canadian alphabet, not zee.

