

Marathon Information Centre



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Information for the U.S. Visitor

Entry into Canada

United States citizens or permanent residents do not currently require passports or visas to enter Canada, and can usually cross the U.S. – Canada border without difficulty. Native-born citizens should carry a piece of photo identification with them to assist officers in speeding the crossing, along with some other form of identification such as a birth certificate, baptismal certificate or voter certificate in addition to proof of residence. Non-native born citizens should carry proof of citizenship and residence.

By Vehicle

Entry of vehicles and vacation trailers into Canada for touring purposes is normally a routine matter. Vehicle registration forms and rental contracts should accompany rented vehicles or trailers.

By Private Aircraft

Pilots should arrange to land at an aerodrome that can provide customs clearance and report to Canada Customs immediately after landing and complete all required documentation.

Personal Baggage and Recreational Equipment

Personal baggage may be brought into Canada free of duty if declared to Canada Customs on arrival, and may include fishing tackle, boats and motors, snowmobiles, etc.; equipment for camping, golf, tennis, scuba diving; radios, televisions, musical instruments, typewriters, cameras; and other items of a personal nature. All such goods must be taken out of Canada at the conclusion of the visit. Reasonable quantities of consumable goods are allowed free of duty (there are special restrictions on alcohol and tobacco products).

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Canada currently levies a sales tax on most goods and services purchased. Visitors to Canada get back 7% on every dollar spent while in the country, and on accommodations valued at \$200 or more and most goods that you take home. With each receipt for \$50 or more visitors may receive a 7% GST rebate at the Duty Free Store on the Canadian Side.

Changing Currency

The currency exchange rates are constantly changing. In your travels, you may notice that some locations may use a standardized rate of exchange. However for specific information on the exchange rate, your bank will be equipped to provide you with the exact current rate of exchange.