



Travel Guide and Activities



Useful Information

Climate

Toronto has a diverse climate with four distinct seasons. Summers (June to August) are warm, with temperatures ranging from 20°C to 30°C. Winters (December to February) can be cold, often dropping below freezing, with occasional snowfalls. Spring and Autumn are mild.

Money

Canada uses the Canadian Dollar (CAD), which is the official currency in Toronto.

Major credit card companies in Canada: American Express, Visa and MasterCard.

Standard banking hours: Monday to Friday from 9:30 until 16:30. Some banks and specific branches may be open later and even on Saturdays and Sundays.

Telephone Country Code

The country code for Canada is +1.

Electricity

110 V; 60Hz – 2 flat-pin plugs

Tap water

Toronto's tap water is safe to drink, unless there is a sign to the contrary, and meets high standards for quality.

Transportation

Toronto has an extensive transportation network, making it easy to navigate the city. The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates buses, streetcars, and subway trains that connect all major neighborhoods. If you prefer cycling, there are bike lanes throughout the city, and bike-sharing services are available. Taxis and rideshare options such as Uber are also readily accessible.

Live, Learn, and Explore: What to Do in Toronto

Must-See Sights and Travel Essentials

Toronto, the capital of Ontario, is Canada's most populous city, known for its vibrant multicultural environment and dynamic economy. It serves as a major hub for business, finance, arts, and culture in North America. The city is situated on the northwestern shore of Lake Ontario and has an interesting history.

[Check out the Monthly Activities Calendar](#)

5 Things to Do

- Visit the CN Tower for breathtaking views
- Stroll through Kensington Market
- Explore art at the Royal Ontario Museum
- Enjoy the beauty of High Park
- Shop at St Lawrence Market



Public Transport Info

The TTC is the primary public transport system in Toronto, offering an efficient and affordable way to get around the city. You can purchase a single fare, or for longer stays, consider buying a Presto card. The subway is the quickest way to travel long distances, while buses and streetcars cover areas not served by the subway.

One ride: C\$3

Weekly transit pass: C\$36

Monthly transit pass: C\$121

[Schedules and Maps](#)

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Medical

If you have a medical emergency, go to the emergency department of the hospital closest to you. Take some identification with you, and your insurance policy number. Some hospitals may ask you to pay a fee. Keep the receipt to send to your insurance company for payment. For emergencies call 911.

Go to a walk-in medical clinic for medical problems that are not emergencies. You do not need to make an appointment. You can simply see a doctor. The closest walk-in clinics to EC Toronto is: The Doctor's Office, 245 Eglinton Avenue East, Tel: 416-488-14552

Health and Insurance Requirements – CAD\$19 per week

Legal Driving Age

The legal driving age in Ontario, where Toronto is located, is 16 years old. However, to rent a car, you typically need to be at least 21, and drivers under 25 may face additional surcharges. Most rental companies require that you have an international driving license, a second form of identity and a major credit card.

Alcohol Age

The legal drinking age in Toronto is 19. You may be asked to show a valid photo ID when purchasing alcohol, whether from a store or in a bar or restaurant.

Smoking Laws

The legal age for smoking in Toronto is 18. Smoking laws in Toronto prohibit smoking in enclosed public spaces such as restaurants and bars and within certain distances from entrances to public buildings. If you smoke in a 'smoke free' place, you may receive a fine of up to \$5000.

Insurance

All EC Toronto students must be covered by health insurance for the entire length of their stay. EC can help students to purchase insurance upon arrival at the school. The cost of insurance is \$14 per week. Students will be asked to show proof of coverage

Canadian Public Holidays

Public holidays falling on a weekday

2025: 1 Jan, 17 Feb, 18 Apr, 19 May, 01 Jul, 04 Aug, 01 Sep, 30 Sep, 13 Oct, 11 Nov, 25 Dec & 26 Dec

Visa Requirements

It is essential to check visa requirements before arriving in Canada. International students may require a study permit, depending on the length of their stay and nationality. Please contact us for more information.

[Visa Requirements](#)

Cost of Living

Bottle of water / soda (0.33 litre)
C\$1.30-C\$3.00
Coffee/Cappuccino (Starbucks)
C\$3.00-C\$5.70
Fast-Food combo meal
C\$9.00-C\$14.00
Meal, inexpensive restaurant
C\$15.00- C\$25.00
Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult)
C\$40.00-C\$85.00
Public transport (local transport)
C\$3.25 (one way)
Public transport (monthly pass)
C\$152

on arrival if they are not purchasing insurance through EC.

