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1. Geographical location

Ottawa, Ontario is located on the south bank of the Ottawa River in the eastern portion of southern Ontario. It is the capital city of Canada. It borders Gatineau in Quebec. The two form the Ottawa-Gatineau census metropolitan area. Ottawa contains the mouths of Rideau River and Rideau Canal. It also lies on a major but mostly dormant fault line, making it experience earthquakes occasionally.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

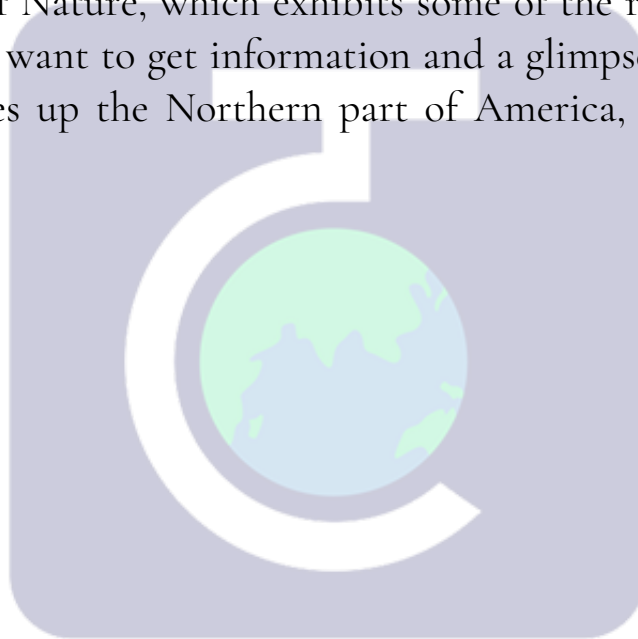
Gatineau In Quebec, Canada Is Located Very Near Ottawa. It Is Only 7.9 Km. Away. A Local From Gatineau Can Reach The City Within 14 Minutes Of Driving. Perth Situated In Ontario, Canada Is 85.1 Km Away From The City Of Ottawa With A Travel Time Of 1 Hour And 1 Minute. In Quebec, The City Of Montreal Is Found And It Is Distanced From Ottawa With 201 Km.



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3. Significance

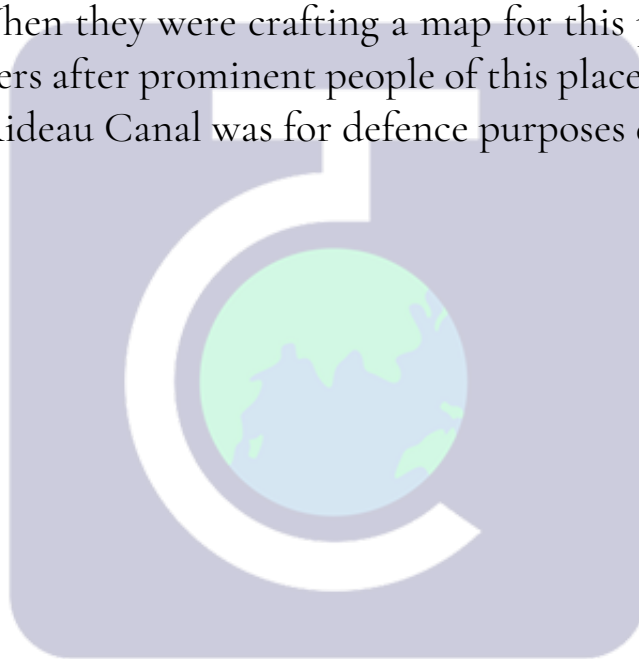
Ottawa is a gem in every way imaginable, if you are to consider the attraction sites that it offers to the visitors and tourists who make their way there. One of the outstanding places that guest should visit is the Neo-Gothic home of Canada's legislature at the Parliament Hill which is the prime sit of governance for the entire Canadian country. Another major attraction for nature lovers, is the Canadian Museum of Nature, which exhibits some of the rare collections of the natural world. If you want to get information and a glimpse of some of the flora and fauna that makes up the Northern part of America, this is the place you should visit.



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4. History

Following the drying of Champlain Sea, it made it possible for people to live in Ottawa valley. It is the capital city of Canada and was influenced by the construction of Rideau Canal. Its name is derived from Algonquin word 'adawe', which means "to trade". The reason to get the city its name is because of the people who lived here used the river to buy, hunt, harvest, ceremonies and several traditional rituals. When they were crafting a map for this place, they started by naming the major rivers after prominent people of this place. The main reason for the construction of Rideau Canal was for defence purposes during the 1812 War.



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5. Cultural identity

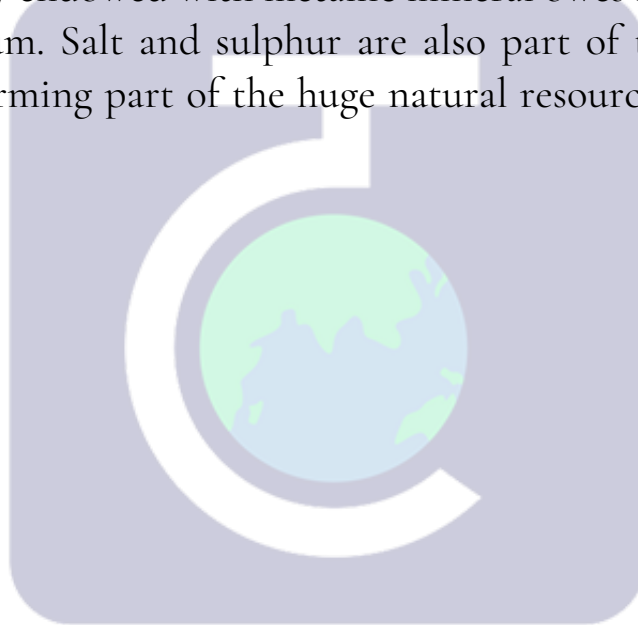
It is commonly referred as the city of festivals. It is because the city has more than 90 festivals in a year. Additionally, their festivals revolve around the four seasons of weather - spring, summer, autumn and winter celebrations. There are festivals that have been taking place for over 60 years now such as the Tulip Festival. On the other hand, there is Ottawa Bluesfest that is the first among the ten favourite musical events in Canada. Moreover, in their fall season, there is Ottawa Folk Festival. It is there to acknowledge the colours of the fall season and happens in Gatineau Park.



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6. Natural resources

Ottawa is endowed with innumerable natural resources that have seen it thrive over the years. To a great extent, forests form the greatest natural resource in Ottawa. Lumbering has been part and parcel of the city's history. Natural woodlands and wetlands are also part of the region's natural resources. The wetlands are instrumental in the enriching of the biodiversity of the region. Ottawa is also heavily endowed with metallic mineral ores including aluminium, tungsten and platinum. Salt and sulphur are also part of the minerals that are mined in Ottawa, forming part of the huge natural resources endowment of the city.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Canada Aviation and Space Museum

Get a glimpse into the history of aviation at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum that will place the marvels of flights right in your hand. Featuring about 130 civilian and military flying machines, this roofed museum displays the finest aircrafts of the country that focus mainly on Canada's contribution and innovations to the aviation industry. The highlight of the museum is the surviving components of the Avro Arrow interceptor from the late 1950s. You can hop into the Redbird, a flight simulator used to train pilots to feel the adrenaline rush of flying high or jump into the circa 1939 during the warm months to actually fly over the city. The museum hosts numerous activities, programs, tours and demonstrations that help you explore the story of flights better.

Address : Rockcliffe Flying Club, 11 Aviation Pkwy, Ottawa, ON K1K 2X5, Canada

Zipcode : K1K 2X5

Location : 45.458542, -75.64407699999998

Contact : +1 613-993-2010

Website : <http://casmuseum.techno-science.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Aviation Museum Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CAD \$13, Children (3-12years): CAD \$8, Students (13+years) and Seniors (60+years): CAD \$10, Free for children under 2years.

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday-Monday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs, Tuesday Closed.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Canada Agricultural Museum

The living proof of the 'Green Capital', the Canada Agricultural Museum celebrates the unique agricultural heritage of the country. Explore the fascinating world of agriculture as you wander through the massive space and awaken your senses with a breath of fresh air. Have a close encounter with the farm animals at the barn or feed your imagination with the food preservation exhibits at this

museum that is your rural retreat from the bustling city life. It embraces exhibits, community programs, flair rentals, exceptional events, hands-on activities, live demonstrations and much more so that you can explore the sights and sounds of agricultural life.

Address : 901 Prince of Wales Dr, Ottawa, ON K2C 3K1, Canada

Zipcode : K2C 3K1

Location : 45.4199299, -75.68479609999997

Contact : +1 613-991-3044

Website : <http://cafmmuseum.techno-science.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : NCC Drwy/Maple Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: CAD \$10; Students or Seniors (60+years): CAD \$8; Children (3-12years): CAD \$7; Free for children under 3years; Families (2 adults and 3 children): CAD \$26

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Diefenbunker

Built to protect the government, military officials, and institutions during the nuclear attack, this 4-storey underground bunker is now recognized as a national historic site and houses the Cold War Museum of Canada. Constructed between 1959 and 1961 in secrecy at the time of cold war, Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum, through its displays, events, programs, interactive educational activities and demonstrations provides a chilling peek into the country's past. Visit this museum to know more about the interesting historical facts, and how close were they to a nuclear disaster. This is a great place to teach young minds the lessons of the war.

Address : 3929 Carp Rd, Ottawa, ON K0A 1L0, Canada

Zipcode : K0A 1L0

Location : 45.3516533, -76.04774409999999

Contact : +1 613-839-0007

Website : <http://diefenbunker.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Juanita/ Snelgrove Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: CAD \$14, Seniors: CAD \$13, Students: CAD \$10, Youth (6-18): CAD \$8, Family rate (2 adults, 5 youth): CAD \$40, Children under 5 years are free.
Open & Close Timing : Daily: 11:00hrs-16:00hrs
Time Required : 1.5
Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes
Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Canadian War Museum

A national treasure, the Canadian War Museum narrates the stories of the country's involvement in conflicts and honors the sacrifices of the national heroes. An architectural gem in the western downtown of Ottawa, it was structured by architect Raymond Moriyama and reflects the theme of the museum 'regeneration'. You will be awed by the tanks, combat gear, artillery, guns and many other militia artefacts from different eras that talk about the military past of the country and emphasize on the human experiences of war.

Address : 1 Vimy Pl, Ottawa, ON K1A 0M8, Canada

Zipcode : K1A 0M8

Location : 45.4171032, -75.71694179999997

Contact : +1 800-555-5621

Website : <http://www.warmuseum.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Booth/Vimy Place Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CAD \$15, Seniors: CAD \$13, Students: CAD \$11, Children(3-12 years): CAD \$9, Family(5 persons- maximum 2 adults): CAD \$36

Open & Close Timing : Sunday-Wednesday & Friday-Saturday: 09:30hrs-17:00hrs; Thursday: 09:30hrs-20:00hrs.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. National Gallery of Canada

A giant 30-foot spider greets you outside as you reach the National Gallery of Canada. One of the prominent art establishments in the world, it exhibits over 40,000 art pieces crafted by more than 6,000 artists that reflect the rich diversity of the country's heritage. Displaying everything from old age paintings to avant-

grande sculptures, the gallery features the largest collection of comprehensive Canadian art and international works from different centuries. The 'Maman', a large bronze spider structure with a sack of 26 white marble eggs under her belly is carved by Louise Bourgeois and is the most famous display of the gallery.

Address : 380 Sussex Dr, Ottawa, ON K1N 9N4, Canada

Zipcode : K1N 9N4

Location : 45.42953500000001, -75.69890620000001

Contact : +1 613-990-1985

Website : <http://www.gallery.ca/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bruyere/ Parent Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults – CAD \$12 Seniors (65+years) – CAD \$10 Students (with valid ID) – CAD \$10 Youth (12-16years) – CAD \$6 Children (11years and under) – Free Family (2 Adults and 3 Youths) – CAD \$24

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday to Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs; Thursday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Canadian Museum of Nature / Musée canadien de la nature

Be astonished by the beauty and the powerful geological forces that have shaped earth at the Canadian Museum of Nature. Housed in an impressive heritage landmark 'Victoria Memorial Building', a castle style building that once served as the emergency headquarters for the government, the museum houses modern galleries that represent all the forces of nature. The museum holds natural history exhibits which are well presented in a way to teach children about nature and make it interesting at the same time. There are plenty of delightful things to look out for here. The building alone is worth seeing, as it is a fine example of Gothic Revival and Scottish Baronial architecture.

Address : Canadian Museum of Nature, M. C., 240 McLeod St, Ottawa, ON K2P 2R1, Canada

Zipcode : K2P 2R1

Location : 45.412709, -75.68851000000001

Contact : +1 613-566-4700

Website : <http://nature.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Elgin/ McLeod Bus Station

Entry Fee : The General admission rates are CAD 13.50 for adults; CAD 11.50 for Senior (age 65+); CAD 11.50 for Student (age 13+); CAD 9.50 for child (age 3-12); and free for infants (age 0-2)

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs; Thursday: 09:00hrs-20:00hrs; Monday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Royal Canadian Mint

A national brand in Central Ottawa that honors the national achievements and where the mint was found in 1908, Royal Canadian Mint is a place of educational value. Take a tour of the mint and learn about the production process of coins, gold bullion bars, medals and medallions. Explore this national historic site and see the art of master tooling that is used to make the dies that strike coin designs for both circulation and commemorative issues and be fascinated by one million dollars worth of pure gold that is preserved here. Buy unique collectives, gifts and momentos from the on-site shop and add to your coin collection.

Address : 320 Sussex Dr, Ottawa, ON K1A 0G8, Canada

Zipcode : K1A 0G8

Location : 45.43134999999999, -75.6992821

Contact : +1 613-993-8990

Website : <http://www.mint.ca/store/mint/visit-the-mint/ottawa-location-8900022#.WAc9idV97IU>

Nearest Public Transport : Bruyere/ Parent Bus station

Entry Fee : The tour prices are : For Weekdays: Adults (age 18+): CAD 6 Kids (age 5-17): CAD 3 Seniors (age 65+): CAD 5 Infants (age 4 and under): Free Family (2 adults and 4 children): CAD 15 For Weekends: Adults (age 18+): CAD 4.50 Kids (age 5-17): CAD 2.25 Seniors (age 65+): CAD 3.75 Infants (age 4 and under): Free Family (2 adults and 4 children): CAD 11.25

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Canadian Museum of History

Visit the Canadian Museum of History, a national museum where marvelous architecture blends with unique displays to form the most visited historical center of the country. Offering a dramatic trail of past, this museum primarily focuses on collecting, studying, preserving, and presenting material objects that illuminate the human history of Canada and the cultural diversity of its people. Be fascinated by the awe-inspiring life-size recreations of original settlements of the country as you wander through the museum and widen your eyes in astonishment at the largest indoor collection of totem poles in the world. Catch a movie at the theater as you let the little ones try some hands-on games at the Children's Museum.

Address : 100 Rue Laurier, Gatineau, QC K1A 0M8, Canada

Zipcode : K1A 0M8

Location : 45.4301581, -75.70920060000003

Contact : +1 819-776-7000

Website : <http://www.historymuseum.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Laurier / Élisabeth-Bruyère Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: CAD \$20, Senior(65 years and above): CAD \$18, Student: CAD \$16, Child (age 3 to 12): CAD \$12, Family (upto 6 people, including maximum 2 adults): \$50, Every Thursday from 17:00hrs-20:00hrs: Free admission, Guided Tour: CAD \$3.

Open & Close Timing : Monday- Wednesday 09:30hrs-17:00hrs Thursday 09:30hrs-20:00hrs Friday to Sunday 09:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica

The seat of the Royal Catholic archbishop of the capital city, Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica was built in the 19th century and is known for its colorful interiors and skyscraping spires. A stunning exemplar of religious art, the believers come from all over to worship the oldest standing church in the city. This architectural masterpiece features Gothic arches right from the entrance to the main altar complemented by a Gothic-styled sanctuary and embellished with stained glass windows. Note: The cathedral might charge an entry fee or ask for a small donation.

Address : 385 Sussex Dr, Ottawa, ON K1N 1J9, Canada

Zipcode : K1N 1J9

Location : 45.4298777, -75.69628449999999

Contact : +1 613-241-7496

Website : <http://www.notredameottawa.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bruyere/ Parent Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : November to April: Monday 11:30hrs-18:00hrs, Tuesday-Friday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs, Saturday 14:00hrs-18:00hrs, Sunday 08:00hrs-20:30hrs; May to October: Monday 11:30hrs-18:00hrs, Tuesday-Friday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs, Saturday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs, Sunday 08:00hrs-20:30hrs.

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Parliament Hill

An internationally recognized landmark and a symbol of Canada's pride, Parliament Hill is the cultural heart and political heart of Ottawa. Sitting atop the hill and overlooking the Ottawa River, the Gothic revival architectural elements of the building are a significant point for national celebrations. Categorized into 3 sections namely - Central Block, East Block and West Block, each section hides a trail of history. Watch a live debate in the House of Commons or the Senate or hum to the tunes of 53 Bells at Peace Tower Carillon. Witness the Canadian tradition of the Changing of the Guards during summer at 10 am and appreciate the structures like the Peace Tower that represents the

country's heritage. Note: Though the entry is free, tickets are issued on a 'first come, first serve' basis at the Wellington Street.

Address : Wellington St, Ottawa, ON K1A, Canada

Location : 45.4235937, -75.70092899999997

Contact : +1 613-992-4793

Website : <http://www.parl.gc.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Wellington/ O'Connor Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Thursday 08:30hrs-18:00hrs; Friday 08:30hrs-17:00hrs; Saturday and Sunday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Rideau Hall

The official home and workplace in Ottawa of both the Canadian Monarch and Governor General, Rideau Hall or "Canada's House" as it is often described, is a national historic site of the country. Set amidst a picturesque 79-acre urban oasis, this hall is a popular meeting place for the locals. Watch the Canadian Head of State perform his functions, invite foreign dignitaries and honor the nationals for their excellence as you take different tours during the summer months or visit the site during winter and glide across the outdoor ice skating rink.

Address : 1 Sussex Dr, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A1, Canada

Zipcode : K1A 0A1

Location : 45.4444823, -75.68583430000001

Contact : +1 613-993-8200

Website : <http://www.gg.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Crichton/ Keefer Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 11:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Dominion Arboretum

Bask in the sun and surround yourself with 35-hectares of lush greenery at the

Dominion Arboretum farm. Situated at the Experimental Farm in Ottawa, this rolling land parades 1,700 unique species and varieties of well-established shrubs and handsome trees with the purpose of assessing their toughness. Explore many gardens at the country's oldest arboretum and enjoy the awe-inspiring views Rideau Canal, Carleton University and Dow's Lake.

Address : Civic Hospital - Experimental Farm - Central Park, Ottawa, ON K2C, Canada

Location : 45.3909884, -75.70390659999998

Contact : +1 613-230-3276

Website : <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/offices-and-locations/central-experimental-farm/farm-attractions/maps-of-the-central-experimental-farm/?id=1176399349495>

Nearest Public Transport : Prince of Wales/ National Commission Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Central Experimental Farm

A unique scientific as well as cultural landscape that serves as an open-air laboratory, the Central Experimental Farm is the only working farm, and research center in the 'green capital'. Displaying the unique agricultural heritage of the country through different attractions like the Ornamental Gardens, Arboretum, the Fletcher Wildlife Garden and other heritage sites, this farm is known to be the rural center of urban intellectualism. This is a perfect setting for a day out picnicking and for those who would love to know more about farm animals and life on the farm.

Address : 960 Carling Ave, Ottawa, ON K1Y 4X2, Canada

Zipcode : K1Y 4X2

Location : 45.39258, -75.71713

Contact : +1 613-759-1982

Website : <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/offices-and-locations/central-experimental-farm/?id=1170701489551>

Nearest Public Transport : Carling / Melrose Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. St. Laurent Centre

With over 180 stylish stores, St. Laurent Centre is a major shopping arcade that features international labels like Aldo, Bentley, Cinnabon, Jack & Jones; along with an amazing food court.

Address : 1200 St Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, ON K1K 3B8, Canada

Zipcode : K1K 3B8

Location : 45.421652, -75.63891699999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Lincoln Fields Shopping Centre

Lincoln Fields Shopping Centre, located at 2525 Carling Ave, is a nice small shopping centre offering amazing discounts on various brands; it also holds great grocery stores, one of them being a small Walmart.

Zipcode : 0

Location : 45.36480350000001, -75.78536489999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Westgate Shopping Centre

Westgate Shopping Centre, located at 1309 Carling Ave, is a 24 hour shopping mall featuring brands like Joanne's Fashions, and Second Cup; and also good food outlets like Subway.

Zipcode : 0

Location : 45.3869611, -75.73506859999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Rideau Centre

CF Rideau Centre offers a terrific shopping experience in a newly renovated and

expanded premise. The shopping centre is home to 170 retailers including Nordstrom, Simons, Harry Rosen, Anthropologie, Disney, Kate Spade New York, Tiffany & Co. and Zara, and includes an 850-seat dining hall with 16 premium branded eateries.

Address : 50 Rideau St #300, Ottawa, ON K1N 9J7, Canada

Zipcode : ON K1N 9J7

Location : 45.42509769999999, -75.69124970000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Tanger Outlet Ottawa

Tanger Outlets Ottawa offers outlet shopping at your favorite name brand and designer factory outlet stores where you can shop more and save more, thanks to the best deals and discounts offered on the latest fashion trends.

Address : 8555 Campeau Dr, Ottawa, ON K2T 0K5, Canada

Zipcode : K2T 0K5

Location : 45.2980542, -75.93552840000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Billings Bridge Shopping Centre

Zipcode : 0

Location : 45.3859731, -75.67795330000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Rideau Canal

Rideau Canal consists of a chain of lakes, rivers and canals curving 202 kilometers starting from Kingston. It is preserved and run by Parks Canada to present and preserve its historic features. The canal is primarily used for boating and offers a panoramic view of the scenery to the visitors. It is also listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the city. The canal throws open the world's largest natural ice rink for all skaters to enjoy their winters. So strap up your skates and glide

away!

Address : 34 Beckwith Street South, Smiths Falls, Ontario K7A 2A8, Canada,

Zipcode : K7A 2A8

Location : 45.40446679999999, -75.68099230000001

Contact : +1 613-283-5170

Website : <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/on/rideau/index.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Clegg / Colonel By Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours (However it's advisable to refer to the website before your visit)

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Bayshore Shopping Centre

This is a one-stop shopping destination, easily accessible, that offers customers a diversified mix of close to 165 fashion boutiques, such as Sephora, Banana Republic, Jack & Jones and Swarovski, that stand alongside well-known retailers like Gap, Winners and The Bay.

Address : 100 Bayshore Dr, Nepean, ON K2B 8C1, Canada

Zipcode : ON K2B 8C1

Location : 45.3471994, -75.8067581

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Byward Market

A thriving outdoor market bordered by cozy cafés, tantalizing restaurants and vibrant bars and clubs, Byward Market offers you a delightful shopping experience with its trend setting fashion boutiques and eclectic stores. Right in the heart of the capital city, this historical neighborhood features an array of more than 600 shops selling everything from fruits and vegetables to local artisans products, jewelry and more.

Address : Ottawa, Ontario

Zipcode : ON K1N 9C3

Location : 45.4288655, -75.6911592

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Downtown Rideau Shopping

Your one-stop destination for all your shopping needs, Downtown Rideau Shopping spreads over 53 blocks and is anchored by some of the biggest retail labels like Nordstrom, Michael Kors, Hudson's Bay and many more that offer the trendiest collections of the season. Apart from being a paradise for retail therapy, this district is also known for hosting several cultural activities.

Address : 1 Nicholas Street, Suite 1105, DOWNTOWN RIDEAU,, Ottawa, ON K1N 7B7, Canada

Zipcode : ON K1N 7B7

Location : 45.426526, -75.690241

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Place d'Orléans Shopping Centre

Known for its sunlit walkways, Place d'Orléans Shopping Centre is an emporium of hundreds of retail outlets selling both local products as well as international branded goods.

Address : 110 Place d'Orléans Dr, Orléans, ON K1C 2L9, Canada

Zipcode : K1C 2L9

Location : 45.4778834, -75.5160108

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Sparks Street

The premier pedestrian mall of the city, Sparks Street is always abuzz with numerous local shops and boutiques that are set in a historical and commercial backdrop.

Address : 100 Kent St, Ottawa, ON K1P 5R7, Canada

Zipcode : K1P 5R7

Location : 45.4206912, -75.7023828

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. St. Albert Cheese Factory

Uncover all the secrets about cheese as you learn more about the production process involved in manufacturing the famous cheddars at St. Albert Cheese Factory. Stroll through the plant to watch the production of delectable cheeses with their 12 explanatory panels and interactive videos that also narrate the tales of the past. Fuel up at the on-site restaurant and tease your appetite with one of their 15 epicurean poutines, which are known to be the best in Ontario. After a scrumptious meal, visit their cheese and fine foods boutique to stock up delicious cheeses that have won numerous awards.

Address : 150 St Paul St, St-Albert, ON K0A 3C0, Canada

Zipcode : K0A 3C0

Location : 45.2531279, -75.1213013

Contact : +1 613-987-2872

Website : <http://fromagestalbert.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Car Pool Lot Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Wednesday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs, Thursday-Friday 09:00hrs-20:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday 07:00hrs-18:00hrs.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. Commissioners Park

Walk through the pathways and stumble upon thousands of colorful flowers that bloom across 8 hectares right in the downtown of the city. Popularly known for the world renowned springtime Tulip festival wherein the park becomes a hotbed of over 300,000 kaleidoscopic tulips that create a perfect backdrop for beautiful photographs. Symbolizing the lasting relationship between the green capital and Netherlands, the festival attracts visitors from all over to witness the beauty of the blooming tulips in the core region of the city. Wander around the park, admire the stunning landscapes of the Dow lake and its surroundings and capture the splendor of the nature with your lenses.

Address : corner of Preston Street & Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa, Canada

Zipcode : K1S 3G7

Location : 45.3983212, -75.703090699999

Contact : +1 844-878-8333

Website : <http://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/places-to-visit/parks-paths-and-parkways/commissioners-park>

Nearest Public Transport : Carling / Booth Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Bungee Jumping -**

Address : 1780 Route 105, Chelsea, QC J9B 2K4, Canada

Location : 45.6129568,-75.9093014

Contact No : +1 819-459-3714

Website : <http://www.bungee.ca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Porcupine / Cricket Bus station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fees : The rates for Bungee Jumping are: First Jump: CAD 104.37, Additional Jumps (same person, same day): CAD 52.19. Group of 10 or more can benefit from the group pricing: First Jump: CAD 78.28, Additional Jumps (same person, same day): CAD 52.19.

Open / Close Time : For October, Monday to Friday: 15:00hrs-18:00hrs, Saturday and Sunday: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs (Visit the website for detailed timings of every month)

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 20 minutes

- **Golf -**

Address : 1471 Blair Rd, Gloucester, ON K1B 4S3, Canada

Location : 45.428158,-75.5993446

Contact No : +1 613-746-4653

Website : <http://www.pineview.com/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Blair/ Meadowbrook Bus Station

Entry Fees : Rates for 18 holes are: Monday: Regular Rate: CAD 25 Seniors (age 60+): CAD 25 Juniors (up to 18 years): CAD 25 Tuesday to Thursday: Regular Rate: CAD 30 Seniors (age 60+): CAD 30 Juniors (up to 18 years): CAD 25 Friday to Sunday and Holidays: Regular Rate: CAD 30 Seniors (age 60+): CAD 30 Juniors (up to 18 years): CAD 25 The rates

for 9 holes are: Monday: Before 9 am: CAD 20 After 9 am: CAD 20
Tuesday to Thursday: Before 9 am: CAD 20 After 9 am: CAD 25 Friday
to Sunday and Holidays: Before 9 am: CAD 25 After 9 am: CAD 25

Open / Close Time : Daily: 06:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Hot Air Ballooning -**

Address : 48 Crampton Dr, Belmont, ON N0L 1B0, Canada

Location : 42.92218,-81.095385999999

Contact No : +1 519-741-5499

Website : <http://www.sundanceballoons.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cheese Factory & Global SB- 32611 Bus Station

Entry Fees : The price ranges from CAD 240 per person to CAD 315 per person depending upon the time of the flight.

Open / Close Time : Daily: 09:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 20 minutes

- **Rafting and Kayaking -**

Address : 102 Greenview Avenue, Ottawa, ON K2B 5Z6, Canada

Location : 45.3646679999999,-75.805606

Contact No : +1 844-688-7238

Website : <http://www.ottawacityrafting.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Britannia Park Bus Station

Entry Fees : Rates for rafting are CAD 69 for adults and CAD 49 for children.

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 15 minutes



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

For visitors interested in visiting Ottawa, they can be assured of amazing experiences in relation to events available and sports adventures that a person can get involved in. Ottawa offers ice hockey for both amateurs and professionals. If you wish to get trained and learn about the game, or just want to watch it from the side lines, Ottawa has an ice hockey league that runs all year round with both major and junior leagues. To enjoy games by the Ottawa Senators, who play in the National Hockey League of Canada, you can enjoy at Canadian Tire Centre stadium. You can also get to enjoy a game of football which is one of the other games that are played in Canada at the TD Place Stadium.

- **TD Place:**

Address : 1015 Bank St, Ottawa, ON K1S 3W7, Canada

Location : 45.3982089,-75.68346780000002

Contact No : +1 613-232-6767

Website : <https://www.tdplace.ca/>

- **Canadian Tire Centre:**

Address : 1000 Palladium Dr, Ottawa, ON K2V 1A5, Canada

Location : 45.2969151,-75.92682300000001

Contact No : +1 613-599-0100

Website : <http://www.canadiantirecentre.com/>

Open/Close time : Summer Hours: Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs,
Saturday and Sunday: Closed Winter Hours: Monday to Saturday:
10:00hrs-16:00hrs, Sunday: Closed

10. Spas and relaxation

- **Holtz Spa:**

Address : 45 Rideau St, Ottawa, ON K1N 5W8, Canada

Location : 45.4269553,-75.69080710000003

Contact No : +1 613-241-7770

Website : <https://holtzspa.com/>

- **Renu Massage Therapy & Spa:**

Address : 1432 Wellington St W, Ottawa, ON K1Y 2X2, Canada

Location : 45.3976706,-75.74077139999997

Contact No : +1 613-722-2929

Website : <http://www.renusp.ca/>

- **LCI Laser Hair Removal Clinic and Medical Facial Spa
Ottawa:**

Address : 100 Gloucester St #101b, Ottawa, ON K2P, Canada

Location : 45.4201173,-75.69235679999997

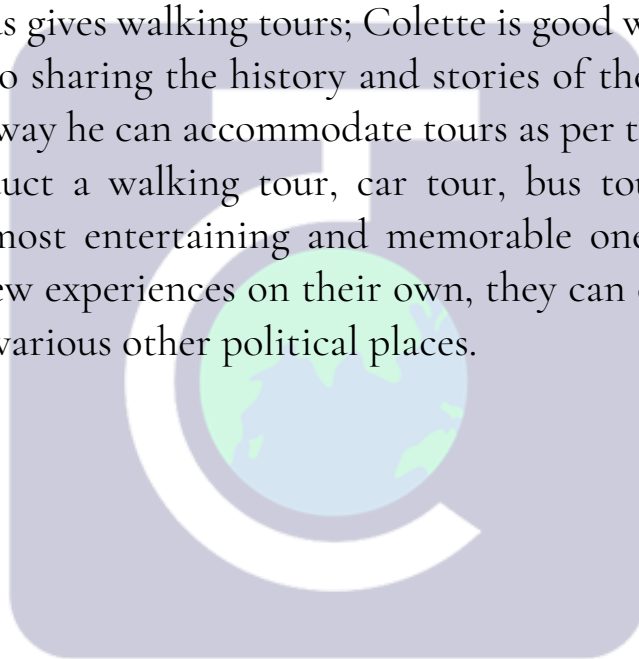
Contact No : +1 613-828-8946

Website : <http://www.ottawalaserclinic.com/>

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11. Key local guides and tours

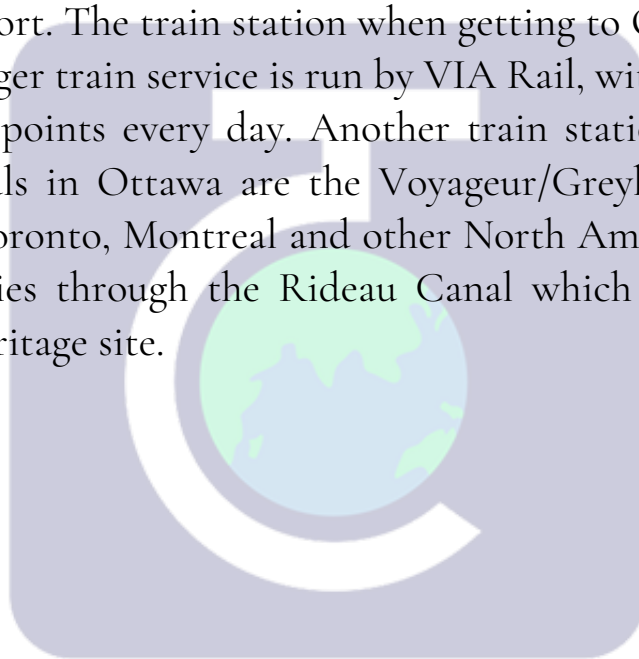
Experiencing new place can be scary at times. You should take note of the fact that there are local guides and tours are available for you at Ottawa. You can be assured of an amazing experience from the services they offer. There are various famous private tours in the city like Windshield Tour, Layover Special etc. The famous local guides in the city are Rudy W. who facilitates tours on double decker buses as well as gives walking tours; Colette is good with not only showing unique places but also sharing the history and stories of the places; Conrad L. is quite adjustable in a way he can accommodate tours as per the wish of the public, that is, he can conduct a walking tour, car tour, bus tour ensuring the tour becomes to be the most entertaining and memorable one; etc For those who prefer the thrill of new experiences on their own, they can choose to explore the museums, parks and various other political places.



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12. Transportation hubs

Ottawa is worth the travel and is readily accessible through most major highways and bus services in Canada. The major airports accessible are the Macdonald-Cartier International Airport which takes 19 minutes to go through the 13 kilometers trip to the city center and the nearby Ottawa / Rockcliffe Airport. Other local airports near Ottawa are the Ottawa/Carp Airport and the Smiths Falls-Montague Airport. The train station when getting to Ottawa is the Ottawa station whose passenger train service is run by VIA Rail, with 6 trains leaving for Montreal and other points every day. Another train station is the Fallowfield Station. Bus terminals in Ottawa are the Voyageur/Greyhound terminal with regular services to Toronto, Montreal and other North American areas. You can also access these cities through the Rideau Canal which is also a recognized UNESCO World Heritage site.



Index**13. Transportation cost**

Traveling by car or taxi is usually easier than most means of transportation. You can also take the trains provided by VIA Rail and Fallowfield Station, whose fares start at 33 CAD. Visitors can also opt for buses at Ottawa's Voyageur or Greyhound terminals. Their fares are at 15 CAD or more, with monthly fares starting at 350 CAD. Taxis have their normal tariff starting at 3.48 CAD.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

If you are planning to visit Ottawa, do not be bothered by the idea of moving around with luggage and the extra cost that you will incur. This is because the only charge that you are expected to pay is in relation to the distance that you cover. If you are travelling with a pet, you have to carry it in a basket to ensure that they do not interfere with other passengers. However, there is no ticket that a person is expected to pay for their pet while in Ottawa. You also have to take note of the fact that pet dogs are not permitted into passenger cars.



Index**15. Must try food and local savouries**

You are assured of getting spoiled with comfy eatery that includes seasonal ingredients, Mexican, Italian, Korean and Chinese cuisines.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Corazon De Maiz:**

Address : 55 Byward Market Square, Ottawa, ON K1N 9C3

Location : 45.427753,-75.69249479

Contact No : +1613-244-1661

Website : <http://www.corazondemaizottawa.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Wednesday, Saturday: 11:00hrs -18:00hrs;
Thursday and Friday: 11:00hrs-19:30hrs

- **Trattoria Caffè Italia:**

Address : 254 Preston St, Ottawa, ON K1R 7R4, Canada

Location : 45.404706,-75.712174

Contact No : +1613-236-1081

Website : <http://www.trattoriaitalia.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 11:00hrs - 22:00hrs, Friday:
11:00hrs - 23:00hrs, Saturday: 12:00hrs - 23:00hrs, Sunday: 12:00hrs -
21:00hrs

- **Korean Palace:**

Address : 610 Somerset St, W, Ottawa, ON K1R 5K4, Canada

Location : 45.4121026,-75.70395109

Contact No : +1613-321-3911

Website : <http://www.koreanpalace.ca/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday, Sunday: 11:00hrs - 22:00hrs,
Monday: 16:00hrs - 21:00hrs

- **So Good Restaurant Inc:**

Address : 717 Somerset St W, Ottawa, ON K1R 6P7, Canada

Location : 45.410762199,-75.7079223

Contact No : +1613 233 0318

Website : <http://sogoodfo.w12.wh-2.com/index2.html>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Thursday - 11:30hrs - 21:30hrs, Friday -
11:30hrs - 22:00hrs, Saturday - 12:00hrs - 22:00hrs, Sunday - 12:00hrs -
21:00hrs (Monday: Closed)

- **Play Food & Wine:**

Address : 1 York Street, Ottawa, K1N 5S7, Canada

Location : 45.4275752,-75.69491099

Contact No : +1 613-667-9207

Website : <http://www.playfood.ca/>

Open / Close Time : Monday: 12:00hrs-14:00hrs, 17:30hrs-22:00hrs;
Tuesday to Thursday:12:00hrs-14:00hrs, 17:30hrs-23:00hrs; Friday:
12:00hrs-14:00hrs, 17:30hrs-23:45hrs; Saturday: 12:00hrs-15:30hrs,
17:00hrs-23:45hrs; Sunday: 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **The Whalesbone Oyster House:**

Address : 430 Bank St, Ottawa, ON K2P 1Y8, Canada

Location : 45.4123053,-75.6938566

Contact No : +1 613-231-8569

Website : <http://thewhalesbone.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Wednesday: 11:30hrs-14:00hrs, 17:00hrs-22:00hrs; Thursday to Friday: 11:30hrs-14:00hrs, 17:00hrs-23:00hrs; Saturday: 17:00hrs-23:00hrs Sunday: 17:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **The Bourbon Room:**

Address : 400 Dalhousie St, Ottawa, ON K1N 9J9, Canada

Location : 45.4268828,-75.68967989

Contact No : +1613-878-8110

Open / Close Time : Wednesday: 19:00hrs - 23:00hrs, Friday to Saturday: 22:00hrs - 02:15hrs (Thursday, Sunday to Tuesday: Closed)

- **Babylon:**

Address : 317 Bank St, Ottawa, ON K2P 1X7, Canada

Location : 45.4145315,-75.69551200

Contact No : +1 613-594-0003

Website : <http://www.babylonclub.ca/>

- **The Lookout Bar:**

Address : 41 York St, Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6, Canada

Location : 45.428236899,-75.69379229

Contact No : +1 613-789-1624

Website : <http://www.thelookoutbar.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Monday: 14:00hrs-22:00hrs; Tuesday to Saturday: 14:00hrs-02:00hrs



Index**17. Average meal cost**

If you are looking to sample some of the awesome cuisine in Ottawa, price and affordability should be the least of your concerns. The average cost of a meal in Ottawa ranges from 12 CAD to 17 CAD. A dinner meal goes for up to 5 CAD to 9 CAD. Alcoholic drinks and beverages go for as cheap as 6 CAD. For coffee lovers are not left out either, a cup of cappuccino goes for minimum of 3.75 CAD and a maximum of 4.25 CAD.



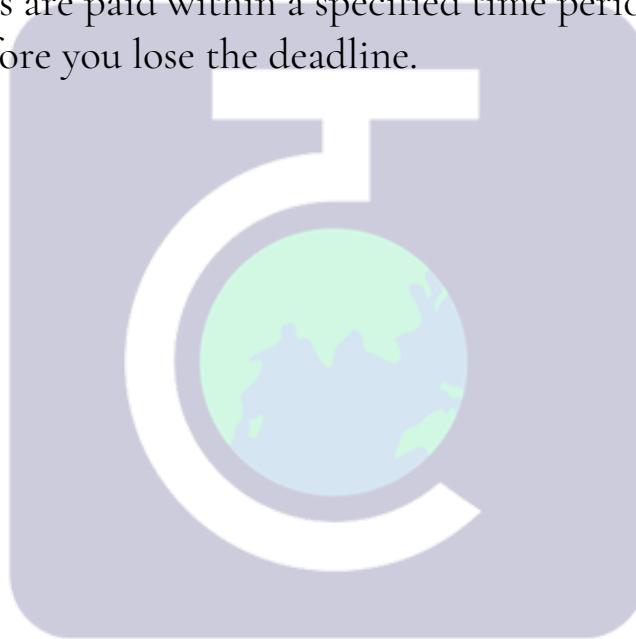
Index**18. Shopping**

Canadian fashion and art has gained considerable attraction around the world. Visiting Ottawa gives you an opportunity to have a share of this experience through shopping. Most of the shopping malls in Ottawa have retail stores, branded line of clothing and much more.



Index**19. Tourist benefits**

If you are shopping in Ottawa, you are not only getting the value for your money, but even more. For one, tourists are likely to be paid value added tax on the goods that they purchase in Ottawa right before they leave the airport. Tourists are encouraged to apply for tax refunds while doing shopping in Ottawa. In most cases, the minimum refund on purchase is usually a minimum of 50 CAD per purchase. The refunds are paid within a specified time period. Hence, get assured of the time frame before you lose the deadline.



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20. Essential local apps

Ottawa is a blessed city with many apps to guide its residents. They include Montreal Metro AR app makes parking easier, Ottawa Recycle app in a provision of scheduled garbage pickups date, time and place and Defibrillate app offers information about AEDS and how to use them appropriately. Moreover, there is Ottawa Heart app that provides you with the next place you save another life. They provide exact locations for people with heart conditions and need emergency responses.



21. Driving

If you are visiting Ottawa and wish to escape from the intricacies of the public transport system, you can always drive yourself. However, you will have to meet a number of requirements. The visitors must possess an International Drivers Permit which allows you not only to drive but also rent a car while in Ottawa. Moreover, you need to even be concerned of the insurance that the car shall have. Make sure that the car that you own has a proper insurance.



22. Travel essentials

Ottawa has a standard voltage with a frequency of 110 Volts and 60 Hertz. It is also important to note the fact that all the plugs are two pronged as well and as such you might have to carry along a travel plug adapter. You will also need a voltage adapter or a transformer if any of the equipment that you have brought with you does not match the standard voltage of the Ottawa. For those visitors travelling around with gadgets such as laptops, there is a need to carry them in a bag that is hardened to safeguard them from breakage.



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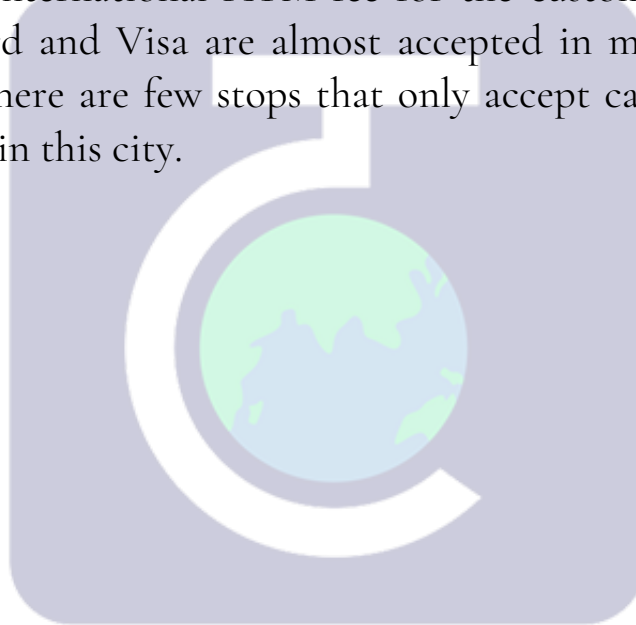
Index**24. Local currency**

Canadian Dollar is the local currency of the city of Ottawa. It is coded as CAD. The currency exchange rate is 1 USD = 1.29 CAD.



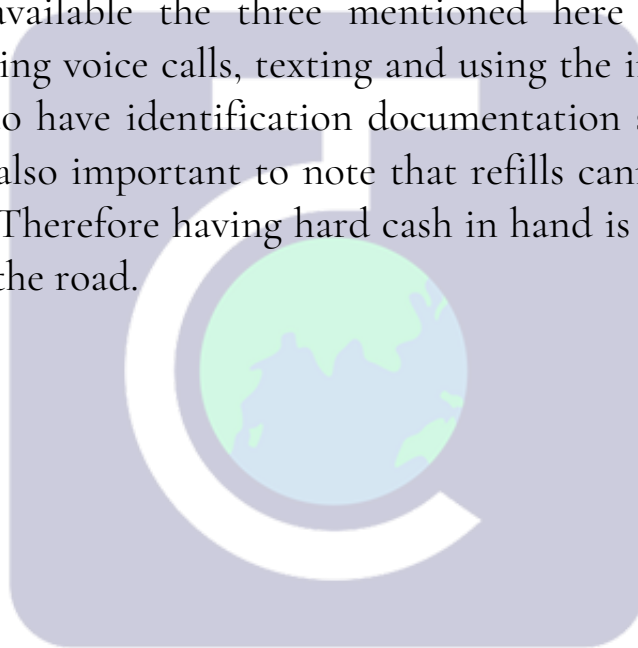
Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

In Ottawa of Canada, many banks charge a fee every time you use a card at another bank's ATM. The transaction fees are higher for international withdrawals as compared to domestic withdrawals. The fee varies between 3 CAD and 4 CAD. Hence, it is advisable to carry cash with you or get a bigger amount in one withdrawal. Scotiabank ATM is a member of the Global ATM alliance that has waved the international ATM fee for the customers of other alliance members. MasterCard and Visa are almost accepted in most of the shops and retailers. However, there are few stops that only accept cash. Traveller's checks are less popular here in this city.



26. Staying connected

Ottawa is the only major city in Canada, with five viable wireless carrier choices: Bell, Rogers, Telus, Videotron, and Wind. Videotron is the one which has the best network in the Ottawa area and not just that, it charges much less than the majors do. All networks in Canada operate using the GSM/UMTS/LTE system and thus CDMA phone are practically non-functional. While many other mobile operators may be available the three mentioned here allow for sufficient connectivity for making voice calls, texting and using the internet. Purchasing a phone requires you to have identification documentation such as a passport or driving license. It is also important to note that refills cannot be paid for using foreign credit cards. Therefore having hard cash in hand is necessary for making emergency refills on the road.



27. Time Zone

The city of Ottawa follows Eastern Time Zone with UTC – 05:00 hours.



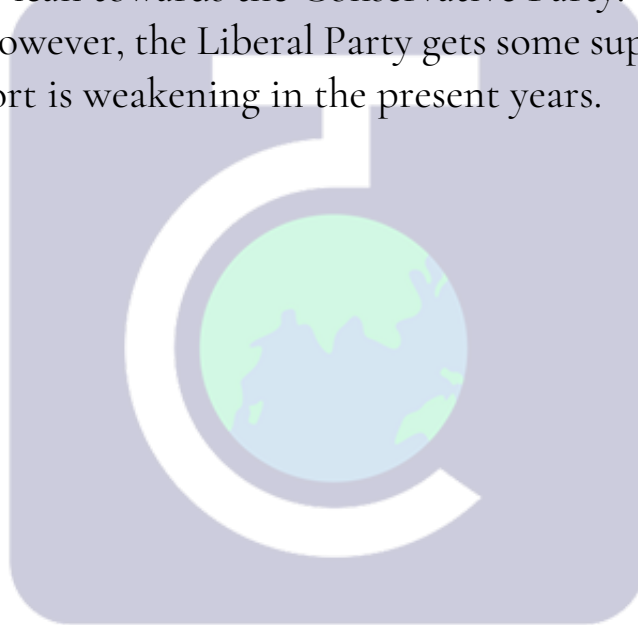
Index**28. Languages**

French and English are the official languages of the city. Mandarin and Punjabi are the following languages.



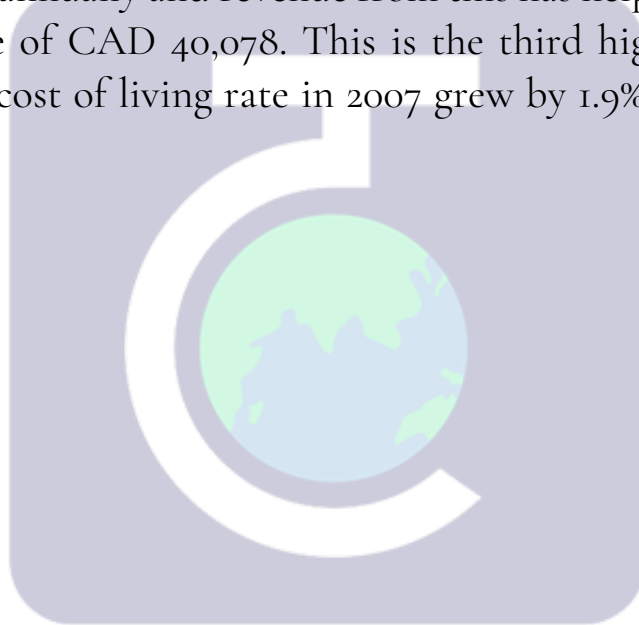
29. Political Scenario

Ottawa is a single-tier municipality. It is responsible for all municipal services. The governance system comprises a 24-member City Council. 23 of these represent one ward each and a mayor is elected citywide. Most citizens support the Liberal Party. Central Ottawa supports the New Democratic Party because of the strong presence of government unions and activist groups. The southern and western parts tend to lean towards the Conservative Party. The voters tend to be more conservative. However, the Liberal Party gets some support from some rural areas, but their support is weakening in the present years.



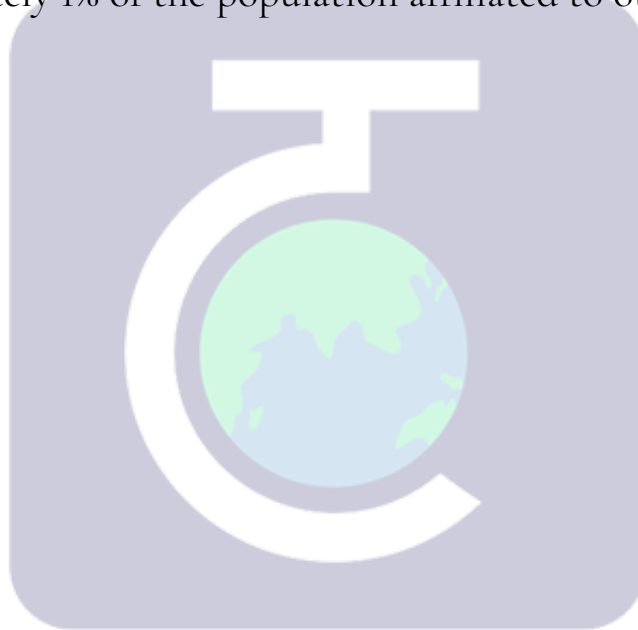
30. Economic Scenario

The Federal government is Ottawa's largest employer, employing over 110,000 individuals. In 2015, Ottawa's companies employed approximately 63,400 people. Another major employer is the health sector, employing over 18,000 people. Ottawa is ranked 16th in quality of living in the world. Ottawa's GDP of 2.7 was rated the fourth highest compared to other Canadian cities. Around 7.3 million tourists visit Ottawa annually and revenue from this has helped Ottawa record an average gross income of CAD 40,078. This is the third highest in the entire of Canada. The annual cost of living rate in 2007 grew by 1.9%. The unemployment rate was 5.2%.



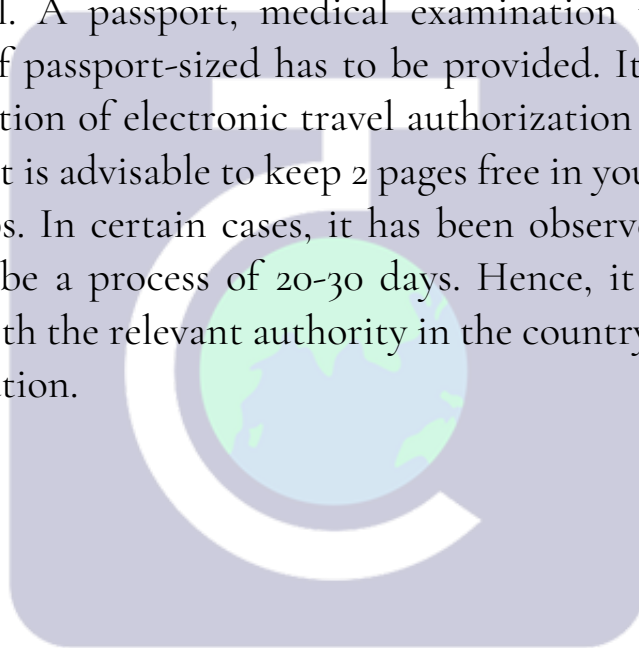
Index**31. Religious belief**

In Ottawa of Canada, 65.4% people are beliefs of Christian denomination. Out of these, 38.4% people belong to Roman Catholicism. 22.8% people are not affiliated to any religion of which approximately 2% are atheist, agnostic, and humanist. In addition to this, there are 6.7% people belong to Islam, 1.4% people are related to Hinduism, 1.3% people are affiliated to Buddhism, and 1.2% people belong to Judaism. Approximately 1% of the population affiliated to other religions.



32. Visa requirements

Ottawa is one of the largest cities in Canada and offers a great and unique experience to its visitors. Entry into the city, however, is contingent on the fulfilment of a number of requirements by visitors, including visa application for entry into Canada by tourists, or electronic travel authorization over the internet. Tourists have to avail their invitation documentation and apply for a temporary resident visa as well. A passport, medical examination report and a digital photograph that is of passport-sized has to be provided. It is important to also note that the application of electronic travel authorization has to be made prior to boarding a plane. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



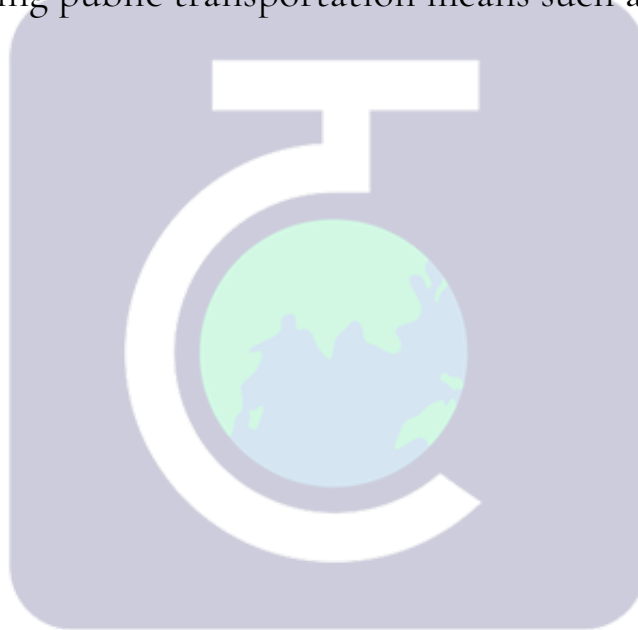
Index**33. Essential vaccination**

The city of Ottawa is a safe destination to visit. However, it is recommended to have the routine vaccinations done before leaving your home country.



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

For those tourists travelling to Ottawa, it is prudent to note that despite the low crime rates within the city, taking care of personal belongings is mandatory. It is advisable to leave valuables and other personal belongings in a hotel room while walking in the city at night. Petty theft as snatching and pickpocketing are some of the key threats that a tourist should look out for while in the city at all times, and more so while using public transportation means such as buses and trains.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

There are a number of foreign embassies and consulates that are spread across the entire city of Ottawa. A few of the places where the embassies can be found are Argyle Ave., Suite 302, Wilbrod Street, Laurier Avenue East and Metcalfe St. You can have more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/canada>.



36. Accessibility

Movement around the city is most convenient for all types of people regardless of their physical condition. Buildings that accommodate public utilities are built in accordance to the Accessibility for Canada with Disabilities Act and thus no discrimination can be expected.



Index**37. Emergencies**

Medical attention health care can be accessed from the Ottawa Hospital General Campus that accepts overseas insurance cover. For any SOS services, call 911. Major Hospital in the city is Montfort Hospital and for children, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario is the best one in the city.



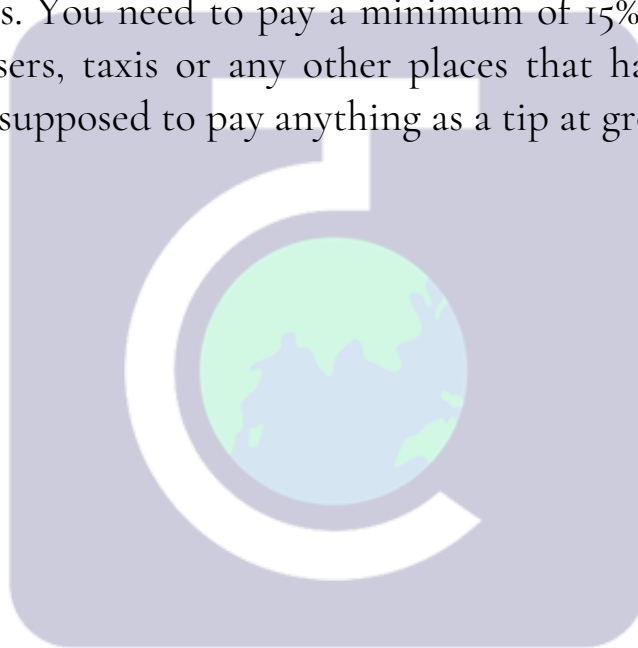
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38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • When roaming around in the streets, it is advisable to leave your personal items in the hotel room to avoid theft. • Carry a multi-voltage charger or adapter when travelling to Ottawa. • Remember to tip accordingly. • Remember to get insured before making your way to Ottawa. • Always note down the number of the cab that you use while in the city. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. Don'ts: • Avoid drinking in public • Avoid purchasing things on the streets to avoid being robbed or duped. • Avoid smoking in public since it is prohibited unless it is done in the designated public smoking zones. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.

Index**39.Tipping basics**

Tipping is considered a part of the service industry in Ottawa, and there is no specific guideline that is observed in regards to tipping people in Ottawa. Appreciation of any kind is welcome; however, a visitor should be keen not to make tips in restaurants that have a policy against any form of tipping and gratuity. Otherwise, tipping is voluntary and is based on the quality of service that a person receives. You need to pay a minimum of 15% of the bill or fare at restaurants, hairdressers, taxis or any other places that have offered you their services. You are not supposed to pay anything as a tip at grocery stores.



Index**40.Pet info**

If you think travelling to Ottawa will mean leaving your pet behind, then you are mistaken as pets are not restricted from entering Ottawa at any time however; it is advisable for their owners to provide the appropriate paperwork at the point of entry. All the documentation that is required by the immigration officials at the entry points is; the pet's vaccination history from diseases such as gastro and rabies, a blood test report that is not older than ten days, and more importantly proper certification of ownership.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

One of the outstanding places that a visitor should visit is the Neo-Gothic home of Canada's legislature at the Parliament Hill. Neo-Gothic is the home of the political seat of Canada. It captures not only the history of Ottawa's politics and legislation but also its present. It is a major attraction that history buffs and political enthusiasts are sure going to enjoy. There are various natural habitats and places that exhibit some of the rarest collections of the natural world. The exhibits within the sites capture the existing and extinct fauna and flora in Canada and to an extent from around the world. For entertainment and movie junkies, you can find a range of theatres and halls. The cinema experiences and live performances for music and dramas present another reason to visit Ottawa. Another important and notable area that a tourist can visit is the Canadian Aviation Museum which exhibits detailed and intricate Canadian military history. To best understand the military journey of Canada, its wins, losses and leaders, the Museum is a reason for you to visit Ottawa. It also entails some of the weapons and strategies that have been utilized within the country at large and more importantly from Ottawa.

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