

## GOING ABROAD?

### Be Prepared. Expect the Unexpected!

Connect with the world and keep posted on travel advice for approximately 200 destinations.

Our **Country Travel Reports and Warnings** offer information on safety and security, local laws and customs, entry requirements, health conditions, and other important travel issues.

Our **Global Issues** page features wide-ranging information on evolving situations of concern to Canadians abroad.

Our daily e-mail **Travel Updates** alert you to changes in our Travel Reports, Warnings, and Global Issues.

Our other **on-line resources** focus on a variety of travel issues, such as documentation, transportation, citizenship, and emergencies.

Wherever you go, wherever you are, visit:

**WWW.TRAVEL.GC.CA**

## DO YOU NEED A VISA?

You need a visa to enter certain countries. The most common categories are business, work, student, and tourist visas. Your travel agent or the country's embassy or

consulate in Canada can advise you of the requirements (see our website for a list of foreign government offices accredited to Canada). **Apply for visas well before travelling.**

Some countries will allow you to enter only if you can prove

you will be leaving and have enough money to support yourself during your stay. Be prepared to show your return or onward ticket, a bank statement, or any visas that demonstrate that you plan to visit another country.

## TRAVEL WITH OR BY CHILDREN

We strongly recommend that youth under 18 who travel alone, with only one parent, or accompanied by another adult carry a consent letter for each trip abroad. Such a letter proves that the trip is permitted by the custodial parent, both parents, or a legal guardian, as the case may be.

Make sure you and/or the child carry proper identification, such as birth certificates, baptismal certificates, passports, citizenship cards, records of landing, or certificates of Indian status. Identification could also include any documents, such as divorce papers or custody court orders, that might be required by the country you intend to visit. These docu-

ments will help prove your citizenship, residency, and custodial rights when you return to Canada.

Your child custody arrangements in Canada may not be recognized in another country. In extreme cases, you or your child may not be allowed to leave that country. Check your status with that country's embassy or consulate in Canada before you travel. If you have custody questions, contact our Consular Case Management Division at **1-800-387-3124** (in Canada) or **613-943-1055**.

For further details, see our fact sheet entitled *Tips for Travelling with Children* or visit **www.travel.gc.ca/child**.

## TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

You should carry a valid Canadian passport for all visits to the United States and Mexico. For detailed information, visit the website of the Canada Border Services Agency at **www.cbsa.gc.ca**.