

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.

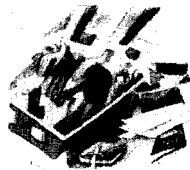
Our **Global Issues** page features wide-ranging information on evolving situations of concern to Canadians abroad.

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.voyage.gc.ca



available at any Passport Canada office, Service Canada centre, Canada Post outlet, or Canadian government office abroad. Forms can also be downloaded from the Passport Canada website at www.passportcanada.gc.ca.

A Passport for Everyone
All Canadian travellers, including children, must have their own passport. This security measure is intended to help protect children and combat abduction, prostitution, and illegal migration. The practice of adding a child's name to a parent's passport is no longer permitted.

Before you leave on your trip, be sure to complete the "In case of accident or death, notify" section (page 4) in your passport. This information will help us to quickly notify your family or friends if an emergency arises.

Processing Time

Canadian travellers should plan ahead and apply for a passport before booking an international flight. To avoid delays in obtaining your passport, ensure your application is complete. Processing times may vary depending on the volume of applications received and, in certain cases,

the complexity of routine verifications and security checks. Consult Passport Canada's website for the latest processing times.

Keep It Safe!

Make photocopies of your passport's identification page and of your identification cards. Keep copies separate from originals when travelling. For added security, leave a copy with a friend or relative at home. We also recommend that you carry your birth or citizenship certificate in addition to your Canadian passport. These simple actions may speed the replacement process if you lose your passport.

Expiration Date

A Canadian passport is generally valid for a five-year period. However, a passport issued to a child under age three is valid for only three years. Before making travel arrangements, be sure to verify all passport expiration dates. If a passport is due to expire within six months of your scheduled return to Canada, check with the destination country's embassy or consulate in Canada for rules and restrictions regarding passport validity. Some countries will not let you enter if your passport is due to expire within six months.

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