

United in Toronto 2005

Getting There

Entry into Canada

From the United States: Although a passport is the ideal identification, a passport or visa to enter Canada is not required at this time. Just make sure you carry identification to establish your citizenship such as a Birth Certificate and least one ID card with photo. Naturalized citizens need naturalization certificates with photo I.D.; permanent residents (who are not citizens) need an alien-registration card.

From Europe: European passport holders do not require a visa to visit Canada. All you need is a valid passport, a return ticket and sufficient funds to support yourself and your dependents during your stay in Canada.

European visitors to Canada who wish to also visit the United States must possess valid passports to be admitted; residents of Portugal are further required to have a visa.

From Other Countries: In general, passports are required however a visa may be required as well.

Visitors from countries other than the U.S. should call for further information: from outside Canada, 800-992-7037; from within Canada, 888-242-2100 or www.canadainternational.gc.ca

IMPORTANT: Travelers using passports will need to present machine-readable passports.

If you have questions about your admissibility to enter Canada, contact your nearest Canadian Embassy or Consulate for consultation.

When entering the country officials will inquire about your visit to Canada. You will want to convey that you are attending a convention/exposition. In this instance terminology is important – be sure to indicate that you will be *attending* – do not say working at the convention/exposition. If you mistakenly respond that you are working at the event a work permit will be required of you.

IMPORTANT: The United in Toronto 2005 event has been officially registered with the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA). A copy of the event's Letter of Recognition can be obtained at www.unitedintoronto2005.com – you will want to travel with a copy of the letter.

Complete details about entering Canada and Customs information can be found at www.travelcanada.ca or www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

Getting to Toronto:

By Air: 40 airlines connect Toronto's two airports – Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Toronto City Centre Airport (YTZ) – to the rest of the world. Pearson Airport is located 16 miles (27 kms) from downtown and is accessible by public transit. The City Centre Airport is located on the Toronto Island and links to the city by shuttle.

Flying Times:

Atlanta, GA	2hrs, 20 min
Boston, MA	1 hr, 30 min
Buffalo, NY	55 min
Calgary, AB	4 hrs
Chicago, IL	1 hr, 30 min
Dallas, TX	3 hrs, 25 min
Detroit, MI	40 min
Halifax, NS	2 hrs
Las Vegas, NV	6 hrs
Los Angeles, CA	5 hrs, 20 min
Montreal, QC	1 hr, 10 min
New York, NY	1 hr, 30 min
Orlando, FL	3 hrs, 30 min

Ottawa, ON	1 hr
Philadelphia, PA	1hr, 30 min
Vancouver, BC	5 hrs, 10 min
Washington DC	1 hr
Winnipeg, WB	2hrs, 30 min
Frankfurt, Germany	7 hrs, 25 min
London, England	7 hrs
Paris, France	7 hrs, 25 min
Rome, Italy	8 hrs
Tokyo, Japan	13 hrs

By Rail: VIA Rail and AMTRAK bring visitors into the heart of the city each day. The Fairmont Royal York is located directly across from Union Train Station and connected by an underground tunnel.

By Road: Several highways, including 2, 401, 407 and the Queen Elizabeth Way, link surrounding cities to Toronto. Nearest Canada-U.S. border crossings are at Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Windsor.

Driving Distances

From the US	
Atlantic City, NJ	567 miles / 912 km
Boston, MA	566 miles / 906 km
Buffalo, NY	96 miles / 154 km
Chicago, IL	534 miles / 854 km
Cleveland, OH	297 miles / 476 km
Detroit, MI	236 miles / 378 km
New York, NY	529 miles / 851 km
Pittsburgh, PA	324 miles / 518 km
Syracuse, NY	244 miles / 390 km
Washington, DC	517 miles / 832 km

Within Canada	
Algonquin Park	179 miles / 288 km
Kingston	165 miles / 266 km
Montreal	338 miles / 545 km
Niagara Falls	78 miles / 125 km
North Bay	215 miles / 346 km
Ottawa	281 miles / 453 km
Quebec City	491 miles / 790 km
Windsor	234 miles / 378 km

Airport/Hotel Transportation: The Fairmont Royal York is located about 20 miles (32km) from the Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ).

Rental Car: There are a variety of car rental agencies located at Pearson Airport. Customers may pick up and return their rental cars on the first and/or the basement level of Terminal 1 parking garage, and/or on the ground level of the parking garages in Terminal 2 and Terminal 3. Thrifty Rent-a-Car is located in the hotel. Pick-up and delivery is available. The concierge can arrange rentals (416-368-2511).

IMPORTANT: If you are picking up a rental car in the U.S. – when making reservations, check on policies regarding crossing foreign borders in a rental car. Find out if your insurance company either limits the coverage amount or refuses coverage on international rentals. If you're planning on using the Collision Damage Waiver provided by your credit card company, be sure to check if they will provide it to you on an international rental. Many won't.

Shuttle Service: Toronto Airport Express <http://www.torontoairportexpress.com>, (905) 564-6333 or (800) 387-6787. The shuttle runs frequently from all three terminals of Pearson International Airport and The Fairmont Royal York is the second stop on the route. From 4:30 am. to 12:30 am. the shuttle leaves The Fairmont Royal York twice per hour - on the hour, and on the half-hour. After 12:30 a.m. the shuttle runs at 2:30am and at 4:30am, after which time the twice per hour service resumes. Tickets can be purchased directly from the driver or online (average one way fare \$15.50 CAD). Terminal Locations: Terminal 1 - Ground Transportation Level (Follow signs to "Ground Transportation") - base of the escalator to the right - sign reads Airport Express; Terminal 2 - Located Curbside at Area #18; Terminal 3 - Located Curbside at Area # 27.

Taxis: The typical taxi fare from the airport to the Royal York is approx. \$40 (CAD) one way.

Limousine/Car Service: provided by Bennington Limousine (800-313-7262). Reference code is "Elevator". Rates for a sedan is \$58 (CAD) from the airport to the hotel and \$49 (CAD) from hotel to airport. (Airport compound charge included.)

Currency and Taxes:

Currency: Toronto's currency is the Canadian Dollar. U.S. dollars are accepted in most Toronto establishments, although change from your transactions will be given in Canadian currency and exchange rates will differ with each merchant. You'll find cash machines/ATM's in most banks, hotels and shopping malls – cash is dispensed in Canadian currency. Traveler's checks and credit cards are accepted at most (but not all) major retailers. Currency exchange is available at banks and kiosks throughout the city, as well as in the airport. The Universal Currency Converter is located at www.xe.com

Taxes: The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a 7% tax that is charged on most goods and services sold or provided in Canada. Purchases made in Toronto are also subject to the 8% Provincial Sales Tax (PST).

Tax Rebates - The good news is, foreign visitors to Canada can apply for a rebate on the GST that is paid on accommodation (up to 30 nights per visit), and on goods purchased in Canada and exported within 60 days of the purchase. Be sure to keep your receipts – you'll need to have them validated by Canada Customs at the airport or border crossing when you leave. For more information about the visitors' tax refund and to obtain an application form, visit www.cra.gc.ca/visitors or call 902-432-5608

Complete details about currency and taxes can be found at

www.torontotourism.com/Visitor/TOEssentials/CurrencyTax.htm