

OTTAWA MUST SEES!



Visit **PARLIAMENT HILL** to see the home of Canada's federal government! Located on a scenic tree-covered promontory overlooking the rolling Ottawa River, the neo-Gothic and Gothic structures were built between 1859 and 1927. The **Parliament Buildings** include East Block, West Block and the most impressive **Centre Block**, which is the one every visitor wants to see! Centre Block is home to the 92.2-metre (302-foot) **Peace Tower**, an intricately carved stone bell tower that keeps time for the city's downtown core

with the help of 53 bells. Take an elevator to the Peace Tower's observation deck to enjoy a dramatic 360-degree view of the city. Guided tours of Centre Block are offered on a daily basis and admission is free. The tour includes visits to the Victorian-style **Library of Parliament**, as well as the **House of Commons** and the **Senate**, where Canada's laws are debated and made. You can also explore the grounds of Parliament Hill on your own, which are home to many statues and the ever-burning **Centennial Flame**. Experience **Northern Lights**, an impressive 30-minute multimedia show set against the backdrop of the iconic Parliament Buildings. The experience takes the audience on an unforgettable journey of sound and light through Canada's history and highlights the country's important milestones. Don't miss this free, bilingual show, presented nightly at 10:00pm!

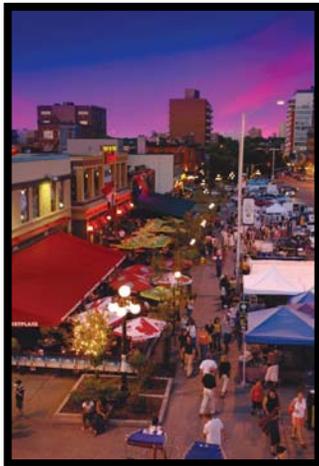


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providing scenic views of downtown Ottawa and a uniquely Canadian skating experience!

Explore the **BYWARD MARKET**, one of the oldest and largest farmers' markets in Canada, which is home to fresh food and **maple syrup** retailers, as well as great restaurants, clubs, bistros, coffee shops and various unique boutiques. Peruse up to 175 outdoor stalls that sell plants, flowers, fruits, vegetables as well as arts and crafts year-round or stroll along Sussex Drive, which is home to many of the city's high-end shops and designers. No matter your budget, the market's retailers have something for the basic souvenir to the expert fashionista shopper. Don't forget to stop at the **BeaverTails** stand, located on George Street. Ottawa is where the delicious, doughy, golden BeaverTails pastry was born in 1978!

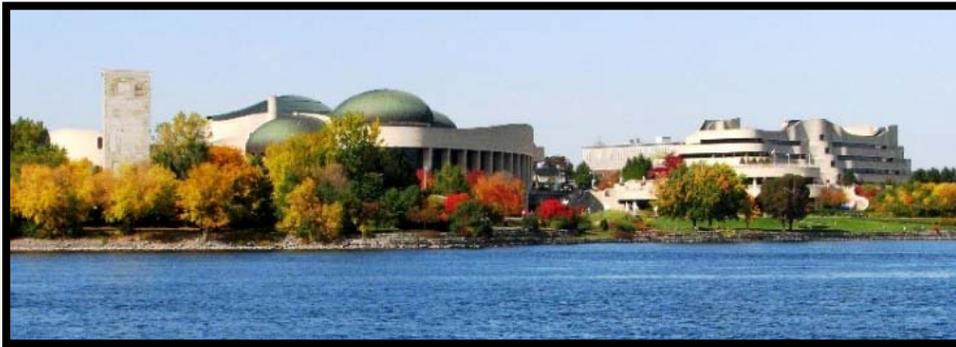


Cross the river into **Gatineau, Québec** to experience the breathtaking views and scenic trails within **GATINEAU PARK**. Covering 36,131 hectares (361 square kilometres), the conservation park lies in an area where the **Canadian Shield** meets the **St. Lawrence Lowlands** and where the Gatineau River meets the Ottawa River. One of the few places in Québec with such rich **biodiversity**, the Park is a sanctuary for more than 100 species of plants and animals at risk. Gatineau Park is the ultimate destination for nature enthusiasts and photographers alike!

As Canada's Capital, Ottawa is home to several



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AWARD-WINNING NATIONAL MUSEUMS

that house some of the country's most priceless treasures. From the world's largest indoor collection of totem poles (**Canadian Museum of History**), to beautiful Indigenous and Canadian

art (**National Gallery of Canada**), to ancient dinosaurs (**Canadian Museum of Nature**), to heroic stories and artifacts from Canada's military past (**Canadian War Museum**), you are sure to find something that will pique your interest. These museums are expansive, providing visitors with a full morning, afternoon or even a full day of discovery and entertainment. A visit to Ottawa isn't complete without seeing at least one of these wonderful museums!

Witness the beauty of 45 majestic floral masterpieces celebrating nature in all its splendor at **MOSAÏCULTURE**, an ephemeral exhibit designed with more than 5.5 million plants. Located at **Jacques Cartier Park** (Gatineau, Québec) See the pinnacle of the Art of Mosaiculture up close and observe the artistic excellence of the world-renown creators behind this unique and grandiose floral showcase. (Opening hours: 10AM-dusk. General Admission: 20\$)



For additional visitor information, please visit:
Capital Information Kiosk (Tourism Info Centre)
90 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON
Hours: 9am-5pm

And online at:
www.ottawatourism.ca

General Information about Ottawa

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- There are two city bus systems in Canada's Capital Region. **OC Transpo** operates in the Ontario side of the Ottawa River and the **Société de Transport de l'Outaouais (STO)** operates on the Québec side. You can transfer between these systems along Rideau and Wellington Streets in Ottawa and around the Place d'accueil on Maisonneuve Boulevard in Gatineau. Both agencies offer convenient trip planning tools on their websites.
- OC Transpo cash fare is \$3.50 which includes unlimited transfers in any direction within 90 min on weekdays and 2 hrs on weekends. STO cash fare is \$4.00 with a 2 hr transfer time. **Buses will only accept exact change.**

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- Ottawa International Airport (YOW) is located ~25 min. drive from downtown Ottawa.
- Recommended travel to-and-from the airport include: Airport taxi-service, ride-sharing, and OC Transpo Route 97-Airport.
- Travelers are recommended to arrive at the airport at least 2 hours before boarding a domestic or U.S. flight and 3 hours before boarding an international flight. Regardless of the departure time, airline personnel and security screening agents will be on hand to assist passengers at least two hours before all flight departures.

OTHER FAQs

- In Canada, sales tax is not included on the listed prices. An additional 13% HST (harmonized sales tax) will be included at the time of sale for most purchases.
- Gratuity (tips) are not included for the service workers in Canada. A typical gratuity add-on of 15% is recommended for all service workers (e.g. restaurant staff, taxis, etc.)
- Smoking is prohibited in any indoor areas to which the public has access (e.g. retail stores, restaurants, hospitals, school campuses). Please respect this by-law by smoking only in designated smoking areas.