



# English-speaking countries. Canada



# Geography

Canada occupies a major northern portion of North America, sharing land borders with the contiguous United States to the south and the U.S. state of Alaska to the northwest, stretching from the Atlantic Ocean in the east to the Pacific Ocean in the west; to the north lies the Arctic Ocean. By total area (including its waters), Canada is the second largest country in the world—after Russia—and largest on the continent. By land area, it ranks second.

The population density, 3.5 inhabitants per square kilometre (9.1/sq mi), is among the lowest in the world

- **The Great Lakes are a collection of freshwater lakes located in eastern North America, on the Canada – United States border. Consisting of Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario, they form the largest group of freshwater lakes on Earth.**

# **A satellite image of the Great Lakes**



# *Niagara Falls*





**What else?**

# History

**First Nation and Inuit traditions maintain that indigenous people have resided on their lands since the beginning of time, while archaeological studies support a human presence in the northern Yukon from 26,500 years ago, and in southern Ontario from 9,500 years ago. Europeans first arrived when the Vikings settled briefly at L'Anse aux Meadows around AD 1000; following the failure of that colony, there was no further attempt at North American exploration until 1497, when John Cabot explored Canada's Atlantic coast for England, followed by Jacques Cartier in 1534 for France.**



# Name of Canada

The name *Canada* comes from a St. Lawrence Iroquoian word, *kanata*, meaning "village" or "settlement". In 1535, indigenous inhabitants of the present-day Quebec City region used the word to direct French explorer Jacques Cartier towards the village of Stadacona. Cartier later used the word *Canada* to refer not only to that particular village, but also the entire area subject to Donnacona (the chief at Stadacona); by 1545, European books and maps had begun referring to this region as *Canada*.



# History

- **The English established fishing outposts in Newfoundland around 1610 and colonized the Thirteen Colonies to the south. A series of four Intercolonial Wars erupted between 1689 and 1763. Mainland Nova Scotia came under British rule with the Treaty of Utrecht (1713); the Treaty of Paris (1763) ceded Canada and most of New France to Britain following the Seven Years' War.**



**What else?**

**Motto: *A Mari Usque Ad  
Mare* (Latin)  
"From Sea to Sea"**

**Canadian Flag**



# Parliament Hill, Ottawa





# **Canadian Provinces**

# Saskatchewan

- Coat of arms



# Ontario

**Motto: *Ut Incepit Fidelis Sic Permanet***

**(Latin)**

**("Loyal she began, loyal she remains")**





**What else?**



# **Canadian Cities**

# Ottawa

**The Parliament  
Building**



**The Royal Canadian  
Mint**



# Ottawa



**This spider is in front of  
The Art Gallery. It cost  
more than 3 million  
Dollars to build it**

# TORONTO





# Quebec City





**What else?**





# **Canadian Animals**

# Canada goose



# North American Beaver





**What else?**