

About Ottawa

Ottawa lies in the Province of Ontario, Canada, nestled on the banks of the majestic Ottawa, Rideau and Gatineau Rivers. A thriving international technology and business centre and a world class tourism and convention destination, Ottawa is rich in culture and heritage with its many national institutions, parklands, waterways and historic architecture. It is home to a large number of foreign embassies and is a recognized centre for both academics and professional training. The city offers an open and welcoming environment to cultures from around the world, providing services in English, French, and a host of other languages. The city's residents enjoy an enviable quality of life that is recognized around the world.

Our vibrant and colourful city will welcome you day and night with a wonderful array of activities and entertainment for all ages, and all interests. Whether your interest is culture, history or simply natural outdoor attractions, Canada's Capital region offers a unique combination of both.

Population

Ottawa is Canada's fourth largest city with over 877,300 residents. While it is large enough to support the finest amenities, such as world-class entertainment venues and shopping districts, Ottawa retains the warmth and charm of a quaint European city.

Climate and Weather

Ottawa's four seasons provide an exhilarating canvas of colour, beauty, and recreational activity. Spring, summer, fall and winter are welcomed, and the changing seasons are an integral part of living in our city.

In Ottawa, fall months bring cool, pleasant temperatures, particularly in September and October. It's the best time of year to catch the spectacular autumn leaves in eastern Canada, and enjoy long hikes in the crisp air.

http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/CAON0512>

Time Zone

Canada encompasses six of the world's 24 time zones. Ottawa, Ontario is within the Eastern Standard Time Zone.

Ottawa Tourism Links:

http://ottawa.ca/visitors/index_en.html

<http://www.ottawatourism.ca/>

<http://www.canadacapital.gc.ca/bins/index.asp>

<http://www.ottawakiosk.com/>

http://www.tourismeoutaouais.com/home/index_e.asp