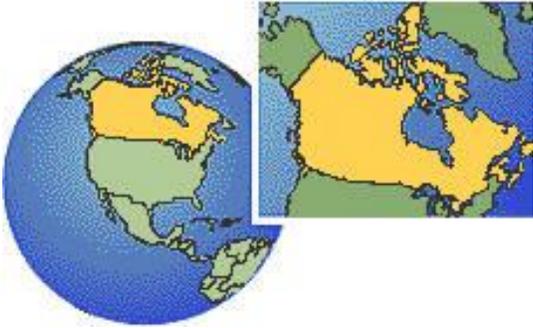


Canada



Canada is a country in North America. It has 10 provinces and 3 territories. It is the second largest country in the whole world, and its' border with the United States is the longest land border shared by two countries.

Canada was originally settled by Aboriginal people, and in the 1400s French and British colonies were formed. As a result of the both the Seven Years' War over in Europe and the French and Indian War in North America, France gave its' colonies over to Great Britain in 1763. Because Canada was colonized by both France and Britain it has two national languages, French and English.

Because Canada is still part of the British Empire it is a Constitutional monarchy with a democratic parliament. Its capital is in Ottawa. Like the United States Canada believes in religious freedom, so you cannot be put in jail for practicing your religion. There are many different religions there, but the majority are Catholic or Protestant Christians.



Canada is the northern most country in North America, and because of that it is much colder than the other countries in North America. Some parts of Canada never completely thaw out and are covered in snow year round.



Because Canada is so much colder than most of the United States, the traditional clothes were much warmer clothing, they wore fur and leather clothing to stay warm. Today they wear much the same clothing we would in the same weather.

Canada is bordered by the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans on the East and West. To the North is the Arctic Ocean. There are 5 big rivers in Canada: Mackenzie, Yukon, Saint Lawrence, Slave, and Nelson. Hudson Bay is a large body of saltwater in the middle of Canada, that is fun to sail on.

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The animals in Canada are well-adapted to the cold weather up there. The arctic hare and arctic fox both have white fur to blend in better with the snow. Their fur grows thick and warm. The caribou also have much thicker fur than the deer down in the United States and their feet are much bigger to walk better in the snow.

Canada eats many foods similar to the United States, but they are especially known for their maple syrups and the many recipes that have maple syrup in them.

Canada is a great friend to its neighbor, the United States, and is great friends with its mother country, the United Kingdom. It would be a fun place to visit someday.