

● **Which famous cities in Canada should people visit and why?**

If you go to Canada, you should see / visit ... Niagara Falls to admire Horseshoe Falls, the most powerful waterfall in North America. / Montreal, which is unique among North American cities because of its history. You can also practise your French there. / Toronto, Canada's largest city and financial centre, a lively, multicultural city. / Vancouver, a city of spectacular natural beauty where the Pacific Ocean meets the Coastal Mountains. It hosted the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. / Calgary, home to The Calgary Stampede, one of the world's largest rodeos known as 'The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth'. / Saint John in New Brunswick, known for the Saint John City Market, which is the oldest continuing farmer's market in Canada.

● **Can you name the provincial capitals of Western Canada? Can you tell me something about them?**

The capital of Alberta is Edmonton. It is known as 'The Festival City' because there are many festivals there every summer. It is the northernmost North American city. / The capital of British Columbia is Victoria. The city is located on Vancouver Island and is called 'a bit of Old England' because of its winding, narrow streets and beautiful gardens. / The capital of Manitoba is Winnipeg. Its name comes from the Cree (a Native Americans tribe) word for 'muddy waters'. The landmark bridge, Esplanade Riel, is located there and is one of only a few bridges in the world that have a restaurant on it. / The capital of Saskatchewan is Regina and it is home to the Wascana Centre, a 9.3 square kilometre park around Wascana Lake.

● **What are the capitals of the Maritime Provinces? Tell me about them.**

The Maritime provinces is a region of Eastern Canada made up of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. The capital of New Brunswick is Fredericton and it is an educational centre. It has two universities, one of which, the University of New Brunswick, founded in 1785, is the oldest public university in North America. / The capital of Nova Scotia is Halifax. Here you can walk along the waterfront and enjoy the annual Tall Ships Festival. / The capital of Prince Edward Island is Charlottetown, known as the 'Birthplace of Confederation' – the site of the first gathering of Canadian statesmen who officially established the Canadian Confederation on July 1, 1867, which included the four provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

● **Can you name the remaining three provincial capitals? What are they famous for?**

The capital of Newfoundland and Labrador is St. John's. It is the oldest English-founded city in North America. Its famous landmark, Signal Hill, overlooks St. John's and it is the location of Cabot Tower, where the first transatlantic wireless transmission was received in 1901. / The capital of Ontario is Toronto. It's a modern city with about 2.6 million residents, making it the fifth most populous city in North America. / The capital of Quebec is Quebec City. This historic city's most famous landmark is the Château Frontenac, a hotel which dominates the skyline. The ramparts surrounding Old Quebec are the only remaining fortified city walls that still exist in the Americas north of Mexico, and are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

● **What famous landmarks are there in Ottawa, the capital city of Canada?**

Ottawa is where Canada's Parliament Buildings are located, overlooking the Ottawa River. The prime minister's home, 24 Sussex Drive, is Ottawa's equivalent to No. 10 Downing Street. It is not open to the public, but across the street is the Rideau Hall, home to the Governor General, the Queen's representative in Canada, which is open to the public. The Rideau Canal snakes downtown from the Ottawa River. It is the oldest continuously operated canal system in North America and is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The National Gallery of Canada is one of Canada's premier art galleries with a lot of Native and Inuit art.

● **Can you name the capital cities of the three territories? What do you know about them?**

The capital of the Northwest Territories is Yellowknife, located approximately 400km south of the Arctic Circle. Yellowknife was first settled in 1935, after gold was found in the area. / The capital of Nunavut is Iqaluit. Iqaluit is the newest territorial capital (selected in 1995). It has a population of only about 6,700. / The capital of Yukon is Whitehorse. The climate is milder than other comparable northern communities, but winter days are short and summer days have 20 hours of daylight. The midnight sun and northern lights are attractions in these northern cities.



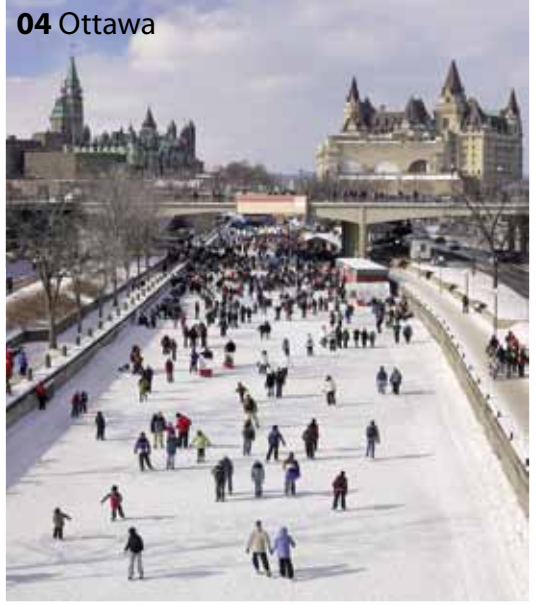
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