

The climate

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Canada, south of Greenland, is a country that swings easily between harsh winters and sweltering summers. Therefore, the most pleasant season for travelling in Canada is autumn, even if the soul of the country is better discovered in winter.

In the east of the country, including Quebec, the winter is very long, lasting from November to late April. It is especially long and harsh as you head further inland and northward. Therefore, Canada is the perfect country for winter sports, with many resorts in the Rockies and near Quebec.

In the west of the country the winters are less harsh, but winds remain strong. It is advisable to avoid travelling during late winter and early spring, between March and May, as the snow is thawing and the areas and cities are very muddy.

In spring the days quickly become increasingly hot and even stifling in some areas like the Central Plains. Despite this heat, the nights are still fresh, and generally too cold for swimming.

In autumn the colours of the maple leaves emerge and the climate is mild before the arrival of the cold weather in November.

The temperatures in Canada

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Whitehorse	-13	-9	-1	7	13	19	21	19	12	4	-6	-11
	-22	-19	-12	-5	1	5	8	7	2	-3	-13	-19
Calgary	-3	0	4	11	17	20	23	22	18	12	3	-1
	-15	-12	-8	-2	3	7	10	9	4	-1	-8	-13
Vancouver	7	7	10	14	17	0	22	22	19	14	9	7
	3	3	5	7	9	12	14	15	12	8	5	3
Montreal	-6	-4	2	11	19	24	27	25	20	13	5	-2
	-14	-12	-6	2	9	14	17	15	11	4	-1	-10
Halifax	0	0	4	9	14	19	23	23	19	13	8	3
	-8	-8	-4	1	5	10	14	15	12	6	1	-5
Toronto	-1	0	5	11	18	23	26	25	21	14	7	2
	-7	-6	-2	4	10	15	18	17	13	7	2	-4