# Canada

The name Canada came from original inhabitants, which were Indians. The called this country “Kanata” which means “village”.

## Government type and administration

The capital city of Canada is **Ottawa**. The biggest city is **Toronto**. Canadian anthem is called **“Oh, Canada”**.

Canada has its own **flag**. It has red coloured stripes on the left and right. These stripes represent two oceans, which enclose Canada. In the middle, there is white stripe, which represent snow on the north of the Canada. On the white stripe, there is red maple leaf. Maple leaf is national symbol of Canada, red colour represent blood of the Canadians, who died during wars.

Canada is member of some **Word organization**, for example UNESCO and NATO.

Canada is an **independent federal parliamentary system** with Queen Elizabeth II. Another person with big political power in this country is Prime Minister.

Canada is spited into **10 provinces and 2 territories**. The biggest province is Quebec.

## Geography

Canada is on northern part of North America. It is the second largest country in the Word. Neighbours of Canada are USA and Alaska. **Canada’s border is the biggest undefended border** in the Word. Whit USA is Canada connected among orders by **Great Lakes Area**. The great Lakes Area is the largest area of fresh water in the world. It is also awesome place for **tourists**, because there are *Niagara’s falls*.

Canada has also large mountain areas, for example the **Rocky Mountains**. The highest mountain is **Mt. Logan**.

Canada has **various climates**. On the north, there is very cold tundra with very low temperatures up to -50 Celsius degrees. More south, there are **prairies**. On the east an west, there is moderate climate.

## People

Canada has around **25 millions inhabitants**, which is quite little, considering Canada’s size, which is near to **10 millions square kilometres**.

89% of Canada’s land has no permanent population. 80% of Canadians live in centres located around **300 kilometres around south border**. I think that’s because they want to be close to USA and also because there is too much cold on the south.

**Many of Canadians came from Great Britain and also from France.** The others are either from either Europe countries or Eskimos and Indians. Most used language is English, but there is also big representation of **French – around 30%**.

## History

The original inhabitants came to Canada **before 10 000 – 25 000 years ago from Asia**. The first Europeans were Vikings who discovered Canada **circa before thousand years**. First country, which landed on Canada’s cost, was **England** (but the sailor was Italian). Since 16th century, large territory was occupied by French. Unfortunately French lost Canada during wars with England. So since 1867 Canada is British’s colony but it have its own government.

## National economy

Almost half the land area of Canada is covered by forests; only 7% of it is suitable for farming. **Canada is also big producer of wheat.**

**Canada is very rich in natural resources** – gold, uranium and other expensive metals but also gases and oils. **32% of population work in services**, which is level of living criterion in countries. 35% work in manufacturing and trade.

**Gross national product of Canada is more then 12 000 US dollars**. For comparison: in Czech Republic, there is GNP more then 20 000. Gross national product is summary cash value of all products and services, created by country inhabitants.

