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Most Canadian cities and major towns have an efficient public transport system, and good cycle paths are found in urban areas. A large network of buses provides the main transport network for urban areas but other modes of transport are available. For example, Toronto has the Subway, Montreal has the Metro, and Vancouver has its Sky Train and Ottawa the O-Train. Fares are reasonable, and transit tickets and flexible transit passes are readily available for monthly, daily or multi-day travel.

Transit through Canada

You may need to transit through Canada on your way to another country. The document you need to transit through Canada depends on:

- how you will travel through Canada (by air, car, bus, train, boat, including cruise ship)
- how long it'll take you to transit through Canada
- the nationality of your passport
- other factors, such as whether you are a permanent resident of the United States or a US visa holder

To find out if you need a visa, you can

- answer a few questions, or
- review the options below

Visitor visa

You need a visitor visa if you are from a visa-required country and you plan to:

- visit Canada (even if you're travelling by air and it's for less than 48 hours)
- stay in Canada more than 48 hours while transiting

You also need a visitor visa if you are from a visa-required country and you are crossing the border by:

- bus
- car
- train
- boat
- cruise ship

Transit visa

You need a transit visa if you are from a visa-required country and:

- your international flight stops at a Canadian airport on its way to another country
- you'll be connecting between 2 international flights at a Canadian airport

- you'll transit through Canada in 48 hours or less
- you don't have a valid visitor visa

eTA

You need an eTA to transit through Canada by air if you're from an eTA-required country.

You do not need an eTA if you are transiting through Canada and you enter by train, bus, boat or cruise ship. You do need to bring the right travel documents.

Passport holders of certain countries

You may be able to transit without a visa if you hold a passport from one of the following countries and you meet certain conditions:

- China
- Indonesia
- Philippines
- Thailand or
- Taiwan (holder of passport without an personal identification number)

Sources: <https://www.canada.ca> / <https://www.angloinfo.com>