



**Otázka:** Canada

**Jazyk:** Angličtina

**Přidal(a):** Nat

**AREA:** 9,984,670 km<sup>2</sup>

**LANGUAGE:** The official English and French

**CURRENCY:** Canadian dollar

**FLAG:** red and white are the official colours of Canada while the maple leaf has long been a Canadian emblem.

**CAPITAL:** Ottawa

**HEAD OF STATE:** is the British monarch represent by the Governor-General, usually appointed for a 5 years term by the Canadian cabinet.

#### **GEOGRAPHY:**

Canada borders on the USA in the south and on Arctic Ocean in the north.

Its area is almost 10 million square kilometres which makes it the second largest country in the world. It is divided into ten provinces and two territories : Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Québec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory.

Canada is famous for its varied and beautiful countryside, especially near the Great Lakes in the south-east and the Slave and Bear Lakes in the north-west. Visitors to Canada are eager to see Niagara Falls which are to be found between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

Canada also has high mountain ranges, such as the Rocky mountains and the Mackenzie Mountains. There are about thirty national parks in Canada, one of being Jasper National Park in Alberta.

### **CLIMATE:**

Mostly continental, with warm summers and cold winters. But it is arctic in the north : winter temperatures fall to minus 50°C.

### **POLITICAL SYSTEM:**

Canada has a parliamentary system within the context of a constitutional monarchy, the monarchy of Canada being the foundation of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The sovereign is Queen Elizabeth II, who also serves as head of state of 15 other Commonwealth countries and each of Canada's ten provinces. As such, the Queen's representative, the Governor General of Canada, carries out most of the federal royal duties in Canada. The direct participation of the royal and viceregal figures in areas of governance is limited. In practice, their use of the executive powers is directed by the Cabinet, a committee of ministers of the Crown responsible to the elected House of Commons and chosen and headed by the Prime Minister of Canada, the head of government.

### **POPULATION:**

The Vikings discovered Canada more than thousand years ago, but it was rediscovered by Europeans only in the 15th century. The French occupied large parts of the territory in the 16th century. They were followed by the English who captured most of Canada from the French in the wars of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

Now the population of Canada is more than 26 million people. There are also native Canadians-



Indians and Inuits (also called Eskimos) – in Canada. Indians probably gave the country its name: one of their tribes used the word „kanata“ for settlement.

Most of the inhabitants are concentrated near the border with the USA by the St Lawrence River where the first French colonists settled.

### **CANADA DAY:**

National day of Canada, a federal statutory holiday celebrating the anniversary of the July 1, 1867, enactment of the British North America Act, 1867 (today called the Constitution Act, 1867), which united three colonies into a single country called *Canada* within the British Empire. Originally called Dominion Day, the name was changed in 1982, the year the Canada Act was passed. Canada Day observances take place throughout Canada as well as by Canadians internationally.

In many towns and cities, municipal governments organize a range of events, often outdoors. These include pancake breakfasts, parades, concerts, carnivals, festivals, firework displays and citizenship ceremonies for new Canadian citizens. The celebrations often have a patriotic mood. Canada's national flag is widely displayed and a lot of people paint their faces red and white, which are Canada's national colors. The celebrations in Ottawa.

### **ECONOMY:**

Canada's economy is traditionally based on natural resources and agriculture. Canada is the world's second largest exporter of wheat.

Not all territory is suitable for planting corn and vegetables: some areas are even too remote for people to live in. Forest covers 44% of the land area. Coal, oil and gas, silver, gold and other important areas are found in Canada.

The leading industrial provinces is Ontario, accounting for more than half of the total country's production. Principle products include automobiles, textiles, processed foods, electronic, aircraft.. Transportation plays a key role in Canada where distances are great. The east-west Canadian Pacific railway built in 1885 and the Canadian National railway. Canada's major highways in the



Trans-Canada route. Vancouver is one of its major ports.