

# Fun Facts About Canada



We may be known as the Great White North, but we're also green and blue! Did you know Canada has [more lakes](#) than the rest of the world combined and is home to 10% of the world's forests? Some of its national parks are bigger than entire countries!



Wild about wildlife: Canada is home to [2.4 million caribou](#) and [15,500 of the world's 25,000 polar bears](#), not to mention home to [22 different species of whales](#).



Canada's [Great Trail](#), a network of trails stretching across the country from coast-to-coast-to-coast, is the longest recreational trail in the world. At 24,000km of land- and water-based trail, it's longer than the Great Wall of China (8,851km).



Canada is made for outdoor adventurers. Did you know you can [raft-surf the world's highest tides](#) at the Bay of Fundy, [paddle with orcas](#) in British Columbia, [track the largest caribou migration](#) in Nunavut or [kayak past icebergs and humpback whales](#) in Newfoundland and Labrador?



Canada is known as a diverse nation that's welcoming to immigrants. In 2016, over 250 ethnic ancestries were reported by the Canadian population, contributing to a rich and vibrant culture and culinary scene.



Well-educated: More than [half of Canadians have earned college degrees](#), making it the world's most educated nation.



Canada is home to North America's only remaining walled city—the historic neighbourhood of [Old Quebec](#), also the first city in North America to be placed on [UNESCO's World Heritage Sites](#) list.



Canada has the world's most northern settlement: [Alert](#), Nunavut, just shy of the North Pole. That's why [Santa has his own Canada Post postal code](#) here, (H0H 0H0), where kids can send him letters at Christmas (he responds).



Can you guess [Canada's most played sport](#)? Perhaps a bit surprising, it's golf, followed by the beloved national pastime, ice hockey.



Canada produces 70% of [the world's maple syrup](#) — and nearly all of it comes from Quebec maples.



Canadians love their poutine, but are crazy about decadent dough rings! Canada has the [most doughnut shops](#) per capita in the world and its people consume the most doughnuts of anywhere else in the world.



[Ottawa](#), Canada's capital region, houses the country's most precious cultural treasures. Eight of Canada's nine [national museums and galleries](#) are located here. The ninth is the [Canadian Museum for Human Rights](#) in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Canada is home to the longest running ballet company in North America – the internationally renowned [Royal Winnipeg Ballet](#) in Manitoba is the oldest ballet company in Canada.



[Canada is the number 1 travel destination in the world](#), according to *Travel + Leisure* magazine (2017) (and [Lonely Planet](#)), singled out for its unspoiled landscapes, dynamic cities, cultural institutions and welcoming spirit.

