

## Oh, Canada: Facts and Trivia

- *Kanata* is the St. Lawrence-Iroquoian word for "village" or "settlement."
- Canada is the second largest country in the world, with 9,971,000 square kilometres of land.
- The Canadian motto, *A Mari Usque ad Mare*, means "From sea to sea."
- The baseball glove was invented in Canada in 1883.
- With a population density of 8.6 people per square mile, Canada is the ninth-most sparsely populated nation in the world.
- Vancouver Canada is tied with Zurich Switzerland for the highest quality of life of any city in the world.
- The world's smallest jail is believed to be in Rodney, Ontario, Canada. It is only 24.3 square meters (about 270 square feet).
- Canada has the ninth biggest economy of the world
- Canada contains 9% of the world's renewable water supply.
- Contrary to popular opinion, Canada does not own the North Pole. In fact, the North Pole is not owned by any country. It is believed, however, that Santa Claus is from Canada.
- The border between Canada and the United States is officially known as the International Boundary. At 5,525 miles, including 1,538 miles between Canada and Alaska, it is the world's longest border between two nations.
- Canada is the home of many great inventions, including: basketball, the electric light bulb, the electronic organ, insulin, the IMAX film system, snowmobile, the electron microscope, standard time, the television, the telephone, and the zipper.
- Hockey and lacrosse are Canada's national sports. The modern game of ice hockey was developed in Canada, based on games that have been played since the tenth century. The rules were first published in the *Montreal Gazette* in 1877.
- Canadians consume more macaroni and cheese than any other nation on earth.
- There haven't been mail deliveries on a Saturday in Canada for the past 35 years.
- The oldest person in Canada was Marie-Louise Meilleur. She was born in Kamouraska, Quebec on August 29, 1880 and died on April 16, 1998 at age 117.