Ottawa
Ottawa is Canada’s capital and the country’s fourth largest city with a population of approximately 900,000 people living within the city limits. While English and French are the predominate languages, you will hear many others spoken on the streets.

**Popular Attractions**

- Parliament Buildings
- Canadian War Museum
- National Gallery of Canada
- Museum of Civilization
- National Arts Centre of Canada
- Byward Market

**Must Sees – Must Dos**

- Rideau Canal
- Tulip Festival
- Scotia Bank Place
- Rideau Skateway
- Winterlude Festival
- Rideau Centre
Ottawa is a large, multicultural city with the warmth and welcome of a smaller town. Here, you can delve into history, art, Canadian culture and politics. Diversity characterises so much of Ottawa.

**Parliament Buildings**
http://www.parl.gc.ca/Visitors/index-e.asp

Visiting the buildings and grounds of Parliament Hill will not disappoint you. As a site of architectural beauty, historical significance and federal decision-making, the Hill belongs not only to those who work here, but to all Canadians.

**Museum of Civilization**
http://www.civilization.ca/cmc/home

The Canadian Museum of Civilization spreads four floors of display space and an IMAX® theatre. The galleries house a mix of permanent and changing exhibits.

The many galleries present exhibitions relating to Canada’s First Peoples, sights and sounds from the country’s past, as well as three galleries devoted to changing exhibitions.

Outside the Museum building itself, there are various outdoor exhibits that are accessible when weather permits.

**ByWard Market**
http://www.byward-market.com/

An historic farmers’ market and shopping district by day, a favourite gathering place of restaurants and clubs by night - the ByWard Market is the oldest and largest public market and is just east of Parliament Hill and one Ottawa neighbourhood you won’t want to miss.

"The Market", as it’s known to locals, is a favoured shopping district not only for fresh produce, but for a wide range of fashion, décor and specialty shops. From casual outdoor cafés to more upscale dining and nightlife, the Market offers something for every taste.
**Canadian War Museum**  
[http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/home](http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/home)

An entirely new and must-see attraction, this national museum presents Canada's military past and how it shaped the country. Its outstanding exhibitions explain Canada’s rich military history from earliest times to the present, featuring the experiences of people on the battlefields and at home.

With its spectacular location beside the Ottawa River and its stunning architectural design, innovative exhibitions and public programmes, the Canadian War Museum is a military history museum of international stature.

**National Arts Centre**  

The National Arts Centre is the foremost showcase for the performing arts. Working with countless artists, both emerging and established, from across Canada and around the world, The NAC collaborates with scores of other arts organizations across the country.

The NAC is the only multidisciplinary, bilingual performing arts centre in North America, and one of the largest in the world, featuring performing arts fields such as classical music, English theatre, French theatre, dance, variety, and community programming.

**National Gallery of Canada**  

The National Gallery of Canada is one of the world’s most respected art institutions, renowned for its exceptional collections, revered for its scholar’s hip, and applauded for its unique ability to engage audiences of all ages and all levels of artistic knowledge. Created in 1880, the National Gallery of Canada is among the oldest of Canada's national cultural institutions.
You can explore the diversity of Ottawa’s multicultural neighbourhoods and hunt for local and exotic treasures. And you can wander through the green and pastoral parks and visit the rural areas of the city. Come to Ottawa and experience Canada’s capital city.

### Rideau Canal


The Rideau Canal Waterway is a boater’s paradise, attracting pleasure boats from across North America to travel its 202 kilometre length. The Rideau Canal, a National Historic Site of Canada, consists of a series of beautiful lakes and rivers connected by canals.

It stretches from Kingston, at the foot of Lake Ontario, to Ottawa, Canada’s capital and it is arguably the most scenic waterway in North America. Whether you visit by boat, car, bicycle or on foot, the Rideau has something for you.

### Rideau Canal Skateway


Grab your skates and explore the Rideau Canal Skateway! In winter, the historic Rideau Canal becomes the world’s largest skating rink. The ice extends 7.8-kilometres and runs through the heart of downtown Ottawa.

### Tulip Festival

[http://www.tulipfestival.ca/](http://www.tulipfestival.ca/)

The Canadian Tulip Festival is a national festival and a Canadian cultural touchstone for over 60 years. The Tulip Festival has recently achieved coveted recognition as one of the top 10 events in Canada, and one of the top 100 events in North America.
**Winterlude**


Celebrate the joys of winter at Winterlude, with three fun-filled weekends in February. Canada’s favourite winter activities are featured across Ottawa and Gatineau at this annual event.

Skate on the world’s largest skating rink, check out the ice sculpture competitions or play at North America’s largest snow playground. There’s fun for the entire family, and all sites are open on Family Day.

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**Rideau Centre**

[http://www.rideaucentre.net/](http://www.rideaucentre.net/)

If you’re looking for great shopping in Ottawa, look no further than the Rideau Centre... 180 of the biggest names in fashion, beauty, accessories, electronics and entertainment and more in the heart of downtown Ottawa. Come see what’s in store!

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**Scotiabank Place**


The greatest games. The biggest shows. Your First Place Experience. The best times in the nation’s capital happen here. Take an in-depth look at Ottawa-Gatineau’s world-class entertainment venue and find out why Scotiabank Place™ is The Place To Be.

Home to the NHL Ottawa Senators and host to hundreds of amazing talent! Lady Gaga, Rihanna, Harlem Globetrotters, Nickelback, Black Eyed Peas, Justin Bieber, Brittany Spears, Avril Lavigne, Blue Man Group and Cirque du Soleil, to name a few.