

HELLO Canada



Canada is a country of _____ (NORM) distances and stretches across six time zones. It occupies an area of almost 10 mln km², making it the largest country _____ the Western Hemisphere. Canada is _____ (SLIGHT) larger than the US, but 18 times the size of France. The _____ (NATION) motto "From Sea to Sea" reflects the size of the nation, as the country quite literally stretches _____ the Pacific Ocean on its western coast _____ the Atlantic Ocean in its east. Some people have even suggested adding a third "to Sea" _____ the phrases to show that the country touches the Arctic Ocean _____ the north as well. Of all its provinces and territories, only two are landlocked while the others _____ (DIRECT) border one of the oceans. In fact, Canada has the longest coastline - 243.042 km. _____ a pace of about 20 km a day, it would take a person 33 years to walk its shorelines.

Canada borders Alaska _____ the west and shares nearly 9.000 km of land border _____ twelve states of the _____ (CONTINENT) US _____ the south. That's the longest binational border in the world! It also has maritime borders _____ Greenland and some islands belonging _____ France.

Canada's diverse landscape features majestic western mountains, rolling central plains, forested eastern valleys, and more than 2 million lakes. Would you believe it has just under 1 mln km² of fresh water? That's why _____ total area, Canada is the second largest country in the world (after Russia) but _____ land area alone it ranks fourth.

The country is divided _____ several _____ (GEOGRAPHY) regions. The largest one is the Canadian Shield, a hilly region of lakes and swamps, which covers half the country. It is known _____ its vast mineral resources and is also called the country's mineral house. 12 percent of the land area of Canada is covered _____ forests. In a recent World Health _____ (ORGANIZE) study, the country ranked third among the countries with the cleanest air _____ the planet. The south-eastern region of Canada is dominated by lowlands. Western Canada has a lot of volcanoes and is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire. The country's Far North lies above the Arctic Circle and is synonymous with ice, snow and glaciers. It is also known _____ the land of the midnight sun and _____ (NORTH) Lights.