

# Canada

Beautiful mountains, lots of forests, and 879,800 lakes<sup>1</sup>. This is Canada! Let's learn more about this country!

**Capital:** Ottawa / **Language:** English, French / **Money:** Canadian dollar (1 CAD = about 16 CZK)

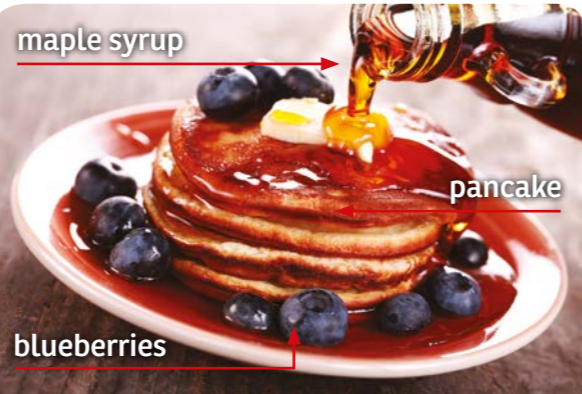
**Head of State:** King Charles III (head of the UK and the Commonwealth); the Governor General is the representative of the king in Canada.

Canada is a big country in North America. It's bigger\* than<sup>2</sup> the USA and bigger than 126 Czech Republics. But fewer<sup>3</sup> than 40 million people live there. The official languages are English and French.

## People

Canadians are people of many nations, eg, English, Scottish, Irish, French, and Asians, too. Native\*\*\* Canadians are called First nation\*\*\*\*. They make up 4% of the people who live in Canada. Inuit are people who live in the Arctic.

Inuit



maple syrup

pancake

blueberries



Poutine

## Food

The Canadian flag<sup>4</sup> has a red maple<sup>5</sup> leaf<sup>6</sup> in the centre. Canadians make syrup from maple trees. Most maple syrup comes from Quebec. One tree can make 57 litres of syrup. It's very sweet, but also good for your health. People like it with blueberries on waffles and pancakes.

A popular Canadian dish is called poutine. You can make it quickly. You need French fries\*\*, cheese curds<sup>7</sup> and gravy<sup>8</sup>. It's so yummy!

## Sports

Canadians love hockey. There are 2,800 ice-hockey rinks<sup>9</sup>. The national\*\*\* summer sport is lacrosse.

## National Parks

Canada has 41 national parks. The first one is Banff, in Alberta. There you can enjoy beautiful views<sup>10</sup> of the Rocky Mountains and lakes. You can see lots of animals: the Canadian national animal – the beaver<sup>11</sup> – or a grizzly bear!

## Weather

In cities, where most people live, it's hot in summer (up to 35°C) and cold in winter (-20°C). But it can be -63°C in Yukon.

Lacrosse



### MATCH

Match the words.

1. poutine

2. lacrosse

3. beaver

a. sport

b. animal

c. food

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 July is Canada Day.
- Canada celebrates Thanksgiving in October.
- Justin Bieber, Drake, Ryan Reynolds, Eliot (Ellen) Page are Canadians.

### FUN FACTS

You can find more information about Canada in this video.

Go to You Tube:



### LANGUAGE NOTE

\* big – bigger – the biggest / \*\* French fries (Am. E.) x chips (Br. E.)  
\*\*\* native – domorodý / nation – národ / national – národní

### VOCABULARY

<sup>1</sup> lake [leɪk] – jezero | <sup>2</sup> than [ðən] – než | <sup>3</sup> fewer ['fju:ə] – méně | <sup>4</sup> flag [flæg] – vlajka | <sup>5</sup> maple ['meɪpl] – javor | <sup>6</sup> leaf [li:f] – list | <sup>7</sup> cheese curds [tʃi:z kɜ:dz] – sýrové žmolky | <sup>8</sup> gravy ['grɛvɪ] – šťáva z masa | <sup>9</sup> rink [rɪŋk] – kluziště | <sup>10</sup> view [vju:] – pohled | <sup>11</sup> beaver ['bi:və] – bobr