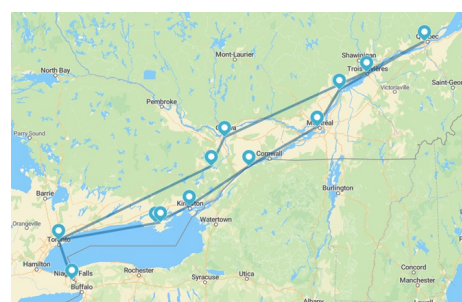




Canada, 11 Days · Tailor-made by car

The Canadian East Route

Set out on our popular self-drive trip around Lower and Upper Canada, discovering the urban centres and rural splendour of Ontario and Quebec while soaking up the English and French heritage of Canada. Few tours can claim to stop off at Canada's four big cities. Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal are all awaiting you! Toronto is the most modern Canadian city, boasting exceptional views from the CN Tower and offering the chance to enjoy fascinating ice hockey or baseball games. Ottawa is the true reflection of the country: everything is clean and tidy, with the city perfectly blending in with nature. Hence the sheer number of pedestrian areas, such as Parliament Hill or Sparks Street, as well as the vast parks and the culinary delights found at the city's food markets. The typical Canadian dishes are Tourtière and Poutine, which are true delights, as are all the dishes that follow the local maxim of "farm to table". This truly comes to light in Quebec, the most French of the cities that you'll visit. Strolling around Petit Champlain, along Rue du Trésor or around Place Royale will remind you of Paris. So much so that you can visit the city's very own Notre Dame. Just like the French capital, Quebec is full of life, artists and bohemians. Montreal, on the other hand, is the city of cool. You'll love its hippy, gay, Chinese and Latino neighbourhoods. Very close to here are the most impressive waterfalls in the country: the Chutes-Montmorency. They're 30 metres higher than the Niagara Falls, which you can also visit to make a comparison. They are a prodigy of nature, just like the Natural Parks of Jacques Cartier or Mauricie, which will give you a fascinating insight into the animal and plant world of Canada. Last but not least, you can take a trip out to Toronto Islands or a cruise around Thousand Islands to get another perspective of the country. Enjoy an unforgettable trip!



NATURE

FAMILIES

Departure date: Departures from June 2026 till May 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - TORONTO

Flight departure from the city of origin to Toronto. Upon arrival at the airport and, after collecting your luggage, head to the car rental offices to sign the contract and pick up your car. The rest of the day is at your leisure to start exploring this cosmopolitan city. Soak up the many facets of this destination with its fascinating melting pot of multicultural neighbourhoods: from Chinatown and Little Italy to Greektown and Little Portugal, you'll discover many worlds within a single city. In the evening, make sure you visit the theatre district, which is the third largest in the world and the venue for modern musicals and traditional plays. Overnight stay in Toronto.

● DAY 2 · TORONTO - NIAGARA FALLS - TORONTO

Today, you can continue exploring the city of Toronto or head southwards, skirting the rugged Niagara Escarpment and cutting through the orchards and vineyards of the Niagara Peninsula. Toronto is one of the country's most interesting cities, so it's important to organise yourself well to take advantage of your time here. That's why we recommend going first to the Niagara Falls, one of the world's most famous natural attractions, and then planning out your visit to the city depending on the time that you have available. To give you an idea, it takes just over an hour to drive to the Niagara Falls. The time you spend here will depend on whether you want to experience the Maid of the Mist, which usually lasts around two hours. (Note: The Maid of the Mist is a boat that takes you (sensibly) close up to the Falls. You can also admire this impressive place by helicopter, service not included). Tip: get up early to be the first there, enjoy the waterfalls without hundreds of tourists and their cameras, and then head back to Toronto for lunch. (Note: On your way back, you can stop off to discover the historic village of Niagara-on-the-Lake and explore its fantastic shops and boutiques). Back in Toronto, there are endless options that will complement yesterday's visit. You could have lunch in Chinatown or a bite to eat at Kensington Market or St. Lawrence Market. If you want to take advantage of your time in the city to go shopping, the most original purchases can be made at probably the most fascinating store you'll have ever seen: Honest Ed's. The most modern part of the city is located in the financial district. This is located in Downtown, around King St and the Waterfront. However, if you've come in the search of art, make sure you visit the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario. Whether you're travelling in winter or any of the other seasons, a must-see is the PATH. Obviously, in the colder seasons you'll spend more time strolling around Toronto's underground city, which is also perfect for covering short distances without taking the car. If you love castles, you'll find a fascinating one in Toronto. Yes, yes, you heard right. The Casa Loma is a mansion with outstanding gardens which, amid so much modernity, reminds visitors of how people lived in the city not so long ago. There are also many evening attractions in Toronto. Check out beforehand whether your visit coincides with a baseball game at the Rogers Centre or an ice hockey match at the Air Canada Centre, to watch the Maple Leafs win at home in the country's national sporting obsession. Tickets for both sports are neither cheap nor easy to get hold of, but they will open the door to one of Canada's biggest social and sporting spectacles. The sunset is one of the best moments to admire the impressive city skyline. There are a few options for this, such as taking the Toronto Islands ferry or heading up to the CN Tower observation platform. When you've marvelled at the sun going down, you can head over to the Distillery District. It's popular because its once-derelict old buildings have now become the place to be in the city. You can have a drink alongside the coolest people in Toronto. Overnight stay in Toronto.

DAY 3 · TORONTO - OTTAWA (OPTIONAL VISIT TO TORONTO ISLANDS)

The journey to Ottawa is quite long. In fact, you'll need around 4 hours or so to cover the 450 kilometres between the two cities. So, before leaving Toronto, we suggest you choose one of the options on offer today. You could, for example, head out to the Toronto Islands, a trip that will make you a lifelong lover of this city. You can visit at any time of the year, but the best months are between April and October, when you can enjoy all the attractions and when the weather is usually kind to the visitor. The main island is Centre Island, so, knowing that you have to drive to Ottawa later, it's good to choose the ferry schedule that best suits you. It departs every 15 minutes from the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal, where there's also a convenient car park. The most typical thing is to rent a bike once on the island and cycle to the places that interest you the most. Remember that one of the best ways to see the Toronto skyline is from the ferry to the Toronto Islands, so if yesterday you chose to go up to the CN Tower, make sure you charge up your phone today, as there'll be hundreds of photo opportunities. And also take your swimwear with you, as there are beaches over there. You can rent a kayak if you want to explore the coastline of the island. It's a wonderful experience. Whether you've hired a bike or decided to hike, you'll have access to the lighthouse, to the jetty, and to forests, parks and gardens that you'll never forget. Enjoy everything at a leisurely pace (you're on holiday, after all), but do keep an eye on the time, though. It's a good idea to be at the port 20 minutes before your boat leaves to make sure it's not full, and to return your bike if you've rented one. In just under 15 minutes you'll be back in Toronto, ready to have a bite to eat and hit the road over to Ottawa. Whether you've chosen the Toronto Islands option or not, on the way to your final destination of the day you'll be skirting Lake Ottawa at all times, home to the greatest attraction of this tour: the Thousand Islands. This is the second choice for the day. If you wish, you can take a boat from Kingston, Gananoque or Brockville. All three options are good. There are ninety-minute cruises and other three-hour cruises, but the most important thing is that they'll give you the chance to discover some of the most beautiful islands on this northeastern shore of Lake Ottawa. This isn't really compatible with a visit to the Toronto Islands for questions of time, so unless you're super-organised, you'll have to leave it until your visit to Kingston nearer the end of the tour. Whether you decide on this trip or continue on your journey with a stop-off, you'll arrive in the capital of Canada late in the day. (Note: From Toronto, you can drive north along the Rideau Heritage Route and intermittently skirt the Rideau River. This will take you through riverside villages such as Smiths Falls and Edmond's Lock. Many of them have locks that let boats navigate the natural elevation change along the river). Overnight stay in Ottawa.

DAY 4 · OTTAWA

Today, we're waking up in Ottawa. When you step out of the hotel, you'll instantly see a clean and well-organised city. This is Ottawa, a true reflection of what the country is like. Modern and open to the world, but embracing the most beautiful nature you could ever imagine. As you'll soon notice, the city is pretty big and you'll appreciate being able to drive around. Even though many of its sights are in relatively close proximity, you have to walk a lot and at a brisk pace to be able to see everything. So, get in the car and... Let's kick the day off! One of the best ways to do this is by heading towards the legislative and political heart of the city. The buildings on Parliament Hill, aka Wellington St, are known as Centre Block, East Block and West Block (an example of how everything is perfectly ordered) and house the Parliament, the Senate and the Prime Minister's office, among other ministries. You can visit them, but we recommend arriving early, as you must get a (free) admission ticket and the queues can be quite long. Most of this area is pedestrianised, so you can park your car nearby and enjoy the stroll. Depending on the month you visit, you'll see the changing of the guard at 10 am, the mapping display on the facade, or other fascinating activities. After this, you can head over to the Rideau Canal. In summer, you can take a boat or wander along either of its two banks, while in winter you can skate on the world's longest ice rink! Very close to here are the Alexandra and the Macdonald Cartier bridges, which will take you to Gatineau. This will give you a fascinating vista of the city. In fact, on this side of the river you'll find the Canadian Museum of History. It is very interesting indeed. Other must-visit museums are found around Sussex Street, such as the Canadian War Museum and the Ottawa Art Gallery. What's more, in different parts of the city you'll come across spectacular mega-sculptures. To eat, head over to ByWard Market. This is a buzzing market with a truly amazing culinary offering. You'll also love the area as it's full of action. Musicians, street artists and bars all pump life into this part of the city. To walk off lunch, nothing better than a stroll around Major's Hill Park, one of the countless green spaces in the city. As well as many golf courses. And some of them are even open to the public! If you're a golfing enthusiast, make sure you check some of them out. In the afternoon, you can take a walk through the pedestrianised area of Sparks Street. There are loads of quaint stores and bars to explore. For dinner, we suggest researching the places to be and booking ahead to make sure you get a table. Overnight stay in Ottawa.

● DAY 5 · OTTAWA - OMEGA PARK - TROIS-RIVIÈRES - QUEBEC CITY

After enjoying the city of Ottawa, today will be another day on the road. A drive of 448 kilometres lies ahead, but with some very interesting possible stop-offs. The first is Omega Park, the best place in Canada to see local wildlife in a semi-wild state and one of the best nature reserves in the world. It's simply amazing, whichever way you look. The park is divided into five spaces, each home to a particular species. This means that each habitat is well-balanced and representative of natural life in freedom. En route to Quebec City, you'll see halfway through that Montreal is not so far away. Hard to resist, of course, but don't be tempted just now, as there'll be chance to visit the city later on.

Throughout the journey, always heading northwards, you'll come across several natural parks and nature reserves. If you haven't already stopped at Omega Park, now could be a great chance to get at one with nature. Today's drive will also take you along one of the country's main rivers, the Saint Lawrence. You won't get tired of admiring it, or Lake Saint Pierre, which you'll come across just before reaching the town of Trois-Rivières. It's breathtakingly beautiful and, if you're fond of fishing, is the ideal place to see what you can catch. Another great reason for stopping off at the town is the magnificent Assumption Cathedral, a rebuilt Gothic-style temple with splendid stained-glass windows. Today's drive ends in Quebec City. From the moment you pass through its ramparts, you'll be struck by its beauty and historical prominence. When you're settled, you can pay a good tribute and blend into a spiritual embrace with two of the star dishes of Canadian cuisine: the Torchière and the Poutine. The former is an exquisite meat pie and the second is a true delight: French fries and melted Cheddar cheese topped with gravy. Both of them are simply mouthwatering. Overnight stay in Quebec City.

DAY 6 · QUEBEC CITY (OPTIONAL VISIT TO MONTMORENCY FALLS AND JACQUES-CARTIER NATIONAL PARK)

After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, it's time to get to know the city. This is the most French city that you'll have visited so far, and you'll probably agree that it's one of the most elegant and beautiful. It even has his own Notre-Dame! In fact, you'll remember what we're saying here at some point in the day when you think that you could easily live here. It's a very active city, with heaps of life and many street artists that entertain the city both day and night. So, you'll definitely have something to look at while you're strolling between the main sights. Enjoy, you're on holiday! A good starting point for the day is the Citadelle de Québec, the walled city. Quebec City is the only one in all of North America to have a walled historic quarter. Once in the old town, you can visit the largest citadel on the continent, although its appeal not only lies in its content, but also the fantastic surroundings ideal for leisurely strolls. Remember that you're in the oldest city in Canada. Founded in 1608, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. And get ready to experience the contrast between the traditional old quarter and the more modern and cosmopolitan side of Quebec City. Besides its attractive contrasts, the city definitely has a European feel to it. This will become absolutely clear when you amble through Place Royale or the Petit Champlain quarter. You'll feel like you're in Paris! But there are more influences from the French capital. You'll see why when you first set foot on Rue du Trésor. In fact, you'll think you're in the Sacré-Coeur district. Another French influence is the world's most photographed hotel: the Château Frontenac. It's an 18th-century castle where only a lucky few can stay due to its sky-high room rates. Very close to here is the Terrasse Dufferin. This is a decked terrace that overlooks the Saint Lawrence River. At one end, there's a cable car that will whisk you over to the other coast, in the area known as Lévis. And if you're one of those people who feels that you haven't visited a city until you've seen its museums, then today will be a great day for you. You're in one of the world capitals of art. You could spend hours and hours at the MNBAQ, hypnotised by its 38,000-plus pieces of art. Equally addictive and attractive is the Museum of Civilisation, where a truly interactive approach makes it a great place to visit with kids. The city's temples and churches are another draw. Besides Notre-Dame, we recommend the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. Its exterior is elegant, and its interior is spectacular. The frescoes in its arches are outstanding, as are the stained-glass windows. A great place to eat is the area around Rue Saint-Louis and Rue Saint-Jean. It's a really pleasant place, packed with cute boutiques, bars and a wide range of restaurants. But the attractions are not just in the city centre. Its surroundings are also well worth exploring. Take note of this name: Chutes-Montmorency. They're waterfalls, although we should say they are "THE waterfalls". They're just 15 minutes away from Quebec City and 30 metres higher than the Niagara Falls. Although not as popular, their 83-metre plunge make them even more spectacular than their Ontario cousins. Another attraction of the area - and one of the advantages of driving - is the Jacques-Cartier National Park. Besides being a natural reserve stretching over more than 600 square kilometres, it's the ideal setting to have a go at adventure sports. The whitewater rafting is magnificent, as is the kayaking, although the park is even more famous among hikers, who criss-cross its trails surrounded by breathtaking nature. If you're not a nature lover but rather a fan of theme parks, then no worries, as Quebec has something very special for you: the Village Vacances Valcartier complex. It's open both in summer and winter and features water in all its shapes and forms. Not just in a liquid state, but also in a solid one, as you'll be able to visit the only ice hotel on the continent. And speaking of water, another family-friendly destination in Quebec City is the Aquarium. It's home to more than 10,000 species, including polar bears and seals. (Note: If your trip coincides with Les Grands Feux, you're in luck as they are one of the most impressive pyromusical shows in the world). Overnight stay in Quebec City.

DAY 7 · QUEBEC CITY - LA MAURICIE/BOIS-FRANCS/LANAUDIÈRE REGIONS - BERTHIERVILLE - MONTREAL

As we promised, today we'll end the day in Montreal, but there are some interesting stops before that. You'll be heading southwest on Highway 40, and our suggestions will be both to the north and the south of the road. The good thing is that you won't have to take too much of a detour off the main road to see them. The first possible stop is at the junction of Route 359, in the direction of Saint-Jean-Des-Piles. This is the easternmost gateway to La Mauricie National Park, allowing you to cross it entirely (a total of 73 km), exit at the western entrance and take the 155 back up to Highway 40, which will take you directly to Montreal. If you're there in the summer, pop on your swimsuit and enjoy some time on the beach. Yup, you read correctly, there's a sandy beach inside the park. Oh! and also mosquito repellent, because they're the most annoying residents here. The park boasts hundreds of hiking trails and you can climb up to some stunning waterfalls, the famous Chutes Waber. And at all times you'll be able to admire a rich animal and plant life. To get a general view of the park, head up to Le Passage lookout, an idyllic viewing point where you can take some wonderful panoramic photos. When you've seen everything, take the western exit and drive back to Highway 40. Past Lake Saint-Pierre, which you most likely visited on your way to Quebec City, you'll find the Lanaudière region. It's nature at its purest, a haven for trout fishermen, a place of pilgrimage for foodies and a whole kingdom of waterfalls and more waterfalls. We suggest a stop in Berthierville to visit the Gilles Villeneuve Museum, before continuing on to the vibrant and cosmopolitan city of Montreal. If you're feeling tired, you can go straight to the hotel for a well-earned rest. But if you can't wait to discover the city, head over to Old Montreal and explore its narrow cobblestone streets. You come from Quebec City - that will surely have reminded you of Paris - and the same will happen to you here. In fact, you'll come across a replica of Notre-Dame Cathedral, dozens of French-style cafes and bistros, and boutiques and art galleries with truly European tendencies. You can round off the day strolling through the Old Port to admire the city lights along the Saint Lawrence River, or attending a show by Cirque du Soleil, who often perform here in their home country. Overnight stay in Montreal.

DAY 8 · MONTREAL - MORRISBURG - KINGSTON

Kick start the day with a hearty breakfast before venturing out to discover one of the country's most wonderful cities. If you want to feel like a star-struck conqueror admiring your recent gains, head straight up to the Montreal Tower. It's the world's tallest inclined tower, so you can already imagine that from the top you'll be rewarded with some unparalleled views. Soaring 175 metres and with an awe-inspiring 45-degree angle, fortunately there's a lift that will whisk you up to the top floor. Another highlight of Montreal is La Ville Souterraine, a mammoth underground shopping centre that runs through the depths of the city, designed for when the overground weather is at its most inclement. You can also spend some time today visiting some of Montreal's most characteristic neighbourhoods, such as Chinatown, the Latin Quarter or Boulevard Saint-Laurent; all cultural melting pots. A great option for lunch, weather permitting, is to buy a take-out and have a picnic somewhere on Mount Royal. If you happen to be there on a Sunday, don't miss the Tam Tams drumming session. It's mind-blowing! A great place to walk off lunch very close to the park is Plateau-Mont-Royal. It's a laid-back, fairly hipster neighbourhood, brimming with culture and art. On Queen Mary Road, and with its own car park, you'll find Saint Joseph's Oratory, the largest church in Canada and which has the second-largest dome in the world after Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. You'll be bowled over by the candle room! On the other side of Mount Royal, you'll also be taken aback by the multicoloured atmosphere of the Gay Village, the largest LGBTQ district in the whole country. It's full of life and action, so there's no way you'll ever get bored. If you're travelling with children, very close to here, around Rue Port-de-Montreal, there are several theme parks and some fascinating museums, such as the Biosphere, a unique centre dedicated to water and the environment. You'll love it! Once you've enjoyed the city to the fullest, it's time to set off for Kingston. Today, you'll cross the border into Ontario and return to the tranquillity of the 1000 Islands region. The drive ahead will take some three hours. If the journey is starting to get tiresome, the most usual place to stop off is Morrisburg, just halfway along the route. Its most famous attraction is Upper Canada Village, which will take you on a fascinating journey back in time to the mid-19th century. Here, you can learn how a blacksmith, a baker or a school teacher used to live. All the authentic elements remain and each tradesman or woman works with the tools and resources of the era. It's a really interesting experience. Once in Kingston, make sure you visit Fort Henry, a military construction dating back to 1830. There's a military parade every day with soldiers wearing costumes from the time. More recommendations? Visit the colonial buildings and facilities of Queen's University, or the museum of the Royal Military College, Canada's oldest military academy. What's more, the city lays on a pub crawl to take you to a selection of on-trend venues. It lasts two hours and is for over-19s only. Overnight stay in Kingston.

● DAY 9 · KINGSTON - PRINCE EDWARD - PICTON - TORONTO

If en route to Ottawa you didn't take the Thousand Islands cruise, today you'll have another chance to do so. The three-hour crossing will take you past the summer houses of Canada's elite and give a fascinating insight into the local flora and fauna. An unforgettable trip through the countless islets (not included). You can leave your car at the ferry company offices at 248 Ontario Street. When you're back on dry land, you can continue westbound along the shores of Lake Ontario, traversing the fertile fields of Prince Edward County, with a wealth of historical communities containing the former residences and summer homes of governors and magistrates of the British era of Canada. You'll cover the 80 kilometres between Kingston and the Prince Edward region in an hour by taking Highway 401 and then Highway 62. Prince Edward - not to be confused with Prince Edward Island - is a true gem because you can do anything here. From relaxing on the beach and enjoying water sports to playing golf, chilling out in a spa, visiting museums, hiking or simply enjoying nature. You're also in one of the country's culinary heartlands. This area is home to a number of renowned vineyards and cheese makers, making it a great idea to stop off at the small villages along the way. There's a huge range of gastronomic delights on offer, whether at restaurants or as part of the local government's "farm-to-table" experience. Bloomfield, Wellington and Picton all play host to local food fairs where you can buy products sourced directly from the land. Actually, Picton is a great place to stop off before going to Toronto. It's a small community, with single-storey houses each with a porch and garden, and its strategic setting in Picton Bay makes it truly unique. You'll love taking a stroll through the harbour, that goes without saying. Then it's time to hit the road again en route to Toronto. The journey will take just over two hours on Highway 401, a road that you already know because you took it in the opposite direction towards Ottawa. Once in Toronto, you can spend the time before dinner to visit what you didn't manage to see the first time round. At sunset, make sure you take a photo in front of the Toronto Sign in Nathan Phillips Square. If you've got a decent selfie stick, then you'll be sorted. Otherwise, you could always ask a fellow tourist to help you capture one of the city's most typical snapshots. And if you want the second most famous image of Toronto, pop over to Yonge-Dundas Square. Overnight stay in Toronto.

● DAY 10 · TORONTO - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Night on board.

● DAY 11 · CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Toronto.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Toronto.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Ottawa.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Ottawa.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Quebec.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Montreal.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Kingston.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Kingston.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Electronic Authorization (ESTA/ETA) to enter in Canada.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.
- ✗ Entrance to historic buildings, museums, natural parks, activities and attractions mentioned during itinerary (some are free).

Destinations Visited

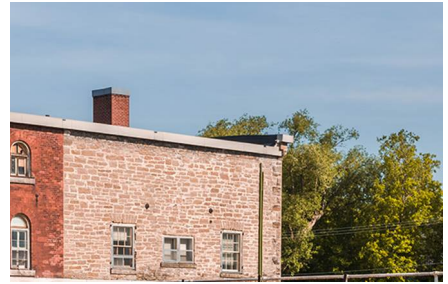
Toronto



Niagara Falls



Smiths Falls



Ottawa



Trois-Rivieres



Quebec



Berthierville



Montreal



Morrisburg



Kingston



Prince Edward



Picton



Important remarks

- Tips in Canada are a common practice.
- Generally in Canada the accommodation in the triple rooms have two double beds or one double and one single bed and the quadruple accommodation has two double beds.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.

- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- Suggested round-trip ferry rides are optional and not included in the final price. If you intend to take the car on a ferry, please let the rental company know at the time of pick-up to receive authorisation. Depending on the conditions agreed to in the rental contract and the company you choose, you might be charged a fee payable at the destination.
- You must give notice that you are going to cross the border while collecting the vehicle. Authorisation may be required to drive through certain countries or areas/states (as is the case in the US and Canada). Depending on the conditions set out in the rental contract and the company hired, you might be charged a surcharge payable at the destination office.