

Easy Crossing for U.S. Visitors Coming Into Canada



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Niagara Falls Tourism is working with members of the tourism industry in both Canada and the U.S. to preserve the ease of travel for visitors. New rules are scheduled to come into force in 2007 and 2008 that will require visitors to present a passport when crossing into the U.S. The details of the requirements are still being developed and CliftonHill.com will update visitors on new requirements when they are established.

For more information on efforts to help visitors cross Canada's borders easily, visit the [Tourism Industry Association of Canada](#).

Borders + Customs

Canada has one of the most advanced customs organizations in the world, and our borders and the processes we have in place to manage them are critical to our ability to provide Canadians and visitors to Canada with the security and opportunity they expect. Visitors entering Canada must clear Canada Customs border security upon entry.

Entry into Canada

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Travelling from Countries other Than the United States:

In general, passports are required however visitors from countries other than the U.S. should call for further information:

from outside Canada: 1-800-992-7037

from within Canada: 1-888-242-2100

Anything to declare?

Returning to the United States

Every 30 days, returning U.S. citizens are allowed to bring back \$400 (retail value) in merchandise duty-free, provided they have been out of the U.S. for 48 hours. This amount can include:

- one carton of cigarettes
- 100 cigars (not Cuban)
- two kilograms of smoking tobacco
- one litre of liquor, provided the buyer is 21 years of age

If the length of the stay is less than 48 hours, \$200 in merchandise may be taken back to the U.S. duty-free (including up to five ounces of alcohol and 50 cigarettes). The following items are not permitted into the U.S.:

- Cuban or Iranian products
- fruits and vegetables
- uncooked grains

Goods bought in Canada but manufactured in the U.S. are duty-free and not included in the basic exemption. Original handmade crafts and works of art are also exempt; however, a receipt of purchase may be required.

For further information on U.S. customs regulations, please visit www.customs.ustreas.gov

For more border-crossing information, please visit the links below:

Niagara Falls Border Wait Times - <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/general/times/menu-e.html>

Niagara Falls Bridge Commission - <http://www.niagarafallsbridges.com/crossing-border/>

Citizenship and Immigration Canada - <http://www.cic.gc.ca/>

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) - <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/>