

WELCOME TO THE 2010 MARITIMES CARAVAN!

The Caravan is a go! We already have enough participants signed up.

In preparation for this trip, which will take us to many different campgrounds and 4 Maritime Provinces, please make note of the following suggestions:

You can visit the Bureau of Tourism for all the Provinces on line: Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. They will all send you guides and maps full of information upon your request...there is no charge.

www.TourismNewBrunswick.ca

www.novascotia.com

www.gentleisland.com

www.NewfoundlandLabrador.com

You can use the above during the Caravan when free days are scheduled to decide which of the local attractions and sights you will want to take in.

Plan on several Pot Luck dinners as well, so bring the fixings for your favorite recipe. American style supermarkets are plentiful at most locations.

As the world situation is unpredictable, the current requirements for border crossings could change at any time...I strongly suggest that you have a valid passport just in case, even though they are not required at this time...it takes up to 4 month to process your passport application. Also in event of emergency, you would need a passport to fly out of Canada.

Absolutely no firearms allowed in Canada or any weapons of any kind including pepper spray and mace.

No fireworks or radar detectors.

You are allowed to bring 40 oz of alcoholic beverages and one case of beer and 1 carton of cigarettes per person. The rest would be subject to confiscation.

Bring a Canadian Non-Resident Vehicle Liability Insurance card from your insurance co for each vehicle. There is no charge.

All pets must have a current (less than 36 months) Certificate of Vaccination against rabies. Your vet will provide one.

Please be sure to bring a 60-day supply of any medication that you will need. I am told Medicare does not cover you in Canada.

You may want to get travel insurance before leaving.

Weather could get chilly and could range from 40 to 90 degrees. Bring appropriate clothing...We also will be taking boat rides and some rain gear may be the order of the day. Dress is casual for all events.

You will get the best exchange rates using credit cards, but it is a good idea to bring some Canadian money with you for incidentals....You will also have access to ATMs.

We will move in groups of 3-4 rigs so as not to be a traffic nuisance and to spread out campground check-in and set-up. CB radios and FRS radios are recommended, set to channel 7.

Fuel and propane are sold by the liter in Canada. Much more expensive there, so fill up before crossing border.

Distance signs and speed limits are in kilometers....1K = .62 miles. 90KPH=55MPH. We are on vacation and not in a hurry....Please do not speed and try to take a break every couple of hours....Most trips are 4 hours or less.

Do not arrive at campground before the Wagonmaster.

If you want to make an unplanned stop, be sure to let the Tail Gunner know...If you leave the Caravan for other than medical or vehicle disability reasons, you will forfeit your fees paid.

Please advise the Wagonmaster if you plan to skip any planned activity.

Check to see if your cell phone carrier will work in Canada. You may want to get a telephone credit card....A few of the campgrounds will have Wi-Fi.

You are strongly encouraged to bring a toad....When doing local sightseeing, you can team up and take turns using your toad. Reduces traffic and the need for parking spaces.

Please sit in couples on the bus to facilitate head counts...Seats in front are reserved for Wagonmaster and Tail Gunner, please. Wear your Smart Name Badges at all times.

Just about everything you buy in Canada is subject to a tax amounting to about 15%. Canadian Customs has pretty much done away with rebates for purchases...But keep a list of purchases with receipts to make it easier to clear customs on the way home.

Bring binoculars and cameras and bug spray.

We will have regular short meetings during the trip to answer questions and make announcements...check the board in the Wagonmaster's windshield for info on this.

It's going to be a great trip! Feel free to call or email with concerns

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