

Traveling from the U.S.? Here's What You Need to Know!

TRAVEL OPTIONS

By Air

- > The London International Airport (YXU) is the closest international airport to the conference center (about a 15-min drive away). Unfortunately, there is no shuttle bus from the airport to the conference center or the DoubleTree Hotel. The drive is about 15-20 minutes and will cost approximately \$26 (CAD) by taxi. A local taxi provider is Checker Limo (519-659-0400).
- > The Lester B. Pearson Airport in Toronto (YYZ) is about two hours away from the conference center. A shuttle service is provided by *Robert Q Airbus* from the Pearson airport to London, Ontario in state-of-the-art Mercedes Sprinter buses: https://reservation.robertq.com/airbus/
- > The Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) is also about two hours away from the conference center. *Robert Q Airbus* also provides a shuttle service from Detroit to London, Ontario: https://reservation.robertq.com/airbus/

By Train

If you like to travel by train, you can book an Amtrak train to Detroit and take a bus from there to London, Ontario. Amrak train schedules may be accessed here: www.amtrak.com/train-schedules-timetables

Note: There are state law restrictions on Amtrak travel that prevent individuals from taking the bus portion only of a trip—the train must be taken for part of the way if you are booking an Amtrak bus service.

By Bus

> **Greyhound** provides bus services to London, Ontario from different cities in the U.S. Find out more here: www.greyhound.com/

BEFORE YOU CROSS THE BORDER ...

- American **citizens** need a passport or a NEXUS card to cross the border into Canada. Details can be found on the Canada Border Service Agency website: www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/td-dv-eng.html#_s2a
- > American **permanent residents** entering after March 15th will also need eTA or a visitor visa. More information about the eTA/Visa is available at www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

WHEN YOU CROSS THE BORDER ...

- > Tell the officer at the entry point that you are attending a conference on behalf of your employer. If you arrive on public transit and are given a card to complete, the purpose of your visit is business-related, not personal.
- > More information can be found at www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/business-who.asp

CURRENCY

- > The exchange rate as of January 7th is US\$1 = CAD\$1.40. That means anything you buy in Canada is much less than it appears to be. At these rates, you can estimate the cost in American dollars by multiplying the Canadian cost by 0.71. The transaction on your credit card statement will show the USD expense in the amount column, and in small print (usually on the next line) it will show the Canadian amount and the exchange rate given by the credit card company.
- > All major credit cards are accepted in Canada, including Visa, MasterCard, and AMEX. If you rarely travel outside the United States, you might want to call your credit card company and let them know you are coming to Canada (so they don't think your card has been stolen).
- > If you want Canadian cash, you can get it at a US bank or foreign exchange company before coming. You could also get it at a Canadian airport or use your debit card to make a withdrawal from your account in Canadian dollars at an ATM. To do this, your debit card will need to be part of a network such as Cirrus (Mastercard) or Plus (Visa). Check with your bank to be sure you know the withdrawal limits that apply when out of the country.

WEATHER

> The average temperature in April for London, Ontario is between 35 and 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Towards the end of the month, the highs reach into the mid-60s.

We look forward to seeing you in London, Ontario at *The Pursuit* Conference!