

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM U.S TO OTTAWA RESIDENCE INN

DRIVING FROM THE GREATER NEW YORK/ PHILADELPHIA/BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON REGIONS

There are a number of options available, however probably the quickest and most direct route which avoids driving through Montreal and its traffic would be to travel by Interstate # 81 north through Syracuse N.Y crossing the border into Canada at the 1000 Islands/ Ivy Lea bridge.

From there the quickest route is to take highway # 401 east exiting at highway # 416 north to Ottawa. Take exit # highway # 417 east bound (Queensway) to exit # 119 Metcalfe St north.

Follow Metcalfe St to Laurier Av. and the hotel.

A scenic diversion is to take the 1000 Islands Parkway east from the Ivy Bridge which rejoins highway 401 just before Brockville, ON. and follow hwy 401 as above to Ottawa.

Suggested place to stop enroute for various items, provisions etc: exit # 698 North Augusta Road, Brockville ON, Walmart Supercentre and Real Canadian Superstore located beside one another first traffic light north of highway # 401. Note that this is the last significant available services before Ottawa coming from this direction.

DRIVING FROM BOSTON/NEW ENGLAND REGION

Those coming from Boston and New England would probably be best to come through Montreal region.

From Boston most direct route is Interstate # 89 through Burlington VT crossing into Canada at Philipsburg, QC. Autoroute 10 (autoroute des canton de l'est in English Eastern Townships Autoroute)

leads to the Champlain Bridge (Pont Champlain) towards Montreal, so if you wish to avoid the traffic into Montreal an option is to exit just before the bridge and take autoroute 15 south to autoroute 30 ouest. See further directions below from Interstate 87 .

IF coming by interstate # 87 from New York State crossing into Canada at Champlain N.Y/Lacolle QC.

Which joins Quebec Autoroute # 15 to Montreal.

Please note: there is a new highway Autoroute # 30 and toll bridge that bypasses Montreal and connects with autoroute #40 west (sign will say "ouest " in French) joining up with Ontario highway # 417 west leading to Ottawa Take exit 118 Nicholas St to Laurier Av, left on Laurier to the hotel.

This route avoids traffic going through Montreal which can be problematic, especially if crossing the Champlain Bridge leading into central Montreal around rush hour which can take considerable time.

DRIVING FROM MID-WEST U.S. CHICAGO/CLEVELAND

For those travelling from the mid-west U.S best route to travel to Ottawa is by I 90 east through Buffalo N.Y joining New York Thruway to Syracuse exit at Interstate # 81 North and follow directions from Greater New York area etc shown above. This route avoids crossing through Toronto and similarly having to deal with its traffic issues unless travelling in off hours (ie not between 7.00 am and 8.00 pm. most days).

DRIVING FROM GTA

Highway 401 east exit # 721 highway #416 north to highway #417 E (Queensway) to exit # 119 Metcalfe St north to Laurier Ave and hotel.

Driving distance from GTA (Yorkdale Mall located @ hwy # 401 exit # 365) to Residence Inn Downtown Ottawa is 450 kilometres or approx. 4.5 hours based on normal traffic and weather conditions without stops.

Suggested places to stop for various items that may be required en route close to Highway # 401

1. Exit # 543 South - Belleville, ON - mall, various supermarkets on Bell Blvd first traffic light south of exit, turn right.
2. Exit # 611 Costco Kingston, ON. Gardiners Rd South to 1015 Centennial Dr.
3. Exit # 698 North Augusta Road, Brockville ON, Walmart Supercentre and Real Canadian Superstore located beside one another first traffic light north of highway # 401.
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For those who wish a more scenic route travelling by highway # 401 from GTA and not travelling using two lane roads through central Ontario can leave hwy # 401 at Thousand Island Parkway exit # 647 eastbound which is a two lane highway that follows the St. Lawrence River for 38 kilometres rejoining hwy # 401 at exit # 685 just west of Brockville ON.

PLEASE NOTE:

Important to be aware of controlled speed zones notably upon arriving in Ottawa by Highway #416 approaching the interchange with Highway # 417, as well as if planning on leaving the main highways and travelling along the more rural routes of Ontario when entering small villages and towns along the way.