



## TRAVEL TIPS

### Passport validity



You are planning to travel soon. Did you know that some countries require that your passport be valid for several months following the date of return to your country?

Many countries such as France, Belgium and Spain, actually require that the passport be valid for a number of months, usually three (3) months after the date of departure of the visitor.

While other countries, such as Indonesia, Malaysia and many others require that the passport be valid for at least six (6) months from the expiry of the visa or your return date to Canada.

There are also some countries that simply require that your passport be valid until the date of departure from the country. This is what is asked Canadians residing in the United States. Briefly, each country sets its own rules.

Therefore, before you leave on a trip to another country, make sure that your passport is valid for the appropriate period. To do this, contact the consular office of the country you plan to visit or visit the Government of Canada web site:

[http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories?\\_ga=1.85147865.1587937350.1319423262](http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories?_ga=1.85147865.1587937350.1319423262)

to verify the requirements of the countries you visit.

Passport Canada strongly recommends that you have at all times a passport valid beyond the date of your return home in case of unexpected delays at the end of your trip.

Canadian citizens who are trying to return to Canada without a valid passport may indeed be subject to additional checks by airlines or commercial carriers, which could delay or prevent their return.

Other advice: Check also the requirements of airlines and transportation companies, with respect to the validity of passports, as they can sometimes be more stringent than the entry rules of certain countries. And you will leave with peace of mind.