

## Travel Information

There are many ways to get to Kingston. This page first describes the principal methods of doing so and then provides more detail for those who are driving.

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- Fly to Toronto and then take the train. You can take the Union-Pearson Express (<https://www.upexpress.com/>) between the airport and the train station. Travel time is roughly 25 minutes. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the airport. For train times to Kingston, see Via Rail's website (<https://www.viarail.ca/en>). Travel time is roughly two and a half hours. Allow at least two hours for the connection when arriving at Toronto airport, and at least three hours when departing. Note that US-bound passengers have to clear customs in Toronto. If you are coming directly from Toronto, the train is usually the best alternative.
- Fly to Montreal and then take the train. Dorval airport is only a mile from Dorval train station, and there is a shuttle service between them. Trains take between two and two and a half hours to get from Dorval to Kingston station. Allow at least two hours for the connection when arriving at Dorval and at least two and a half hours when departing. Note that US-bound passengers have to clear customs in Montreal. If you are coming directly from Montreal, the train is usually the best alternative. Trains from downtown (Central Station) take about twenty minutes longer than trains from Dorval.
- Fly to Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, or Syracuse, and then drive (see below for details). It is a little over 2 hours from Ottawa airport to Kingston, less than 2 1/2 from Syracuse, a bit more than 2 1/2 hours from Montreal, and about the same from Toronto if there are no traffic delays. There is also an airport in Watertown, NY, which has two or three US Air flights a day from Pittsburgh. It is less than an hour and a half from Kingston. If you are coming directly from Ottawa, the train is also an option, but the station is not as easy to get to as Montreal or Toronto.
- Fly to Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, or Syracuse, and then let someone else drive. Several Kingston companies provide limousine service. Although it is rather expensive for just one person, it is generally quite economical for two or more. It is probably best to let someone at Queen's make the arrangements.

### Driving to Kingston

Kingston is located at the eastern end of Lake Ontario, where the lake flows into the Saint Lawrence River. It is about halfway between Montreal and Toronto. The main highway between those two cities, Highway 401, skirts the northern edge of the city.

From Toronto, just get on Highway 401 and keep going east. The traffic will probably be extremely heavy until you are east of Oshawa.

From Montreal, take either Highway 20 or Highway 40 going west. The two highways eventually join and lead into Highway 401. Highway 20 has some traffic lights, so 40 is usually faster.

From Ottawa, take Highway 416 to Highway 401 and then proceed as if you were coming from Montreal. If you are starting from Ottawa Airport, you can access Highway 416 from the Hunt Club Road. The primary exit from the Ottawa Airport is the Airport Parkway. Take either it or Uplands Drive going north until you come to Hunt Club Road. Turn left (west) on it and follow it until you reach Highway 416, and then take 416 south. Alternatively, especially if traffic is heavy, turn left from Hunt Club Road onto Riverside Drive (just before you cross the Rideau River). It changes its name to the Rideau River Road. Follow it to Highway 416 (quite a long way).

From Syracuse or Watertown, take I-81 north. Follow I-81 until it ends at the 1000 Islands Bridge. This is a toll bridge. Recently, the toll was US \$2.50 going north and C\$2.50 going south, but this may have changed. Make sure to get a receipt. Once in Canada, get on to Highway 401 and head west, towards Kingston and Toronto. Kingston is about 30 miles west of the bridge.