

BUSY TRAVEL TIME AT YQR!

The winter holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year at Regina International Airport. To help ensure your travel plans run as smoothly as Santa's, plan ahead and arrive at the airport early.

The following information provides YQR's Winter Travel Tips, Holiday Performances and Sun Destination Travel.

YQR WINTER TRAVEL TIPS

Plan for success

Prior to your departure date, please remember the following:

- Ensure that you have all documentation required to travel. Requirements vary depending on whether you are travelling within Canada or to another country. Regardless, bring government-issued photo ID for all flights.
- Passport Canada recommends that you apply for a new passport if your current passport is damaged, destroyed or inaccessible. Travellers whose passport is damaged in any way could face significant delays or be denied entry at border crossings, or be denied boarding on flights.
- Confirm your passport has not expired. Check that the passport expiry date is well beyond your return date.
- Please note that all passengers, including Canadian and U.S. citizens, are required to present a valid passport or NEXUS card when travelling by air between Canada and the United States.
- Canadian passport information is available online at www.ppt.gc.ca.
- Specific documentation may be required for children under 18, especially if they aren't accompanied by their parents / guardians. Confirm the details with your airline.
- Check with your airline to confirm your flight, verify that your luggage is within size and weight restrictions, and clarify any questions you have regarding restrictions for carry-on and checked luggage. Visit www.yqr.ca for additional information.
- If you are travelling with pets, remember to ask about the airline's pet policy.
- Most airlines offer passengers the time-saving option of online check-in up to 24 HR prior to departure.
- You can access airline web check-in services and check your real-time flight information status at www.yqr.ca.

Arrive early, depart on time!

YQR experiences heavier than normal traffic during the holidays and sun destination season. As such, it is strongly recommended that you **arrive well in advance** to allow ample time for parking, check-in and the security process. Suggested arrival times: **2 hours for domestic, 2.5 hours for transborder and 3 hours or more for international departures**. Please check with your airline regarding their check-in and gate cut-off times or visit www.yqr.ca.

Security Screening

Customers are advised to keep in mind security measures when preparing to travel. For the most up-to-date regulations governing carry-on and checked luggage, check the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) website at <http://www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca>.

To assist with efficiently moving through security screening, please consider the following guidelines:

- Pack your own bags. Travel light; this will help you move through security screening quickly.
 - Liquids, gels, and aerosols are permitted through security screening at Canadian airports provided that the items are all packaged in containers with a capacity of 100 ml/100 grams (3.4 oz) or less, and that the containers fit comfortably in one clear, closed and re-sealable plastic bag with a capacity of no more than 1 litre (1 quart). *One bag per passenger is permitted.*
 - *Do not bring wrapped packages*. Wrap your gifts once you arrive at your destination.
 - Knives or knife-like sharp objects will not be permitted through pre-board screening. Ensure no sharp objects, such as scissors, are in your carry-on bag. Take time when packing, and avoid bringing anything that could be interpreted as a weapon or a dangerous item.
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- Travellers bringing electronic equipment as carry-on must be prepared to declare them, and if required, demonstrate that they are in working order.
- Sports equipment such as skates, skis, snowboards, ski poles, hockey sticks and golf clubs are not permitted as carry-on items and must be transported as checked baggage.
- Avoid bringing non-permitted or dangerous goods by checking CATSA's permitted and non-permitted items list at http://www.catsa.ca/english/travel_voyage/list.shtml

Security Screening Wait Times

Visit www.catsa.gc.ca/waittimes to view security screening wait times at Regina International Airport.

YQR HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

YQR is once again home to the wonderful sounds of festive holiday music. Everyone that is fortunate to pass through our Arrivals Area from December 16 – 23 will be treated to live performances by very talented singers, performers and musicians. Visit www.yqr.ca and our Facebook page for more information on performers and performance times.

In addition to these talented groups and individuals we will have the Salvation Army Kettle (December 17) and RROCstar volunteers assisting our passengers as they arrive at YQR to be reunited with family and friends.

SUN TIME, FUN TIME

Looking for that quick getaway from the cold weather? Below is a list of YQR's non-stop flight sun destinations:

Cuba: Cayo Coco, Santa Clara, Varadero Dominican Republic: Punta Cana Jamaica: Montego Bay
Mexico: Cancun, Hualtulco, Ixtapa (NEW!), Los Cabos, Puerto Vallarta U.S.: Las Vegas, Phoenix

If you are fortunate to get away this winter, it is recommended you arrive at the airport early – 3 hours or more if you are travelling to an international destination – to allow ample time for parking, check-in and the security process.

Regina Airport Authority (RAA) is committed to complying with all government directives to provide a safe and secure trip for all travellers. If you have any questions, please contact us at comments@yqr.ca or call our direct line at 306-761-7555.



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