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Top destinations for 2017 March Break travellers

Families planning to head south and explore Toronto for a memorable March Break

Thornhill, ON, March 9, 2017 – There's nothing like a packed car, the open road and a favourite destination in mind to get the family excited for March Break.

Thousands of Southern Ontario residents will hit the road next week to spend March Break enjoying the southern sun and city centres. <u>CAA South Central Ontario</u> (CAA SCO) has found that the top three driving destinations of choice for members this March Break are:

- 1. Orlando, Florida
- 2. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
- 3. Toronto, Ontario

"While many families continue to choose popular international destinations for March Break such as Myrtle Beach and Orlando, many are also choosing to stay closer to home to explore our own backyard this spring vacation season," said Kaitlynn Furse, Public Relations Manager for CAA SCO. "Travelling within Ontario during March Break is a popular option for families and Toronto is clearly a key destination this year."

Since the beginning of the year, CAA SCO has prepared more than 6,500 TripTiks for members planning road trips. TripTiks outline routes for travellers detailing highway exits, rest stops, lodging and construction projects.

Those visiting or staying in Toronto next week are reminded that CAA members enjoy discounts to many popular attractions such as the Ontario Science Centre and the Toronto Zoo. More ways to enjoy March Break on a budget can be found here.

If you are making the trip south, get road trip ready by reviewing the following tips:

- Plan your route ahead of time and bring a map as a backup to your GPS
- Book accommodations in advance
- Ensure travel insurance is part of your plans if you are travelling outside of Ontario
- Check the weather forecast before you leave
- Pack the correct travel documents

Before you hit the road:

- Change your oil
- Check your tire pressure and brakes
- Replace worn or damaged wiper blades
- Test your battery

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 Check your first aid and emergency kit to ensure you are well prepared in the event of unforeseen circumstances

When driving long distances, give yourself plenty of breaks from driving and ensure you are well rested before you get behind the wheel. CAA SCO recommends a daily driving maximum of 800 kilometres with 15-minute breaks every two hours.

Families travelling with children across the border must have a valid passport and may also require supporting documentation such as:

- Birth Certificate
- Any legal documents pertaining to custody
- A parental consent letter if a child is travelling with one parent, without either parent or alone
- Any status documents from Citizenship and Immigration Canada

For more expert <u>travel</u> advice speak to one of our experienced CAA Travel Consultants by dialing 1-866-286-9323 or visiting <u>www.caasco.com/travel</u>

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