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Top destinations for 2018 March Break travellers

Orlando, Myrtle Beach and Ontario staycations among popular travel plans

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Thornhill, ON, March 7, 2018 – Sun is in the forecast for many Ontarians heading south next week to enjoy some family fun over March Break.

CAA South Central Ontario (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. Ontario various city-centre locations such as Ottawa and Toronto

"The Southern United States continues to be a popular destination among Ontario travellers," said Kaitlynn Furse, manager of public relations at CAA SCO. "Family-friendly spots like Florida and South Carolina top the list of March Break destinations, while some travellers are choosing to stay closer to home."

CAA SCO has prepared over 3,500 TripTiks for members planning road trips this March Break. Vancouver, British Columbia and New York City are also top destinations for the break. TripTiks outline routes for travellers detailing highway exits, rest stops, lodging and construction projects.

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

Make sure you are road trip ready before heading out, by reviewing the following tips:

- Change your oil
- Check your tire pressure and brakes
- Replace worn or damaged wiper blades
- Test your battery
- Check your first aid and emergency kit to ensure you are well prepared in the event of unforeseen circumstances
- Check the weather forecast before you leave and plan your route accordingly
- Pack the correct travel documents
- Ensure travel insurance is part of your plans if you are travelling outside of Ontario



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

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- 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

Other important steps to take before travelling to another province include:

- Check your health card to ensure it's still valid, with correct contact information. If you've moved, you can update your address online with ServiceOntario.
- Bring a health card for all family members travelling with you if you're planning to travel within Canada.
- Review what is and is not covered by OHIP.
- We never want to think about what could happen or worst-case scenarios, but it's important to consider the "what ifs". Check to ensure you're covered for injury, illness and disaster (paralysis, death, repatriation).
- Seek private health insurance to cover any uninsured services you may need.

If you are planning to enjoy March Break in the GTHA, stretch your spending money further by enjoying some of the many CAA Member discounts available at www.caarewards.ca/, including:

- Cineplex 18 per cent off tickets purchased at CAA Store locations
- Ontario Science Centre 20 per cent off admission
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park buy one jump pass get one free (Toronto and Mississauga)
- CN Tower 10 per cent off admission
- Ripley's Aquarium 20 per cent off
- Toronto Symphony Orchestra 20 per cent off tickets
- Mirvish Productions up to 25 per cent off select shows
- Toronto Zoo 10 per cent off
- Meal deals at Harveys, Milestones, Kelseys, East Side Marios, Bier Market and Montanas

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



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