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Hi Mirella, here is our response to your questions:

Subject: *Inquire about eTA for Brazilians*

I have a travel blog written in Portuguese where one of the main topics is travel to Canada (more than 100K pageviews per month) and also I manage a community on facebook where we only talk about Brazilians traveling to Canada.

I am reaching you because we are receiving different information from reliable sources (Canadian Consulate of Brazil and IRCC on twitter @CitImmCanada) and travelers just don't know who they should trust.

My question is regarding the news process eTA for Brazilians. There has been a commotion regarding if they can or can't cross board to USA by car or cruise and later return to Canada, if their first entrance in Canada was done via air.

Example:

First entrance by air : Jun 30th, 2017

Visit US by car or cruise : July 5th, 2017

Return to Canada by car or cruise : July 12th

We all understand that the first entrance of Brazilians with an eTA should be done via air, but are they allowed to return by land or maritime if they decide to travel USA and come back to Canada crossing boarder by car ou cruise?

I am asking direct to you as we are having a crossing information from the Canadian Consulate of Brazil, which they say Brazilians with a eTA can NOT cross board to USA and return to Canada, even if the first entrance was done by air.

Versus the information I received from CIC (IRCC) on twitter where I was informed if the first entrance was done by air and if the status is valid (which usually is for 6 months) Brazilians with eTA can travel to US and return to Canada by car or cruise.

I would appreciate if you could answer this question so I can clarify with my readers and my community how to proceed.

In case you need the name of the blog and community:

Travel blog: <https://twitter.com/CitImmCanada>

Personal blog: <http://mikix.com/>

Community: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ViajandoPeloCanada/>

ANSWER:

All Brazilian citizens, arriving in Canada by car, bus, train or boat, including a cruise ship, need a visitor visa to travel to Canada. We have also been advising those travelling between Canada and the U.S. by various means (any combination of bus, car, plane, train or boat) to get a visa as it offers the most flexibility – as it can be used for any mode of travel. An eTA can only be used when flying to or transiting through a Canadian airport. See this backgrounder for more information.

To note, under Canada's Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, Brazilians who have entered Canada by air with a valid eTA are exempt from the visa requirement if they travel to the U.S. or St. Pierre and Miquelon from Canada and then seek to re-enter the country and are still authorized to do so (typical authorized stays are for up to six months). That said, we encourage Brazilians who are travelling back and forth between Canada and the U.S. to obtain a visitor visa. To make it as easy as possible, travellers can apply online for a visa or through one of 132 visa application centres located throughout the world, including three in Brazil (Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo). As well, almost all visitor visas issued by Canada in Brazil are now multiple-entry visas. This visa allows travellers to visit Canada multiple times, for up to 10 years, without having to reapply each time.

If you have additional questions, please email us at [REDACTED]

Best regards,

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