

Invitation Letter

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Dear Mom,

How are you doing now?

Time flies! It has been four months since we landed on this strange land on March 4th 2011.

Everything went pretty well afterwards. We are getting used to the new environment. We have our dreamed car and can drive around to enjoy the good view here; both of us received complement from our bosses and customers; we purchased a new house and just moved in, it is our dreamed accommodation with large windows and three bedrooms; surprisingly Amy is pregnant and we will have our baby on January next year. When we look back, we can hardly believe all of these happened within four months! We love Burlington, the city that we live in. It is a wonderful but small city with 150,000 populations. People here are very nice and kind, even strangers say Hello to each other, drivers are very polite, they usually stop to let others pass. Burlington is also one of the safest city in Canada, you won't lose anything even if you forget to lock your door or car. The whole city is next to Ontario Lake, and built on a forest. There are lots of parks & conservation areas. You can always see rabbits jumping around cars & houses.

In a word, we are very happy now, and we've never regretted the decision to immigrate to Canada!

The only thing that we feel sorry about is that we cannot return China for Chinese New Year, because of our job here. You know there is no Chinese New Year vacation in Canada. But we don't want to leave you alone in China while others are having family reunion. Therefore we sincerely invite you to pay visit to us this winter.

We can show you the city we live, people, parks, stores etc. We can take you to Niagara falls, Toronto, a thousand islands etc. What is more important, we want to have advice from you regarding pregnancy. You know, this is our first baby, Amy & I are very nervous and worried, books here are for Canadians, and Asians are so different which require special treatment before and after having a baby. We need your suggestion & guide.

Someone said that winter is a bad time to visit Canada. I would say it is true & false. Canadian views in four seasons are different and each one is the best.

Green grass in spring, colorful flowers in summer, red maple leaves in fall and white world in winter, all of these are enjoyable. However, it is cold here in winter, so please be prepared. Down Garments are always necessary. But don't worry too much; it is usually above 22 degrees indoors.

If you can fly here, I will be fully in charge of your travel arrangement. One month is not too long, but long enough to take a look at Burlington and cities & towns nearby. Amy and I will take full financial responsibility of your stay, as you might know, 7 CNY = 1 CAN, don't argue this with us, because we earn CAN here! Never take too much cash with you, but credit cards. Visa & Master card from China work well on Canadian POS.

Here is a draft version of your travel plan; I might adjust it according to your status:

- Departure from China: you can take train from Nanjing to Shanghai, don't take large luggage, we will prepare everything here in Canada. Then you can take a rest at aunt's place for a while, and fly directly to Toronto Pearson International Airport. We will be expecting you there.

- First Week: Take a good rest and recover from jet lag. Meanwhile I am sure this family reunion will be very happy and unforgettable.
- Last week: SHOPPING!! Prepare gifts for friends in China. I hope this plan looks good to you, and look forwards to hear from you soon. Please let us know your decision, so we can book your flight from here, meanwhile you will need some buffer time to apply for VISA. Again we really want to meet you here in Canada!! Sincerely your son,

John Smiths

亲爱的老妈: 你好!

自从 2011 年 3 月 4 号, 我和艾米踏上加拿大这片陌生的土地以来, 转眼间已经过去四个月了! 对你的思念之前无法言表!

短短的四个月时间, 发生了很多事情, 总体来说一切还是很顺利的。我们很快适应了新的环境, 能够开车四处逛逛; 工作也很快上手了, 老板们都夸我们干活效率高质量好; 最近又搬出公寓, 住上了梦寐以求的两层小别墅; 艾米怀还上了宝宝, 估计明明年初出生。回头看看, 真的很难相信这些发生在短短的四个月里.....

我们非常喜欢现在居住的城市---柏林顿(Burlington)。这个城市人口只有 15 万人, 估计只有南京的百分之一。人们都很热情、友善, 即使陌生人见面也会打招呼, 开车互相礼让, 从来没有见过抢行的。犯罪率是全加拿大最低的城市之一, 房门

忘记锁了，车门忘记关了，一点事情没有。环境也非常好，整个城市坐落于安大略湖边，到处都是公园和植物，远远看去，整个城市就像是建在树林里的。总之，对于未来，我们都充满了期望，觉得当初移民的选择是绝对正确的。

唯一有所遗憾的是，由于工作和生活的节奏很快，在加上西方没有中国的新年假期，我们没法回国和您一起过春节了。但是也很不愿意让您一个人在国内过年，所以我们很诚挚的邀请您来加拿大，让我们能在大洋彼岸团圆。我们会带您逛逛我们住的小区，看看这里的超市和商场，走走这里的公园和自然保护区，当然尼亚加拉大瀑布是必须去的。另外，我们也需要听听您的建议，毕竟这是我们的第一个宝宝，缺乏经验让我们很紧张。

实加拿大每一个季节都是美丽的。春天是花的海洋，夏天是绿油油的草地和晶莹剔透的蓝天白云、秋天是彩虹满山的枫叶、冬天冰雪覆盖白雪无垠，同样别有一番景致那便是纯洁无瑕。这里冬天还是挺冷的，虽然屋里和车里有暖气，但是室外还是零下的。所以，准备一件过膝盖的羽绒服还是必须的，那些高领毛衣什么的就不用了，那些衣物不容易脱，在室内穿着会很热的。

如果这次加拿大能成行，我打算就用这一个月的时间保证让你将加拿大的好山好水领略一下，那将是一件十分有意义的事情。由我来负责安排整个行程计划，经济上老妈就不用跟我争了，机票、食宿、参加旅行团的费用以及短期医疗保险都由我和艾米来出，请接受我们这片心意吧！我建议随身不要带太多现金，但一定记得带上信用卡，因为中国的信用卡 **VISA** 或 **MASTERCARD** 在加拿大也非常好用。整个行程差不多这么计划，到时候可能根据您的实际身体情况做调整：

- 前往加拿大：南京坐动车到上海->在姨妈和冬冬哥哥住处休整一下->从上海直飞多伦多国际机场->我们会在机场等候您

- 第一周：倒时差，好好休整，尽情享受团聚的幸福时刻，我相信，见面的每一天，我们都是幸福的

- 第二&三周：我们打算请几天年假加上周末带您开车出去转悠转悠。往南走，尼亚加拉大瀑布离这里很近，旁边的小镇也很有异国风情；往北走，多伦多、**Brampton** 还有 **Scabom** 都是很值得看看的城市，领略一下加拿大的中国城是什么样子的；这里还有很多自然保护区，带您领略和小鹿、小兔子一起走山路的感觉  
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- 最后一周：带您在加拿大的超市和商场走走，看看这里的物价和供应，另外准备回国给朋友、亲戚的礼物。

好了，更多的就不写了，总之我想老妈一定会赏脸，主意定了请尽快告诉我，我要提前订好往返机票，更重要的是需要时间向使馆申请签证。我也相信你们的这此旅行家里的其他亲属会很高兴的支持的。

我和艾米再次热情地邀请您的光临！

您的儿子，约翰 2011 年 8 月 3 日于柏林顿