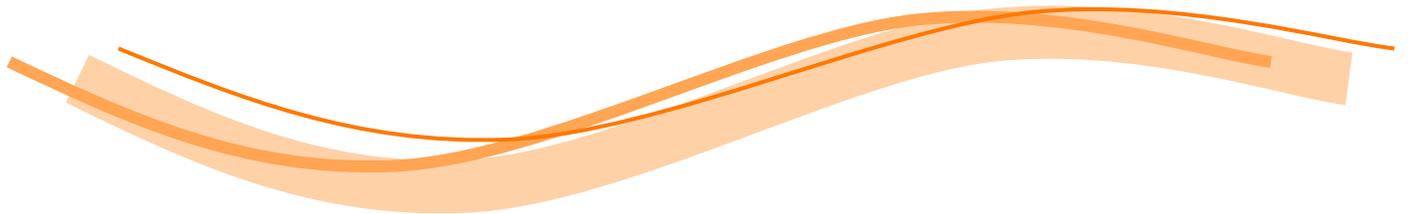




TORONTO





DESTINATION INFO	TORONTO
Location	Just six hours drive from Montreal
Geography	Situated 566 feet above sea level on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, part of the Great Lakes system, Toronto is one of the southernmost cities in Canada. In fact, it has the same latitude as northern California
Name	Toronto is named for the Huron Indian word similar in meaning to 'meeting place'.
Population	Canada's largest city, with a population of 4.7 million people North America's 5th largest city, after Mexico City, New York, LA and Chicago
Language	In addition to the two official languages, the top 5 languages spoken in Toronto are Chinese, Italian, Tamil, Portuguese and Spanish.
Health	Remember to ensure that you have travel insurance for out of province travel
Safety tips	As for any Canadian city – just normal, sensible precautions

CLIMATE	Similar to Montreal
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GETTING THERE	
Flying time	Less than an hour from Montreal
Distances	550km, 6hours driving from Montreal to Toronto
Ferries	From downtown to Toronto Island
Trains	VIA Rail
Car Rental	All major companies are represented
Buses	TTC – subway, streetcars, buses, transfers
Passes	City Pass

ACCOMMODATION TYPES	All types including B&B and 5 star
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TARGET GROUPS	
Kids	CN Tower; Toronto Islands and the ferry; Centreville; Black Creek Pioneer Village; Paramount Canada's Wonderland; Ontario Place; ROM; Science Centre; Young Peoples Theatre; Sports games; Hockey Hall of Fame; Riverdale Farm; Playdium
Teens	LKTYP - Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People is the largest non-profit theatre for young audiences in Canada and presents new Canadian plays, innovative works and classics from children's literature throughout the season. A multi-faceted centre for learning through the arts, LKTYP's performances are designed to help children and youth identify with the issues they face today. www.lktyp.ca

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Honeymoons & Weddings	Casa Loma; Toronto Island; CN Tower; many wonderful church and restaurant options too
Seniors	<p>Casa Loma - Experience the elegance and splendour of the Edwardian era at Casa Loma! Casa Loma was built in 1911, by Sir William Henry Mill Pellatt, a prominent financier, industrialist, and military man. Casa Loma was designed by E.J. Lennox. Explore the unique architecture, beautifully furnished rooms, secret passages, towers, and an 800-foot tunnel to luxurious stables. May through October enjoy the magnificent estate gardens</p> <p>Toronto Tours - Whether you are seeking adventure or discovery, refinement or rusticity, Toronto Tours Ltd. will rise to the occasion. Combining great ideas with the most unique venues and services in the city, they create spectacular results beyond your wildest expectations. Choose one or more of the following tour options: Toronto City Tour, Toronto Harbour Tour and/or Niagara Falls Tour.</p>

UNIQUES	The multicultural neighbourhoods
Surprising	<p>Yonge Street, Toronto's main street, is the longest street in the world at 1,900 km. It stretches from the lake at Queens Quay to Rainy River a mining community in northern Ontario, near Thunder Bay.</p> <p>Bata Shoe Museum</p> <p>The wonderfully hidden ravine systems that run towards the lake</p>
History	<p>The area was used as a meeting place for centuries by people of the First Nations and, later, by French traders, thanks to its naturally protected harbour.</p> <p>In 1788, the British purchased the land from the Mississauga Indians, and a settlement slowly established itself around the waterfront area.</p> <p>In 1793, Lieutenant-Colonel John Graves Simcoe established a military garrison and named the town York in honour of the Duke of York of the time.</p> <p>It was renamed Toronto when the city was incorporated in 1834. During the War of 1812, the town was twice occupied by the Americans (both times in 1813). By 1834, its citizens – mostly British and Scottish immigrants – numbered close to 10,000. Others, such as Jews from the United States, Russia and Germany would soon arrive, as well as some 40,000 Irish fleeing famine in their homeland. Blacks escaping slavery in the USA soon followed, sowing the seeds of current day Toronto's multicultural diversity. As the population increased, so did the city's infrastructure. The University of Toronto opened its doors in 1843. Growth continued in spite of the Great Fires of 1849 and 1904. The new city included an extensive network of roads, railways, canals, shipping, and telegraph lines.</p> <p>In 1867, Canada was born, and Toronto became the capital of the newly created province of Ontario.</p>

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Books	Canada by Jan Morris Frommer's Canada 2007
1000 Places to see before you die	Art Gallery of Ontario Four Seasons Hotel
Must Sees	CN Tower; neighbourhoods; theatre

SPORTS ACTIVITIES	Blue Jays; Raptors; Argos; Maple Leafs; Toronto Rock; horse racing boating, sailing, canoeing, inline skating, rock climbing, golf, cross country skiing
Golf	Toronto and its surrounding area is a golfer's dream. There are unique doglegs, island greens -and yes, sand traps - just waiting to be conquered at over 100 highly rated courses within a short drive from downtown. Choose from either the Legends or Masters course at Lionhead in Mississauga, or head north to Aurora to walk all 7,304 yards of St. Andrews Valley. Or face the challenges of Glen Abbey and Angus Glen, both of which have hosted the Canadian Open (Canada's PGA tour event). Before you head out, be sure to get some practice in at the driving range at the Docks
Fishing	Fish for salmon in Lake Ontario
Hiking	In the ravines; Discovery Paths; Martin Goodman Trail - waterfront cultural renaissance – ballet, opera, Roy Thomson Hall
Cycling	29km street bike routes; one of North America's best biking cities

CULTURE	
Arts	See the Canadian Opera company in it's inaugural season at the new Four Seasons Centre
Music	Vibrant; big names eg Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, Elton John, The Who
Films	Chicago; X-Men; My Big Fat Greek Wedding; Cinderella Man; Moonstruck; and many more – Toronto is known as 'Hollywood North'
Museums	ROM - No trip to Toronto is complete without a visit to Canada's leading international Museum. Located in the heart of downtown, the ROM's renowned collections span both World Cultures and Natural History. Ten glorious new galleries are now open for you to explore featuring the art and archaeology of China, Japan, Korea and Canada's First Peoples. AGO - The AGO is one of the largest art museums in North America with renowned permanent collections that span 1000 years of art. The AGO is currently undergoing a Transformation where by 2008 it will be home to a new Frank Gehry designed building. Bata Shoe Museum - Explore the world at your feet through a stunning collection of more than 12,000 shoes and related artifacts that span 4,500 years of history in four impressive galleries. A cultural gem in the heart of the city, The Bata Shoe Museum is an internationally-acclaimed

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	<p>institution and architectural treasure. Also: Science Centre; Gardiner; Hockey</p>
Architecture	<p>As part of the Renaissance ROM project, from June 2 to 10 only, ROM visitors will have a unique opportunity to enjoy the pure architectural design of the newly completed Lee-Chin Crystal, before the installation of its galleries begins. On June 11, the gallery floors will close for installation, but the Museum's new main entrance on Bloor Street and the Lee-Chin Crystal's public amenities and special exhibitions will remain open.</p>
Festivals & Events	<p>THE TORONTO BLUE JAYS (March to late September, 2007) The "Jays" take the field at the Rogers Centre (formerly SkyDome) for all the 'home' baseball games. www.bluejays.ca</p> <p>TITANIC ARTEFACT EXHIBIT (June 2, 2007 – January 6, 2008) The Ontario Science Centre commemorates the 95th anniversary of the Titanic's fateful voyage with Titanic: The Artefact Exhibit. See and learn how scientific analysis of the artefacts that survived tells the stories behind the tragedy. www.ontariosciencecentre.ca</p> <p>CARIBANA (July 8–August 12, 2007) Toronto goes Caribbean for the 40th year. North America's largest Caribbean festival is famous for the sizzling parade along Lakeshore Boulevard with spangled, sequined splendour as costumed revellers dance to calypso, soca, steel pan and the sounds of the Caribbean. But it also features West Indian food festivals, Caribana King and Queen elections, cultural events, and plenty of chances to dance! www.caribana.com ; www.wejumpinghigher.com</p> <p>CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (August 17-September 3, 2007) Held in Toronto, the CNE is one of the world's largest annual exhibitions. It is a carnival and cultural celebration rolled into one. Experience the thrill of the midway, taste international food and a variety of performers/entertainers. www.TheEx.com</p> <p>TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (September 6–15, 2007) The world's second largest film festival features over 250 films from around the world. For ten days, Toronto buzzes with public screenings, parties and stargazing, making the festival a favourite among fans, critics and celebrities alike. www.Bell.ca/FilmFest</p> <p>TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS (October 2007 to April 2008) The Leafs take the ice for some exciting National Hockey League games at the Air Canada Centre. www.mapleleafs.com</p>

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	<p>TORONTO RAPTORS (October 2007 to April 2008) The Raptors NBA basketball team take court at the Air Canada Centre. www.nba.com/raptors</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS (October 17-27, 2007) Held annually at the Harbourfront Centre in Toronto, this critically acclaimed event is one of the oldest public reading programs in the world and attracts some of the finest international and Canadian novelists, poets, playwrights, short story writers and biographers. www.harbourfront.on.ca</p> <p>ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR (November 2-11, 2007) Held on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, the Royal Winter Fair has “brought the country to the city” since 1922 and has grown into the world’s largest indoor agricultural fair. www.RoyalFair.org</p> <p>CANADIAN ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL (November 16–18, 2007) Ontario’s First Nations (mainly Ojibway, Cree and Iroquois heritage) present a variety of traditional and contemporary arts events across the province. The Canadian Aboriginal Festival will be held at Toronto’s Rogers Centre (formerly SkyDome). www.CanAb.com</p> <p>ONE OF A KIND CHRISTMAS CANADIAN CRAFT SHOW AND SALE (December 7-9-, 2007) Complete your holiday shopping at one of Toronto’s most popular shopping expos. You’ll find unique gift ideas from over 750 Canadian designers and artisans specializing in fashion, art, crafts and interior decorations. www.oneofakindshow.com</p> <p>TORONTO WINTER CITY FESTIVAL (January 25 – February 7, 2008) A 14 day celebration of culture, creativity and cuisine, reminding Torontonians and visitors of winter delights in the city. As part of the festivities, Toronto’s finest restaurants offer unique value menu’s during the Winterlicious restaurant promotion. www.toronto.ca</p>
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ATTRACTIONS	<p>CN Tower is Canada's National Tower and it defines the Toronto skyline; at 553.33m (1,815 ft., 5 in.) is the world’s tallest building and a Wonder of the Modern World. With breathtaking views from 3 observation levels including the Glass Floor and SkyPod, theatre, rides, arcade, exhibits, shopping and award-winning dining at 360 Restaurant, it’s Toronto’s most visited attraction. Cost: Total Tower Experience is \$32 (\$20 Kids)</p>
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Beaches	Toronto Islands; Ashridges Bay
Wildlife	Toronto Zoo Also, I have seen white tailed deer, fox and coyote in the ravines system
Parks	Edwards Gardens; High Park
Gardens	Riverdale Farm - Wander 7.5 acres of farmland through wooded areas, around ponds, and into butterfly-herb-vegetable-flower gardens. It's the country in the middle of the city. Toronto Botanical Garden – Opened in Summer 2006: a stunning array of contemporary gardens spanning nearly four acres designed to inspire and educate. Innovative indoor and outdoor garden-related programs/events for all ages offered year-round. Canada Blooms - The Toronto Flower and Garden Show is the largest annual indoor flower and garden show in Canada. Featuring 6 acres of spectacular gardens, floral arrangements, horticultural displays, educational programs and a marketplace of garden related products.
Castles/Forts	Historic Fort York - Visit the site of the 1813 Battle of York and the birthplace of modern Toronto. Fort York is home to Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings which now house exhibits and restored period room settings

OTHER ACTIVITIES	
Shopping	Amongst the best in the world! Honest Eds Bargain Shopping Centre - Canada's first original bargain store featuring 160,000 sq. ft. of bargains and the world's largest electric sign with 22,000 moving light bulbs.
Markets	St Lawrence Market downtown
Nightlife	Queen Street West is the most happening area currently
Casinos	At Niagara (90 mins) and Casino Rama, near Orillia

CUISINE	
Food	Every cuisine under the sun; "Summerlicious" - Take advantage of prix fixe offers, available at lunch and dinner at 130 of Toronto's finest restaurants from July 6-July 22. Each restaurant will offer a special 3-course menu -- \$15 or \$20 lunch menus and \$25 or \$35 dinner menus. Beverages, taxes & gratuity are extra. www.toronto.ca/special_events/summerlicious
Wine	Ontario vineyards are 60 minutes away
Restaurants	Toronto's more than 7,000 restaurants reflect tastes, cultures and ingredients from around the world – all with a distinctive Toronto flair. From upscale to down home, you'll find dining experiences and culinary adventures to satisfy every taste. Eg 360 Revolving Restaurant

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MORE INFO	
Brochures	TO Visitor Guide – also available online
Website	www.torontotourism.com and www.torontosummeradventures.com .
Toronto Summer Deals	<p>Great Toronto Summer Adventure Packages Details all at www.torontosummeradventures.com - there are numerous hotel packages that include tickets/passes/admission to some of Toronto's most exciting shows and activities this summer. So you get "one stop shopping" and great rates for eg:</p> <p>Sports Events such as the Blue Jays Festivals such as Taste of the Danforth and Caribana Entertainment such as We Will Rock You! and Just for Laughs Interactive experiences such as Dinosaurs Alive! at the Toronto Zoo and the Titanic Exhibition at the Ontario Science Centre Theme parks and attractions such as Ontario Place and Canada's Wonderland The beautiful boutique towns around Toronto</p> <p>Breakfast'n'Bed from \$92/night. For those who prefer to build their own adventures, start here with great rates on Toronto accommodations. Bonus! Stay 2 nights & get 2 tickets to an upcoming Toronto Blue Jays game. Additional tickets can be purchased at starting at \$18/person.</p> <p>Plus, stay at one of our "regional" hotels and receive a \$25 Petro-Canada Gift Card at no additional charge.</p>

TRAVEL PARTNER	VIA Rail www.viarail.ca or phone 1 888 VIA-RAIL
Details	<p>VIA Rail Canada runs more than 480 trains per week over a 14,000-kilometre network linking more than 450 locations in Canada - that adds up to about four million passengers per year on VIA trains!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connected - Wireless Internet service available in-stations and on select trains lets you email, chat with loved ones or do some research. Get 24 hours of service for as little as \$8.95! - Convenient - Priority boarding, a delicious meal included in the price of your ticket and complimentary newspapers create stress-free travel. - Choice - Facing seats, at-your-seat power outlets for your portable computer and premium lighting create a fine ambience before - and after - your vacation.
CURRENT DEALS	<p>Toronto-Montréal and Toronto-Ottawa still \$59 Travel in Comfort class (economy) between Toronto-Montréal and Toronto-Ottawa for the exceptional one-way fare of \$59 (before taxes). This promotional fare is now applicable to travel completed before September 9, 2007.</p>

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	<p>Save 50% on Saturday travel in the Québec City-Windsor corridor Between May 26 and September 1, 2007 (inclusive), travel on any Saturday and save 50% in Comfort class (economy) on trips worth \$78 or less at the adult regular fare (before taxes).</p> <p>Discounted fare: Travel in VIA 1 class at a fraction of the price! All the perks of VIA 1 business class can be yours at an unbeatable price! For instance, a Toronto-Montréal trip will cost you only \$149 per direction (before taxes). There are plenty of destinations available.</p> <p>Seniors: Bring a friend for FREE! Are you thinking of bringing an old friend, a relative, or someone else special along on your next trip? If you are 60 years of age or older, your guest will be VIA's Guest! On almost all trains, your travelling companion will travel for free in Comfort class (Economy), while in most other classes, your companion will benefit from a 75% reduction on the full adult fare.</p>
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TRAVEL PARTNER	Fairmont Royal York
Details	http://www.fairmont.com/royalyork/ 100 Front Street W Toronto, Ontario M5J1E3 T.(416) 368-2511 F.(416) 368-9040 email:royalyorkhotel@fairmont.com
Location	This grand landmark, opened in 1929, is right opposite Grand Union Station and is one of Canada's historic railway hotels. The Fairmont Royal York is in the heart of Toronto, steps away from an exciting mix of activities and attractions. From the theatre, entertainment and financial districts, to shopping, sightseeing, and world-class sports facilities, The Fairmont Royal York truly is " at the center of it all. "
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babysitting • Concierge • Elevators • Gift Shops • Housekeeping • Laundry Services • Medical Services • Valet Parking • Pet Policy Small pets are permitted at a price of \$25 / night. • Safe Deposit Boxes • Wheelchair Accessible

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<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>From the moment you walk into The Fairmont Royal York lobby, you know you're in one of the world's grand hotels. Each of the 1,365 rooms is a continuation of the luxurious comfort and convenience that has made this landmark hotel famous. Business-equipped rooms feature state-of-the-art amenities to help guests get the job done in style. All suites and specialty rooms at The Fairmont Royal York offer the following amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Air-conditioning with individual climate control * Alarm clock-radio * Bathrobes * Cable television with in-room pay movies * Express video check-out * Coffee/Tea maker * Hair dryer * Ironing board and iron * Refreshment center * Windows that open to the outside * In-Room Business Amenities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Computer dataport o Desk with business amenities o Telephone with voicemail
<p>Activities</p>	<p>Health Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Indoor lap pool * Fitness Center * Whirlpool * Children's wading pool * Saunas * Steam rooms * Change room s * Towels and locker facilities <p>Elizabeth Milan Hotel Day Spa</p> <p>Located on the Avenues Level of The Fairmont Royal York, Elizabeth Milan Spa is a luxurious, full service spa, offering a wide range of hair, skin and body treatments. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 416-350-7500.</p>
<p>Restaurants</p>	<p>Whether it's a simple snack or a deliciously entertaining meal, every kind of culinary desire can be satisfied at The Fairmont Royal York's five exceptional restaurants and four lounges. The hotels' signature CAA/AAA Four Diamond restaurant, EPIC, offers a scintillating combination of fresh local ingredients prepared with classic French touches and served with style in an elegant, contemporary setting.</p>

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	<p>Feast on a melt-in-your-mouth steak or sample one of the city's best martinis (four years running, according to Toronto Life magazine). For something different and exciting, try Benihana and have a Japanese 'teppan' meal cooked right at your table!</p>
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