

WHAT'S NEW TORONTO

2017 NEW PRODUCT GUIDE
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2017 marks the 150th year of Canadian Confederation. Come celebrate with us in Toronto! From big-city spectacle to rustic Canadiana, Ontario's capital is the place to discover all the best our nation has to offer, and to learn more about what makes Canada Canada.

Come celebrate [150 years of Canada in Toronto](#)

THEATRE

ON NOW

Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament

www.medievaltimes.com/toronto

North America's longest running dinner attraction invites guests to travel back to the 11th Century. Guests are swept away in the excitement and encouraged to cheer for one of six "Knights of the Realm," named after historic regions of medieval Spain. The live production delivers audience favorites; live jousting, riveting medieval combat, pageantry, sword-clashing battles, a delicious 4-course feast, a dynamic new score and the unveiling of a unique 'liberty' scene where guests witness an Andalusian Stallion at liberty – performing without a rider.

Soulpepper Theatre

www.soulpepper.ca

Soulpepper Theatre Company celebrates its 20th birthday with an exciting new season of 13 plays including 2 world premieres, a national premiere, new concerts, and more. "Our 2017-2018 season is remarkably broad in its voices, its forms, and its opportunities for our extraordinary company of artists," says Artistic Director Albert Schultz, "It's a season both international in scope, and celebratory of our local artists. It offers gripping work from Canadian writers including world premieres, reimagined classics by notable international voices, and contemporary pieces both humorous and provocative. It's also a season which reflects our multi-year investment in artistic creation, in part through our national Project imagiNation commissioning work, and our development of original musical experiences."

Billy Bishop Goes To War (Soulpepper Theatre)

Until August 5, 2017, Young Centre for the Performing Arts

www.soulpepper.ca

WINNER OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S LITERARY AWARD FOR DRAMA

"One of the great works in the Canadian theatre canon." – Toronto Star

The story of irreverent hero and Canadian WWI flying ace Billy Bishop remains one of the most critically-acclaimed Canadian plays of all time. Returning to Soulpepper in

celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary, Canadian acting legend Eric Peterson and award-winning writer and composer John MacLachlan Gray reprise their iconic two-man stage play that has captivated audiences for decades.

Confederation Park I: Confederation & Riel (Soulpepper Theatre)

Until August 19, 2017, Young Centre for the Performing Arts

www.soulpepper.ca

VideoCabaret spectacularly conjures the era of Confederation in four tragicomic one-act plays, presented in two parts.

Confederation – John A. Macdonald masterminds the deal-making that leads to the fireworks on July 1, 1867. In a Montreal hotbed of anti-confederationists, Wilfrid Laurier meets Louis Riel.

Riel – Macdonald plans to turn the west into one big Ontario. Riel and Métis leaders collide with surveyors, and religious radicals plot terror; Laurier is spurred to act on his multi-cultural and secular ideals.

Confederation Park II: Scandal & Rebellion (Soulpepper Theatre)

Until August 19, 2017, Young Centre for the Performing Arts

www.soulpepper.ca

VideoCabaret spectacularly conjures the era of Confederation in four tragicomic one-act plays, presented in two parts.

Scandal – Business barons compete to own the hottest technology – the railway lines – and Macdonald is caught trading contracts for donations. Member of Parliament Riel is prevented by fanatics from taking his seat; MP Laurier falls for his best friend's wife.

Rebellion – Riel joins with Gabriel Dumont and Big Bear whose fight for land claims is met with military action and mass starvation. With Laurier protesting, Macdonald allows the execution of Riel, and the Last Spike is hammered.

Vimy (Soulpepper Theatre)

Until August 19, 2017, Young Centre for the Performing Arts

www.soulpepper.ca

A group of Canadian soldiers convalesce in a field hospital after facing the horrors of Vimy Ridge in this striking WWI drama from Governor General's Award-winning playwright Vern Thiessen. As the soldiers battle with their memories of the past, a young nurse from Nova Scotia tends to their wounds both obvious and concealed.

Big Bad Wolf vs Lord Underwear Face von Schtinker (Second City)

Until August 31, 2017

www.secondcity.com

A hilarious musical romp that takes a new look at a children's classic. Framed for heinous crimes by the evil von Schtinker, our unlikely hero, Big Bad Wolf, must enlist the help of his fairy tale friends to prove that things aren't always as they seem.

This show is sure to entertain all ages, but is ideal for ages 5-12. Running time is 60 mins.

Beautiful – The Carole King Musical (Mirvish Productions)

Until September 3, 2017, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

BEAUTIFUL — The Carole King Musical tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry

Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history.

The Final Clue? (Mysteriously Yours Dinner Theatre)

Until September 20, 2017

www.MysteriouslyYours.ca

Come and join the fun! Enjoy 3 course dinner and then participate in the solving of a hilarious whodunit?! Welcome to Bawdy Manor! A surprise birthday party has been planned for the wealthy matriarch Lady Lucille Bawdy, but the biggest surprise comes when she is found murdered! Who could be the culprit? In which room did the deed occur? And with which weapon? The clue's the thing in this most puzzling murder mystery!

Shaw Festival

Until October 15, 2017

www.shawfest.com

Great theatre in the heart of Niagara wine country. Historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, near Niagara Falls, provides the setting for 10 plays in four theatres, April to Oct. Comedies, dramas, musicals. The 2017 Season features Me and My Girl, Saint Joan, Dracula and The Madness of George III. Backstage tours available. "Talented acting company" (Bloomberg News).

Stratford Festival

Until October 29, 2016

www.stratfordfestival.ca

With an ever changing roster of plays and musicals in four distinctive theatres, the Stratford Festival is home to classics, dramas, new works and popular musicals. Backstage and costume warehouse tours also available.

Canada: The Thinking Man's America (Second City)

Monday Nights and Select Friday performances until October 2017

www.secondcity.com

Take a comedic look at Canada's 150th birthday! We've combed through The Second City archives for sketches created and performed by Canada's greatest comedic talents, and from every generation of Canadian comedy icons. Plus you'll see scenes that poke fun at Canadian cliches, make us look really good compared to our southern neighbours, yet remind us not to be too smug about the whole Trump thing. We're not too polite to brag about it: this will be the funniest sesquicentennial celebration you attend all year.

Made in Canada – The Musical (Famous PEOPLE Players)

Until October 31, 2017

www.famouspeopleplayers.com

Celebrating Canada's 150 birthday. A beautiful Maple Leaf voiced by Dan Aykroyd comes to life and takes you on a musical journey from province to province. You will be WOWED with the animation of dancing potatoes from PEI to Tulips and Fleur de lis that grow before your eyes. From across the Prairies to good old Vancouver Town. Don't miss this all Canadian Production!

AUGUST

Pippi (Pirate's Life)

August 23 to September 4, 2017, Aboard a 50 ft. pirate ship that will cruise the Toronto Harbour

<https://www.piratelife.ca/pippi>

Pippi, the daughter of an infamous pirate, grew up sailing the seas and now finds herself blown ashore in Toronto. Join us aboard her ship for an original musical adaptation of Pippi Longstocking. Be ready... because anything is possible with this red-headed, freckle faced, fearless friend!

Pippi is the fearless heroine of the classic children's series created by Swedish author Astrid Lindgren. She is the strongest girl in the world, she is utterly unpredictable, she is the best friend you could ever ask for. Pippi is a free spirit who does things her own way - inviting us to reconsider our preconceived notions of the way things are or ought to be. Pippi is a role model for children and adults alike encouraging us to think outside the box, reach out of our comfort zone and bring a sense of play to everyday life.

SEPTEMBER

Murder at Sea! (Mysteriously Yours Dinner)

Saturday, September 2, 2017

www.MysteriouslyYours.ca

A Canadian Cruise of TITANIC Proportion

ALL ABOARD!!!

Join us as we set sail from Halifax for a hilarious nautical whodunit featuring the Great Detective Hercule Perrier from Brussels, Ontario.

Join the crew and fellow shipmates to see if you can solve this classic whodunit? eh?!

Mimico Vice (Mysteriously Yours Dinner Theatre)

Opening September 9, 2017

www.MysteriouslyYours.ca

Travel back, 30 years to 1987! Hard-nosed detective, Sonny Cracket has his hands full dealing with the notorious "Breakfast Club Gang". Life ain't easy when you work for the toughest police force around... Mimico Vice!

VOLTA (Cirque du Soleil)

September 7 to October 29, 2017, The Port Lands (Under the big top)

<https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/canada/toronto/volta/buy-tickets>

VOLTA tells a spellbinding story about the freedom to choose and the thrill of blazing your own trail. Inspired in part by the adventurous spirit that fuels the culture of action sports, the show weaves the adrenaline rush of acrobatics into a visually striking world driven by a stirring melodic score.

VOLTA is a story of transformation. It is about being true to oneself, fulfilling one's true potential, and the power of the group to make that possible. It celebrates freedom as a movement.

North By Northwest (Mirvish Productions)

September 19 to October 29, 2017, Royal Alexandra Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Every twist, every thrill, every hairbreadth escape from Alfred Hitchcock's supreme comedy of suspense is retained for this stunning new stage adaptation from director

Simon Phillips (Priscilla Queen of the Desert). Roger O. Thornhill is a suave and successful advertising executive, abducted by thugs who insist he is a man called George Kaplan. There's obviously been a mix up. When they don't believe him, that's infuriating. When they try to kill him, that's frightening. And when they pin a murder on him, that's time to run! **NORTH BY NORTHWEST**—a lightning-paced thriller that mixes glamour with espionage for a truly irresistible cocktail.

OCTOBER

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Mirvish Productions)

October 10 to November 19, 2017, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Tony Award winner Marianne Elliott (War Horse) directs this “triumphant” (Sunday Telegraph) adaptation by two-time Olivier Award-winning playwright Simon Stephens, who brings Mark Haddon's internationally best-selling novel to thrilling life on stage.

Fifteen year old Christopher Boone has an extraordinary brain, exceptional at math while ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road, he detests being touched, and he distrusts strangers.

When Christopher falls under suspicion for killing his neighbour's dog, his detective work to identify the true culprit takes him on a frightening journey that upturns his world.

Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets™ In Concert (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

October 12 to 13, 2017

www.sonycentre.ca

This year at Hogwarts, spiders talk, letters scold and Harry's own unsettling ability to speak to snakes turns his friends against him. From dueling clubs to rogue Bludgers, it's a year of adventure and danger when bloody writing on a wall announces: *The Chamber of Secrets has been opened*. To save Hogwarts will require all of Harry, Ron and Hermione's magical abilities and courage in this spellbinding adaptation of J.K. Rowling's second book. Get ready to be amused and petrified as Harry Potter shows he's more than a wizard, he's a hero!

Salt-Water Moon (Mirvish Productions)

October 12 to 29, 2017, Panasonic Theatre

www.mirvish.com

A CANADIAN CLASSIC

Ambition tore them apart. Can the stars guide them back together?

The First World War is over and every day, the villages of Newfoundland are abandoned for a new life in the big city. Under the light of the moon, two former lovers meet to confront their past choices and contemplate a possible future—together.

Bat Out of Hell The Musical (Mirvish Productions)

October 14 to December 3, 2017, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Jim Steinman's epic tale of love, rebellion, and rock `n' roll.

The streets are heating up as young, rebellious leader Strat falls in love with Raven, the beautiful daughter of the most powerful man in post-apocalyptic Manhattan. This high-octane new musical tears through seventeen of Jim Steinman and Meat Loaf's greatest hits including I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That), Paradise by the Dashboard

Light, You Took the Words Right Out of My Mouth (Hot Summer Night), Two Out of Three Ain't Bad, Bat Out of Hell and two new Steinman originals written for the show.

NOVEMBER

Deck the Halls (Famous PEOPLE Players)

November 1, 2017 to January 12, 2018

www.famouspeopleplayers.com

A stunning musical that will Deck The Halls with fun and laughter.

Larger than Life size puppets are skillfully animated under the black light technique.

From the Snow Queen to gingerbread dancing and poinsettia's playing violins, this musical will have you standing on your feet shouting BRAVO!

Oh yes and there is even a snow ball fight and wait until you see the life size Giraffe on ice skates you will HOWL. It is a musical with chaos and craziness that inspires us to a true celebration during the Holiday season.

Great for corporate events who can partake in team building exercises... after all we are children reaching for the stars.

Disgraced (Mirvish Productions)

November 11 to 26, 2017, Panasonic Theatre

www.mirvish.com

New York dinner party. A shattering cultural collision. When discussion turns to politics and religion, the match is lit on a combustible powder keg of identity politics. After smashing box office records last season, the Hope and Hell Co. production of DISGRACED returns for a strictly limited engagement. This provocative and daring tale that The Globe and Mail calls "excellent" and "fearless" is a must-see for all theatre-goers!

A Christmas Carol (Shaw Festival)

November 15 to December 23, 2017, Royal George Theatre

www.shawfest.com

The Shaw Festival introduces a new annual holiday tradition to Niagara-on-the-Lake: Artistic Director **Tim Carroll**'s fanciful production of Charles Dicken's **A Christmas Carol** previews November 15 opens November 25 and runs through December 23 at the Royal George Theatre.

DECEMBER

Dr. Seuss's The Lorax (Mirvish Productions)

December 9, 2017 to January 21, 2018, Royal Alexandra Theatre

www.mirvish.com

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Long before "going green" was mainstream, The Lorax spoke for the trees and warned of the dangers of disrespecting the environment. The powerful message of THE LORAX has enlightened generations about the importance of seeing the beauty in the world around us and our responsibility to protect it.

This funny, moving, and inspiring show that The Independent calls "terrifically inventive", is a riot of eye-popping colour, gorgeous puppetry and infectious original music. You won't want to miss it!

The Illusionists – Live from Broadway (Mirvish Productions)

December 12, 2017 to January 7, 2018, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

RETURN ENGAGEMENT!

This mind-blowing spectacular showcases the jaw-dropping talents of seven of the most incredible Illusionists on earth. THE ILLUSIONISTS™–LIVE FROM BROADWAY™ has shattered box office records across the globe and dazzles audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing acts ever to be seen on stage. This non-stop show is packed with thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportions.

Jurassic Park In Concert (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

December 29, 2017

www.sonycentre.ca

Featuring the Motion Picture Symphony Orchestra

Masterfully directed by Steven Spielberg and based on the best-selling novel by Michael Crichton, *Jurassic Park* transports us to a secluded island where scientists have succeeded in reviving the age of dinosaurs in a brand new, immersive theme park, the likes of which has never been seen before.

Now audiences can experience this ground-breaking film as never before: projected in HD with a full symphony orchestra performing Williams' magnificent score live to picture. Welcome... to *Jurassic Park*!

2018

FEBRUARY

King Charles III (Mirvish Productions)

February 10 to March 4, 2018, Panasonic Theatre

www.mirvish.com

CANADIAN PREMIERE

THE QUEEN IS DEAD.

LONG LIVE THE KING?

Charles. Camilla. William. Kate. Harry. One family holds the future of Great Britain in its hands. But what will the future be? The Queen is dead. The "King-in-waiting" finally ascends the throne. Defying centuries of tradition, Charles boldly attempts to reassert the crown's power, landing himself - and his country - in a royal mess.

Exploring power and betrayal, the internationally acclaimed play, KING CHARLES III, skillfully reveals the people beneath the crowns as nuanced flesh and blood, and turns a Shakespearean lens on relationships in the world's most famous and exposed family. Following sold-out runs in London's West End and on Broadway, Mike Bartlett's award-winning new play comes to Toronto for its Canadian Premiere.

Come From Away (Mirvish Productions)

Begins February 13, 2018, Royal Alexandra Theatre

www.mirvish.com

RETURN ENGAGEMENT!

After a sold-out, standing-room only Toronto engagement before heading to Broadway, COME FROM AWAY returns due to overwhelming demand!

It's been called the "edge of the world." The weather is wild, but the locals never lack

for warmth. And it's here, in Newfoundland, where a remote town became the epicenter of a remarkable true story filled with unusual characters, unexpected camaraderie and uncommon generosity. COME FROM AWAY is the breathtaking new musical that Toronto embraced with open arms and had audiences leaving the theatre night after night claiming they were "proud to be Canadian!"

MARCH

Rain – A Tribute to the Beatles (Mirvish Productions)

March 13 to 18, 2018, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

RAIN—A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES celebrates the 50th anniversary of the release of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band! For the first time ever, RAIN will bring the historic album to life in its entirety for this psychedelic multimedia spectacular along with all your favourite early tunes.

An American In Paris (Mirvish Productions)

March 27 to April 29, 2018, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

AN AMERICAN IN PARIS is the new Tony Award®-winning musical about an American soldier, a mysterious French girl, and an indomitable European city, each yearning for a new beginning in the aftermath of war.

Acclaimed director/choreographer and 2015 Tony Award®-winner Christopher Wheeldon brings the magic and romance of Paris into perfect harmony with unforgettable songs from George and Ira Gershwin in the show that earned more awards than any other musical in the 2015 season!

Muriel's Wedding – The Musical (Mirvish Productions)

April 3 to May 13, 2018, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Undateable. Unemployable. Unstoppable.

Muriel Heslop is back! In this highly anticipated premiere, the iconic Australian film is set to become an equally iconic laugh-out-loud musical.

Stuck in a dead-end life in Porpoise Spit, Muriel dreams of the perfect wedding— the white dress, the church, the attention. Unfortunately, there's one thing missing. A groom. Following her dreams to Sydney, Muriel ends up with everything she ever wanted—a man, a fortune and a million Twitter followers. That's when things start to go really wrong.

Fun Home (Mirvish Productions)

April 13 to May 6, 2018, Panasonic Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Alison, a 43 year-old lesbian cartoonist, struggles to untangle her complex relationship with her deceased father. Moving between past and present, Alison relives an unusual childhood growing up in a funeral home, her sexual awakening and unanswerable questions about her father's secret life.

This ground-breaking new musical based on Alison Bechdel's best-selling graphic memoir was the winner of 5 Tony® Awards, including 'Best Musical', and has received worldwide critical acclaim for its stunning musical score and heartbreaking storytelling.

JULY

The King And I (Mirvish Productions)

July 10 to August 12, 2018, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Set in 1860's Bangkok, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna Leonowens, a British schoolteacher whom the modernist King, in an imperialistic world, brings to Siam to teach his many wives and children. Winner of the 2015 Tony Award® for Best Musical Revival, THE KING AND I is "too beautiful to miss" (New York Magazine).

Hogtown: The Immersive Experience

July 13 to August 20, 2017, Campbell House Museum

www.hogtownexperience.com

Set in Toronto 1926, HOGTOWN: The Immersive Experience is an original site-specific piece of theatre designed to give the audience the power to choose which story-lines and characters they want to follow.

Welcome to Campbell House... It's the night before a critical mayoral election that will determine the future of the city. Although prohibition is still in effect, that's not stopping tonight's host from opening the doors to the hottest gin joint in town. Add to the mix a house filled with politicians, police, showgirls, temperance women and moonshiners, and you have HOGTOWN: The Immersive Experience.

ATTRACTIONS/EXHIBITIONS/EVENTS

ONGOING

The Energy Show (Ontario Science Centre)

www.ontariosciencecentre.ca

Discover the world's ultimate source of power at The Energy Show!

Aunt Tess needs your help! Your mission, should you accept it, is to conduct important energy-related experiments while Aunt Tess is on a road trip across Ontario.

Through interactive and animated investigation, experimentation and collaboration, you'll learn about the different types of renewable and non-renewable sources of energy, and deepen your understanding of its generation, transmission and storage.

Get ready to encounter a seven-foot Tesla coil, a hair-raising Van de Graaff generator, burning bubbles and more to uncover the world's ultimate source of power – all in the name of science!

LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre Toronto

www.LEGOLANDDiscoveryCentre.ca

Get ready to put your ninja skills to the ultimate test in the all-new LEGO® Ninjago City Adventure at LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre Toronto. The over \$750,000, 2,300-square-foot interactive play area is the Centre's 5th interactive experience added since opening four years ago.

Modeled after the Temple of Airjitzu, the two-story play structure puts guests' physical skills to the test as they fight to save Ninjago City. Together, **adults and children** will test their balance, agility, strength and endurance to become a Spinjitzu Master, all while experiencing more than 20 interactive features.

ON NOW

CN Tower - A New Perspective on the View!

www.cntower.ca

The CN Tower provides visitors from all over the world with unique, thrilling experiences. Unveiled to the public on June 26, 2017, the Window Walls located on the LookOut level located 346 metres (1,136 feet) above Toronto provide a thrilling new panoramic perspective on the view.

Improved Accessibility

The original design of the windows on the Observation level has viewing glass that begins at 3ft from the floor and inset 1ft from the wall. With floor-to-ceiling glass, this new viewing opportunity will provide universal access for everyone, including those with mobility challenges.

Celebrate Ontario 150 in Niagara Parks (Niagara Parks Commission)

www.niagaraparks.com

Throughout 2017, Niagara Parks will be offering a series of programs and pilot initiatives to celebrate the sesquicentennial and the natural, cultural, and culinary history that is "Rooted in Niagara". This summer, Niagara Parks will unveil ten new pollinator gardens along the Niagara Parkway and a new exhibit on Ontario's native species at the Butterfly Conservatory. Later in the year, the Rooted in the Garden event will feature shows from local artists, talks with professional horticulturalists and our headline Nuit Vert: Dinner Under the Canopy dining experience.

Dream Big IMAX® Film (Ontario Science Centre)

www.ontariosciencecentre.ca

Narrated by Academy Award® winner Jeff Bridges, Dream Big: Engineering Our World is the first film of its kind for IMAX® and giant screen theatres that will transform how we think about engineering. From the Great Wall of China and the world's tallest buildings to underwater robots, solar cars and smart, sustainable cities, Dream Big celebrates the human ingenuity behind engineering marvels big and small, and shows how engineers push the limits of innovation in unexpected and amazing ways. With its inspiring stories of human grit and aspiration, and extraordinary visuals for the world's largest screens, Dream Big reveals the compassion and creativity that drive engineers to create better lives for people and a more sustainable future for us all.

Out of the Depths: The Blue Whale Story (Royal Ontario Museum)

Until September 4, 2017

www.rom.on.ca

Share in the journey of the ROM scientists, who worked with the local communities of Trout River and Rocky Harbour Newfoundland, to recover two rare blue whales. Dive deep into the story and explore the world's largest and one of the most mysterious animals.

Out of the Depths: The Blue Whale Story retells the story of nine blue whales that died tragically in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 2014, and the unprecedented opportunity for research and conservation that has resulted. In this amazing ROM original exhibition, see the enormous skeleton of one of the recovered blue whales and discover how they evolved, the size of their heart, how they communicate, and more of the mind-blowing biology of Earth's largest animal...ever. Gain insight into the decline of blue whales,

what's being done to protect them, and how the ROM is using DNA to unlock some of the secrets of these elusive creatures.

African Lion Safari

Until October 9, 2017

<http://www.wakeupthewild.com/>

Go "On Safari!™" and get CLOSER than you ever imagined to over 1,000 exotic birds and animals that roam free in large Game Reserves! See lions, giraffe, rhino, and many more animals from around the world! Drive through in your own vehicle or aboard our Safari Tour Bus. Enjoy exciting bird and animal presentations, nature tours, Elephant swim, and Misumu Bay Wet Play (seasonal). Go behind the scenes for unrivalled access with Wake Up The Wild, an exclusive experience!

Falls Illumination and Falls Fireworks Cruises (Hornblower Niagara Cruises)

Falls Illumination Cruises: Available on select dates until October 28, 2017

Falls Fireworks Cruises: Holiday Weekends in July and September; Until September 4, 2017, Monday through Friday.

9:30 to 10:10 p.m.

www.niagaracruises.com

See Niagara Falls in a whole new light! The brightest spot in Niagara is aboard our night-time cruises with **all new** \$4 Million colored illumination of the Falls. These extended 40-minute Falls Illumination Cruises promise breathtaking up-close views of the colored Falls Illumination and dazzling city skyline and are complete with on-board licensed bar, light bar snacks and music.

Or experience Niagara's **ultimate** night-time entertainment aboard our spectacular 40-minute Falls Fireworks Cruise with on-board bar, light bars snack, music and fireworks spectacle overhead.

Canada's Wonderland – NEW RIDES

Until October 29, 2017

www.canadaswonderland.com

Canada's Wonderland will be adding to its arsenal of world-class thrill rides with **Soaring Timbers**. This unique ride experience will send guests spiraling through the sky on two massive rotating gondolas that swing riders through sweeping arcs while rotating 360 degrees.

Muskoka Plunge, a 60 ft. (18 m) tall waterslide complex featuring four speed slides, will kick-off the summer fun in Splash Works. Riders will feel the adrenaline rush when they step into an enclosed launch chamber and suddenly plummet into a high-speed free fall through S-curves and 360° loops at speeds of approximately 40 km/h.

Canada 150: Discovery Way (Ontario Science Centre)

Until November 12, 2017

www.ontariosciencecentre.ca

Canada 150: Discovery Way, the Ontario Science Centre's year-long installation about the stories behind transformational Canadian inventions and innovations, from the lightbulb to the flight recorder.

Voyage To The Falls Boat Tour (Hornblower Niagara Cruises)

Until November 30, 2017

www.niagaracruises.com

Get up-close & personal with the mighty Falls. This legendary 20-minute boat tour includes breath-taking views of the Great Gorge, American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and of course the awesome power, thundering roar and amazing mist of the mighty Canadian Horseshoe Falls. **New** this year is our **Evening** Voyage To The Falls boat tour with all new \$4 million dusk Falls Illumination. All boat tours include complimentary guest Mist Ponchos and on-board educational audio narration.. Boats sail every 15 minutes in season.

Inventorium (Ontario Science Centre)

Until January 2018

www.ontariosciencecentre.ca

Put your creativity to the test at Inventorium, a dynamic, curiosity-driven space that encourages play, creation and collaboration! Participate in studies through play and interactive activities to help local researchers make advancements in science and technology. Bring your ideas to life as you build an interactive, kinetic sculpture using basic tools and a variety of materials, and deepen your understanding of mechanics. Design an insect and have it laser cut before your very eyes. Let your imagination soar and see where your curiosity takes you!

JULY

O Canada (Urban Gallery)

July 6 to 29, 2017

<http://www.urbangallery.ca/>

17 leading Canadian artists showcase Canada from their unique perspectives.

North American Indigenous Games

July 16 to 23, 2017

<http://naig2017.to/en/>

Immerse yourself in a spectacular display of sport and culture when the North American Indigenous Games comes to Central Canada for the first time in its 27-year history. The NAIG offers 14 sport categories for indigenous youth from Canada and the U.S., along with a cultural component that shines a spotlight on North American indigenous arts, culture, language and entertainment.

AUGUST

20TH Century Toronto: Intersections and Interactions (Urban Gallery)

August 3 to August 26, 2017

<http://www.urbangallery.ca/>

Paintings by Ontario Artist Hanna Kostanski.

This body of work explores the connection between people and their environment, but with a focus on historical representations of that relationship. Hanna has worked on a series of paintings based on photographs found at the City of Toronto Public Archives. These images span several decades and are nostalgic of the city as it used to be. They celebrate the many past incarnations of Toronto -the vibrant intersections of the city and interactions of its people.

Canadian National Exhibition

August 18 to September 4, 2017, Exhibition Place

www.theex.com

As Canada's largest fair and one of Toronto's most iconic heritage events, the CNE will be celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary through a variety of exciting events and exhibits. Highlights of this year's CNE include a brand new Canadian themed aerial acrobatics and ice-skating show, a panoramic origami exhibit that celebrates the great wonders of the Canadian landscape, and a spectacular Canadiana waterfront show. The Bandshell concert line-up will showcase Canada's rich array of musical talent. All the traditional favourites including rides, games, and fabulously foolish foods return this summer to make the 139th CNE one of the best in history. All events and shows are FREE with admission.

SEPTEMBER

Invictus Games

September 23 to 30, 2017

<http://www.invictusgames2017.com/>

Invictus is Latin for unconquered. And as Prince Harry, who established the Games in 2014 said, "These Games shine a spotlight on the unconquerable character of servicemen and women and their families. They have been about teammates choosing to cross the line together. These Games have been a display of the very best of the human spirit." In September 2017 in Toronto expect 550 competitors from 17 countries demonstrating the true spirit of invictus.

Guillermo del Toro: At Home with Monsters (Art Gallery of Ontario)

September 30, 2017 to January 7, 2018

www.ago.net

A rare and revealing look at the creative process of an award-winning filmmaker is coming to the AGO, when the first museum retrospective of Guillermo del Toro arrives in September 2017. *At Home with Monsters* offers a window into del Toro's fertile imagination by combining objects from his vast personal collection and objects from the AGO's permanent collection.

The diverse range of media featured – more than 500 objects all told – reflects the broad, alluring and fantastic scope of del Toro's personal and cinematic inspiration. Organized by the AGO, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

OCTOBER

Amazon Adventure – New IMAX® film (Ontario Science Centre)

Opens October 6, 2017

www.ontariosciencecentre.ca

Amazon Adventure tells the epic, true story of explorer Henry Bates' fascinating journey through the visually stunning and biodiverse Amazon rainforest as a young man who risks his life for science in the 1850's. Experience, in immersive IMAX®, the compelling clues Bates unearths in his discovery of the phenomenon of mimicry, whereby certain animals adopt the look of others that helps them deceive predators and gain an advantage to survive.

NOVEMBER

Vikings: The Exhibition (Royal Ontario Museum)

Opens November 4, 2017

www.rom.on.ca

Bloodthirsty plunderers. Pillaging warriors. Seafaring traders. What do we really know about Vikings?

Explore the myths and stereotypes of this ancient culture, in *Vikings: The Exhibition* presented by Raymond James Ltd. opening November 4, 2017. Offering a fresh and contemporary look into the Viking Age, *Vikings* is an extraordinary window into the lifestyle, religion, and daily lives of these legendary explorers, artisans, and craftsmen. Encounter objects rarely displayed outside of Scandinavia in this compelling exhibition that challenges the perceptions of the Viking Age through hundreds of objects, interactives, and immersive experiences.

Christian Dior, 1947-1957 (Royal Ontario Museum)

Opens November 25, 2017

www.rom.on.ca

In celebration of the House of Dior's 70th anniversary, *Christian Dior, 1947-1957* explores the brilliance behind Dior's dramatic creations that revived the entire Paris haute couture industry after the devastation of the Second World War. In 1947, the opening of the new couture house and the revolutionary "New Look" - with soft shoulders, padded hips and long, full skirts - swept away the wartime masculine silhouette making Christian Dior's postwar fashions desired, worn and copied by women around the world. Drawn from the ROM's extensive collection of Christian Dior couture and supported by loans from Dior Heritage, Paris, the exhibition offers a captivating insight into the creative process and the mechanics of the Paris haute couture industry during the 1950s. *Christian Dior, 1947-1957* explores how and why Christian Dior's iconic lines, such as the A and H-line, the masterful cuts, luxury textiles and romantic embroideries laid the foundation for the global success of the fashion house. Featuring breathtaking daytime to evening wear for grand occasions, visitors are invited to experience the exquisite craftsmanship, intricate detail, and inspired luxury designs by one of fashion's greatest couturiers from this golden age of dressmaking.

2018

Yayoi Kusama: Infinity Mirrors (Art Gallery of Ontario)

March 3 to May 27, 2018

www.ago.net

Yayoi Kusama: Infinity Mirrors, explores the evolution of the renowned Japanese artist's celebrated infinity rooms. This immersive exhibition provides visitors with the unique opportunity to experience six of Kusama's most iconic kaleidoscopic environments at once, alongside large-scale, whimsical installations and key paintings, sculptures and works on paper from the early 1950s to the present.

AFC VIP Tours

www.afcviptours.com

AFC VIP Tours runs daily Toronto and Niagara Falls excursions using a multilingual Audio Tour in six different languages... showcasing the city's main attractions.

FREE Waterfront Walking Tour (TOUR GUYS)

www.tourguys.ca

Monday-Friday, Until September 30, 2017

11:15am - Starting and Finishing from the Mariposa Ticket Kiosk (Outside next to the water, South-side of Queen's Quay)

In conjunction with Mariposa Cruises, this free 60-minute walking tour of Queen's Quay and the Toronto Harbourfront Centre reveals not only the history of the area, but also how Toronto's citizens have interacted with Lake Ontario over the last century. At the end of our tour, let our friends at Mariposa Cruises whisk you away as you set sail through the Toronto Harbour & Islands on their replica steamer ship - The Oriole. Every guest of the Tour Guys tour will receive a 20% off voucher for a 45-minute Mariposa cruise.

Ghost Tour – NEW Step-on-guide service

www.hauntedwalk.com

This tour is perfect for seniors or groups with mobility concerns!

Enjoy spine-tingling tales from the Haunted Walk from the comfort of your coach. Our cloaked tour guides will hop aboard and show you the darker side of the city on this fun and intriguing ghost tour. Hop off option available at some locations for a chance to experience our haunted locations on foot and up close. This experience typically takes 75-90 minutes but may be reduced in length if stops are not possible or desired.

For more information contact Rowena Brook at rowena@hauntedwalk.com

Toronto Heli Tour is celebrating 20 yrs. in business!

www.HeliTours.ca

We are flying high year-round from our base at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

Our signature tour product is called the "Vertical Reality Tour". This amazing flight passes directly over the downtown core at 2,000 feet and flies eye to eye with the pod on the CN Tower.

Luxury Prince Edward County Wine Tour

<http://newworldwinetours.com/en/home/>

Everyone goes to Niagara, why not try The County? This region has been garnering fame and recognition locally and worldwide over the past decade for their wines with impeccable mineral quality, great sparkling, and gorgeous country side. Learn about the region as you visit 4 premium wineries with a sommelier guide. Enjoy lunch at Norman Hardie's vineyard where pizza comes hot from a wood-burning stove and veggies fresh from the garden. Life is good in the county.

*Group rates may apply.

Sweets and Sake Tour

<http://newworldwinetours.com/en/home/>

Did you know Toronto produces sake? Izumi is the only brewery in Eastern Canada and perfectly set in the historic Distillery District. Learn about the distillery's fascinating past,

satisfy your sweet tooth with rich chocolate and baked goods. Then learn all there is to know about sake with a Certified Sake Professional; tasting through many different styles. By the time we're done with you, you'll be a true sake master!

Dessert Pervert Pastry Tour

<http://newworldwinetours.com/en/home/>

Travel with local blogger Dessert Pervert to find the best pastries in city. Walk down Queen St West- voted by Vogue as the world's 2nd hippest neighbourhood. Learn the epic routes of your pastry from exiled kings to humble nuns. We'll end at a chic Argentine café to try a south American specialty- Alfajores. Indulging in 4 divine pastries is tough work so we'll walk it off in graffiti alley for a photo shoot where you can see Toronto's best street art in rainbow colours.

OWL Rafting

Until September 17

www.owlrafting.com

For 2017, OWL Rafting introduces our new two-person luxury cabanas. Go rafting with us down the historic rapids of the Rocher Fendu, on the mighty Ottawa River, and spend the night in one of our new beachside cabanas. Sit on the porch and watch the moon rise over the Ottawa River before retreating to your airy ensuite room; enjoy a hearty breakfast the next morning. The perfect place to stay before or after a day of rafting.

Gone Sailing Adventures

Until September 30, 2017, Spadina Wave Deck (East side)

www.gonesailingadventures.com

Gone Sailing Adventures invites you to join us on the newest addition to our fleet of luxury sailing yachts. *Australian Kiss* is a 2017 Beneteau Oceanis 41. With a capacity for 10 guests, GSA provides intimate and personal sailing excursions along the Toronto Waterfront, Lake Ontario and Island Lagoons. This addition increases the Gone Sailing Adventures fleet to five luxury yachts ranging from 22'-41' and a capacity of 50 guests for multi-yacht racing/team building events. Our professional crew will cater to your personal desires and share their world sailing experiences with you as we pamper you in luxury. Join us individually or make it a private affair on our daily 3hr sails or special events such as Friday night Wine and Cheese, Full Moon, Fireworks and Air show sails.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATES

Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre

www.marriott Eaton Centre.com

The newly renovated (completed ay 2017) Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre offers travelers luxurious guestrooms and modern facilities at the heart of downtown Toronto. Its spacious guestrooms feature brand new flat-screen TVs, deluxe walk-in showers and an upgraded entertainment platform with access to Netflix and more. The hotel's 24-hour fitness center offers stunning views of downtown Toronto, and the new Concierge Lounge provides complimentary snacks and beverages throughout the day for guests with access. The hotel's prime location makes it easy to explore all the shopping and dining options in the area, including our on-site restaurant Trios Bistro and the Toronto Eaton Centre.

The Omni King Edward Hotel

www.omnihotels.com/toronto

100 years after its first debut, The Crystal Ballroom will open again in early 2017 after a \$.6.5 million renovation. The Omni King Edward Hotel is elated to have the original charm of the space renovated to feature influences of modern luxury. With floor-to-ceiling windows and panoramic city views, this ornate venue will exceed all of your expectations.

FOODIES

Blue Blood Steakhouse (Casa Loma)

www.casaloma.org

Located inside Toronto's majestic castle, Casa Loma, Blue Blood Steakhouse will offer a refined dining experience in an upscale environment. Offering a modern twist on the classic steakhouse, the menu will highlight various cuts of the finest beef from around the world, as well as fresh seafood and an extensive international wine list. Slated to open mid-summer 2017, Blue Blood Steakhouse is the most recent concept from the Liberty Entertainment Group.

SPECIAL SERVICES/SHOPPING

Square One Shopping Centre - Now offering Travel Privileges

<http://shopsquareone.com/travelprivileges>

The Travel Privileges program is focused on attracting the tourist to Square One through extending offers exclusive to Square One retailers. Visitors go to Guest Services to request their Travel Privileges brochure, identifying that they have travelled a minimum of 60km to come to Square One. Travel Privileges are also presented to guests arriving through pre-arranged motor coach tours.

Vaughan Mills -Group Tour Incentive Program

<https://www.vaughanmills.com/tourism/group-visits/>

Vaughan Mills has introduced a group tour incentive program. Tour operators with a large group are encouraged to register prior to their arrival as they will receive a savings booklet and a directory for each member of the group, as well the bus driver and tour leader will receive a \$10 Vaughan Mills gift card.

Vaughan Mills Shopping Shuttle

<https://www.vaughanmills.com/tourism/shopping-shuttle/>

Our exclusive 55-passenger shopping shuttle provides free seasonal round-trip transportation from Toronto's Union Station to Vaughan Mills twice a day. The Vaughan Mills Shopping Shuttle operates June 1 - September 30 and returns November 24 - December 26 for convenient Holiday shopping!

TRANSPORTATION

Niagara Airbus – New Buses

www.niagaraairbus.com

Niagara Airbus offers scheduled and charter transportation between Toronto and Buffalo airports, and Toronto and Niagara regions, as well as sightseeing

tours of Toronto, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls, wineries and casino.

Their new buses offer:

- upgraded interior with reclining leather seats
- soft led lighting
- More View Panoramic front window
- seat belts and seating for 23 guests plus luggage.
- PA system, aux equipped AM+FM stereo, CD player
- upgrade no slip flooring
- easy entry, airplane pocket load door (very quiet when closed)
- dual upgrade Air Conditioner and Heat.

ADDED VALUE

CityPASS Toronto

www.citypass.com/partners/travel-trade

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada joined the Toronto CityPASS® program in March 2016. CityPASS ticket booklets save 41% off combined admission to **CN Tower, Casa Loma, Royal Ontario Museum, Ripley's Aquarium of Canada**, and a choice between the **Toronto Zoo OR Ontario Science Centre**.

Pricing (excluding tax): Adults: \$72 CAD (value \$126 CAD); \$46 CAD children ages 4-12. Valid 9 days. CityPASS is available at net rates to qualifying travel trade.

3Pass

www.3pass.ca

This pass offers access to **The Bata Shoe Museum, Gardiner Museum and Textile Museum of Canada**, with a savings of over 50% off admission. This new joint admission ticket offers access to all three Toronto museums for one low price of \$20. From historic and contemporary footwear, stunning collections of ceramic art to beautiful textiles from around the world, the 3Pass ticket gives visitors access to a wide range of cultural treasures and not-to-be-missed unique experiences, all centrally located in Toronto's downtown core!. Visitors have 60 days to use their ticket at each museum.

Toronto Key to the City by Streets.TO

www.streets.to

Toronto Key To The City by Streets.TO is Toronto's first instant loyalty rewards program where key holders buy and show their city key for exclusive perks at Toronto restaurants, spas, entertainment, shops and more.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

PLEASE NOTE: Dates are subject to change without notice. Please consult the websites below.

JULY

Canada Day – July 1

www.toronto.ca/special_events

Redpath Waterfront Festival– July 1-3

www.towaterfrontfest.com

The Great Ontario Salmon Derby – July 1-August 19

www.greatontariosalmonderby.ca

Queen's Plate – July 1-2

<http://www.woodbineentertainment.com/queensplate>

Salsa In Toronto – July 3-23

www.salsaintoronto.com

Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival – July 5-16

<http://fringetoronto.com/>

Summerlicious – July 7-23

www.toronto.ca/special_events

Beaches International Jazz Festival – July 7 – 30

www.beachesjazz.com

Afrofest – July 8-9 <http://afrofest.ca/>
Lovin' Local Food Fest – TBD www.livegreentoronto.ca
Toronto Caribbean Carnival – July 11 – August 12 www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com
Toronto Summer Music Festival – July 13 - August 5 www.torontosummernmusic.com
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition – July 14-16 www.torontooutdoorart.org
Honda Indy Toronto – July 14 – 16 www.hondaindytoronto.com
Festival of India – July 15-16 www.festivalofindia.ca
Albion Islington – Fusion of Taste Festival – July 17 <http://www.fusionoftaste.com>
RBC Canadian Open – July 24-30 www.rbccanadianopen.ca
Toronto's Festival of Beer – July 28 – 30 www.beerlicious.ca

AUGUST

Toronto Caribbean Carnival, King and Queen Competition – August 3 www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com
Summer Works Performance Festival – August 3-13 <http://summerworks.ca>
Caribbean Carnival Grand Parade – August 5 www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com
IRIE Music Festival (Toronto) – TBD www.iriemusicfestival.com
Roundhouse Craft Beer Festival – TBD <http://www.craftbeerfest.ca>
Tennis Canada's: Roger's Cup presented by National Bank (Women's) – August 5-13 www.rogerscup.com
Toronto Caribbean Carnival, Carnival in the Fort – August 7 www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com
Carnival Village, August 8-12 www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com
Krinos Taste of the Danforth – TBD <http://tasteofthedanforth.com>
JerkFest – Jerk Food Festival – August 11-13 www.jerkfestival.ca
Roundhouse Craft Beer Festival – TBD www.craftbeerfest.ca
TD Mosaic South Asian Heritage Festival of Mississauga – TBD www.communityart.ca
Canadian National Exhibition – August 18-September 4 www.theex.com
Toronto Chinatown Festival – TBD <http://www.chinatowntcf.com>
Scotiabank BuskerFest – TBD www.torontobuskerfest.com
Fan Expo Canada – August 31 – September 3 www.fanexpocanada.com

SEPTEMBER

Hispanic Fiesta – September 1-4 www.hispanicfiesta.com
Toronto International Film Festival – September 7-17 www.tiff.net
Tim Horton's Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival – Sept. 8-10 www.southsideshuffle.com
The Toronto 5K – September 9 www.runtoronto.com
TURF - Toronto Urban Roots Festival – TBD <http://torontourbanrootsfest.com>
Small World Music Festival – TBD <http://smallworldmusic.com>
Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival – Sept. 15-17 www.ukrainianfestival.com
Toronto Beer Week – TBD <http://torontobeerweek.com/>

OCTOBER

imagineNATIVE Film & Media Arts Festival – October 18-22 www.imagenative.org
Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival – October 19-22 www.planetinfocus.org
International Festival of Authors (IFOA) – October 19-29 www.ifoa.org
Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – Oct 22 <http://www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com/>
Creativ Festival (Fall Show) – October 26-28 www.csnf.com
Art Toronto – October 27-30 www.tiafair.com
Halloweek – October 31 www.churchwellesleyvillage.ca

NOVEMBER

Toronto Chocolate Festival – November 1-30	www.torontochocolatefestival.com
Royal Agricultural Winter Fair – November 3-12	www.royalfair.org
The National Women’s Show – November 10-12	http://www.nationalwomenshow.com
Toronto Christmas Market at the Distillery District – November 17-December 23-	www.torontochristmasmarket.com
Santa Claus Parade – November 19	www.thesantaclausparade.ca
One of a Kind Craft Show & Sale – November 23-December 3	www.oneofakindshow.com
Cavalcade of Lights – November 25	www.toronto.ca/special_events

DECEMBER

New Year’s Eve – December 31	www.toronto.ca/special_events
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TOUR PLANNING RESOURCES AT TOURISM TORONTO

Tourism Toronto’s International Websites:

Chinese	www.seetorontonow.cn
Japanese	www.seetorontonow.jp
Korean	www.seetorontonow.kr
Spanish	www.seetorontonow.mx
Portuguese	http://seetorontonow.com.br
French (Canadian)	http://fr.seetorontonow.ca/
German	www.seetorontonow.de

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YouTube- <https://www.youtube.com/user/seetorontonow/featured>

Tourism Toronto’s Resource Toolkit:

Access the items in this toolkit to make the most of the great promotional resources that Tourism Toronto curates and creates.
<http://trade.seetorontonow.com/resources/resource-toolkit/>

Toronto Magazine: Food & Drink issue

<http://www.seetorontonow.com/maps-and-guides/toronto-magazine-food-and-drink-issue/#sm.0001xp2xmmgmhcyll1vj6qq356cxt>

Yo Toronto: kids-first website

Recognizing the significant role kids today play in family travel planning, this site offers video highlights, print-friendly activities to take on the road, and scavenger hunt style games and ‘best of’ lists to inspire families to visit and help them get the most out of their time in the city. Visit <http://yo-toronto.com/>

Student and Youth Website

Visit www.SeeTorontoNow.com/StudentTravel for a complete list of Tourism Toronto members offering performance opportunities, educational programs, evening activities, student-friendly hotels and other planning resources. Remember - no passports are required for student groups under 19 years of age, so a Toronto experience is easier than you think.

Toronto Motorcoach Parking Information

Please visit our website to learn more about motorcoach parking in the city.
<http://trade.seetorontonow.com/>

CANADA'S
DOWNTOWN

The logo for "Canada's Downtown" features the words "CANADA'S" and "DOWNTOWN" stacked vertically in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A red horizontal line with a small red dot at its right end is positioned below the word "DOWNTOWN".