

WHAT'S NEW TORONTO

2018 NEW PRODUCT GUIDE
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An exciting, modern destination and a gateway to Canada, **TORONTO** is where the excitement is!
It's the country's entertainment and cultural centre, with the most restaurants, music, culture, festivals, and sports.

Discover what's **NEW** in

CANADA'S DOWNTOWN

THEATRE

ON NOW

Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament

www.medievaltimes.com/toronto

Travel back in time to an 11th-century Spanish castle. Witness brave knights on horseback in a tournament of sword fighting and jousting while you feast on a four-course meal. Open year-round at Exhibition Place.

Rose Theatre Brampton

www.rosetheatre.ca

The Rose Theatre Brampton is a state-of-the-art performing arts complex that is fast becoming an icon of Downtown Brampton. The Venue boasts an 880-seat main theatre, a 160-secondary hall and a community space for meetings. The Rose is dedicated to presenting quality entertainment to the city's diverse audience and providing the local performing arts community with a venue for excellence in the performing arts. The Garden Square, in front of the theatre is home to the Lorna Bissell Fountain Stage and a fully-licensed patio where free performances take place throughout the summer. Parking is always free in the evening on show days.

Party Today, Panic Tomorrow (Second City)

Until February 2018

www.secondcity.com

The funniest people in town have created a hilarious new show filled with unforgettably funny characters, killer one liners and incredible improv. The cast of this hilarious, all-new sketch revue knows that when you're suffering from political exhaustion, sometimes you just need to scream over board games, settle scores with dance-offs, and get life

advice from a giant banana. So settle in and get ready for us to spin, sing and laugh away your troubles.

Canadian Stage

Until May 6, 2018

www.canadianstage.com

Canadian Stage is one of the country's leading contemporary performance companies, sharing innovative theatre, dance and music from Canada and around the world at three historic locations: the Bluma Appel Theatre; the Berkeley Street Theatre; and the High Park Amphitheatre, home to Shakespeare in High Park.

Young People's Theatre

Until May 12, 2018

www.youngpeoplestheatre.ca

Canada's largest not-for-profit theatre for young audiences produces award-winning, professional plays and musicals, and offers exceptional theatre experiences for all ages. Housed in a heritage building, Young People's Theatre is near family-friendly restaurants and attractions.

Soulpepper Theatre

Until May 16, 2018

www.soulpepper.ca

Toronto's largest theatre company, with over 600 events throughout the year. Presenting classic and contemporary plays, signature productions, comedies, concerts, cabarets, and festivals. Located in the beautiful Distillery Historic District, Soulpepper is the cultural destination for a great night at the theatre.

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.

Pop and Rock (Famous PEOPLE Players Dine & Dream Theatre)

Until May 31, 2018

<http://famouspeopleplayers.com/>

The Color, the Lights and the Sound, will make you feel you are at a concert for the STARS! FPP brings Grease to life on stage along with your favorite tunes that ROCK!

We promise you

Your eyes will POP

Your ears will POP

You won't even hear a Pin DROP!

You won't catch your breath till the show STOPS!

A unique Canadian treasure – enjoy exquisite dining combined with vision-defying black-light theatre.

Crow's Theatre

Until June 7, 2018

<http://www.crowstheatre.com>

Founded in 1983, Crow's Theatre is recognized in the Canadian theatre landscape as a provocative, daring, award-winning theatre company.

FEBRUARY

King Charles III (Mirvish Productions)

February 10 to March 4, 2018, CAA Theatre (formerly the 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.

Hooking Up: Second Base (Second City)

Limited engagement - February 12 to 18, 2018

www.secondcity.com

We're bringing romance back this year—with a skewered spin. The Second City proudly presents "Hooking Up: Second Base." We've pulled together our favourite tales of Tinder troubles, long-lost lovers, and all the sickening bliss that comes with new relationships. Rolled up into 90 minutes of fresh, new comedy, this fast-paced performance is just the right amount of heat you need this season.

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!"

The Misfits League (Second City)

Family Day Weekend (Feb. 17 to 19, 2018) AND March Break (March 12 to 18, 2018)

www.secondcity.com

A young heroine must find her way in a small town where it seems that everyone has mastered their ultra-cool, super hero strengths – except for her that is. Labelled a misfit by everyone, she's in for a brand new adventure as she fights to save the day using the most unconventional super powers the townspeople have ever seen! We invite you along for the ride as this wonderfully playful tale explores why you should REALLY never judge a hero by their powers.

Murder on the Disorient Express! (Mysteriously Yours Dinner Theatre)

February 18 to June 30, 2018

www.MysteriouslyYours.ca

Come and join the fun! Enjoy a fabulous 3 course meal followed by a hilarious, interactive whodunit?!

All Aboard! The great detective Hercule Perrier sifts through a tangled web of clues and evidence and applies the little grey cells to investigate the psychology of the colourful characters who are your fellow passengers aboard the famous train!

Mark Morris Dance Group PEPPERLAND (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

February 24, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=357>

Choreographer Mark Morris, hailed by the New York Times as “the most successful and influential choreographer alive, and indisputably the most musical,” returns to Toronto with “Pepperland”, a unique tribute to the 50th anniversary of The Beatles’ ground-breaking album *Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band*. Accompanied live by an unprecedented chamber music ensemble of voice, soprano saxophone, two keyboards, theremin and percussion, Ethan Iverson’s original score intermingles six Pepper-inspired original pieces intended especially for Morris’s profound understanding of classical forms with arrangements of the songs *Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band*, *With a Little Help From My Friends*, *A Day in the Life*, *When I’m Sixty-Four*, *Within You Without You* and *Penny Lane*.

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.

GOBSMACKED! (Mirvish Productions)

March 14 to 25, 2018, CAA Theatre (formerly the Panasonic Theatre)

www.mirvish.com

Direct from sell out seasons in London, Hong Kong and Edinburgh comes the mind-blowing vocal show GOBSMACKED! The latest sensation from the UK.

This next-generation a cappella show redefines the limits of the human voice.

Featuring the reigning world champion beatboxer Ball-Zee and an international cast of world-class vocalists, GOBSMACKED! weaves stories through all forms of a cappella from traditional street corner harmonies to cutting edge, multi-track live looping.

Heart stopping singing and jaw dropping beatboxing guarantees the audience will leave with a song in their heart and a smile on their face.

Paw Patrol Live! The Great Pirate Adventure (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

March 16 to 18, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=366>

X barks the spot in this all-new live tour! It’s Pirate Day in Adventure Bay, and Mayor Goodway is getting everything shipshape for a big celebration! Just then, Ryder gets a call for help from Cap’n Turbot, who’s fallen into a dark and mysterious cavern. It’s PAW

Patrol to the rescue! Marshall, Chase, Skye, Rubble, Rocky and Zuma save Cap'n Turbot and discover a secret pirate treasure map that leads them on an epic adventure! Over land and on the high seas, the pups set out to find the treasure for Mayor Goodway so the celebration can go on. But things get *ruff* when Mayor Humdinger decides to find the treasure first for Foggy Bottom. The pups will need all paws on deck for this pirate adventure, including some help from the newest pup who's all ears ... Tracker! Using their heroic rescue skills, problem-solving and teamwork, the pups set sail to save the day on this pirate-themed adventure. No job is too big, no pirate pup is too small!

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!

APRIL

Shaw Festival

April 4 to October 28, 2018

www.shawfest.com

Great theatre in the heart of Niagara wine country. Nestled in historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Shaw Festival features 12 plays in three theatres running from April to October. The 2018 Season includes C.S. Lewis' *The Magician's Nephew*, the musical *Grand Hotel*, Stephen Fry's *Mythos: A Trilogy – Gods. Heroes. Men.* and *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, a Sherlock Holmes mystery.

Fun Home (Mirvish Productions)

April 13 to May 6, 2018, CAA Theatre (formerly the 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.

Stratford Festival

April 17 to October 27, 2018

www.stratfordfestival.ca

Stratford, located an hour-and-a-half's drive west of Toronto, is home to North America's largest repertory theatre. 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.

Offering the Stratford Direct bus \$25 Toronto return; you can relax and enjoy the trip.

Annie (Mirvish Productions)

April 24 to May 27, 2018, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Set in 1930s New York during The Great Depression, brave young Annie is forced to live a life of misery and torment at Miss Hannigan's orphanage. Her luck changes when she is chosen to spend Christmas at the residence of famous billionaire, Oliver Warbucks. Meanwhile, spiteful Miss Hannigan has other ideas and hatches a plan to spoil Annie's search for her true family.

The much-loved score includes the classics It's A Hard Knock Life, Tomorrow and Easy Street.

MAY

Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui's SUTRA (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

May 12, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=359>

"Sutra," the award-winning collaboration between Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui, sculptor Antony Gormley and 19 Buddhist monks from the Shaolin Temple in China, is a breathtaking spectacle of athleticism, which explores the philosophy of faith behind the Shaolin tradition and its relationship with kung fu within a dance context. With Gormley's striking design of 21 wooden boxes and the music of Polish composer Szymon Brzóska's performed live, "Sutra" is an incomparable work that has captured hearts and imaginations around the world as one of the stage's most sophisticated works of art.

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban in Concert (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

May 16 to 18, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=350>

Featuring the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Justin Freer, relive the magic of your favorite wizard in Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban™ — in Concert. Based on the third installment of J.K. Rowling's classic saga, fans of all ages can now experience the thrilling tale accompanied by the music of a live symphony orchestra and choir as Harry soars across the big screen. From the moment Harry uses the Marauder's Map to when the Patronus Charm bursts from his wand, you'll be transported back into the world you love.

Motown The Musical (Mirvish Productions)

May 22 to June 3, 2018, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

It began as one man's story... became everyone's music... and is now Broadway's musical. MOTOWN THE MUSICAL is the true American dream story of Motown founder Berry Gordy's journey from featherweight boxer to the heavyweight music mogul who launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson and many more. Motown shattered barriers, shaped our lives and made us all move to the same beat. Now, experience it live on stage in the record-breaking smash hit MOTOWN THE MUSICAL!

JUNE

The Phantom of The Opera (Mirvish Productions)

June 7 to 30, 2018, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA will come to Toronto as part of a brand new North American Tour. Critics are raving that this breathtaking production is "bigger and better than ever before" and features a brilliant new scenic design by Paul Brown, Tony Award®-winning original costume design by Maria Björnson, lighting design by Tony Award®-winner Paule Constable, new choreography by Scott Ambler, and new staging by director Laurence Connor. The production, overseen by Matthew Bourne and Cameron Mackintosh, boasts many exciting special effects including the show's legendary chandelier. The beloved story and thrilling score - with songs like "Music of the Night," "All I Ask Of You," and "Masquerade" - will be performed by a cast and orchestra of 52, making this PHANTOM one of the largest productions now on tour.

Wicked (Mirvish Productions)

June 20 to August 5, 2018, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

WICKED, the Broadway sensation looks at what happened in the Land of Oz...but from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin—smart, fiery, misunderstood, and possessing an extraordinary talent. When she meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships...until the world decides to call one "good," and the other one "wicked."

From the first electrifying note to the final breathtaking moment, WICKED—the untold true story of the Witches of Oz—transfixes audiences with its wildly inventive story that USA Today cheers is "a complete triumph! An original musical that will make you laugh, cry, and think."

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).

ATTRACTIONS/EXHIBITIONS/EVENTS

ONGOING

CN Tower – Online booking for group clients!

www.cntower.ca

Our easy to use online booking portal allows clients to handle all the elements of their booking – from date and time selection, to number of guests and more. Automatic confirmations are sent once the process has been completed which means you are

then all set for your visit to the CN Tower. For those clients who don't yet have their login information please contact us at groupsales@cntower.ca

ON NOW

IMAX® at Cinesphere (Ontario Place)

<http://ontarioplace.com/en/Cinesphere/>

Immerse yourself in pure movie magic with IMAX® at Cinesphere!

Ontario Place has reopened the iconic Cinesphere to the public. The theatre is open year round and offers a variety of films for all ages. Cinesphere features a unique and immersive IMAX® theatre experience that allows for screening of films with IMAX's laser digital and 70mm film technologies.

The Gold Standard: Glittering Footwear from around the Globe (Bata Shoe Museum)

<http://www.batashoemuseum.ca>

The gleam of gold has seduced people around the world. Treasured for its incorruptibility and remarkable shine, gold has been used ornamentally since time immemorial and as currency since at least the Bronze Age. But gold for shoes? Seems improbable. Yet golden footwear has been central to expressions of status and style in numerous cultures. This exhibition features some of the Bata Shoe Museum's most impressive and precious artefacts and explores the meanings and cultural uses of golden footwear across the globe.

Christian Dior, 1947-1957 (Royal Ontario Museum)

Until March 18, 2018

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.

Vikings: The Exhibition (Royal Ontario Museum)

Until April 2, 2018

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.

FEBRUARY

Chinatown Chinese New Year Celebration (Chinatown BIA)

February 17 to 18, 2018, 12 pm to 5 pm, Chinatown Center & Dragon City Mall

<http://www.chinatownbia.com/eventsnews/chinese-new-year-celebration/>

Chinese New Year is celebrated in countries and territories with large Chinese populations and in Chinatowns all over the world. Each country and area has their own unique traditions and customs when celebrating this festive event.

In 2018, we will celebrate the year of the "Dog." Representing royalty and wealthy, dogs have been popular in the Asian Community. Chinese have a traditional belief that dogs can predict when good or bad things are happening. Join us to celebrate the upcoming wonderful new year!

MARCH

Curious Creatures (Ripley's Aquarium of Canada)

Opening March 2018

www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada/

Robert Ripley (1890-1949), was the iconic "Believe It or Not!" cartoonist, explorer, reporter, adventurer, and collector who travelled to 201 countries in 35 years seeking the odd, the unusual, and the unexplained.

To celebrate the 100th Odddiversary of Ripley's first cartoon drawing, get ready to explore our **NEW** *Curious Creatures* exhibit. From the most remote corners of our blue planet, you will journey from coast to coast and encounter extraordinary sea life, stories and artifacts along the way. From giant isopods and peacock mantis shrimp to various artifacts, immerse yourself into the strange and brilliant life of Robert "Believe It or Not!" Ripley.

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.

The World of the Fatimids (Aga Khan Museum)

March 10 to July 2, 2018

<https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/>

For the first time in North America a collection of masterpieces from this ancient and influential dynasty are on display. Monumental marble reliefs from the Museum of Islamic Art in Cairo and luxury objects and metal ware tell the story one of the greatest civilizations in the world.

March Break at the Toronto Zoo!

March Break hours: 9am to 6pm (with last admission one hour before close).

<http://www.torontozoo.com/Events/?pg=marchbreak&dt=2018-03-10#evt>

Join us this March Break to say goodbye to Canada's only giant pandas before they end their five years at the Toronto Zoo and move to the Calgary Zoo where they will stay until 2023. **The Giant Panda Experience closes permanently on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 6pm.** Also on hand for March Break Fun will be our Fun Team, daily Keeper Talks, Animal Encounters and more!

APRIL/MAY

Niagara Speedway (Clifton Hill, Niagara Falls)

Opens Spring 2018

<https://www.cliftonhill.com/attractions/niagara-speedway>

Niagara Speedway is a marriage of traditional go-karts with the added fun & excitement of an elevated coaster styled track. Drivers get to test their driving skills along the straightaway, negotiate the hair-pin turns, and climb the elevated ramp as they head for the checkered flag.

The Niagara Speedway is part of a 10-acre redevelopment project that started about a year-and-a-half ago with the demolition of the Comfort Inn Clifton Hill building. This created a 4-acre site for expansion of new Clifton Hill entertainment facilities. This opened up 20,000 square feet of renovations, and 30,000 square feet of new buildings and extensive streetscape site work.

Lumberjack (Canada's Wonderland)

<https://www.canadaswonderland.com/>

Lumberjack will take guests for a thrilling ride on two swinging axe pendulums, propelling them into the sky with their feet dangling through 360 degree loops. With inversions reaching up to 75 feet (22m) high, Lumberjack will give riders the sensation of an inverted coaster loop!

SEPTEMBER

Anthropocene (Art Gallery of Ontario)

September 2018 to early 2019

www.ago.net

Next fall, the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) and the Canadian Photography Institute (CPI) of the National Gallery of Canada (NGC) will co-present *Anthropocene*, a major new contemporary art exhibition that tells the story of human impact on the Earth through film, photography, and new experiential technologies. Co-produced with MAST Foundation, Bologna, Italy, the exhibition is a component of the multi-disciplinary Anthropocene Project from the collective of photographer Edward Burtynsky and filmmakers Jennifer Baichwal and Nicholas de Pencier. Organized by the artists in partnership with the three organizations, *Anthropocene* will run at the AGO and NGC simultaneously from September 2018 through early 2019.

EXCURSIONS / TOURS

Walk Ward's Island

<https://www.facebook.com/walkwardsisland/>

Guided walking tours of the Toronto Island community start again in May, 2018. Led by two Island residents, the 1 1/2 hour tour takes visitors to see cottage-like homes, gardens and green spaces.

Learn about the community's 150-year history. Hear what it's really like to live in this unique community of 260 homes with no cars or stores in the middle of an 825-acre park. For the Toronto Island Guide, a new app on where to go and what to do on Toronto Island, see torontoislandguide.com

Brew Tours - Toronto Series

Year Round

<https://www.brewtours.ca>

Brew Tours, Toronto Series give you an in-depth look into some of the leading craft breweries and distilleries Toronto have to offer in the Junction and Westend of Toronto. The chartered tours offers 4 stops are various craft facilities and a full sit-down lunch at a local hidden craft Gastropub or eatery. The Toronto tours run publicly on Saturdays and if you are looking for something more exclusively private tours can be arranged as well!

TalkWalk

www.talkwalk.ca

TalkWalk, the talk of the town, is Toronto's new guided walking tour company. Daily downtown departures from Union Station. Each two hour walk focuses on public art, sculpture, and landmarks. Friendly, factual, fascinating, and fun we'll consider the gems and lemons, obvious and obscure - all in the eye of the beholder. Informative, engaging, factual, interpretive. Smaller groups for optimum experience. "Front and Centre" and "The Art of Finance and Politics" tours are export ready. Enquiries welcomed.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATES

Bisha Hotel

<http://www.bishatoronto.com>

Bisha Hotel, Toronto, professionally managed by Loews Hotels & Co. is located in the epicentre of Toronto's Entertainment District, with theatres, sports/music venues, shopping and restaurants at our doorstep. We have an exclusive floor envisioned by Lenny Kravitz and realized by Kravitz Design. Guests can experience four dining establishments on-site from casual dining at our rooftop restaurant Kost, lobby bar, French Made Café to fine-dining at our signature restaurant, Akira Back. Our rooftop infinity pool overlooks the city and Lake Ontario. For us, good hospitality means going further than making you feel welcome and relaxed; it means making you feel inspired.

Embassy Suites by Hilton Toronto Airport

January 2018

www.torontoairport.embassysuitesbyhilton.com

Embassy Suites by Hilton, a global brand of upscale, all-suite hotels, announces the opening of Embassy Suites by Hilton Toronto Airport. The hotel venture marks a significant milestone as the first Embassy Suites in the greater Toronto area. The bright and modern hotel recently underwent a renovation estimated at \$18 million. Some of the many features include **free, made-to-order breakfast buffet in the morning and complimentary drinks and appetizers daily at the Evening Reception**. Additional amenities include free Wi-Fi, 2,888 square feet of meeting space with natural lighting, covered parking garage, and a free airport shuttle.

Adelaide Hotel Toronto

www.adelaidehoteltoronto.com

Introducing the city's finest luxury-boutique hotel, The Adelaide Hotel Toronto is the perfect blend of breathtaking architecture, chic décor, luxurious guest rooms and suites, and exclusive amenities defining the standard for luxury in Toronto. Soaring 65-stories in the heart of downtown Toronto, this AAA Five-Diamond Award winning hotel places guests moments from the city's premier attractions, landmarks, theaters, prestigious shopping, and renowned festivals such as The Toronto International Film Festival. As a proud new member of the Starwood Preferred Guest Program, guests can enjoy earning and redeeming Starpoints. Following a brand-focused enhancement program, the hotel will be re-launched as **Canada's very first St. Regis Hotel in a striking reveal late 2018.**

Broadview Hotel

www.thebroadviewhotel.ca

The Broadview Hotel is a historic east end neighbourhood landmark with a wonderfully colourful past. Originally built in 1891, it has now been meticulously restored and reimagined as a 58-room boutique hotel and charismatic gathering spot.

Hotel X Toronto

Overnight stays begin March 1, 2018

<http://www.hotelxtoronto.com>

Luxury lakefront urban resort with 404 guestrooms and suites featuring spectacular views of Lake Ontario and Toronto's skyline. Enjoy access to the Falcon SkyBar, the largest rooftop entertainment complex in the city.

Kimpton Toronto Hotel

Slated to open mid-2018

<https://www.kimptonhotels.com>

The Kimpton Toronto blends comfort with sophistication offering 188 guest rooms and suites including a luxurious Presidential Suite. The property will boast a Chef driven restaurant + bar and event space for all occasions.

FOODIES

Assembly Chef's Hall

<https://www.assemblychefshall.com>

Canada's first Chef's Hall...unveiling an all day and night destination for food, drink and culture. Aptly named, Assembly, the Chef's Hall will bring together seventeen of Toronto's best chefs for an entirely new and unique food experience.

Benihana Japanese Steakhouse - New Sushi & Sake Lounge

<http://www.fairmont.com/royal-york-toronto/dining/benihanajapanesesteakhouse/>

Benihana inspired by the history and culture of Japan; reinvented with contemporary design and a world-class menu. Join us on the Avenues level at Fairmont Royal York and enjoy premium sake and expertly crafted sushi! Group menus are available upon request.

Table to Share

<https://www.tabletoshare.com/>

The best way to learn and understand a culture and its traditions is through its food. Table to Share offers interactive hosted dinner series exploring the cultural flavors from around the World. Featuring six cuisines, each dinner celebrates one country cuisine, as we serve up an immersive multi-course dinner enjoying ingredients, flavors and traditions of the region. Share family-style dishes, drinks and authentic tastes while learning about the culinary and cultural impact of the featured cuisine. A delicious way to make connections, while tasting comfort food in an intimate and fun atmosphere.

Craft Beer Market – Adelaide

<http://craftbeermarket.ca/toronto#>

Brand new in Toronto's financial district, CRAFT Beer Market is a premium casual restaurant with a passion for fresh local food and great craft beer. The CRAFT movement is a special recipe of sophisticated comfort food, unique craft beers and active community involvement.

CRAFT, conveniently located close to both Union and King subway station, is open for lunch, dinner and late night snacks 7 days a week with a delicious brunch served Saturday and Sundays until 2 pm.

CRAFT has the capacity to host groups of up to 500 people and welcomes group reservations at any time of day. For your convenience, we have group menu and fixed price options available that can be ordered in advance to provide you with the most effective and smooth service the day of your visit.

The Pint Public House

<https://toronto.thepint.ca/>

Ideally located next to the Rogers Centre & CN Tower, this dynamic sports pub is predominately known for its 40 way chicken wings, ribs and draught beer. Serves classic & modern pub fare throughout 16,000 sq. ft.

SPECIAL SERVICES/SHOPPING

Square One Shopping Centre - Travel Privileges Program

<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

<https://www.vaughanmills.com/>

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 23 – December 26 for convenient Holiday Shopping!

Yorkdale Shopping Centre – Group Programs

www.yorkdale.com/tourism

Yorkdale is delighted to offer group travel planners, tour operators and receptive operators a *customized group program*, which can be tailored to meet the needs of your guests. It is our pleasure to offer the ultimate luxury shopping experience for groups of all sizes and we extend a warm welcome to shopping excursions, convention delegates and spousal programs.

Pre-registered groups will enjoy the following benefits:

- Meet & Greet upon Arrival
- VIP Travel in Style Card & Shopping Directory for each guest
- Tour Operator Benefits

TRANSPORTATION

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)

www.ttc.ca

Toronto's transit system has opened six new stations along the Toronto-York Subway Extension. This \$3.18 billion dollar project will take commuters along the 8.6 km stretch with additional stops at York University, Pioneer Village, Highway 407 and Vaughan Metropolitan Centre.

ADDED VALUE

CityPASS Toronto

www.citypass.com/partners/travel-trade

CityPASS ticket booklets save 36% 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: \$86 CAD; \$58 CAD children ages 4-12.

Explore at your own pace with **up to nine days to enjoy!**

CityPASS is available at net rates to qualifying travel trade.

Toronto Key to the City by Streets.TO

<https://torontocitykey.com/>

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 above.

JANUARY

Next Stage Theatre Festival – January 4 - 15 - www.fringetoronto.com

Toronto International Boat Show – January 12 – 21 <http://www.torontoboatshow.com/>

Toronto Design Offsite Festival – January 16-22 - <http://todesignoffsite.com>

Interior Design Show – January 19 - 22 - www.interiordesignshow.com

Toronto Light Festival – January 19 – March 4 - <https://www.torontolightfest.com/>

Toronto International Boat Show – January 20 - 29 - www.torontoboatshow.com

Winterlicious – January 26 - February 8 - <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/winterlicious/>

FEBRUARY

National Bridal Show – February 2-4 -- www.nationalbridalshow.com

Kuumba Festival – Entire month of February - www.harbourfrontcentre.com

Winter Craft Beer Festival – February 10 – www.craftbeerfest.ca

Canadian International Auto Show – February 16 - 25 - www.autoshow.ca

Family Day – February 19 -- <http://www.seetorontonow.com/annual-events/family-day-in-toronto/#sm.0000wsgq0l1aibd0opahj1e2lhk3l>

Toronto's Golf & Travel Show – February 23 - 25 - www.torontogolfshow.com

Bloor-Yorkville IceFest – February 24-25 - <http://www.bloor-yorkville.com/icefest>

MARCH

Toronto International Bicycle Show – March 2 - 4 - www.bicycleshowtoronto.com

Toronto Storytelling Festival – March 2 - 4 & 19 - 25 - <https://torontostorytellingfestival.ca/2018/>

Canada Blooms: The Toronto Flower and Garden Festival – March 9 -18 --www.canadablooms.com

National Home Show – March 9 - 18 - www.nationalhomeshow.com

TIFF Kids International Film Festival – March 9 -18 - www.tiff.net/kids/

St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 11 - <https://stpatrickstoronto.com/>

Toronto Sportsmen's Show – March 14 - 18 -<https://www.torontosportshow.ca/>

Toronto Comicon – March 16 - 18 - <http://comicontoronto.com/>

One of a Kind Spring Show & Sale – March 28 – April 1, www.oneofakindshow.com

APRIL

Creativ Festival (Spring Show) – April 13-14 - www.csnf.com

Hot Docs Film Festival – April 26 – May 6 - www.hotdocs.ca

MAY

Scotiabank Contact Photography Festival – May 1-31 - www.contactphoto.com

Toronto Jewish Film Festival – May 3-13 -www.tiff.com

Mississauga Marathon – May 4 - 6 - www.mississaugamarathon.com

Goodlife Fitness Toronto Marathon – May 6 -www.runtoronto.com

Canadian Music Week – May 7 – 13 - <http://cmw.net/>

Sporting Life 10K Marathon – May 13 - www.sportinglife10k.ca

Inside Out Toronto LGBT Film Festival – May 24 - June 3 - www.insideout.ca

Carassauga - Mississauga's Festival of Cultures – May 25-27 - <http://www.carassauga.com/>

Doors Open Toronto – May 26 – 27 - www.toronto.ca/doorsopen

Woofstock – May 26 -27 - <https://www.woofstock.ca/>

JUNE

Pride Toronto – June 1 - 24-- <http://www.pridetoronto.com/>

Riverside Eats & Beats StreetFEST – June 2 -- <http://www.riverside-to.com>

Luminato Festival – June 6 – 24 -- <https://luminatofestival.com/>

Luminato, Toronto Festival of Arts and Creativity – June 6 - 24-- www.luminatofestival.com

Toronto Tango Festival – June 7 -10 -- www.torontotangofestival.com

North by Northeast Music Festival – June 8 – 17 -- www.nxne.com

Sound of Music Festival – (Burlington) – June 9 - 17 -- www.soundofmusic.ca

Tastemaker Toronto – TBD -- www.thetastemakertour.com/

Mississauga Waterfront Festival – June 15 – 17 -- <http://www.themwf.com/>

Toronto International Dragon Boat Race – June 16 - 17 -- www.dragonboats.com
Toronto Craft Beer Festival – June 22 -24 -- www.tcbf.ca
Pride Toronto Festival weekend – June 22 – 24 - <http://www.pridetoronto.com/>
Bud Light Dreams Music Festival – June 23 -24 - <http://dreamsfestival.ca/>
TD Toronto Jazz Festival – TBD -- www.torontojazz.com
Queen’s Plate – June 29 - July 1 -- www.woodbineentertainment.com

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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Pinterest- <https://www.pinterest.com/visittoronto>
Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/seetorontonow>
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

Eat here now! Belly up to Toronto’s [dynamic food scene](#). Includes undiscovered neighbourhood dining, celebrity chefs, top brunches, family fare and much more.

Toronto Style & Design Guide

Love design? Whether you’re seeking creative inspiration or are on the hunt for standout fashion, décor or gifts, Canada’s Downtown has it all. Our [guide](#) will help you discover it.

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/>