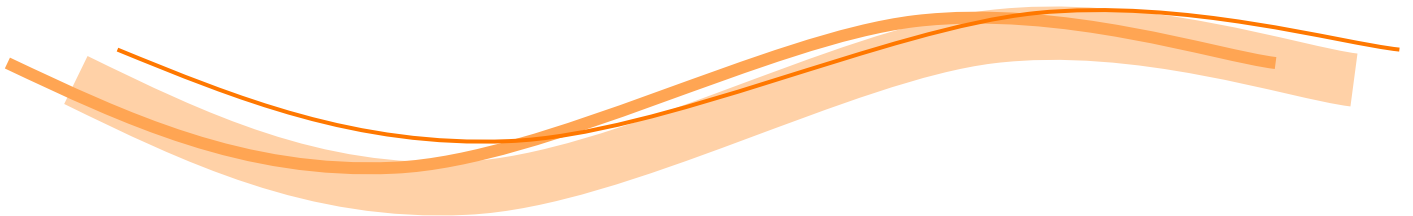




**DELTA CHELSEA HOTEL**





## DELTA CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

This week, downtown Toronto's "Entertainment Hotel" - the Delta Chelsea - for fun filled, great value getaways that are closer to home. Within minutes from the hotel, take part in one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th century at the Royal Ontario Museum, or spend the day building sand castles and catching waves at Chelsea Beach.

Call 1-800- CHELSEA or visit [www.deltahotels.com/chelsea/summer](http://www.deltahotels.com/chelsea/summer) for great rates and packages. Book any package this summer and receive a family size Hershey's chocolate bar!

The "Family Fun Package" for example includes deluxe accommodation, hotel parking and a \$25 food credit for just \$154 dollars per night. Plus "Show your key and save" at over seventeen Toronto events, attractions and theatre partners.

Families will love the Kid Centre, the huge family pool and Club 33 Teen Lounge. For more fun and thrills, there's a one hundred and thirty foot Corkscrew indoor waterslide. Plus an all-inclusive summer program for kids, CAMP CHELSEA and supervised evening child care.

All summer long guests can enjoy Chelsea Beach on Toronto Island Park. The beach is life guarded and has a Blue Flag rating, the international eco-label awarded for excellence in water quality. Other amenities nearby include Centreville Amusement Park (discounted tickets are available to all Chelsea guests), bike and boat rentals, snack bars and restaurants. For convenience, Delta's association with Toronto Tours allows guests to access discounted roundtrip transportation, coach then boat, from the hotel. Check out [www.deltahotels.com/chelsea/beach](http://www.deltahotels.com/chelsea/beach)

As Toronto's entertainment hotel, the Delta Chelsea partners with the best attractions, shows and events to offer added value to guests. The Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition begins June 27, 2009 at the ROM. Check out [www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca) . One of the World's greatest treasures, it includes an assortment of Scrolls found off the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea that provide historical and biblical understanding of the period 200 BC to 68 AD. Discounted packages and tickets are available to all hotel guests.

VIA Rail is the human way to travel to Toronto. No worries about weather or traffic - relax and arrive stress free, in no time! Right now adults can travel Montreal to Toronto for as little as \$69 each way, kids under 12 are free when accompanied by a passenger 18 years or older, and there are

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	other specials for students, youth and seniors are available. Go to <a href="http://www.viarail.ca">www.viarail.ca</a> for all the details.
<b>Mission</b>	Delta Hotels Mission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A hotel company that offers great value</li> <li>- A hotel company that has warm, friendly, sincere, customer-focused employees</li> <li>- A hotel company that offers consistent delivery of products and services, is innovative, and consistently improving service</li> </ul>
<b>Location</b>	Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, guests are within minutes of the city's best theatre, shopping and attractions. Address: 33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1Z4 Tel: 416-595-1975 Fax: 416-585-4375 Reservations: 1-800-243-5732 <a href="http://www.deltachelsea.com">www.deltachelsea.com</a>
<b>Families</b>	<p>The Delta Chelsea is the first choice for families in Toronto. Firstly, it's great value:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Free accommodation</b> for children under 18 when staying with a parent or guardian.</li> <li>- <b>"Eat for free"</b> from the special children's menu for children six and under.</li> <li>- For children ages seven to 12 years, <b>"eat for half price"</b> from the regular menu, or at list price from the special children's menu.</li> </ul> <p>Nice family-friendly touches include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Individual check-in cards</b> are given to children to complete upon arrival.</li> <li>- An age-specific <b>"Kids' Essentials"</b> kit for infants to seven years is given upon check-in.</li> <li>- Front desk provides information on family attractions.</li> <li>- <b>Pagers</b> are available for parents and wristband policy always matches the child to the parent.</li> <li>- <b>Strollers</b> and wagons are available for a deposit.</li> <li>- Delta Chelsea has been recognized as the "Best Family Hotel" from the readers of City Parent in the 11th Annual Readers Selection Awards, (2006). Being chosen five times by the readers they have become a Gold member of the Hall of Fame.</li> </ul> <p>Then there's all the family focused services specifically at Delta Chelsea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Theatre babysitting</b> for children between the ages of three and twelve is available during daily matinees and Friday and Saturday evening performances.</li> <li>- The Delta Chelsea's <b>Starcade Games Room</b> is catered to teens. Complete with a pool table, air hockey and a great selection of video</li> </ul>

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games.

- **Camp Chelsea** offers a complete line-up of activities for children ages five to twelve. Fully qualified camp counsellors will keep your children well entertained. Camp Chelsea operates on weekends throughout the year and everyday during the summer.

- **Kid Centre:** The Kid Centre is filled with exciting and entertaining activities to keep any child busy for hours! With painting, crafts, PlayStation, cooperative play, colourful fish and a bunny named Brownie, it's only the beginning to the endless fun. The centre also offers pagers, strollers and wagon rentals. Supervised childcare, theatre babysitting, (during daily matinees and Friday and Saturday evening performances) and a strict wristband policy set in place to match child to parent.

- **Webkinz** are an exciting addition to the Kid Centre. Webkinz pets are lovable plush toys that come with a unique secret code. With it, you enter Webkinz World where you care for your virtual pet, answer trivia, earn Kinzcash and play the best kids games on the net!

- **Teen Centre – Club 33:** Club 33 is an exciting addition to the Delta Chelsea Hotel! Equipped with a Ping-Pong table, big screen LCD television with Blue Ray player, brand new HP Touch screen computers with internet, XBOX 360 featuring RockBand and IPOD docking stations, the entertainment is endless. This centre is for ages 12-19 years. Catering to the entire family, Bingo, movie nights and Family Fear Factor, there's something fun for everyone.

- **Pools:** two heated indoor pools - Deck 27 caters to adults, while the Family Fun Zone on the second floor, includes a pool, waterslide and wading pool.

- The pool includes the **Corkscrew**, a 130-foot waterslide encased in a four-storey glass tower. Heated and operates year round. Height restriction is 5'.

- For children under three: Improv Care will supply high quality babysitting services.

- Playpens, cribs, highchairs and booster seats.

- Safety kits including socket protectors, bandages and night-lights.

**Family Fun Suites** provide families with a home away from home when visiting Toronto. The fully equipped apartment-style suites feature separate bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room and a play area for children. Special amenities include: bubble bath, kid's bathrobes, step-up stools, children's chairs, cookie jars, alphabet fridge magnets, in-room DVD and Nintendo game cube with free access to movies and video games at the Children's Creative Centre, bunk-beds, take-home gifts and Kids Koncierge.

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<b>Weddings &amp; Honeymoons</b>	<p>Let the Delta Chelsea help you plan the perfect wedding. Their experienced Director of 'Romance,' your personal wedding planner, will take care of all the details. A team of professionals will keep things running smoothly, while you relax and enjoy your special day in the elegant ambience of our reception facilities. They'll make this an event you and your guests will never forget!</p> <p>As Toronto's wedding specialists, they offer the convenience of a selection of tastefully decorated venues where you can hold your wedding ceremony, as well as the reception to follow.</p> <p>The beautifully landscaped patio is the perfect backdrop for your outdoor wedding ceremony. Nestled in a secluded location off Elm Street, it offers a private setting for your intimate gathering. You'll take your vows under the glow of sunshine, surrounded by luscious trees, colourful flowers and a sparkling fountain.</p> <p>For your indoor wedding ceremony and reception, their team of expert decorators will create a mood to suit your personal taste – one that will make all your wedding dreams come true...</p> <p>The newly renovated Honeymoon Suites are custom designed with a contemporary and sophisticated uptown feel. Designer elements include hardwood flooring, wall sculpture, luxurious marble bath, rain shower and 42" Plasma television.</p>
<b>Facilities</b>	<p><b>Deck 27 Health Club</b></p> <p>It's easy to maintain your fitness routine while staying at the Delta Chelsea. The health club gives you unlimited access to cardio and weight training equipment while enjoying a panoramic view of downtown Toronto. Exclusive to guests 19 and older. The Deck 27 adults-only recreation area offers: Free weights, six lifecycles, two liferowers, seven treadmills, four lifesteps, one free runner, two elliptical, eight strength pieces and Universal machines Towels, change rooms, saunas, showers and lockers Outdoor sundeck</p> <p><b>Deck 27 Pool</b></p> <p>Guests can relax and unwind in the adults-only heated indoor pool and whirlpool. Exclusive to guests 19 and older.</p> <p><b>Family Fun Zone &amp; Family Pool</b></p> <p>For families, our second floor recreation area features a family pool with and a four-storey indoor waterslide, the 'Corkscrew.' Children can also improve their swimming skills with the parent-directed Delta Dolphin Swim Program. The Family Fun Zone also has a whirlpool and sauna, as well as the Starcade Games Room and the Children's Creative Centre.</p> <p><b>Services</b></p> <p>Parking Self-parking - \$26 per night plus taxes Valet parking - \$31 per night plus taxes</p> <p>In &amp; out parking privileges are provided for registered guests.</p>

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	<p>Dry Cleaning - Same day and overnight dry cleaning services available.</p> <p>Laundry - The hotel has self-service, coin operated laundry facilities available (\$2.00 wash &amp; \$2.00 dry from 7:00 a.m. to midnight). Laundry soap, fabric softener and laundry detergent are available for purchase.</p>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>The Delta Chelsea is <b>Canada's largest hotel</b> and has 1,590 guestrooms and suites available in a wide choice of styles and sizes to suit the needs of every guest whether they are traveling on business or pleasure. All rooms offer the following amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June Jacob Spa Collection amenities</li> <li>Colour TV, with in-room pay-per-view</li> <li>Automated television check-out</li> <li>Bathrobe</li> <li>Complimentary tea &amp; coffee</li> <li>Iron and ironing board</li> <li>Alarm clock</li> <li>Hair dryer</li> <li>Voice Mail</li> </ul>
<b>Dining</b>	<p><b>Bb33 Bistro and Brasserie</b> - Bb33 is both a bistro and brasserie in one dynamic setting; each offering its own unique dining experience. The brasserie allows guests to choose from elaborate buffets or from a creative à la-carte menu at breakfast, lunch and dinner. This upscale yet relaxed atmosphere features a selection of hearty salads, Canadian cheese and mouth-watering entrées including roast beef and fresh Maritime seafood.</p> <p>The bistro is a showcase of Chef Kevin Philip's talents as he prepares contemporary Canadian cuisine using only the freshest ingredients from across the country. Join them for succulent seasonal dishes in an intimate and elegant atmosphere.</p> <p><b>Market Garden</b> - Our bustling market-style food emporium features chefs who prepare hot and cold entrées right before your eyes. Prepare your own salad or try the chefs' homemade soups and sandwiches. At the bakery, you can find gourmet pizzas or freshly baked delicacies that are perfect with a speciality coffee from the Coffee &amp; Tea Emporium. Dine in the restaurant, seasonal outdoor patio or enjoy the convenience of take-out.</p> <p><b>Monarchs</b> - Monarchs is home to delicious pub fare and one of the city's most extensive selections of domestic and international premium ales. Sit back and catch the latest sporting action on the big screen TV or dance the night away to the music of the live DJ. Monarchs Pub is the place to be for the ultimate happy hour or late-night gathering. I have watched World Cup soccer games there in a very lively and fun atmosphere!</p>

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	<p><b>Elm Street Lounge</b> - Relax over a premium cocktail or specialty martini and watch the world go by from the lobby lounge. At lunch, enjoy a selection of à la-carte items or the authentic curry buffet.</p> <p><b>Deck 27</b> - The 27th floor offers a view of Toronto's skyline that is incredible by day and romantic by night. It's the perfect place to enjoy continental breakfast or an evening drink.</p>
<b>Pet Policy</b>	<p>It is hard to leave a pet behind. Now, you don't have to. Delta Hotels is pleased to welcome you and your pet. When traveling with your pet, you want to ensure a safe and comfortable stay for you and your fellow guests. Delta hotels and resorts have a pet charge of \$35 per stay/room to cover additional cleaning costs.</p>
<b>Current Deals</b>	<p>For more information or to book a Shop 'N Stay Rate, call 1-800-CHELSEA (243-5732) or visit <a href="http://www.deltachelsea.com/shop">www.deltachelsea.com/shop</a> .</p> <p>For instance, there is currently a great package deal to see the Dead Sea Scrolls at the ROM: for \$199 per person enjoy: 1 night accommodation in a Delta Room, Hotel Parking, \$25 Food Credit And most importantly, 2 adult tickets to Dead Sea Scrolls</p>

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

<b>CLIMATE</b>	Similar to Montreal – but less snow in winter!
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<b>GETTING THERE</b>	
<b>Flying time</b>	Less than an hour from Montreal
<b>Distances</b>	550km, 6hours driving from Montreal to Toronto
<b>Ferries</b>	From downtown to Toronto Island
<b>Trains</b>	VIA Rail takes between 4 and 5 hours
<b>Car Rental</b>	All major companies are represented
<b>Buses</b>	TTC – subway, streetcars, buses, transfers
<b>Hippo Tours</b>	To celebrate entering into their 10th season, Toronto Hippo Tours is increasing their tour capacity for July and August with tours departing hourly at 10am. After breaking records in 2008, the increased capacity will allow the popular land and sea tour to carry almost 15 per cent more passengers. <a href="http://www.torontohippotours.com">www.torontohippotours.com</a>
<b>Segway Tours</b>	The Distillery Historic District's famed Segway Tours has unveiled their newest tour, the one-hour Segway & Tasting Combo Tour. A guide will take visitors around the Distillery on the Segway Personal Transporter for a 45-minute glide to explore the area's rich history. After you've been familiarized with the hip Toronto district, the tasting begins. The Combo Tour includes a visit to the award-winning Mill St. Brewery for sampling of the tantalizing brews, and a stop at Soma Chocolate to taste their renowned Peruvian dark chocolate. The new combo tours run regularly throughout the week and cost is \$59 plus GST per person. <a href="http://www.segwayofontario.com">www.segwayofontario.com</a>
<b>Passes</b>	City Pass

<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	All types including B&B and 5 star
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<b>TYPES</b>	
<b>TARGET GROUPS</b>	
<b>Kids</b>	<p>CN Tower; Toronto Islands and the ferry; Centreville; Black Creek Pioneer Village; Paramount Canada's Wonderland; Ontario Place; ROM; Science Centre; Sports games; Hockey Hall of Fame; Riverdale Farm; Playdium</p> <p>Toronto's beloved medieval theatre, <b>Medieval Times</b>, has introduced a new performance, the company's first since 2003. The show blends a two-hour live performance with a four course medieval feast served in a castle-inspired 1,000+ seat arena. After more than 30 months in the making, the new production includes audience favourites such as live jousting, swordplay, horsemanship and falconry. Guests are still encouraged to cheer for their favourite knight in unison with friends and family. In addition to a new script, the production includes new lighting, choreography and battle scenes, horse dressage elements - executed by Medieval Times' famed Andalusian stallions - and a new soundtrack performed by Czech Republic-based Czech Film Orchestra. A new theatrical element, Medieval Times' first use of a high-output snow machine, also adds an unexpected magical element to the guest experience. <a href="http://www.medievaltimes.com">www.medievaltimes.com</a></p>
<b>Teens</b>	<p>LKTYP - <b>Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People</b> is the largest non-profit theatre for young audiences in Canada and presents new Canadian plays, innovative works and classics from children's literature throughout the season. A multi-faceted centre for learning through the arts, LKTYP's performances are designed to help children and youth identify with the issues they face today. <a href="http://www.lktyp.ca">www.lktyp.ca</a></p>
<b>Honeymoons &amp; Weddings</b>	<p>Casa Loma; Toronto Island; CN Tower; many wonderful church and restaurant options too</p>
<b>Seniors</b>	<p><b>Casa Loma</b> - Experience the elegance and splendour of the Edwardian era at Casa Loma! Casa Loma was built in 1911, by Sir William Henry Mill Pellatt, a prominent financier, industrialist, and military man. Casa Loma was designed by E.J. Lennox. Explore the unique architecture, beautifully furnished rooms, secret passages, towers, and an 800-foot tunnel to luxurious stables. May through October enjoy the magnificent estate gardens</p> <p><b>Toronto Tours</b> - Whether you are seeking adventure or discovery, refinement or rusticity, Toronto Tours will rise to the occasion. Combining great ideas with the most unique venues and services in the city, they create spectacular results beyond your expectations. Choose one or more of the following tour options: Toronto City Tour, Toronto Harbour Tour and/or Niagara Falls Tour.</p>
<b>UNIQUES</b>	The multicultural neighbourhoods

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<b>Surprising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Yonge Street</b>, Toronto's main street, is the longest street in the world at 1,900 km. It stretches from the lake at Queens Quay in Toronto to Rainy River, a mining community in northern Ontario, near Thunder Bay.</li> <li>- the <b>Bata Shoe Museum</b></li> <li>- the wonderfully hidden <b>ravine systems</b> that run towards the lake</li> </ul>
<b>History</b>	<p>The area was used as a meeting place for centuries by people of the First Nations and, later, by French traders, thanks to its naturally protected harbour.</p> <p>In 1788, the British purchased the land from the Mississauga Indians, and a settlement slowly established itself around the waterfront area.</p> <p>In 1793, Lieutenant-Colonel John Graves Simcoe established a military garrison and named the town York in honour of the Duke of York of the time.</p> <p>It was renamed Toronto when the city was incorporated in 1834. During the War of 1812, the town was twice occupied by the Americans (both times in 1813). By 1834, its citizens – mostly British and Scottish immigrants – numbered close to 10,000. Others, such as Jews from the United States, Russia and Germany would soon arrive, as well as some 40,000 Irish fleeing famine in their homeland. Blacks escaping slavery in the USA soon followed, sowing the seeds of current day Toronto's multicultural diversity. As the population increased, so did the city's infrastructure. The University of Toronto opened its doors in 1843. Growth continued in spite of the Great Fires of 1849 and 1904. The new city included an extensive network of roads, railways, canals, shipping, and telegraph lines.</p> <p>In 1867, Canada was born, and Toronto became the capital of the newly created province of Ontario.</p>
<b>Books</b>	Canada by Jan Morris Frommer's Toronto 2009
<b>1000 Places to see before you die</b>	<b>Art Gallery of Ontario</b> <b>Four Seasons Hotel</b> <b>Royal Ontario Museum</b> <b>Hockey Hall of Fame</b> <b>Toronto International Film Festival</b>
<b>Must Sees</b>	CN Tower; neighbourhoods; theatre

<b>SPORTS ACTIVITIES</b>	Blue Jays; Raptors; Argos; Maple Leafs; Toronto Rock; horse racing boating, sailing, canoeing, inline skating, rock climbing, golf, cross country skiing
<b>Golf</b>	Toronto and its surrounding area is a golfer's dream. There are unique doglegs, island greens -and yes, sand traps - just waiting to be conquered at over 100 highly rated courses within a short drive from downtown. Choose from either the Legends or Masters course at <b>Lionhead</b> in Mississauga, or head north to Aurora to walk all 7,304

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	yards of St. Andrews Valley. Or face the challenges of <b>Glen Abbey</b> and Angus Glen, both of which have hosted the Canadian Open (Canada's PGA tour event). Before you head out, be sure to get some practice in at the driving range at the Docks
<b>Fishing</b>	Fish for salmon in Lake Ontario
<b>Hiking</b>	In the ravines; Discovery Paths; Martin Goodman Trail - waterfront
<b>Cycling</b>	29km street bike routes; one of North America's best biking cities

<b>CULTURE</b>	
<b>Arts</b>	See the Canadian Opera company at the new Four Seasons Centre
<b>Music</b>	Big names regularly play the major venues in Toronto e.g. Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, Elton John, The Who <b>Sunday Serenades</b> , held from July 12 to August 23, are free and feature the very best swing, big band and jazz acts to compliment Toronto's warm summer evenings. They run on Sunday evenings at Mel Lastman Square. <a href="http://www.toronto.ca">www.toronto.ca</a>
<b>Films</b>	On any given day, there are up to 40 productions filming in Toronto. Considered "Hollywood North" by the film industry, Toronto is 3rd in TV and film production and 2nd as exporter of TV programming in North America. Some of the films shot in Toronto: Chicago; X-Men; My Big Fat Greek Wedding; Cinderella Man; Moonstruck; and many more
<b>Museums</b>	There are 125 museums and public archives in the Greater Toronto Area; here are some of the stars -  <b>Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)</b> - No trip to Toronto is complete without a visit to Canada's leading international Museum. Located in the heart of downtown, the ROM's renowned collections span both World Cultures and Natural History. Ten glorious new galleries are now open for you to explore featuring the art and archaeology of China, Japan, Korea and Canada's First Peoples. <a href="http://www.rom.on.ca">www.rom.on.ca</a> <b>Dead Sea Scrolls:</b> This summer 2009 there's a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to see one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th century – the earliest record of biblical patriarchs and prophets known to Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Discover many rarely and never-before-seen Scrolls, as well as extraordinary 2,000-year-old artifacts of the period, in this original Royal Ontario Museum exhibition. Lectures, symposiums and debates highlight the importance of the Scrolls today, including their continued relevance to the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths. Also: the ROM's <b>Dinosaur Gallery</b> Returns Discover the first two permanent galleries of the Michael Lee-Chin Crystal, the James and Louise Temerty Galleries of the Age of Dinosaurs and the Gallery of the Age of Mammals. Together, these

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	<p>awe-inspiring, light-filled new galleries occupy the entire Level 2 of the Lee-Chin Crystal. The prism-shaped galleries of the Age of Dinosaurs and Age of Mammals boast 18-foot high ceilings to accommodate over 750 of the Museum's tallest specimens.</p> <p><b>Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)</b> - With a permanent collection of more than 73,000 works of art, the Art Gallery of Ontario is among the most distinguished art museums in North America. The Gallery began an extraordinary chapter when it launched Transformation AGO in 2002. The facelift involved the growth of the permanent collection, an architectural expansion by architect Frank Gehry, strengthening of the museum's endowment resources, enriching visitors' experiences and providing greater access to the full vibrancy of the art museum.</p> <p><b>Bata Shoe Museum</b> - Explore the world at your feet through a stunning collection of more than 12,000 shoes and related artifacts that span 4,500 years of history in four impressive galleries. A cultural gem in the heart of the city, The Bata Shoe Museum is an internationally-acclaimed institution and architectural treasure.</p> <p>Also: Science Centre; Gardiner Museum of Ceramics</p>
<b>Architecture</b>	<p>ROM visitors now have an opportunity to enjoy the pure architectural design of the newly completed <b>Lee-Chin Crystal</b>, before the installation of its galleries begins. The gallery floors are currently closed for installation, but the Museum's new main entrance on Bloor Street and the Lee-Chin Crystal's public amenities and special exhibitions will remain open.</p>
<b>Festivals &amp; Events</b>	<p><b>SOUND OF MUSIC (To Sept 6 2009)</b> Don't miss the North American premiere of the West End's biggest hit, the new David Ian/Andrew Lloyd Webber production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music at The Princess of Wales Theatre -- 300 King St. West, Toronto <a href="http://www.mirvish.com">www.mirvish.com</a></p> <p><b>JERSEY BOYS (To Sept 27, 2009)</b> Directed by Canadian Des McAnuff, with book by Marshall Brickman &amp; Rick Elice, Jersey Boys is the 2006 Tony Award-Winner for Best Musical about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. At the Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St., Toronto <a href="http://www.dancaptickets.com">www.dancaptickets.com</a></p> <p><b>THE HARDER THEY COME (July 21 to Aug 23 2009)</b> The North American Premiere and direct from London's west End, this production is based on the iconic '70s film that launched Jimmy Cliff and reggae music onto the world stage. It tells the story of a country boy who makes for the bright lights of Kingston, Jamaica. With a head full of</p>

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songs - including You Can Get it if You Really Want, Many Rivers To Cross, Higher and Higher, Rivers of Babylon and The Harder They Come - he dreams of becoming a reggae star. When the harsh reality of the music scene drives him into a fast and furious life as an outlaw, he would rather die than give up his dream! [www.mirvish.com](http://www.mirvish.com)

**HONDA INDY TORONTO (July 10-12 2009)**

The Honda Indy Toronto sets engines roaring this July in the streets of downtown Toronto. As part of the 18-race IndyCar Series schedule, it will feature the Firestone Indy Lights during the weekend's diverse activities.

**TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS (October 2009 to April 2010)**

The Leafs take the ice for some exciting National Hockey League games at the Air Canada Centre. [www.mapleleafs.com](http://www.mapleleafs.com)

**TORONTO RAPTORS (October 2009 to April 2010)**

The Raptors NBA basketball team hold court at the Air Canada Centre. [www.nba.com/raptors](http://www.nba.com/raptors)

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS (April to October 2009)**

See the only big league Canadian baseball play at the Rogers Centre <http://toronto.bluejays.mlb.com>

**ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR (November 6-15, 2009)**

Held on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, the Royal Winter Fair has "brought the country to the city" since 1922 and has grown into the world's largest indoor agricultural fair.

[www.RoyalFair.org](http://www.RoyalFair.org)

**CANADIAN ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL (November 27-29, 2009)**

Ontario's First Nations (mainly Ojibway, Cree and Iroquois heritage) present a variety of traditional and contemporary arts events across the province. The Canadian Aboriginal Festival will be held at Toronto's Rogers Centre (formerly SkyDome). [www.CanAb.com](http://www.CanAb.com)

**ONE OF A KIND CHRISTMAS CANADIAN CRAFT SHOW AND SALE (Nov 26 – Dec 6, 2009)**

Complete your holiday shopping at one of Toronto's most popular shopping expos. You'll find unique gift ideas from over 750 Canadian designers and artisans specializing in fashion, art, crafts and interior decorations. [www.oneofakindshow.com](http://www.oneofakindshow.com)

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<b>ATTRACTIONS</b>	<p><b>CN Tower</b> is Canada's National Tower and it defines the Toronto skyline; at 553.33m (1,815 ft., 5 in.) is the world's 2<sup>nd</sup> tallest building and a Wonder of the Modern World. With breathtaking views from 3 observation levels including the Glass Floor and SkyPod, theatre, rides, arcade, exhibits, shopping and award-winning dining at 360 Restaurant, it's Toronto's most visited attraction. <a href="http://www.cntower.com">www.cntower.com</a>  Cost: Total Tower Experience is \$32.99 (\$20.99 Kids)</p>
<b>Beaches</b>	Toronto Islands; Ashridges Bay
<b>Wildlife</b>	<p><b>The Toronto Zoo</b> is Canada's premiere zoo and to stay on top it will expand yet again with the new Tundra Trek, scheduled to open in August 2009. The updated exhibit will reveal new homes for Reindeer, Arctic Wolf, Snowy Owl and will be anchored by a new state of the art polar bear exhibit including significant interpretation to help visitors understand the impacts of climate change and global warming. The new Tundra Trek is free with general Zoo admission. In addition, after 16 months the anticipation is over. The Toronto Zoo is proudly re-opening the newly renovated Conservation Connection Centre, which has undergone exciting changes to demonstrate how the Toronto Zoo is a leader in conservation. <a href="http://www.torontozoo.com">www.torontozoo.com</a>  Also, I have seen white tailed deer, fox and coyote in the ravines system in the heart of the city</p>
<b>Parks</b>	Edwards Gardens and High Park are my two favourites from the many green spaces in Toronto
<b>Gardens</b>	<p><b>Riverdale Farm</b> - Wander 7.5 acres of farmland through wooded areas, around ponds, and into butterfly-herb-vegetable-flower gardens. It's the country in the middle of the city.</p> <p><b>Toronto Botanical Garden</b> – A stunning array of contemporary gardens spanning nearly four acres designed to inspire and educate. Innovative indoor and outdoor garden-related programs/events for all ages offered year-round.</p> <p><b>Canada Blooms</b> - The Toronto Flower and Garden Show in March is the largest annual indoor flower and garden show in Canada. Featuring 6 acres of spectacular gardens, floral arrangements, horticultural displays, educational programs and a marketplace of garden related products.</p>
<b>Castles/Forts</b>	<b>Historic Fort York</b> - Visit the site of the 1813 Battle of York and the birthplace of modern Toronto. Fort York is home to Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings which now house exhibits and restored period room settings

<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Shopping</b>	<p>Amongst the very best in the world! From the Eaton Centre to specialist shops...</p> <p>Honest Eds Bargain Shopping Centre - Canada's first original bargain store featuring 160,000 sq. ft. of bargains and the world's largest electric</p>

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	sign with 22,000 moving light bulbs.
<b>Markets</b>	St Lawrence Market downtown is the best known market. <b>Fresh Wednesdays</b> feature free, live noon-hour concerts to complement shopping at Nathan Phillips Square's annual Farmers' Market from July 15 to August 26.
<b>Nightlife</b>	Queen Street West is the most happening area currently
<b>Casinos</b>	At Niagara (90 mins) and Casino Rama, near Orillia

<b>CUISINE</b>	
<b>Food</b>	Every cuisine under the sun; "Winterlicious" and "Summerlicious" food festivals are very cost effective ways of eating your way around Toronto! Summerlicious in 2009 runs July 3 to July 19 at 150 of Toronto's finest restaurants
<b>Wine</b>	Ontario's vineyards are 60 minutes away on the Niagara Peninsula
<b>Restaurants</b>	Toronto's more than 7,000 restaurants reflect tastes, cultures and ingredients from around the world – all with a distinctive Toronto flair. From upscale to down home, you'll find dining experiences and culinary adventures to satisfy every taste. E.g. 360 Revolving Restaurant

<b>MORE INFO</b>	
<b>Brochures</b>	TO Visitor Guide – also available online
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.torontotourism.com">www.torontotourism.com</a>

<b>CURRENT DEALS</b>	Visit <a href="http://www.torontotourism.com">www.torontotourism.com</a> to see a comprehensive listing of package deals available in Toronto
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<b>PERSONAL EXPERIENCES</b>	I have lived in Toronto for 12 years and as fast as I visit the sights, more new ones are created!
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<b>VIA RAIL</b>	<b>VIA Rail</b> <a href="http://www.viarail.ca">www.viarail.ca</a> or phone 1 888 VIA-RAIL \$129 Montreal to Toronto Business Class (July 2009) \$69 Montreal to Toronto Promotional Fare (July 2009)
<b>Details</b>	VIA Rail Canada runs more than <b>480 trains</b> per week over a 14,000-kilometre network linking more than 450 locations in Canada - that adds up to about four million passengers per year on VIA trains! - Connected - <b>Wireless Internet</b> service available in-stations and on select trains lets you email, chat with loved ones or do some research. Get 24 hours of service for as little as \$8.95 (July 2009) - Convenient - Priority boarding, a delicious <b>meal included</b> in the price of your ticket and complimentary newspapers create stress-free travel. - Choice - <b>Facing seats</b> , at-your-seat power outlets for your portable computer and premium lighting create a fine ambience before - and after - your vacation.
<b>Free Kids Offer</b>	Here's a great new offer from VIA for this summer: Purchase a ticket for a traveller 18 years of age or over (at the best adult, senior, youth or student fare), and receive a free ticket for a child of 11 years of age or under for the same trip. Even tiny tots can benefit. Usually, children under two years of age travel free as long as they are sitting on your lap, but this promotion lets them enjoy their own seat at no extra cost! Here's the not-so-small print: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum one free child ticket for each paying adult, senior, youth or student ticket.</li> <li>• Offer valid for travel in Economy class only.</li> <li>• Applies to trips made between June 1 and September 15, 2009</li> <li>• To get a free child's ticket, you must purchase a ticket for a passenger 18 years of age and over.</li> <li>• Tickets must be purchased together and must be for travel on the same trains, on the same dates and between the same stations.</li> </ul> Seeing the country with the whole family has never been so accessible. Go for a change of scenery, and enjoy the extras that make all the difference: priority boarding, light meals and snacks at reasonable prices, power outlet for laptop or games, crafts for the kids, as well as plenty of room to relax.
<b>Express Deals</b>	Express deals are available every Wednesday – check for the latest at <a href="http://www.viarail.ca/summer-fares/landing/?lang=en&amp;o=14">http://www.viarail.ca/summer-fares/landing/?lang=en&amp;o=14</a> <b>Save up to 75% off your fare for last minute trips, including Montreal to Toronto.</b>
<b>VIA Getaways</b>	VIA have partnered with some of the best tour operators in Canada to offer a wide range of rail based packages across the country. Check <a href="http://www.trainpackages.ca/en_index.html">www.trainpackages.ca/en_index.html</a> Some of these include a stay at the Delta Chelsea as part of the Toronto trip.

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<b>VIA Preference</b>	<p>VIA Préférence is the fastest way to travel for free. Every dollar you spend earns you up to 3 VIA Préférence points. With free travel starting at only 550 VIA Préférence points, earning reward travel is easy and points add up fast — especially when VIA Préférence offers new members 500 welcome bonus points.</p> <p>In addition to rewarding you with free travel, you can take advantage of exclusive promotional offers for VIA Préférence members too.</p>
<b>VIA and the Environment</b>	<p>As Canada's national passenger rail service, VIA's mandate is to provide efficient and cost effective train travel to more than 450 communities across Canada. The more people choose the train, the better for the environment. Travellers also turn to VIA Rail as an alternative means of travel that is respectful of the environment.</p> <p>While the transportation industry was responsible for more than 26 % of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions produced in Canada in 2005, VIA was responsible for only 0.03 % (this compares to motorists who produced 13 % of all greenhouse gas emissions in Canada).</p> <p>As a green choice, VIA has great potential to reduce congestion and the production of greenhouse gases on the highways linking Canada's major urban centres and provide integrated intermodal transportation with a small ecological footprint.</p>
<b>Seniors</b>	<p>Special Seniors (60+) deal for Montreal to Toronto: <b>from \$72 one way</b> (July 2009). So: seeing the country has never been so accessible. Simply pack your things, hop on the train, and enjoy the journey (as well as the price). A unique experience awaits you on board, where you'll discover what service really means: priority boarding for travellers with reduced mobility, light meals and snacks at reasonable prices, reclining seats, cosy four-seat compartments.</p>
<b>Youth</b>	<p>Special Youth Fares for those aged between 18 and 25 are available – <a href="http://www.viarail.ca/summer-fares/landing/?lang=en&amp;o=6&amp;WT.mc_id=_auto_Q2corder s-tl en_090515">http://www.viarail.ca/summer-fares/landing/?lang=en&amp;o=6&amp;WT.mc_id=_auto_Q2corder s-tl en_090515</a></p> <p>For example: Montreal to Toronto is from \$98 one way. (July 2009)</p>
<b>VIA Gift Cards</b>	<p>Via has gifts cards available in \$25 or \$100 denominations, as well as flex cards.</p>

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