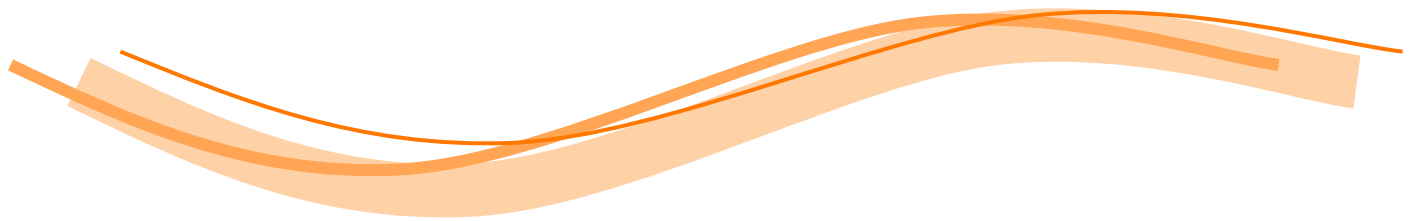




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EATON CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

The hotel you've always loved is now called the Eaton Chelsea, Toronto. Canada's largest hotel has joined the prestigious Langham Hospitality Group. Multi-million dollar refurbishments are underway – the first stage has been unveiled with a refurbished lobby, updated food and beverage offerings, and an overall refresh to the building's exterior – just in time for the Summer travel season.

The hotel is steps from Toronto's best attractions and theatres – making it your ideal base in the city. The Eaton Chelsea, Toronto is in the heart of the city's best shopping - the Toronto Eaton Centre, the boutiques of Yorkville, funky shops on Queen Street West or the underground PATH.

And when you stay at the Eaton Chelsea, Toronto you will earn DOUBLE Aeroplan miles and be part of Langham's celebrated 1865 loyalty program. To mark its grand re-opening and its new brand identity, Eaton Chelsea, Toronto has rates starting from just \$139 per room per night, along with many special packages, making it the ideal choice for Summer fun in downtown Toronto.

This summer the Eaton Chelsea, Toronto includes some of the most unique family-friendly activities Toronto has to offer. Cool off at Chelsea Beach on Centre Island, or take an exhilarating ride on downtown Toronto's only indoor waterslide, "Corkscrew". As a premier family destination, Eaton Chelsea, Toronto offers a full range of services including the Family Fun Zone, Camp Chelsea supervised activities program, Kid Centre and Club 33 Teen Lounge.

In the evenings, the whole family can enjoy scheduled activities such as Family Fear Factor, Bingo Bonanza, Chelsea Challenge and Movie Mania. For parents looking for a little rest and relaxation, the separate adult-only pool area on the 27th floor also features a state-of-the-art fitness facility and outdoor sundeck.

Chelsea Beach is an ideal outing for families. There's a life guard on duty every day from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and City Sightseeing Tours offers convenient coach and boat transfers to and from Centre Island for a nominal fee. The beach has every amenity required for a fun and safe day out, including change rooms, a first aid station, a snack bar and a bike rental facility. Best of all, this beach has a Blue Flag rating - an international eco-label awarded to beaches for excellence in water quality.

Another perk for guests at Eaton Chelsea, Toronto, are special partnership discounts available through the hotel's "SHOW YOUR KEY

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	<p>AND SAVE” program, which includes some of the best attractions Toronto has to offer including the Royal Ontario Museum (\$5 discount), Ontario Science Centre (20% discount), the Art Gallery of Ontario (20% discount), Casa Loma (20% discount), Bata Shoe Museum (2 for 1 tickets) and many more. And, as Toronto’s self-proclaimed “Entertainment Hotel”, the Eaton Chelsea, Toronto also offers an on-site ticket office where guests can book their concert and theatre tickets when they book their room.</p>
Location	<p>As Canada's largest hotel with 1,590 guest rooms, Eaton Chelsea, Toronto is centrally located and just steps from the city's best shopping districts, world-class theatres, vibrant nightlife and exciting attractions.. Address: 33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1Z4 Tel: 416-595-1975 Fax: 416-585-4375 Reservations: 1-800-243-5732 www.eatonchelsea.com</p>
NEW!	<p>Just in time for Canada Day 2013, the former Delta Chelsea has been re-branded as the Eaton Chelsea, Toronto, The Langham Hospitality Group’s first hotel in Canada. The Langham Hospitality Group, a subsidiary of Hong Kong-based Great Eagle Holdings Limited, officially assumed management of the hotel on July 1, 2013 and unveiled the first stage of renovations, including a refurbished lobby, updated food and beverage offerings, and an overall refresh to the building’s exterior – just in time for Summer travel season. This is the first hotel in the Eaton brand to open in North America, with other Eaton Hotels located in Hong Kong, Shanghai and New Delhi. To celebrate its grand re-opening and its new brand identity, Eaton Chelsea, Toronto is offering rates starting from just \$139 per room per night, along with many special packages, making it the ideal choice for Summer fun in downtown Toronto</p>
Langham Hospitality Group	<p>As the wholly-owned subsidiary of Great Eagle Holdings, Langham Hospitality Group encompasses a family of distinctive hospitality brands which include hotels, residential serviced apartments, restaurants and spas, located on four continents. The Group currently owns and/or manages 17 hotels under The Langham, Langham Place, Eaton and 88 Xintiandi brands with more than 20 hotel projects currently either confirmed or in a developed stage of negotiation from China through Asia and India to the Middle East. North America remains a focal point for development with over 2,000 rooms planned to be added in 2013 to the existing portfolio. www.langhamhotels.com .</p>
Families	<p>The Eaton Chelsea is the first choice for families in Toronto. Firstly, it’s great value: - Free accommodation for children under 18 when staying with a parent</p>

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or guardian.

- **“Eat for free”** from the special children’s menu for children six and under.
- For children ages seven to 12 years, **“eat for half price”** from the regular menu, or at list price from the special children’s menu.

Nice family-friendly touches include:

- **Individual check-in cards** are given to children to complete upon arrival.
- An age-specific **“Kids’ Essentials”** kit for infants to seven years is given upon check-in.
- Front desk provides information on family attractions.
- **Pagers** are available for parents and wristband policy always matches the child to the parent.
- **Strollers** and wagons are available for a deposit.
- Eaton Chelsea has been recognized as the “Best Family Hotel” from the readers of City Parent in the 11th Annual Readers Selection Awards. Being chosen five times by the readers they have become a Gold member of the Hall of Fame.

Then there’s all the family focused services specifically at Eaton Chelsea:

- **Theatre babysitting** for children between the ages of three and twelve is available during daily matinees and Friday and Saturday evening performances.
- The Eaton Chelsea’s **Starcade Games Room** is catered to teens. Complete with a pool table, air hockey and a great selection of video games.
- **Camp Chelsea** offers a complete line-up of activities for children ages five to twelve. Fully qualified camp counselors 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!

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teen Centre – Club 33: Club 33 is an exciting addition to the Eaton 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. <p>In the evenings this year, the whole family can enjoy scheduled activities such as Family Fear Factor, Bingo Bonanza, Chelsea Challenge and Moviemania.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Weddings & Honeymoons</p>	<p>Let the Eaton 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>

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	<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>
<p>Facilities</p>	<p>Deck 27 Health Club It's easy to maintain your fitness routine while staying at the Eaton 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 life-rowers, seven treadmills, four life-steps, one free runner, two elliptical, eight strength pieces and Universal machines Towels, change rooms, saunas, showers and lockers Outdoor sundeck</p> <p>Deck 27 Pool Guests can relax and unwind in the adults-only heated indoor pool and whirlpool. Exclusive to guests 19 and older.</p> <p>Family Fun Zone & Family Pool For families, the 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 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>Services Parking Self-parking - \$29 per night plus taxes Valet parking - \$39 per night plus taxes (as at July 2013) In & out parking privileges are provided for registered guests. The hotel has self-service, coin-operated laundry facilities located within the 2nd Floor Family Fun Zone. Laundry detergent, fabric softener and dryer sheets are available for purchase. The hotel also provides overnight laundry and dry-cleaning services.</p>
<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>The Eaton Chelsea is Canada's largest hotel 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: June Jacob Spa Collection amenities Colour TV, with in-room pay-per-view Automated television check-out Bathrobe Complimentary tea & coffee Iron and ironing board</p>

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	<p>Alarm clock Hair dryer Voice Mail</p>
<p>Dining</p>	<p>Bb33 Bistro and Brasserie - 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. http://www.bb33.ca</p> <p>Market Garden - The 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 specialty coffee from the Coffee & Tea Emporium. Dine in the restaurant, seasonal outdoor patio or enjoy the convenience of take-out.</p> <p>Monarchs - 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> <p>Elm Street Lounge - 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>Deck 27 - 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>
<p>Chelsea Beach</p>	<p>Chelsea Beach on Centre Island - transportation is provided to hotel guests for a nominal fee. A perfect family beach, it is life guarded daily from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., including first aid available on site. Many amenities are available including change rooms, snack bar and bike rentals next to the beach. This beach has a Blue Flag rating - an international eco-label awarded to beaches for excellence in water quality. Once on Centre Island check out Centreville Amusement Park. With over 30 rides and attractions and more than 14 food outlets, there's</p>

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	something for everyone at Centreville.
Airport Shuttle	An airport shuttle bus service is available from Pearson Airport to the Eaton Chelsea for just \$27.95 one way , almost one third of the taxi fare (as at July 2013).
Pet Policy	It is hard to leave a pet behind. Now, you don't have to. Eaton Chelsea is pleased to welcome you and your pet. When travelling with your pet, you want to ensure a safe and comfortable stay for you and your fellow guests. Eaton Chelsea has a pet charge of \$35 per stay/room to cover additional cleaning costs (as at July 2013).
Awards	It is the only hotel company to have been recognized for its sustained focus on business excellence by the prestigious National Quality Institute with three Canada Awards for Excellence, including the award program's highest honour, the Order of Excellence . The company also consistently ranks as one of the country's best employers in The Globe and Mail's Report on Business annual "50 Best Employers" list. As well, its Corporate Social Responsibility platform includes a chain-wide commitment to the communities it serves through a national partnership with Habitat for Humanity Canada, participation in the Hotel Association of Canada's Green Key Eco-Rating program, and work with various other charitable groups.
Environmental Responsibility	<p>As Canada's largest hotel with 1,590 rooms and a business operating in a large community such as Toronto, the Eaton Chelsea recognizes and respects its corporate social responsibility ensuring that their quest for sustainable solutions continues to grow and evolve.</p> <p>The Eaton Chelsea was recognized with the 2008 Hotel Association of Canada's Hall of Fame Award for Energy and Environment in February 2009. They are committed to improving everyday operations that coincide with strong environmental management practices with the maintenance of quality service and exceeding guest expectations.</p> <p>The Eaton Chelsea has offset 109% of their annual carbon footprint as recognized by the LivClean Eco-Stay Program that provides Canadian hotels with leadership positioning in environmental action, accountability and responsibility.</p> <p>In recognition of the Eaton Chelsea's environmental initiatives, the Hotel Association of Canada (HAC) awarded the Eaton Chelsea with a 4 Green Key ECOmmodation rating. This program is essentially a measurement and performance tool for improving our environmental performance. In order for the Eaton Chelsea to reach the 5 Green Key ECOmmodation rating, the hotel is evaluating the opportunities to further improve performance.</p> <p>The Eaton Chelsea has been at the forefront of hotel waste management and through the strong partnership with Turtle Island Recycling, it has exceeded both Industry standards and Municipal targets in landfill diversion leading to recognition from the Hotel</p>

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	<p>Association of Canada. The hotel has diverted 83% of its waste from landfill.</p>
<p>Current Deals July 2013</p>	<p>Opening offer from only \$139</p> <p>They're now called the Eaton Chelsea, Toronto—but it's the same hotel you've always loved! From the Family Fun Zone with pool and indoor waterslide, to the comfortable accommodations with complimentary Wi-Fi, to the exclusive discounts to every must see attraction—Toronto's Entertainment Hotel Headquarters is where you'll find everything you need for balanced living.</p> <p>Aeroplan Bonus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aeroplan® Members can earn DOUBLE miles. That's 500 miles per night, up to 1,500 miles per stay - 1865 Members can even earn up to QUADRUPLE miles <p>Family Fun Package</p> <p>With the Family Fun Package, children climb steps to check-in at their own front desk and receive a goodie bag with their stay. The package includes: one-night's accommodation, underground hotel parking, kids stay and eat for free, \$25 food credit per day, full access to the Family Fun Zone, and 2.5 hours of babysitting in their Kid Centre per family. (up to two children). Offer is valid year round.</p> <p>Linger Longer</p> <p>Why don't you linger longer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay 2 nights get 10% off Best Available Rate of the Day - Stay 3 or 4 nights get 15% off Best Available Rate of the Day - Stay 5+ nights get 20% off Best Available Rate of the Day
<p>1865</p>	<p>1865 is the Langham way of saying thank-you for the loyalty you show to their brands. Bringing you exclusive benefits and recognition, they ensure your stay is especially comfortable and uniquely memorable.</p> <p>1865 Member Benefits at Eaton Chelsea, Toronto Hotel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership with 1865 is offered to individual guests on a complimentary basis and offers a range of benefits by level: https://1865.langhamhotels.com/StaticPage/EN/member_benefits_eatonchelsea.aspx - Explorer <p>You can enroll as an Explorer member once you stay at any of our hotels. When you subsequently accumulate more stays with us in a specific period of time, you can be upgraded to a higher tier of membership.</p>

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	<p>- Gateway Stay 3 times at any of our hotels within a 12-month period and you will be eligible for Gateway membership.</p> <p>- Voyager To enroll as a Voyager member, simply accumulate a total of 5 stays within 12 months.</p> <p>- Chelsea Voyager An exclusive tier for Eaton Chelsea, Toronto guests. Stay at the hotel 15 times within a 12-month period to upgrade to a Chelsea Voyager membership.</p> <p>- Destiny Offered by invitation only, Destiny Membership is reserved for the top 1% of Chelsea Voyager members showing the highest level of commitment.</p>
<p>Spa Packages</p>	<p>Elmwood Spa Guests of the Eaton Chelsea, Toronto enjoy access to the adjacent Elmwood Spa. Located within walking distance of the hotel, Elmwood Spa offers a wide array of face, body and wellness treatments in a tranquil environment. As a special privilege, Eaton Chelsea guests enjoy special discounts on the spa's a la carte menu, including the signature Elmline Essential Spa Facial and Li'Tya Healing Ritual as well as an array of massages and body wraps. Advance bookings for the Eaton-exclusive packages and treatments can be made by calling 1-877-284-6348.</p>

<p>MIRVISH PRODUCTIONS</p>	<p>Mirvish Productions owns and operates four magnificent theatres in downtown Toronto - the Royal Alexandra, the Princess of Wales, the Canon and the Panasonic - each offering its patrons a unique theatre-going experience. Mirvish Productions have some great shows lined up: Mirvish Productions have an exciting 2013/14 season – here are three not-to-miss shows!</p> <p>The Wizard of Oz (Now on stage – ends August 18, 2013) Andrew Lloyd Webber’s new production of The Wizard of Oz is an enchanting adaptation of the all-time classic, totally reconceived for the stage by the award-winning creative team that recently delighted Toronto audiences of all ages with the revival of The Sound of Music.</p> <p>Developed from the ever popular MGM screenplay, this new production contains all the beloved songs from the Oscar®-winning movie score, all the favourite characters and iconic moments, plus a few surprises along</p>
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	<p>the way, including new songs by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber.</p> <p>Cats (Now on stage – extended through September 1, 2013) Experience an all-new Canadian production of CATS. For the first time in over 25 years, an all-Canadian cast graces the Toronto stage with Andrew Lloyd Webber's beloved musical masterpiece.</p> <p>Les Misérables (begins September 27, 2013) Cameron Mackintosh presents his acclaimed new production of Boublil & Schönberg's legendary musical, LES MISÉRABLES, with glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimagined scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo.</p> <p>This new production has been acclaimed by critics, fans and new audiences and is breaking box office records wherever it goes. Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, LES MISÉRABLES is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. The magnificent score of LES MISÉRABLES includes the classic songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," "Stars," "Bring Him Home," "Do You Hear the People Sing?," "One Day More," "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables," "Master of the House" and many more.</p>
<p>THE WIZARD OF OZ</p>	<p>Now until August 18, 2013 Location: Ed Mirvish Theatre www.mirvish.com</p> <p>The Canadian production of THE WIZARD OF OZ will play its final performance in Toronto on Sunday August 18 at the Ed Mirvish Theatre. THE WIZARD OF OZ leaves Toronto to embark on an extensive North American Tour that kicks off on September 10, 2013 at The Smith Center in Las Vegas, NV.</p> <p>From the first performance on December 20, 2012, the North American premiere of THE WIZARD OF OZ has been a box office hit. By the time the show concludes its run in Toronto, over 600,000 people will have been to Oz and back.</p> <p>The North American tour includes engagements in key markets including: Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Seattle, St. Paul, Houston and Philadelphia.</p> <p>The North American tour will feature many of the same talented cast who are currently starring in the Toronto production including Danielle Wade as Dorothy, who was chosen by the Canadian public through CBC TV's 'Over The Rainbow', Mike Jackson as the Tin Man, Lee MacDougall as the Lion, Jamie McKnight as the Scarecrow and Robin Evan Willis as Glinda.</p> <p>Developed from the ever popular MGM screenplay, this new production contains all the beloved Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg songs from the</p>

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	<p>Oscar®-winning movie score, all the favorite characters and iconic moments, plus a few surprises along the way, including new songs by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber.</p> <p>Click your heels together and join Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Dorothy and her little dog Toto, as they journey through the magical land of Oz to meet the Wizard and obtain their hearts' desires. Watch out for the Wicked Witch of the West and her winged monkeys as you rediscover the real story of Oz in this fantastic musical treat for all the family.</p>
<p>CATS</p>	<p>Now until September 1st 2013 Location: Panasonic Theatre www.mirvish.com Be one of the first to experience an all-new Canadian production of CATS. For the first time in over 25 years, an all-Canadian cast graces the Toronto stage with Andrew Lloyd Webber's beloved musical masterpiece. Produced by Marlene Smith, Geoff Smith, Starvox Entertainment and Classical Theatre.</p>
<p>COMING SOON:</p>	<p>Plan a future trip to see these upcoming shows...</p>
<p>LES MISERABLES</p>	<p>From September 27, 2013 Location: Princess of Wales Theatre Cameron Mackintosh presents his acclaimed new production of Boublil & Schönberg's legendary musical, LES MISÉRABLES, with glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimagined scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo. This new production has been acclaimed by critics, fans and new audiences and is breaking box office records wherever it goes. The New York Times calls this production of LES MISÉRABLES "an unquestionably spectacular production from start to finish." The London Times hails the new show "a five-star hit, astonishingly powerful." The Star-Ledger says "a dynamically re-imagined hit. This LES MISÉRABLES has improved with age," and NY1-TV proclaims "this new production actually exceeds the original. Musical theatre fans can rejoice: 'Les Mis' is born again." Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, LES MISÉRABLES is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. The magnificent score of LES MISÉRABLES includes the classic songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," "Stars," "Bring Him Home," "Do You Hear the People Sing?," "One Day More," "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables," "Master of the House" and many more. <i>On a personal note: this is my favourite stage experience of all time and I am very much looking forward to seeing this latest reincarnation!</i></p>

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<p>ANYTHING GOES</p>	<p>July 17 – August 18, 2013 Location: Princess of Wales Theatre All aboard for this saucy and splendid production of Roundabout Theatre Company’s Anything Goes, winner of three 2011 Tony Awards® including Best Musical Revival and Choreography! One of the greatest musicals in theatre history, Cole Porter’s first-class musical comedy is sailing to Toronto, starring critically-acclaimed actress Rachel York as Reno Sweeney and directed and choreographed by Tony Award® winner Kathleen Marshall. The New York Times calls it “MUSICAL-COMEDY JOY” and USA TODAY hails it as “GLORIOUS and EXHUBERANT!” When the S.S. American heads out to sea, etiquette and convention get tossed out the portholes as two unlikely pairs set off on the course to true love...proving that sometimes destiny needs a little help from a crew of singing sailors, an exotic disguise and some good old-fashioned blackmail. Peppering this timeless classic are some of musical theatre’s most memorable standards, including “I Get A Kick Out Of You,” “You’re the Top,” and of course, “Anything Goes.” Don’t miss what the AP exclaims as, “So DELIGHTFUL, So DELICIOUS, So DE-LOVELY!”</p>
<p>THE RASCALS: ONCE UPON A DREAM</p>	<p>August 13-25, 2013 Location: Royal Alexandra Theatre Produced and directed by rock legend Steven Van Zandt and lighting/projection wizard Marc Brickman, The Rascals: Once Upon A Dream is a hybrid of a Rock concert and a Broadway show, Rock N' Soul dance party meets the Jersey Boys. A bioconcert that is completely original in its concept, Once Upon A Dream was a sold-out hit on Broadway, thrilling audiences and critics alike. More than just a concert experience, the audience is taken through the history of The Rascals, and the history of the 1960s through their music, which includes such smash hits as "Good Lovin'", "Lonely Too Long", "It's a Beautiful Morning", "How Can I Be Sure" and "Groovin'." Their story is told through a combination of live narrative and performance, film reenactments of pivotal moments in history for the band, and archival performance and news footage. The Rascals: Once Upon A Dream has audiences dancing in the aisles every night. A feel-good experience for everyone who loves music, and a wildly entertaining story of one of America's most influential rock bands.</p>
<p>I LOVE LUCY</p>	<p>Begins October 15, 2013 Location: Royal Alexandra Theatre I Love Lucy® Live On stage is the brand-new hit stage show adapted from the most beloved program in television history. America’s favorite foursome – Lucy, Ricky, Fred and Ethel – is live on stage and in colour for the very first time! It’s 1952 and you are a member of the studio audience awaiting the</p>

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	<p>filming of two hilarious and oh-so-familiar I Love Lucy® episodes. Imagine stepping back in time onto the Desilu Playhouse soundstage where a charming host entertains and enlightens you to the behind-the-scenes filming process, the 1950s hi-fidelity technology and this brand-new thing called “television.” The episodes begin and you witness, firsthand, the side-splitting antics of that crazy redhead in the Ricardo’s New York apartment and thrill to the Cuban sounds of “The Ricky Ricardo Orchestra” at the famed Tropicana Nightclub. In-between scenes The Crystalltone Singers perform live advertising jingles of the show’s newest sponsors in perfect 50s style harmony. Can you say “Brylcreem?!”</p> <p>L.A. Examiner’s Ron Irwin says I Love Lucy® Live On Stage is “an absolutely brilliant and utterly engaging tribute to that iconic television show!” TV Guide’s William Keck calls it “the most entertaining stage production I’ve seen in years – including Broadway!”</p> <p>www.ilovelucylive.com</p>
<p>ALADDIN</p>	<p>November 1, 2013 - January 5, 2014 Location: Ed Mirvish Theatre (formerly The Canon) World Premiere</p> <p>In an exotic, faraway land, one man’s life is about to change with the lucky rub of an ancient lamp—and you’re invited to join the magic carpet ride.</p> <p>Welcome to Aladdin, Disney’s new Broadway-bound musical, adapted from the hit film and featuring some of the best-loved music by Academy® and Tony Award®-winning composer Alan Menken and lyricists Howard Ashman, Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin, with a book by Beguelin.</p> <p>Brought to you by the producer of Toronto’s record-breaking hits The Lion King and Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin will be directed and choreographed by Tony® -winner Casey Nicholaw (The Book of Mormon) and will feature the award-winning and acclaimed design team of Bob Crowley (sets), Gregg Barnes (costumes) and Natasha Katz (lights), with illusions by Jim Steinmeyer.</p> <p>With its timeless story, extravagant sets and costumes and a host of memorable characters and songs, Aladdin will transport you to a place you only know in your dreams. Go ahead, make a wish. And discover a whole new world, in a whole new way... at Aladdin.</p>
<p>THE BOOK OF MORMON</p>	<p>From September 2014 Location: Princess of Wales Theatre</p> <p>From the creators of South Park...Nine 2011 Tony Awards® say it’s the Best Musical of the Year. Vogue says “It’s the best musical of the last 25 years.” And The New York Times says, “It’s the best musical of this century.” It’s The Book of Mormon, the Broadway phenomenon from South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone and Avenue Q</p>

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	<p>co-creator Robert Lopez. The Daily Show's Jon Stewart calls it, "A crown-ing achievement. So good, it makes me angry." Contains explicit language.</p>
<p>AND MORE...!</p>	<p>God of Carnage THEATRE: Panasonic Theatre DATES: November/December 2013 This hilarious award-winning comedy begins when two sophisticated couples meet to discuss a playground incident</p> <p>Once THEATRE: Royal Alexandra Theatre DATES: November/December 2013 Winner of eight 2012 Tony® Awards including BEST MUSICAL, ONCE is a truly original Broadway experience.</p> <p>Heartbeat of Home THEATRE: Ed Mirvish Theatre (formerly The Canon) DATES: January/February 2014 From the producers of the international phenomenon, Riverdance, comes a brand new show!</p> <p>Metamorphosis THEATRE: Royal Alexandra Theatre DATES: January/February 2014 Kafka's terrifying but bizarrely comic story bursts onto the stage in a theatrically explosive new version.</p> <p>Arrabal THEATRE: Panasonic Theatre DATES: January/March 2014 ARRABAL, an exciting World Premiere, is an explosive story told entirely through dance and the music of multiple Academy Award.</p> <p>The Last Confession THEATRE: Royal Alexandra Theatre DATES: April/May 2014 The Last Confession delves into the most highly guarded institution in the world to explore the mystery shrouding the sudden death of Pope ...</p> <p>Disney's The Lion King THEATRE: Princess of Wales Theatre DATES: April 30 - June 15, 2014 Experience the phenomenon of Disney's THE LION KING.</p>

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	<p>Dead Metaphor THEATRE: Panasonic Theatre DATES: May 2014 DEAD METAPHOR showcases the imaginative audacious work of one of Canada's most acclaimed playwrights.</p>
<p>MIRVISH PRODUCTIONS</p>	<p>Mirvish Productions is a Canadian theatre management and production company, based in Toronto, founded by David Mirvish in 1987. David's father, Ed Mirvish, had made headlines in 1963 when he purchased and saved from demolition Toronto's historic Royal Alexandra Theatre, one of the oldest and most famous legitimate theatres in North America. For the next 24 years, Ed Mirvish operated the Royal Alexandra - as it had been operated for most of its history - primarily as a "road house", staging short-run touring productions from London and New York and renting the space to local theatre groups, the Canadian Opera Co. and the National Ballet.</p> <p>In 1987, David Mirvish assumed the responsibility for the family's theatrical interests and created Mirvish Productions for the purpose of producing original plays and musicals, employing Canadian talent, for the Royal Alexandra's stage, as well as co-producing with such regional Canadian theatres as the Stratford Festival, the Shaw Festival, the Manitoba Theatre Centre and the Citadel Theatre and bringing their works to Toronto.</p> <p>Among the notable early Mirvish-produced and co-produced shows seen at the Royal Alexandra were Brian Macdonald's acclaimed staging of Gilbert and Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore; the world tour of the English Shakespeare Company's Henry IV and Henry V; Sweet Bird of Youth, with Joanne Woodward; Spoils of War, with Kate Nelligan (in her first Canadian stage appearance); Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing, the first native Canadian play to receive a major commercial production in Canada; the world premiere musical Jane Eyre, which subsequently moved to Broadway; and the wildly popular Toronto production and national tours of Les Misérables.</p> <p>In 1991, in response to increased ticket demand, Mirvish Productions established a subsidiary company, TicketKing, to act as a ticketing agent and provide a telephone sales service to complement the theatre ticket window. TicketKing has subsequently evolved into an online sales service, providing an internet box office not only to Mirvish Productions, but to many smaller Toronto theatre companies, as well.</p> <p>In 1993, Mirvish Productions took over responsibility for a second Toronto theatre when Ed and David Mirvish built the Princess of Wales, a luxurious 2000-seat venue two blocks to the west of the Royal Alexandra (and the first privately financed legitimate theatre to be built in North America in more than 30 years). The Princess of Wales opened in 1993 with the box office record-breaking Mirvish co-production (in</p>

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	<p>partnership with London producer Cameron Mackintosh) of the musical Miss Saigon. The two theatres formed the centre around which Toronto's "Entertainment District" has since grown.</p> <p>The Mirvish theatre family doubled in size in 2008 when the company purchased two Yonge Street venues, the 2300-seat Ed Mirvish Theatre (a 1920s vaudeville and motion picture house) and the intimate, new, 700-seat Panasonic Theatre.</p> <p>Mirvish Productions today is Canada's largest commercial theatre production company</p>
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TRAVEL PARTNER	VIA Rail www.viarail.ca or phone 1 888 VIA-RAIL
Details	<p>VIA Rail is the human way to travel to Toronto. And the journey is becoming even more civilized as VIA Rail work through a program of renovating 78 long-haul cars.</p> <p>VIA Rail Canada run more than 480 trains per week over a 14,000-kilometre network linking more than 450 locations in Canada - that adds up to about four million passengers per year on VIA trains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connected - Wireless Internet service available in-stations and on select trains - Convenient - Priority boarding, a delicious meal included in the price of your ticket and complimentary newspapers create stress-free travel. - Choice - Facing seats, at-your-seat power outlets for your portable computer and premium lighting create a fine ambience before and after your vacation. - Montreal to Toronto is around 5 hours: quicker than driving!
Current Deals	<p>VIA Rail from Montreal is just \$35 one way with their Escape Fares (until July 16th, 2013)</p> <p>Find deals for everyone including special fares for youths 18 to 25 and for kids 2-12 years who travel at 50% off the adult price. Every Thursday the website has new express deals of the week.</p> <p>VIA Rail also provides packages that include train travel, hotels and even activities - whether you are looking for short urban stays in Ontario and Quebec or themed package vacations across Canada.</p> <p>Seniors: As a traveller 60 years of age or over, you can save year round on the adult regular fare in Economy class. Simply choose the 60+ fare when booking online.</p> <p>For all current deals see http://www.viarail.ca/en/deals</p>

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TORONTO	Exciting, multi cultural Toronto with fine dining, live theatre, authentic festivals, world class attractions and diverse neighbourhoods. Visit www.SeeTorontoNow.com . There are also great value packages to help book your hotel, tickets and everything you need to make your Toronto trip complete whether you are looking for family fun, couples escapes or girlfriends getaways.
Location	Just six hours drive from Montreal
Geography	Situated 566 feet above sea level on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, part of the Great Lakes system, Toronto is one of the southernmost cities in Canada. In fact, it has the same latitude as southern Oregon.
Name	Toronto is named for the Huron Indian word similar in meaning to 'meeting place'.
Population	Canada's largest city, with a population in the Greater Toronto Area of 5.1 million people, making it North America's 5th largest city, after Mexico City, New York, LA and Chicago. Toronto's population is predicted to increase to 7.45 million by the year 2031.
Language	In addition to the two official languages, the top 5 languages spoken in Toronto are Chinese, Italian, Tamil, Portuguese and Spanish. 46% of Toronto's population are immigrants to Canada and 128 languages and dialects can be heard on the streets of Toronto.
Health	Remember to ensure that you have travel insurance for out of province travel
Safety tips	As for any Canadian city – just normal, sensible precautions

CLIMATE	Similar to Montreal – but less snow in winter!
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GETTING THERE	
Flying	Less than an hour from Montreal: Porter Airlines have radically altered travel options between Montreal and Toronto. - Enjoy state-of-the-art Bombardier Q400 aircraft and the new ultra modern passenger lounge at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. - Fast quiet modern aircraft with custom leather seats and more legroom than usual economy flights. - The Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport in Toronto drastically cuts your total travel time. Arrive just minutes from downtown – saving around two hours on a round trip from Montreal.
Distances	550km, 6hours driving from Montreal to Toronto
Ferries	From downtown to Toronto Island \$7 return (2013)
Trains	Let the train take the strain...VIA Rail takes between 4 and 5 hours from Montreal to Toronto. VIA Rail from Montreal is just \$35 one way with their Escape Fares (until July 16th, 2013)

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Car Rental	All major companies are represented
PATH	The Underground City PATH is downtown Toronto's underground walkway linking 27 kms of subterranean shopping, services and entertainment. Follow the brightly coloured PATH signs and you'll reach your downtown destination easily in weatherproof comfort.
Buses	TTC – subway, streetcars, buses, transfers
Segway Tours	<p>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 60-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 summer 2013 tours run regularly throughout the week and cost is \$69 plus per person.</p> <p>www.segwayofontario.com</p>
Passes	<p>Toronto City Pass allows you a 42% discount and front-of-line privileges at five of Toronto's biggest attractions: CN Tower, Toronto Zoo, Casa Loma, Ontario Science Centre and Royal Ontario Museum for just US\$62 per person plus tax.(July 2013) and valid for 9 days.</p> <p>http://www.citypass.com/toronto</p>

ACCOMMODATION TYPES	All types, from B&B to the very best five star hotels. I recommend the Eaton Chelsea Toronto as the perfect base for exploring Toronto.
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TARGET GROUPS	
Kids	<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...the list goes on!</p> <p>African Lion Safari: Jungle cats. Ring-tailed lemurs. Baby elephants. What kid could ask for anything more?</p>

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	<p>Harbourfront: Kaleidoscope is an ongoing program of creative crafts, active games, and special events on weekends and holidays. There are also a pond, winter ice-skating, and a crafts studio.</p> <p>Ontario Place: The Children's Village, water slides, huge Cinesphere, futuristic pod, and other entertainment are the big hits at this recreational and cultural park. In the Children's Village, kids under 13 can scramble over rope bridges, bounce on an enormous trampoline, or drench one another in the water-play section.</p> <p>Ontario Science Centre: Kids race to be the first at this paradise of hands-on games, experiments, and push-button demonstrations - 800 of them. The Imax there is currently featuring “Flight of the Butterflies” (July 2013) which is a mesmerizing account of the migration of the monarch butterflies between Mexico and Canada – highly recommended! www.ontariosciencecentre.ca</p> <p>Toronto Zoo: One of the best in the world, modeled after San Diego's - the animals in this 284-hectare (710-acre) park really do live in a natural environment. The Toronto Zoo has now opened the Giant Panda Experience, the new home of Er Shun and Da Mao, is now open.</p> <p>Toronto’s beloved medieval theatre, Medieval Times, 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. www.medievaltimes.com</p>
<p>Teens</p>	<p>ROM's Dinosaur Gallery at the Royal Ontario Museum: Discover the wonders 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 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. www.rom.on.ca</p> <p>Canada’s Wonderland - Leviathan Canada’s Wonderland has unveiled one of the biggest and tallest roller coasters in the world: Leviathan. Opened in 2012, Leviathan dominates the Park’s landscape, taking riders to breathtaking heights and speeds never experienced before at Wonderland. The excitement begins on Leviathan’s first lift hill as riders climb to a record breaking height of 306 feet (93.3M) followed by an exhilarating 80 degree drop. Reaching a top speed of 148 kilometers per hour, riders will</p>

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	<p>experience extreme coaster thrills on 5,486 feet (1,672M) of track that includes a series of giant camelback hills reaching heights up to 180 feet (54.9M), and an astonishing overbanked hammerhead turn at 115 degrees that will cross above the Park's front gate at 147 feet (44.8M) high. Summer only. www.canadaswonderland.com Price: \$90 for season pass (2013).</p> <p>LKTYP - Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People is the largest non-profit theatre for young audiences in Canada and presents new Canadian plays, innovative works and classics from children's literature throughout the season. A multi-faceted centre for learning through the arts, LKTYP's performances are designed to help children and youth identify with the issues they face today. www.lktyp.ca</p>
Honeymoons & Weddings	Casa Loma; Toronto Island; CN Tower; many wonderful church and restaurant options too
Seniors	<p>Casa Loma - Experience the elegance and splendour of the Edwardian era at Casa Loma! Casa Loma was built in 1911, by Sir William Henry Mill Pellatt, a prominent financier, industrialist, and military man. Casa Loma was designed by E.J. Lennox. Explore the unique architecture, beautifully furnished rooms, secret passages, towers, and an 800-foot tunnel to luxurious stables. May through October enjoy the magnificent estate gardens</p> <p>Toronto Tours - Whether you are seeking adventure or discovery, refinement or rusticity, Toronto Tours 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. http://www.torontotours.com</p>

UNIQUES	The multicultural neighbourhoods are what make Toronto so vibrant and so unique.
Surprising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yonge Street, Toronto's main street, is the longest street in the world at 1,900 km. It stretches from the lake at Queens Quay in Toronto to Rainy River, a mining community in northern Ontario, near Thunder Bay. - the Bata Shoe Museum is a wonderfully quirky treasure trove and well worth a visit: http://www.batashoemuseum.ca - the hidden ravine park systems that run towards Lake Ontario.
History	<p>The area was used as a meeting place for centuries by people of the First Nations and, later, by French traders, thanks to its naturally protected harbour.</p> <p>In 1788, the British purchased the land from the Mississauga Indians, and a settlement slowly established itself around the waterfront area.</p> <p>In 1793, Lieutenant-Colonel John Graves Simcoe established a military garrison and named the town York in honour of the Duke of York of the</p>

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	<p>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 famines 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>
Books	<p>The Rough Guide to Toronto – co-written by Helen Lovekin, a past guest on my radio shows and a well-written, witty and informative guide to the best that Toronto has to offer.</p> <p>Frommer's Toronto</p> <p>Canada by Jan Morris – there's a perceptive essay on Toronto by this most excellent of travel writers.</p>
1000 Places to see before you die	<p>Art Gallery of Ontario</p> <p>Four Seasons Hotel</p> <p>Royal Ontario Museum</p> <p>Hockey Hall of Fame</p> <p>Toronto International Film Festival</p>
Must Sees	<p>The CN Tower; Toronto's diverse neighbourhoods; the great theatre scene, Toronto Islands just offshore in Lake Ontario.</p>

SPORTS ACTIVITIES	<p>Toronto has more major league teams than any other Canadian city – even if most are not performing too well these days!</p> <p>Baseball: Blue Jays;</p> <p>Basketball: Raptors;</p> <p>Football: Argos;</p> <p>Hockey: Maple Leafs;</p> <p>Lacrosse: Toronto Rock;</p> <p>Soccer: Toronto FC.</p> <p>There's also horse racing, boating, sailing, canoeing, inline skating, rock climbing, golf, cross country skiing...and more</p> <p>Honda Indy Toronto: July 12 – 14, 2013</p> <p>This year the Indy adds an exciting new addition, the doubleheader weekend of IZOD IndyCar Series races, the first in Toronto Indy history. Experience the excitement of the Indy!</p>
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	<p>Bills in Toronto at the Rogers Centre: The NFL has come to Canada in full force. The Buffalo Bills bring NFL Football to the Rogers Centre. The next game is Falcons v Bills December 1st, 2013 www.billsintoronto.com</p>
<p>Golf</p>	<p>Toronto and its surrounding area is a golfer's dream. There are unique doglegs, island greens -and yes, sand traps - just waiting to be conquered at over 100 highly rated courses within a short drive from downtown. Choose from either the Legends or Masters course at Lionhead in Mississauga, or head north to Aurora to walk all 7,304 yards of St. Andrews Valley. Or face the challenges of Glen Abbey and Angus Glen, both of which have hosted the Canadian Open (Canada's PGA tour event). Before you head out, be sure to get some practice in at the driving range at the Docks.</p>
<p>Fishing</p>	<p>Cast your line into Lake Ontario for some of the best fishing in Canada. For an adrenaline - fuelled outdoor adventure, book the Fin-natic fishing charter with all the latest fishing technology and equipment.</p> <p>Andrews Charter: Andrews Charter can provide experienced crew, full catering and two luxury yachts at competitive rates. Their boats, the "What's Next" (45') and 'Last One III' (52') are the largest available for charter in the area and can accommodate groups of 8 to 28 people. Each boat is fully equipped for Lake Ontario salmon fishing. Andrews Charter is the longest established charter boat company in the Toronto area, having provided charters for over 30 years. Charters depart from Port Credit, Mississauga, close to Toronto. Pickup from Toronto can be arranged. Website: www.andrewscharter.ca</p>
<p>Hiking</p>	<p>The ravines in Toronto are wonderful places to escape the city without leaving the city – quiet havens of peace and shade where I have encountered white tailed deer, foxes and coyotes.</p> <p>City of Toronto Parks feature Discovery Walks which are a series of free self-guided walks that link the city ravines, parks, gardens, beaches and neighbourhoods. Informative signage will help you experience an area's heritage and environment. For more information, go to: www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation_facilities/discovery_walks/discover_index.htm</p> <p>The Martin Goodman Trail in Toronto is at the heart of the 350 km Lake Ontario Waterfront trail. The Toronto stretch known as the Martin Goodman trail provides a leisurely or intense trek from the Eastern Beaches to the Western Beaches. You can also go well beyond those borders towards Mississauga (to the west) or Scarborough (to the east). Most the Toronto portion of the path is uninterrupted and well-marked making it perfect and safe for cycling, inline skating, walking, or jogging.</p>

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Cycling	With biking trails through most of the city's parks and more than 29km of street bike routes, it's not surprising that Toronto has been called one of the best cycling cities in North America. Favorite pathways include the Martin Goodman Trail (from the Beaches to the Humber River along the waterfront); the Lower Don Valley bike trail (from the east end of the city north to Riverdale Park); High Park (with winding trails over 160 hectares); and the Toronto Islands, where bikers ride freely, without fear of cars.
Skating	Skating in winter at City Hall and Harbourfront: Toronto's holiday postcard experience – skating at these two iconic outdoor rinks is completed with music and rink-side hot chocolate. Both rinks have skate rental on site.

CULTURE	
Theatre	See the separate section on Mirvish Productions below.
Music	<p>The music scene in Toronto is vibrant, with big names like the Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, Elton John and The Who making regular appearances.</p> <p>Roy Thomson Hall: at 60 Simcoe St. in Toronto is Canada's premier concert hall, presenting top international performers and it's home to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and Toronto International Film Festival Gala screenings. Website: www.roythomson.com</p> <p>Massey Hall: 178 Victoria St. Toronto - The 'grande dame' of local music halls has been part of Toronto's music history since 1894. Programming includes pop, rock, classical and contemporary music. Website: www.MasseyHall.com</p> <p>Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts - Opera: The Canadian Opera Company is one of the largest arts organizations in Canada, and among the top ten opera producers in North America. Internationally acclaimed as one of the continent's most innovative performing arts companies. The first performances for the new 2012/2013 season are: Il Trovatore Sept. 29 to Oct. 31, 2012 Die Fledermaus Oct. 4 to Nov. 3, 2012 Performances at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen W., 416-363-8231 Website: www.coc.ca</p> <p>The National Ballet of Canada -</p>
Films	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

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	<p>America. Some of the films shot in Toronto: Chicago; X-Men; My Big Fat Greek Wedding; Cinderella Man; Moonstruck; and many more. Currently, several TV shows are shot in Toronto, including the very successful “Flashpoint” one of my personal favourite shows – partly because it showcases the city of Toronto so effectively.</p>
<p>Museums</p>	<p>There are 125 museums and public archives in the Greater Toronto Area; here are some of the stars -</p> <p>Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) - No trip to Toronto is complete without a visit to Canada’s leading international Museum. Located in the heart of downtown, the ROM's renowned collections span both World Cultures and Natural History. With over 30 galleries of world cultures and natural history, as well as themed events ranging from bats to moon exploration, the ROM offers great value and lots to see and do. Discover the 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 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. www.rom.on.ca</p> <p>Currently on exhibition at the ROM (July 2012): Ultimate Dinosaurs: Giants from Gondwana On now for a limited time. Millions of years ago, lands that were once united were torn apart. Dinosaurs were carried in different directions, passengers on moving continents. An incredible array of dinosaur diversity began to emerge in the southern hemisphere, in the ancient land of Gondwana. The land masses that would form modern-day Africa, Madagascar and South America began to take shape, and were home to the largest and most unusual dinosaurs to have ever roamed the earth. Now, for the first time in North America, audiences will meet a new breed of beast in the ROM's landmark exhibition Ultimate Dinosaurs: Giants from Gondwana. An extraordinary opportunity to experience dinosaurs you've never seen before, in ways you've never imagined</p> <p>Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) - 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.</p>

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	<p>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. www.ago.net</p> <p>Bata Shoe Museum - Explore the world at your feet through a stunning collection of more than 12,000 shoes and related artifacts that span 4,500 years of history in four impressive galleries. A cultural gem in the heart of the city, The Bata Shoe Museum is an internationally-acclaimed institution and architectural treasure. http://www.batashoemuseum.ca</p> <p>Ontario Science Centre – The Ontario Science Centre delights, informs, and challenges. They enrich people's lives and their understanding through engagement with science of local, national and global relevance. They are the public centre for innovative thinking and provocative dialogue in science and technology. And they are great fun for all the family!</p> <p>Currently on at the Science Centre: Game On 2.0 Now until September 2, 2013 From Pong to Guitar Hero; the Ontario Science Centre will host Game On 2.0 with more than 150 playable games from across the history of the medium - including pinball games - as well as rarely-seen consoles, controllers and collectables. The world's largest celebration of video games making its first Canadian appearance, Game On 2.0 features game design, development, and production including multiplayer games, handheld devices, original concept and character art, and the history's most influential arcade machines. Visitors will experience more than 60 years of video game entertainment and technology; from the very first commercial coin-operated game to the latest in virtual reality and 3D gaming.</p>
<p>Architecture</p>	<p>Where to start? There's so much of note to see. Here are some of the buildings featured on Toronto Architecture Tours: Guided Walking Tours - find out more at www.torontosocietyofarchitects.ca :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Thompson Hall, 1978-82 Arthur Erickson with Mathers & Haldenby; interior transformed 2000-02 KPMB • Princess of Wales Theatre, 1991-93 Peter Smith of Lett/Smith Architects • TIFF Bell Lightbox, 2007-10 KPMB • Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 2006 A. J. (Jack) Diamond • Sharp Centre, Ontario College of Art and Design University, 2004 Will

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	<p>Alsop with Robbie/Young + Wright Architects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), 2003–08 Gehry International Architects with Adamson Associates Architects • Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, 2003-06 KPMB (original building 1984 Keith Wagland) • Michael Lee-Chin Crystal addition, Royal Ontario Museum 2003-08 Daniel Libeskind with B+H Architects • Telus Centre for Performance and Learning, Royal Conservatory of Music, 2005-08 KPMB • Bata Shoe Museum, 1995 Moriyama & Teshima
<p>Festivals & Events</p>	<p>The most authentic way to experience Toronto is through the festivals and events inspired by the cultures within. The 2012 roster of festivals shines a spotlight on every neighbourhood in the region. The prize winner will be able to choose to receive special access to a summer festival going on at the time that they visit</p> <p>From inspiring art during Luminato and souvlaki cravings at the Taste of the Danforth to the colourful costumes of Caribana and schmoozing with the Stars at the Toronto International Film Festival - Toronto has a festival for everyone. And the best thing about them is that they're free!</p> <p>Luminato: June Toronto's Festival of Arts and Creativity, is an annual celebration of the arts infusing Toronto's stages, streets, and public spaces with theatre, dance, classical and contemporary music, film, literature, visual arts, and design. www.luminato.com</p> <p>Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival: July 9-Aug 4, 2013 Currently in its 46th year, the Carnival brings excitement to Toronto streets with a celebration of Caribbean music, cuisine and culture.</p> <p>Taste of the Danforth: August 19-11, 2013 A celebration of all that is wonderful in Greek Canadian culture and most importantly food! http://www.tasteofthedanforth.com/tasteofthedanforth.php</p> <p>Toronto International Film Festival: September 5-15, 2013 World famous and totally wonderful! http://tiff.net</p> <p>Toronto Maple Leafs (October to April) The Leafs take the ice for some exciting National Hockey League games at the Air Canada Centre. www.mapleleafs.com</p> <p>Toronto Raptors (October to April)</p>

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	<p>The Raptors NBA basketball team hold court at the Air Canada Centre. www.nba.com/raptors</p> <p>Toronto Blue Jays (April to October) See the only big league Canadian baseball play at the Rogers Centre http://toronto.bluejays.mlb.com</p> <p>Gourmet Food and Wine Expo (Nov 14-17 2013) Each year the Expo offers 36,000 guests an unparalleled opportunity to sample over 1,500 fine wines, spirits and beers from around the globe. http://www.foodandwineexpo.ca</p> <p>Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (November 1-10 2013) Held on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, the Royal Winter Fair has “brought the country to the city” since 1922 and has grown into the world’s largest indoor agricultural fair. www.RoyalFair.org</p> <p>ONE OF A KIND CHRISTMAS CANADIAN CRAFT SHOW AND SALE (Nov 28 – Dec 8, 2013) Complete your holiday shopping at one of Toronto’s most popular shopping expos. You’ll find unique gift ideas from over 750 Canadian designers and artisans specializing in fashion, art, crafts and interior decorations. www.oneofakindshow.com</p>
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ATTRACTIONS	<p>CN Tower is Canada's National Tower and it defines the Toronto skyline; at 553.33m (1,815 ft., 5 in.) is the world’s 2nd 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. www.cntower.com Cost: Total Tower Experience is \$32 (2013)</p> <p>EdgeWalk at the CN Tower 2013 EdgeWalk operates seasonally from April 15-October 31. EdgeWalk is CN Tower’s most thrilling attraction in its 35 year history, and the first of its kind in North America. It is the world’s highest full circle hands-free walk on a 5 ft (1.5 m) wide ledge encircling the top of the Tower’s main pod, 356m/1168ft (116 storeys) above the ground. Visitors walk in groups of six, while attached to an overhead safety rail via a trolley and harness system. Trained EdgeWalk guides will encourage participants to push their personal limits, allowing them to lean back over Toronto with nothing but air and breathtaking views of Lake Ontario beneath them.</p>
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	<p>Designed with the highest international safety and security standards in mind, EdgeWalk runs for 1.5 hours, with the outdoor walk lasting approximately 30 minutes. Tickets cost \$175 CAD and include a keepsake video, printed photos and certificate of achievement. Participants also receive a Tower Experience Ticket which includes access to LookOut, Glass Floor, SkyPod, Movie and Motion Theatre Ride.</p> <p>The EdgeWalk at the CN Tower will operate seasonally in all weather except for electrical storms, high winds or other extreme weather conditions. Varying weather conditions will make the EdgeWalk experience more unique. You need to dress appropriately for the weather conditions.</p> <p>EdgeWalk holds the Guinness World Record for the “Highest External Walk on a Building”.</p>
<p>Beaches</p>	<p>Ashridges Bay: This is a great park in summer, close enough to the downtown core (just a short streetcar ride away) and the perfect place to spend a summer afternoon. On the beach, you'll see volleyball games going on, families having picnics, couples going for walks along the boardwalk, and lots of people soaking up the sun. It really doesn't feel like you're in the city at all. There's a laid-back vibe and the many independently owned restaurants and shops nearby add to the neighbourhood's easygoing charm. There are also beaches on Toronto Island's south shore, including Chelsea Beach.</p>
<p>Wildlife</p>	<p>Toronto Zoo: Canada's premier Zoo offers over 5,000 animals and incredible exhibits including the award winning 30-acre “African Savanna,” and the “Gorilla Rainforest”, the largest indoor gorilla exhibit in North America and the NEW Great Barrier Reef and 2008 special exhibit, Stingray Bay-A Touching Experience. A must see- “Zellers Discovery Zone” featuring the "Kids Zoo", "Splash Island" and the "Waterside Theatre", home of the Amazing Animal Show (Seasonal). Visit the incredible 10-acre Tundra Trek featuring an amazing 5-acre Polar bear habitat complete with underwater viewing area, the Gorilla Rainforest home to a Western Lowland Gorilla troop and newest addition Nassir, the Great Barrier Reef, and the Discovery Zone featuring Kids Zoo, Splash Island and Waterside Theatre.</p> <p>Giant Panda experience: The Toronto Zoo has now opened the Giant Panda Experience, the new home of Er Shun and Da Mao, is now open. Before you get up close to this adorable new giant panda pair, you will have the chance to take in the new, state-of-the-art Panda Interpretive Centre. This climate controlled centre features many interpretive and interactive elements for visitors to enjoy year round. Interpretive themes will include Eating Bamboo, Threats to Giant Pandas, and Saving Giant Pandas. After the</p>

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	<p>Panda Interpretive Centre visitors will have a chance to see Da Mao and Er Shun in either their outdoor exhibits or in their indoor holdings. Either way, remember to bring your camera to catch our dynamic duo! Visit www.torontozoo.com for full details. Adults \$28 Kids \$18 (2013)</p> <p>Also, I have seen white tailed deer, fox and coyote in the ravines system in the heart of the city.</p>
Parks	<p>High Park: A 400 acre wilderness park right on the subway system. Enjoy miles of nature trails plus a Trackless Train, Zoo, children's garden, grenadier pond, adventure playground, hillside gardens and a restored 1837 cottage.</p> <p>The Toronto Islands: Take a short ferry ride from downtown Toronto and you will find yourself in a serene, verdant and care-free paradise. With beaches, parkland, biking and hiking paths and even an amusement park for the youngsters – there is something for everyone in this green space spread over 14 separate islands.</p>
Gardens	<p>Toronto Botanical Garden - Designed to educate and inspire, Toronto Botanical Garden offers an array of 12 award-winning themed gardens spanning nearly four acres. You'll also find a complete range of innovative indoor and outdoor learning experiences for all ages including programs, garden tours, nature day camps, and an extensive horticultural library. The LEED Silver Certified Building with its energy-efficient sloping green roof showcases environmental sustainability and architectural beauty. Two large event halls flow into open-air courtyards and are ideally suited for weddings and corporate events. Don't forget to visit the garden shop or seasonal café before you leave. Admission is free. Website: www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca</p> <p>Riverdale Farm - Wander 7.5 acres of farmland through wooded areas, around ponds, and into butterfly-herb-vegetable-flower gardens. It's the country in the middle of the city.</p> <p>Canada Blooms – March The Toronto Flower and Garden Show in March each year 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. http://www.canadablooms.com</p>
Castles/Forts	<p>Fort York National Historic Site 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. This National Historic site is open year-round and offers</p>

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	seasonal guided tours, musket, drill and music demonstrations – see www.toronto.ca/fortyork for more details.
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OTHER ACTIVITIES	
Shopping	<p>Toronto’s vibrant sense of community among specific neighbourhoods across the city has created the continent’s best street-level shopping. Peruse the windows of Bayview Village, the high-end boutiques of Bloor-Yorkville, the trendsetting shops of Queen West or the neighbourhood stores of Bloor West Village. Dig for amazing vintage finds in Kensington Market or enjoy a variety of distinct uptown shops in the Yonge/Eglinton area.</p> <p>Toronto also boasts one-of-a-kind shopping adventures. This uniqueness comes to life in places like in Lululemon, a Canadian-based clothier and lifestyle merchant entirely devoted to fashionable yoga wear and accessories, and in Honest Ed’s, a Toronto shopping landmark, where the only thing brighter than the illuminated exterior is your opportunity to save a ton of dough.</p> <p>For one of the best wine selections in the country, including an extensive vintages section, visit the Summerhill LCBO, the largest liquor store in Canada.</p> <p>World renowned Holt Renfrew is not your typical department store – designer jeans, runway fashions and exclusive labels fill all three floors.</p> <p>Malls are also not a-miss, by putting everything in one place, malls offer the best opportunity to get the most stuff in the shortest amount of time. Toronto Eaton Centre is in the heart of the downtown and is filled with level upon level of clothes, shoes, music and everything else. In other areas of the city beyond downtown, you’ll find more shopping at Yorkdale, Square One and Sherway Gardens. Head to Dixie Outlet Mall for sweet deals or Vaughan Mills for unique stores like Holt Renfrew Last Call and Bass Pro Shops’ Outdoor World.</p> <p>Shopping beyond downtown Great shopping and holiday spirit extends across Greater Toronto from two of Canada’s largest malls, Vaughan Mills and Square One, to the truly unique Pacific Mall and the quaint boutiques of Old Town Markham and Unionville. There are even more options further afield, including Cookstown and Canada One outlets.</p>
Markets	<p>Lowe's Toronto Christmas Market at the Distillery November 29 to December 15, 2013 A magical market set among authentic Victorian-era architecture. Inspired by the Old World and influenced by the new, Toronto’s first</p>

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	<p>traditional European holiday market will capture the charm, heritage and romance of a bygone era while showcasing unique artisanal products of Toronto. Entertainment for the entire family includes live music, a Ferris wheel, holiday themed presentations and workshops, children's story telling and more. Location: The Distillery Historic District - 55 Mill St. www.torontochristmasmarket.com</p> <p>St Lawrence Market: Back in 1803, the governor proclaimed the area to be the “market block”. Today the south building of St. Lawrence Market, dating from 1905, incorporates one of Toronto’s former city halls. It holds more than 50 vendors hawking everything from maple syrup to live mussels. On Saturdays the north building springs to life at five in the morning. Regional farmers start setting out their seasonal produce while it’s still dark and everything from emu eggs to apples can be found. See the special feature at the end of these notes for more details.</p> <p>Kensington Market: This colorful, lively area should not be missed. You'll hear Caribbean, Portuguese, Italian, and other accents as merchants spread out their wares - squid and crabs in pails; chickens, pigeons, bread, cheese, apples, pears, peppers, ginger, and mangoes from the West Indies; salted fish from Portuguese dories; lace, fabrics, and other colorful remnants. There's no market on Sunday. Kensington Avenue itself is a treasure trove of vintage clothing stores. Admittedly, you'll see a lot of junk here, but amazing finds can be had at shops such as Courage My Love (14 Kensington Ave.). Most of the shops display their wares out of doors in decent weather, adding to the color and charm of the area.</p> <p>The Evergreen Brick Works Farmers’ Market features the best of the season, with a fabulous assortment of fruits, vegetables, wild fish, meat, cheese, milled flours, eggs and oils—all from local farmers. The market takes place in The Pavilions from May to October. During the colder months, from November to April, the market moves indoors to the Young Welcome Centre. http://ebw.evergreen.ca/whats-on/farmers-market</p>
<p>Nightlife</p>	<p>Queen Street West is the most happening area currently. Spacious and edgy with maverick touches, the newest addition to Toronto’s nightlife is Tattoo Rock Parlour, the city’s only live rock n’ roll and DJ venue equipped with a resident tattoo shop. Featuring a fireplace, stage for live music and upper level that holds two bars, Tattoo Rock Parlour will amuse the senses of even the most bona fide rock star. For more information visit www.tattoorockparlour.com</p>

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Casinos	At Niagara (90 minutes away) and Casino Rama , near Orillia, a similar distance to the north.
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CUISINE	
Food	Every cuisine under the sun; “ Winterlicious ” and “ Summerlicious ” food festivals are very cost effective ways of eating your way around Toronto! Summerlicious is on July 5 – 21, 2013
Wine	Ontario’s vineyards are 60 minutes away on the Niagara Peninsula – see the Destination file on Ontario’s Wine Country on this website for full details at: http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/destinations.asp?destination=ontario_wine Also my Travel Blog: http://christalkstravel.blogspot.com/2011/07/wine-country-ontario_07.html
Restaurants	<p>Dining out is nothing short of a passion in Toronto. It's not that residents are too lazy to cook, but we are spoiled by the embarrassment of edible riches in all parts of the city.</p> <p>The city is a restaurant-goer's nirvana for a wealth of reasons. For starters, there are more than 7,000 places to choose among. They represent cooking styles from any country or nationality you can name, making Toronto's culinary scene both eclectic and palate-teasing. Eating out is also remarkably affordable: While the most expensive restaurants have broken the C\$50-an-entrée mark, there are many, many reasonably priced options that offer inventive cooking and attentive service.</p> <p>Mediterranean and Asian cuisines dominate the scene - and often appear on the same plate. Fusion cooking caught on big here and has never lost its steam. Many restaurants that started out as, say, Italian have incorporated ingredients and cooking styles from Southeast Asia and North Africa, among other haute spots. Each wave of immigration has carried new ideas and flavors.</p> <p>While restaurants of all descriptions are found across the city, certain neighborhoods are renowned for their specialties: Little Italy for its trattorias, Chinatown for its Chinese and Vietnamese eateries, and the Danforth for its Greek tavernas. King Street West has unexpectedly become a magnet for gourmets in the past couple of years, offering a bevy of bistros and boîtes.</p> <p>In coordination with the dramatic Michael Lee-Chin Crystal addition to the Royal Ontario Museum, Crystal Five (C5) Restaurant Lounge is on the fifth floor. Located at the pinnacle of the Michael Lee-Chin Crystal,</p>

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Crystal Five is a unique dining destination. Using local and artisanal ingredients, menu items can be paired with wines from the international and regional wine list. For more information visit www.rom.on.ca

Exceptional '**ONE**' restaurant by international chef Mark McEwan is open at the new five star Hazelton Hotel, offering elegant dining in a sea of smoked glass, beautiful cowhide, and boldly striped tiger-eye onyx. Modern North American cuisine delights and surprises the senses with contemporary flourishes. Take advantage of special catering services within the Silver Screening Room and dining rooms or have meals served in a room/suite. 'ONE' features one of the largest street-level patios in the Yorkville area, the perfect spot to sip a coffee for the afternoon and watch as pedestrians stroll by or shop in the area's upscale boutiques. www.thehazeltonhotel.com

Located at Queen's Quay, Toronto's laid back waterfront neighbourhood, the newest **Shoeless Joe's Restaurant** brings all the sports action on dozens of screens to the water's edge. For more information visit www.shoelessjoes.ca

A renowned steak house of Toronto and Mississauga, **Ruth's Chris Steak House** has launched Canada's first year-round, complimentary Shuttle service offering free door-to-door transportation to and from each location to area hotels and entertainment venues. For more information visit www.ruthschris.ca

Sassafras is once again the heart of the posh Yorkville area of Toronto, having reopened after fire destroyed most of the building. The new Sassafras features chef Bradley MacDonald's newly revamped menu of contemporary Canadian dishes based in French cuisine, a 20-foot indoor vertical garden and a new rooftop patio that brings seating capacity to 350. Described as the centre of where all the excitement happens, the celebrity destination is open until 2 a.m. For more information visit www.sassafras.ca

And finally a plug for my local pub, **The Rebel House**, at 1068 Yonge Street (close to Rosedale subway station) which serves gastropub fare of high quality and always has interesting beers on tap. Who knows? I may see you there! www.rebelhouse.ca

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CURRENT DEALS	Toronto Tourism often has great deals on their website. See www.reservations.torontotourism.com/BBPackages.asp to see what's on offer this month. VIA Rail from Montreal is just \$35 one way with their Escape Fares (until July 16th, 2013)
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