

# THE BIG CITY

Discover the attractions that make Toronto a world-class city

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**T**ourist attractions and city dwellers' favourite haunts come alive in a special way when the temperature dips.

**MUST-SEES**

If you want to hit Toronto's top attractions in a day or two, head downtown for all the action.

Within easy strolling distance, you can visit:

- The majestic CN Tower that stands at 553 metres;
- The Rogers Centre, home of the Toronto Blue Jays and big name concerts and events;
- The Air Canada Centre, where the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Toronto Raptors play to win; and
- Ripley's Aquarium—you won't believe how up close and personal you can get with a shark.

Other must-sees in the area include the:

**CBC Museum**, which showcases some iconic Canadian memorabilia and hosts a number of interactive exhibits.

**The Hockey Hall of Fame** further down on Front St. will help you bone up on your hockey trivia. Make sure you take a selfie with the Stanley Cup!



Ripley's Aquarium

The Royal Ontario Museum  
DANIELLEPETTI





The Roger's Centre  
JEFFREY CARLSON

### SHOP TILL YOU DROP

If you're in the downtown core, you don't want to miss out on the shopping. The Eaton Centre is an obvious choice—stop by the magical Hudson's Bay Christmas windows in November—which is just a short walk to Toronto's answer to Times Square: Yonge-Dundas Square. A photo in front of the many bright billboards will make you feel like you've arrived.

### CULTURAL ICONS

If it's culture you're after, the Royal Ontario Museum (the ROM) is home to unforgettable permanent and visiting exhibitions. For a unique experience, buy tickets to Friday Night Live, when the ROM becomes a social experience, with DJs, live performers and the best food vendors in the city.

The Art Gallery of Ontario is also a destination for renowned collections. It offers adults-only and family programs for all ages.

If you're looking to take in a show, check out what the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and Ed Mirvish theatres have in store during your stay. Mirvish shows this fall include *Kinky Boots*; *Motown the Musical*; and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical*.

Other acclaimed theatre companies include Canadian Stage, Soulpepper, Young People's Theatre and The Second City.



The Art Gallery of Ontario



EdgeWalk at the CN Tower