



# HOT SUMMER FUN

Designed for urban life, the **2018 Toyota C-HR** is the perfect summer travel companion. We check out the hot spots in three of Canada's coolest cities.

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Prototype vehicle shown.

**U**rban, sexy, bold and trend-setting are all ways to define the 2018 Toyota C-HR — or “Compact High Rider” — but they’re also exactly the way you’d describe its drivers and passengers.

Designed with millennials in mind, the fashion-forward urban crossover embodies the sensibilities of its hip, young drivers, exuding cool while effortlessly navigating tight city streets. Versatile, stylish and filled with tech accessories, this vehicle was built to exhilarate the people who pile in with a fresh take on fun.

If this car could choose, where would it take its adventurous passengers with attitude this summer? Only to the best haunts and hideaways for edgy urbanites looking for unique experiences best enjoyed with friends.

Join the Toyota C-HR as it plays tour guide in three of Canada’s most dynamic cities.



## VANCOUVER...

“You’re gorgeous, baby, you’re sophisticated, you live well... Vancouver is Manhattan with mountains. It’s a liquid city, a tomorrow city, equal parts India, China, England, France and the Pacific Northwest. It’s the cool North American sibling.” – *The New York Times*

With a reputation like that, it’s no wonder the all-new Toyota C-HR is ready to prowl this sophisticated town. While the mountains, ocean and spectacular foliage are tempting, the city streets are what it’s after first. Enter the city through any one of its famous neighbourhoods, but spend extra time where you can take the millennial pulse of this west coast mecca.

### FOODIE HEAVEN... AND A LITTLE SHOPPING TOO

If your passengers have foodie tendencies, head to Gastown and tuck into some legendary dining. Troll the neighbourhood for world-class food trucks (you’ve got to try Tacofino’s crispy fish tacos) or pick a destination restaurant like Miku Restaurant by the waterfront.

If you can’t commit to just one tasting, link up with Vancouver Foodie Tours (422 Richards St.) to sample the best of the best. While you digest, thread through some of Gastown’s side streets for amazing art galleries and independent boutiques owned



by local designers. Don't worry if you broke your budget on food — Community Thrift & Vintage is a super fun place to hang out and pick up something truly unique.

### NIGHTLIFE SCENE

If you are the designated driver, when the sun sets, head downtown to Vancouver's entertainment district, which boasts uber-hip nightclubs, restaurants and bars. Cruise along Granville St. to catch the vibe you're looking for, but be sure to try out at least a few hotspots.

For live bands and music from all genres, check out Venue Nightclub (881 Granville St.). If you're looking for a more laid-back atmosphere with great music, step into The Roxy Cabaret (932 Granville St.).

If last call is more like midnight for your crew, the Gorg-O-Mish Dance Club (695 Smithe St.) will host your after-hour adventures. And if dancing leaves you ravenous, refuel at the city's most famed 24-hour Chinese restaurant Tsui Hang Village (1193 Granville St.). It's in stiletto-stepping distance to the Granville St. strip and will make sure you close your night out on a delicious note.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS

Shake off the sights and sounds of the inner city by pumping up the tunes and picking up speed on the way to Vancouver's North Shore. Amp up your adrenaline with some adventure at the Capilano Suspension Bridge.

You can follow the footsteps of millions of others and pick your way across the 137 metre bridge suspended 70 metres over the Capilano River — or you can take it up a notch and try Cliffwalk, a cantilevered walkway that hugs a granite cliff over the Capilano Canyon. You can also suit up for a Treetops Adventure: a canopy-walk of seven small suspension bridges anchored among the towering Douglas firs.

Canada's largest city positively throbs with excitement in the summer. The C-HR could barely narrow down its favourite destinations, but it managed to select a few that capture the spirit of its trendy and curious drivers. Ride along!

### AWESOME NEIGHBOURHOODS

Vogue magazine wasn't wrong when it named Queen St. W. one of the 15 coolest streets in the world.

The strip can thank its "indie patisseries, homegrown labels and hidden-from-view galleries — hallmarks of hipness, if they ever existed," for its designation, according to *Vogue's* Nick Remsen. (FYI: two of those hidden galleries are Twist Gallery, 1100 Queen St. W. and Birch Contemporary, 129 Tecumseh Ave.)

What he doesn't mention is that Queen St. W. is infinitely fun to drive on a summer afternoon with the windows down. Take in the energy of the one-of-a-kind businesses and people with a slow crawl behind a streetcar. Start your engine at Queen St. W./University Ave. and cruise west to Bathurst

St. Later, refuel at The Drake Hotel's (1150 Queen St. W.) rooftop Sky Yard or head down to the Drake Underground for indie music.

### ACT LIKE A KID AGAIN

Toronto is crawling with unique experiences tucked away into obscure locations that you have to know about to get to. Pursuit OCR (444 Dufferin St.) is one of them — and it's totally worth the Internet search.

The first fully indoor obstacle course training centre in the country, this 10,000 sq. ft. space is literally a playground for adults.

We're talking tire swings, rope walls, extreme monkey bars and an enormous ball pit. (Did we mention this is for adults?)

If you're feeling pumped up, you can take one of several fitness classes running throughout the day. Or just charge your way around the obstacle course like you're eight years old and owning the playground.

### OUTRÉ THEATRE

If you pride yourself on being one step ahead of the curve, you don't want to miss the beloved indie theatre Fringe Festival July 5-16.

Here's where you'll see the freakiest, funniest, oddest theatre, dance, visual art and busking shows put on by new, upcoming and seasoned artists testing out new work.

Part of the appeal is never truly knowing what you're going to get.

Small shows that went on to national and international success have debuted at this arty little festival, including Kim's Convenience and 'da Kink in My Hair. It's a favourite of the C-HR because shows are staged at weird nooks and crannies across the city, allowing ample time for fun summer neighbourhood driving. Visit [fringetoronto.com](http://fringetoronto.com) to learn more about this summer's lineup.





## FORESTA LUMINA

Montreal has hundreds of nightclubs designed to satisfy every taste, but a magical alternative is to drive out of the city just as the sun is setting.

Foresta Lumina (135 rue Michaud, Coaticook, QC) is an award-winning, illuminated pathway you can walk that'll make you feel like you're in a fairy tale. The 2 km multimedia trail winds through seven illuminated zones deep in the heart of a provincial park. You'll stop by areas like the Wish Bank and the Enchanted Riverbank, breathing in otherworldly experiences along the way.

## THE BEACHCLUB

If you're into electronic music, you'll want to make a pilgrimage to North America's biggest outdoor complex (aka millennial party central) this summer.

The Beachclub (701 38ième Rue, Pointe-Calumet, QC) hosts outdoor EDM concerts every weekend with local and world-renowned artists.

Picture a beach resort with a huge, open-air dance floor, multiple bars and dining areas as far as the eye can see. For the ultimate VIP treatment, reserve a cabana or balcony for the best views and the greatest access to all the entertainment.

Where else can the C-HR take you? It craves fresh entertainment that's perfect for its outgoing drivers. It may not be able to take your arm and join the party, but it's happy to deliver you in cool comfort and cutting-edge style.

Just like the C-HR, Montrealers play as hard as they work. Arts, culture, whimsy and shameless fun are part of every summer in this metropolitan hotspot. The C-HR is already revving its engine.

### MILE EX IS THE NEW MILE END?

Where better to get your bearings in Montreal than in the vigorous Mile End neighbourhood, which has been described as the "hipster capital of Canada."

Young, creative urbanites flock here for its arts and music scene (fun fact: Arcade Fire got their start here), congregating in the numerous art studios, cafés and bars.

The Casa del Popolo (4873 St. Laurent Blvd.) might be considered the neighbourhood's ground zero since their self-identity sums up

the ethos of the area: "part fair-trade café, part music venue, part resto-bar and part art gallery."

But don't get too comfortable in Mile End: many hipsters are on the move to Mile-Ex, a more affordable neighbouring district perched on the edge of the Jean-Talon food market (7070 Avenue Henri-Julien) — which is also well worth eating your way through.

Mile-Ex might be a little grittier, but that just adds to its youthful charm. Old factories play host to artists and collectives and shared spaces are the norm for eclectic businesses.

Restaurant Mile-Ex (6631 rue Jeanne-Mance) is a must, as is the Alexandraplatz, (6731 de l'Esplanade) an old brewing factory that transforms into one of Montreal's coolest bars every summer.

