



# Toronto

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# Toronto

## Introduction

I live in Toronto so my picture taking here has been less methodical than when I'm traveling.

This isn't meant to be comprehensive or balanced, but here are some pictures of major Toronto landmarks and other places that have caught my interest.

I've used the CN Tower as the starting point, and wide shots from the tower help organize things more or less geographically.

I haven't provided a detailed city map, though there is a locator map on the next page that positions Toronto within north-eastern North America.

I've tried to keep the notes brief. Many of these pictures speak better for themselves.

– Bruce McKay



## Toronto Locator

Toronto is on the north shore of Lake Ontario,  
245 mi / 395 km east of Detroit, 545 mi / 875 km west of Montréal.





## CN Tower

The CN Tower is the Toronto skyline's most recognizable feature, and has become the unofficial symbol of the city.



## CN Tower

It was the world's tallest free-standing structure for 31 years, 1976 - 2007.  
Height 553 m / 1815 ft, with observation deck at 346 m / 1136 ft.





## CN Tower

A passing train puts the size of the tower's base into perspective. The base is 67 m / 218 ft in diameter.





## CN Tower

The CN Tower handles the signals of 8 TV stations, 10 FM stations, and a variety of other communications services.





## CN Tower

The tower is also a great platform for photographers. This view is looking east. Toronto city population is 2.5 million, metro 5.5 million.





## **Downtown**

The Rogers Centre sports and entertainment stadium opened in 1989 with the world's first fully retractable roof.





**Downtown**

Toronto City Hall, with twin curved towers designed by Finnish architect Viljo Revel, opened in 1965.





**Downtown**

Roy Thomson Hall, designed by Canadian Arthur Erickson, is the home of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.





**Broadcast  
Centre**

The Toronto facilities of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.  
The large cubes on the roof are major TV production studios.





## **Broadcast Centre**

The Broadcast Centre houses the CBC's English-language radio and TV networks, its specialty TV channels, and its local radio and TV stations.





## Broadcast Centre

Helping plan and build the CBC Centre kept me busy during the late 80s and early 90s.





## Broadcast Centre

The "deconstructivist" architectural elements help disguise the size of the building.





**Broadcast  
Centre**

**Renowned pianist Glenn Gould sits in front of  
the CBC recording hall named in his honour.**



**Broadcast  
Centre**

**Glenn Gould with new friends.**





**Downtown**

Just down the street ... another Toronto cultural institution.





## Hockey Hall Of Fame

The Hockey Hall of Fame moved to new quarters including a converted bank building in 1993.





## Hockey Hall Of Fame

The "Our Game" sculpture in front of the Hockey Hall of Fame depicts young players climbing over the boards ready for action.





## Harbourfront

Harbourfront, immediately south of the CN Tower, has been redeveloped as a recreation area for citizens and visitors.





## Harbourfront

Harbourfront includes performance spaces, galleries, workshops, restaurants, shops, a marina, and a wide range of activity options.





Harbourfront You can participate in water sports ...





Harbourfront ... even if you're just a beginner.





Harbourfront





**HTO Park**

**Harbourfront development continues.**





**HTO Park**

**HTO Park is one of the most recent additions.**





**HTO Park**

**A new beach on the waterfront?**





**HTO Park**

Not really, but imported sand and beach umbrellas are more pleasant than a parking lot.





**Harbourfront** There are lots of boat tour options.





Harbourfront Traditional steamers ...





**Kajama**

... and three-masted schooners.





## Kajama

Kajama was built in Germany in 1930, served in Spain, throughout western Europe, and as far north as Norway and Russia.





**Kajama**

Most of us are looking forward to this trip.





**Kajama**

Once Kajama clears the harbour traffic  
the crew of college kids deploy the sails.





**Kajama**

**Kajama is a beautiful sight under full sail ...**





**Kajama**

... and getting out on the water is the  
best way to see the rest of Toronto.





## Toronto Islands

Toronto Island Park occupies most of the land on the islands immediately south of the CN Tower.









**Toronto  
Islands**

**Access to the island parklands is by ferry ...**





Toronto  
Islands

... or private boat.





**Toronto  
Islands**

**The Lake Light, one of the earliest on the Great lakes, was completed in 1808.  
The first keeper, who disappeared in 1815, is said to still haunt this lighthouse.**

















Toronto  
Islands





**Centreville**  
Toronto Islands

Centreville is the kids' zone on the islands.





**Centreville**  
Toronto Islands





**Centreville**  
Toronto Islands





**Centreville**  
Toronto Islands





**Centreville**  
Toronto Islands





**Wakestock**  
Toronto Islands

**Wakestock is a wakeboarding  
festival for older kids.**





**Wakestock**  
Toronto Islands





**Wakestock**  
Toronto Islands





**Toronto  
Islands**

**Or you can just take it easy.**





**Ontario Place** Ontario Place is a recreation and entertainment park on the lake just west of downtown.





**Ontario Place** It was created on artificially constructed islands by the Province of Ontario in 1971.





**Ontario Place** Operations are subsidized by the Province to keep costs low for families.





**Ontario Place** Facilities include a water park for children, a public marina, an IMAX theatre, Toronto's largest outdoor concert theatre ...





**Ontario Place** ... and places to eat, drink, and relax.





**Ontario Place** Ontario Place host special exhibitions, such as this Chinese Lantern Festival.





Ontario Place Chinese Lantern Festival





**Ontario Place** Soak City is Ontario Place's most popular area.





Ontario Place Soak City





Ontario Place Soak City





Ontario Place Soak City









**CNE**

The Canadian National Exhibition grounds are near Ontario Place. The CNE is a two-week fair at the end of summer holidays.





**CNE**

The CNE was once a prestige general exposition and trade and agricultural show, but more specialized events have cut into those functions.





CNE

The CNE is now more a fun and shopping fair.





**CNE**

The Canadian Armed Forces provide one of the more informative exhibits.





CNE

The Snowbirds are the Canadian Air Force acrobatic team ...





CNE

... here recruiting for the future.





CNE

But mostly the CNE has become a big midway ...





CNE

with lots of carnival rides.





CNE





## Fort York

Historic Fort York was the birthplace of Toronto in 1793.





## **Fort York**

**This was the site of the Battle of York during the War of 1812.**





## Fort York

Today the fort welcomes visitors from both sides of the border.





**High Park**

**The soldiers from Fort York once  
fished here at Grenadiers' Pond.**





## High Park

Today the pond is part of the city's  
161 hectare / 400 acre High Park.





High Park





High Park





High Park





## **Casa Loma**

Toronto's only castle was completed in 1913 for Sir Henry Pellatt. It featured decorated suites, secret passages, tunnels, towers, stables, and estate gardens.





**Casa Loma**

Sir Henry was then one of Canada's most successful businessmen and financiers.





## Casa Loma

Ten years later, when his investments failed, Sir Henry had to move out.





## Casa Loma

Casa Loma is now owned by the city and operated as a tourist attraction by a local service club.





**Looking  
North**

**Toronto and its suburban neighbours  
stretch north from Lake Ontario.**





Looking  
North

My place is in the downtown core.





Evening





Evening





Evening

Good night.



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