

**For Immediate Release**  
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### **March Break in Toronto-Get in on the action**

Toronto, ON – March Break in Toronto offers a full calendar of events, shows and attractions to keep kids and parents alike intrigued and entertained. Affordable packages and specials make it easier to explore new adventures and rediscover a familiar place.

"With only seven short days to pack in as much excitement possible, Toronto is a hub of activity this spring break," said David Whitaker, President and CEO of Tourism Toronto. "This year's line up of events invigorates the imagination and is set to inspire great travel experiences."

March Break Toronto adventures start with:

- **Canada Blooms** – From March 12-16 the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building is in full bloom. The Toronto Flower and Garden Festival will dazzle the family with all-day creative displays of colour, texture and fragrances designed by Canada's best landscaping talents. The Green Playground by the Ontario Toyota Dealers will engage kids in the wonders of nature as they experience this innovative garden playspace designed just for children by Gardens for Living. Kids will learn the art of painting garden pots, planting seeds and follow worms as they make soil. Spring is in the air at [www.canadablooms.com](http://www.canadablooms.com).
- **Art Gallery of Ontario** – Creativity is unleashed at the AGO each Sunday until March 16th through Smörgåsbord series at the Anne Tanenbaum Gallery School from 2pm- 4pm. During these art-filled days, families can draw on various inspirations such as Yoga, Whimsy and Wonder. General admission fees apply \$15 for kids and \$18 for adults. No experience required, just a sense of humour and curiosity! Call 416-979-6608 or visit [www.ago.net](http://www.ago.net).
- **Casa Loma** – From March 8-16 celebrate March Break at a real castle. Daily performances from pirates and buccaneers 10:30am- 2pm, interactive displays and strolling characters provide an exciting getaway in the heart of the city. Catch the Pirate Baron's mystical magic show, Long John Strong's incredible feats of juggling, or follow the lead of Pirate guides on a treasure hunt through the castle halls. Adult admission \$12 child \$6.75. [www.casaloma.org](http://www.casaloma.org)
- **CN Tower** - Buy one CN Tower admission package at \$33 and get another one FREE. Enjoy a meet and greet with Dora and Diego from the pre-school series' Dora The Explorer™ and Go, Diego, Go™ at 11am, 12pm and 1pm, explore the Pizza Pizza Kids Zone and Flower Power Days open from 10am - 4pm, a salute to Canada Blooms at the CN Tower with a access to the Look Out, Glass Floor, Sky Pod, Film, and Ride. Visit [www.cntower.ca](http://www.cntower.ca) for more.
- **Famous People Players** – Discover a world of wonders as Famous People Players transforms into a "Big Top" bonanza for their March Break feature show, Going Bananas! Jump through magical hoops and fall into kaleidoscopes of black light mystery where things are never as they seem. Lunch and dinner shows Tuesdays through Saturdays. Adult admission \$ 54.50, seniors \$ 47.50, children \$39.95. [www.fpp.org](http://www.fpp.org).

#### **Queen's Quay Terminal at Harbourfront**

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- Hockey Hall of Fame – Have your photo taken with NHL Trophies, get your favourite hockey legends signature, or hear tales from the 'Official Keeper of the Cup'. March Break extended hours from 9:30am - 6pm Monday through Saturday and 10am - 6pm on Sunday. General admission \$13. For complete details on all March Break activities call 416-360-7765 or visit [www.HHOF.com](http://www.HHOF.com).
- Kortright Maple Syrup Festival – Celebrate March Break with the 40th anniversary from March 10-14. Tap into nature and enjoy free maple syrup demonstrations, all-day creative crafts, horse-drawn wagon rides from 10am-4pm, pony rides at a small fee from 10am- 4pm, and pancakes with maple syrup. You can even eat some syrup right off the clean snow. [www.trcaparks.ca/maplesyrup](http://www.trcaparks.ca/maplesyrup)
- McMichael Gallery – Free March Break Madness special programming with the cost of regular admission welcomes children to draw up a storm with daily inspirations like The Group of Seven and enjoy entertaining songs and performances by special guests. Family favourite entertainers Magoo on March 10 and Funky Mamas on March 11 from 11am-4 pm. [www.mcmichael.com](http://www.mcmichael.com)
- Medieval Times – Kids are half price at the Toronto Castle from March 7- 23, 2008. With every full-priced adult admission purchased, receive 50% off one child 12 years and under. Shows start at 7:30pm on Friday, 4:30pm and 7:30 pm on Saturday and 4:30pm on Sunday. Call for details 1-888-WE-JOUST ext 6.
- Ontario Science Centre – From March 7-15 visit the OSC and take part in the KidSpark, a new space specially designed for kids under eight, filled with water tables, bubble station experiments and much more. For the older kids start with Cool Science a liquid nitrogen experiment, learn about fire safety through Meet the Firefighters, see things shatter, disappear, burn and explode during Science Magic, explore the science of space during Survivor Mars and much more. For more March Break programs visit [www.ontariosciencecentre.ca](http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca) .
- Outdoor Adventure - Free outdoor skating at Toronto's City Hall and Harbourfront Centre complete with music and rink-side hot chocolate. Both rinks have skate rental on site. [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca)
- Royal Ontario Museum – March 10-14 children aged 5-14 can join the ROM's dynamic instructors for exciting hands-on activities in galleries, studio and classroom labs daily 9am to 4pm. Interactive and exciting, the Discovery Gallery, Gallery of Hands-On Biodiversity and Dinosaur Exhibit will get the entire family pumped about learning. They'll be surprised at how fun education can be! [www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca)
- Toronto Botanical Gardens - March 10-14 children aged 6-10 can get down and dirty with slugs and bugs; draw, paint and mold clay into nature art; plant their own take-home starter garden and go squirrel-watching in the forest during the interactive and educational March Break camps. For registration info and fees visit [www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca](http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca).

- Toronto Zoo –With more than 5,000 animals representing over 460 species, families will have fun seeing familiar favourites while discovering exotic and new creatures. From March 7-16 see the animals in action thanks to the cooler weather of March. Check out the fun and interactive FROGZIBITZ in honour of the year of the frog. Walk through new stations including their Frog Dome and learn how to do an authentic frog call. Start your visit to the zoo at [www.torontozoo.com](http://www.torontozoo.com).

Getting the Family to Toronto is easy with:

- Hotel Packages - Hotel packages available through Tourism Toronto starting at \$89\* per night including breakfast. Book online at [www.torontotourism.com](http://www.torontotourism.com) or call 1-800-499-2514.
- Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) - Get a TTC Family pass that offers families unlimited travel for an entire day on Toronto's local transit system. For more information visit [www.ttc.ca](http://www.ttc.ca).
- City Pass - Skip long lines to six of Toronto's famous attractions for one low price of \$61/adult and \$41/child, a value of \$119. Order online at [www.citypass.com](http://www.citypass.com).

#### About Tourism Toronto

Tourism Toronto, Toronto's Convention and Visitors Association, is an industry association of more than 1,200 members established to sell and market the Greater Toronto Region as a remarkable destination for tourists around the globe. For more information please visit [www.torontotourism.com](http://www.torontotourism.com).

\*Hotel packages and prices do not include taxes and are based on the lowest downtown hotel fare. Dates vary per attraction, please check [www.torontotourism.com](http://www.torontotourism.com) for special offers.

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