



## WHAT'S NEW IN TORONTO, CANADA – FALL 2011

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TORONTO, CANADA (September 13, 2011) – The Holiday season is around the corner so Fall in love with Toronto this season as the city transforms into an abundance of colours with festivals, events, wining and dining. The fall season brings spectacular new developments for discovering and experiencing Toronto. As temperatures go down, Toronto's tourist offerings heat up. Whether gliding across ice rinks or dance floors, Toronto is the perfect place to party and this season will see even greater enhancements to the city's already superior festivals and events. Dramatic renovations and fresh venue spaces provide the perfect backdrop for thrilling activities and inspiring exhibits that invite all to continue their love affair with Toronto.

This Fall – the city anticipates the opening of the new Trump International Toronto Tower followed in 2012 by the Shangri-La and Four Seasons. Warm up for the holiday season with shopping, dining and entertaining with new exhibits, art galleries, boutique stores and culinary must-try's! Read on and find out the updates on the latest news in Toronto or visit [www.SeeTorontoNow.com](http://www.SeeTorontoNow.com). Don't forget to request a copy of Tourism Toronto's Toronto Magazine 2011 (<http://seetorontonow.com/insider/MagazineRequest.aspx>) featuring compelling editorial, rich photography and thoughtful perspectives on Toronto.

### **ATTRACTIONS & TOURS**

**Canada's National Tower's(CN Tower's)** new extreme attraction, **EdgeWalk**, is now open as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The first of its kind in North America, EdgeWalk is the world's highest full circle hands-free walk on a 5 ft (1.5 m) wide ledge encircling the top of the CN Tower's main pod, 356metres, (1168 ft, 116 stories) above the ground. This adrenalin-fueled experience will allow thrill seekers to walk the edge of one of the world's greatest man-made wonders. Adventure lovers can walk "hands-free" in groups of six to eight, while attached to an overhead safety rail via a trolley and harness system. Trained EdgeWalk guides encourage visitors to push their personal limits, allowing those who dare to lean back over Toronto, with nothing but air beneath them. Everyone who



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meets the stipulated requirements is welcome to experience these breathtaking open-air views of Toronto and Lake Ontario. [www.cntower.ca](http://www.cntower.ca)

**Gray Line Toronto** is completing a \$50,000 investment on four stylish full-sized motor coaches to be exclusively used on their Niagara Falls Full Day Tour, Niagara Falls Freedom Tour & Niagara Falls Evening Light Tour. The new coaches include spectacular exterior decaling featuring highlights of the Niagara Falls Region, all new Modern-Styled seating and are DVD Equipped with an exclusive viewing of "Great Daredevils of Niagara Falls" to be played for guests' enjoyment and education. [www.grayline.ca](http://www.grayline.ca)

### HOTELS

Towering over 900-feet above the city, **Trump International Hotel & Tower Toronto**® will open its doors in Fall 2011. The luxury hotel, Trump Hotel Collection's first in Canada, will feature 261 well-appointed, rooms and suites. Highlights of the hotel's amenities include a two-floor, full service spa and over 12,000 square-feet of state-of-the-art meeting and event facilities. Dining at Trump International Hotel & Tower Toronto will be a world class culinary experience. The 31<sup>st</sup> floor will be home to an intimate, formal dining room feature STOCK Restaurant. In-room dining is also available around the clock, and with advance notice, an in-room chef can be arranged to prepare culinary specialties in a guest's kitchen and present the gourmet meal course by course. [www.trumptorontohotel.com](http://www.trumptorontohotel.com)

Designed by Toronto-based Architects Alliance, the new flagship **Four Seasons Hotel Toronto** at 60 Yorkville Avenue will be a soaring complex featuring two sleek glass towers. The 55-storey West tower will hold 259 hotel guestrooms and suites designed by world-renowned Canadian design house Yabu Pushelberg, 100 private residences by Brian Gluckstein, and public gardens by Claude Cormier. The 26-storey East tower will hold an additional 110 private residences. <http://www.fourseasons.com/toronto-new/>

For just the second time, **Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts** - the Asian-based luxury hotel group - will bring its legendary offerings and hospitality to life in North America. The opening of Shangri-La Hotel, Toronto is scheduled for the Summer of 2012 with offerings never before seen in Toronto including the opening of Momofuku by acclaimed New York chef David Chang; a dramatic multi-storey sculpture that begins outside and winds its way into the hotel lobby by internationally renowned artist Zhang Huan; and a state-of-the-art theatre. [www.shangri-la.com](http://www.shangri-la.com)

The **Delta Chelsea hotel** will have a new place to call home. Soon-to-be located as part of the 30 storey, 650,000 sq. ft. British Columbia Investment Management



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Corporation development project, the Delta Chelsea is scheduled to open in 2014. The hotel will feature 566 well-appointed, generously sized guest rooms including 24 extended-stay suites, latest in sustainable design including heat recovery ventilation, low-flow fixtures, smartcards to control room lighting and air based on suite occupancy, and green roofs throughout the building. [www.deltahotels.com](http://www.deltahotels.com)

The classic Melody Bar situated in the **GladstoneHotel** launched its new \$100,000 design and décor remodel on August 19, 2011. Working with the existing historic elements, the new look features contemporary elements to turn it into an after-work hotspot. The renovations include a more comfortable dining experience, new casual lounging areas, furniture made by local designers and art installations by local artists. The makeover will also include new and improved late night programming for those who like to enjoy the best events, bands, talent and karaoke the city has to offer. [www.gladstonehotel.com](http://www.gladstonehotel.com)

A 5 million dollar renovation of the **Four Points by Sheraton Toronto Mississauga Hotel**, including guestrooms, public areas and meeting space, was completed in Summer 2011. Relax in one of 145 modern guestrooms and enjoy the use of the indoor heated pool and 24 hour fitness centre. The new meeting space features over 4,200 sq ft. of flexible space. [www.fourpoints.com/torontomississauga](http://www.fourpoints.com/torontomississauga)

### **VENUES & ATTRACTIONS**

The **Art Gallery of Ontario** is bringing the magic, whimsy and wonder of Marc Chagall to Toronto in Fall 2011 with a major exhibition organized by the Centre Pompidou. *Chagall and the Russian Avant-Garde: Masterpieces from the Collection of the Centre Pompidou, Paris* will be on from October 18, 2011 through January 15, 2012. It features the lush, colourful, and dreamlike art of Marc Chagall alongside the visionaries of Russian modernism, including Wassily Kandinsky, Kasimir Malevich, Natalia Goncharova, Sonia Delaunay, and Vladimir Tatlin. [www.ago.net](http://www.ago.net)

Join the **Hockey Hall of Fame** as the city celebrates the 2011 Induction Weekend from November 11-14, 2011, highlighting the newest inductees, including: Ed Belfour, Doug Gilmour, Mark Howe and Joe Nieuwendyk. Celebrate with events including the annual Hockey Hall of Fame game (Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Ottawa Senators); LIVE Inductee Fan Forum; and Legends Classic game. [www.hhof.com](http://www.hhof.com)

The **Royal Ontario Museum** (ROM) has received 2.45 million dollars to support the creation of the new 7,500 square foot suite of new galleries. Located on the museum's Level 3 Centre Block and Philosophers' Walk Wing, the ROM's new permanent galleries



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reintroduce visitors to the ancient civilizations of Rome, Byzantium and Nubia. [www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca)

Newly relocated from its trendy Notting Hill home in London, England, **Le Dolci** is now located in downtown Toronto and offers cupcake and cake pop decorating classes for cake addicts of any age and from any country. Le Dolci's 'Canadiana' classes are aimed at tourists visiting the City of Toronto who want to do something different and very 'western.' Aimed at visitors from Brazil, Russia, India, China and Japan, these two-hour classes are filled with a hands-on sugary experience like no other. Classes will have a translator, if required, and be filled with iconic symbols of Canada including the maple leaf, beaver, Canada goose, the big brown moose and of course, the hockey stick! [www.ledolci.com](http://www.ledolci.com)

**Sweet Flour Bake Shop**, the first customized, made-to-order bakery has sweetened up Toronto's Bloor West Village, creating an affordable yet decadent experience during a hard-to-swallow economic time. There is something to suit everyone's taste, including customizable muffin tops, cookie sandwiches and house-made granola. Supporting local products, Sweet Flour baked goods are made only from the finest fresh ingredients. Customers can enjoy glass bottled Ontario organic milk and fresh brewed Ideal coffee, a local coffee roaster. [www.sweetflour.ca](http://www.sweetflour.ca)

**The RINX** has a new 15,000 square foot VIP room with upgrades valued at over \$1.2 million. Experience Balladium, Time Freak and its new 10-pin Bowling. Balladium is a fast-paced, interactive, ball blasting game played in an eye popping black light arena. Players load their cannons and the excitement begins as they race to outscore the other team before time runs out! Time Freak is an exciting new attraction that challenges players to frantically race against the clock, pushing buttons as they light up. RINX is also introducing six regulation size 10-Pin Bowling lanes, a tried, tested and truly fun activity. The Fireside Lounge is a cozy space inside the action zone where a group can gather for drinks. RINX can accommodate experiences for groups from 12 to over 1500! [www.RINXtoronto.com](http://www.RINXtoronto.com)

### **NEIGHBOURHOODS & GALLERIES**

**West Queen West** has welcomed new members to its family! Now home to Toronto's first Lomography Gallery Store (film cameras), the boutique and event space has been drawing crowds to their monthly Thursday events and free workshops. Ironhead Apparel opened their second North American store featuring limited edition silk screened active wear worn by athletes and celebrities alike. Design Republic is a beautifully curated furniture store with in store cafe catering to the nearby condo crowd with original



artwork, imported furniture, completely organic mattresses and an eclectic style. [www.queenstwestbia.ca](http://www.queenstwestbia.ca)

The second annual **Toronto Christmas Market**, December 2-18, 2011, will be inspired by the Old World and influenced by the New. Once again, capture all of the tradition, heritage and romance of European Markets, while showcasing the best artisanal products of Europe, Toronto and its surrounding regions. This new holiday tradition is set among the authentic Victorian-era industrial architecture of the **Distillery District**; within a community recognized internationally for its eclectic mix one-of-a-kind shops and boutiques, galleries, artists and artisans, restaurateurs and residents. Boasting unique products, family friendly entertainment and an exotic menu of beers, sweets and European specialties, the Toronto Christmas Market will create a warm and inviting environment for families of all ages during the day, while at night, more sophisticated fare, entertainment and an 'adult atmosphere' will appeal to revelers looking for a more mature experience. [www.torontochristmasmarket.com](http://www.torontochristmasmarket.com)

Toronto's **Petroff Gallery** unveiled the Ketubah Boutique this fall, with the largest collections of fine art ketubahs on display anywhere in Canada. A *ketubah* is a Jewish marriage contract and one of the most important and meaningful parts of every Jewish wedding ceremony. This legal document itself has remained virtually unchanged since the time of the Talmud. However, the exquisite contemporary artistic interpretations become the expression of a couple's personal tastes and spiritual context. It preserves the central values of marriage and family that has ensured the very continuity of Jewish life. [www.petroffgallery.com](http://www.petroffgallery.com)

Situated in Yorkville, one of Toronto's shopping and entertainment districts, **Hazleton Lanes Shopping Centre** has remained an exclusive brand and service destination for 35 years. The Centre is refreshing up with a 10 million dollar renovation. New and exciting changes include an expanded, multi-level 18,000 sq. ft. flagship TNT clothing store as well as a 10,000 sq. ft. expansion at Whole Foods Grocery Market. Additionally, Hazleton Lanes will boast a modern day piazza, the Oval Square, which operates as a year-round, free Wi-Fi enabled social hub and perfect place for community events including cooking demonstrations, fashion shows, concerts and more. [www.hazletonlanes.com](http://www.hazletonlanes.com)

## **RESTAURANTS & THEATRE**

Joining one of the newest additions to Toronto's skyline, the **Trump International Hotel & Tower Toronto®**, Trump Hotel Collection™'s first property in Canada, **STOCK Restaurant** will open this fall featuring dishes from executive chef Todd Clarmo. The dining room will showcase a flawless pairing of art deco and modern, contemporary design



elements featuring an exclusive loft for private dining and access to a terrace with an indescribable view of Toronto's cityscape. With an intimate bar and lounge, 135 seats, as well as an outdoor patio that offers a "dining in the sky" experience. [www.STOCKrestaurant.com](http://www.STOCKrestaurant.com).

**Canadian Niagara Hotels Group** has entered into a partnership with **Jamie Kennedy Kitchens** to open a restaurant called "Jamie Kennedy on the Falls" in late November 2011. To be situated on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor of the Sheraton on the Falls, this will be a 100 seat restaurant with 150 linear feet of floor to ceiling windows with a stunning view of both the Canadian and American Falls. The food will showcase the bounty and regional richness of the Niagara Peninsula, both through the menu and wine programme which will be run by Tony Aspler and feature Niagara Wines. The Chef de Cuisine will be local food advocate and 14-year area resident Ross Midgeley. [www.jamiekennedy.ca](http://www.jamiekennedy.ca)

The **Soulpepper Theatre Company** presents a fall season of new classics and old favourites: Arthur Miller's *The Price* opens on September 2, 2011; *The Odd Couple* on stage beginning September 22, 2011; Iben's masterpiece *Ghosts* on stage starting October 10, 2011. [www.soulpepper.ca](http://www.soulpepper.ca)

In celebration of **The National Ballet of Canada's** remarkable 60-year history, November 14–20, 2011 will be proclaimed **The National Ballet of Canada Week** by Mayor Rob Ford, coinciding with the opening of an archival display at Toronto City Hall and the world premiere of *Romeo and Juliet*. The Tutu Project, featuring 60 tutus from great moments in the company's history and new tutus created by the community, will be displayed throughout the season. The National Ballet of Canada Orchestra will have their first-ever concert performance on April 3, 2012 at Koerner Hall, performing select works from the company's repertoire. [www.national.ballet.ca](http://www.national.ballet.ca)

**All The Best Fine Foods**, established in 1984 as Toronto's destination for lovers of high quality, natural, delicious food, has been reborn in its heritage home at 1101 Yonge Street in Rosedale. The renaissance of All The Best has seen a restoration of the century-old building, offering a larger selection of high quality, freshly prepared and take away food and new and exclusive products from local producers and around the world. Touches of the past artfully combine with new additions, including a unique Cheese Room that features the best of Canadian and imported cheeses. [www.allthebestfinefoods.com](http://www.allthebestfinefoods.com)

**Boston Pizza's** newest location at Front Street and John Street, their first ever urban concept location, features 350 seats, more than 9,400 square feet on 2 floors, and an outdoor patio. This urban design concept has décor enhancements including a



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stunning bar on both floors, more than 80 flat screen TV's, and a customized, state-of-the-art sound and lighting system. A first for a Canadian restaurant, the entire space will change color depending on the sporting event taking place and the teams playing. Also featuring over 100 menu items and 14 Beers on Tap. [www.bostonpizza.com](http://www.bostonpizza.com)

The **Glen Gould Studio** has upgraded its technology, including sound, lights and visuals. Its new green 32 LED lighting fixtures can manipulate colour, size and movement and brings a low-cost, 'wow factor' to any event. The new D+B PA system that is now permanently hung in studio is top of the line in concert sound and delivers the highest quality sound experience to guests. Finally, two brand-new 55-inch Samsung LCD monitors on either side of the stage provide the opportunity for visual additions to any performance or event. [www.cbc.ca/glenn Gould](http://www.cbc.ca/glenn Gould)

### **About Tourism Toronto**

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