

Escape to Toronto this summer

TORONTO (June 10, 2014) – It's time to plan your summer escape to Toronto. From dining on one of the city's bustling rooftop patios to cheering on the Jays at Rogers Centre, an escape to Toronto offers experiences you won't find anywhere else. You can stay and play for one low price at some of the city's hotels offering accommodations with discounts to popular attractions. Start planning your Toronto summer getaway at escapetotoronto.com.

ATTRACTIONS

- Don't miss the **Toronto Zoo's** latest attraction opening this summer, a new zip line ride "Tundra Air" which offers an exhilarating and memorable experience where visitors can soar over the Zoo's award winning Tundra Trek. It is the only zip line in which you can ride forwards or backwards in tandem. Promising fun for all ages, this ride gives you a different view of the Tundra animals including arctic wolves, polar bears and caribou. Don't forget to see the Zoo's newest additions: Humphrey, Er Shun and Da Mao! Humphrey, the four-month-old polar bear cub joined the Zoo's three adult bears on exhibit in the Tundra Trek. Er Shun and Da Mao are the Giant Chinese Pandas who made their long-awaited arrival late last year. The pandas live in the new, state-of-the-art Panda Interpretive Centre. torontozoo.com
- The **CN Tower's** popular EdgeWalk, considered the "Highest External Walk on a Building" by the Guinness World Record, is open to those who want to live on the edge. A Family Pass is also available and offers general admission access to the world famous Glass Floor, outdoor SkyTerrace or *Himalamazon*, in their motion theater ride. To finish off your CN Tower experience, enjoy the delicious summer menu at 360 Restaurant - one of Toronto's finest restaurants with its outstanding revolving view of Toronto. cntower.ca
- Starting June 11 at the **Ontario Science Centre**, visitors can experience science in the key of rock! You can learn about the science behind rock 'n' roll. How has technology shaped this multi-billion dollar industry? How can performers bring hundreds of thousands of screaming fans to their feet? What physiological effects does rock have on our brain and body? *The Science of Rock 'N' Roll* is an interactive exhibition that provides a fresh look at the history of rock from the perspective of science and technology. ontariosciencecentre.ca
- The **Art Gallery of Ontario** (AGO) has much to offer any art lover this summer, including their latest exhibits, *Francis Bacon and Henry Moore: Terror and Beauty*. The AGO brings together two giants of 20th-century British art in a major exhibition that features more than 130 artworks, including paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs and archival materials. Later in the summer, from August 23, visitors can see more than 100 works by Toronto-born Alex Colville, marking it the largest exhibition of the late artist's work to date. The exhibition will honour Colville's legacy and explore the continuing impact of his work from the perspectives of several prominent popular culture figures from film, literature and music. ago.net
- The **Royal Ontario Museum** (ROM) offers the chance to see the *The Forbidden City*. For over 500 years, the gates of the world's largest imperial palace were closed to all but the emperor, his family and servants. This stunning new exhibition invites you to cross the threshold to see over 200 national treasures from Beijing's Palace Museum – some travelling outside China for the first time. rom.on.ca
- At **LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Toronto** guests can discover what they can build in the Model Builder Academy, reach out in the 4D cinema, or experience over 3 million bricks under one roof, and see Toronto's iconic attractions made out of LEGO in MINILAND. legolanddiscoverycentre.ca/toronto/

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- **Ripley's Aquarium of Canada** is the newest and most anticipated attraction in the heart of downtown Toronto! Located next to the CN Tower, this is Canada's largest indoor aquarium with its 15,000 aquatic animals. The Aquarium features North America's longest underwater viewing tunnel, more than 5.7 million litres of water and has over 100 interactive opportunities including three touch pools featuring horseshoe crabs, sharks, and rays. ripleyaquariums.com/canada/

EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- Toronto is the first North American city to host **WorldPride** from June 20-29. World Pride events will include a Human Rights Conference, three parades, non-stop events and a performance by Grammy Award winning powerhouse, Melissa Etheridge who will be headlining the opening ceremonies in Nathan Phillips Square. Hundreds of artists will perform over 10 full days, including home town favourite, Deborah Cox, k.d. Lang, "The Original Weather Girl" Martha Wash, Carly Rae Jepsen, Hercules and Love Affair, Crystal Waters, Neon Hitch, Chely Wright, and at the closing ceremonies, Tegan and Sara. seetorontonow.com/annual-events/toronto-pride-week/
- **The Harbourfront Centre** is exploding with events this summer. From diverse musical and arts performances, new summer camp programmes, to Yogapalooza and a spectacular fireworks show on "Canada Eve" with a one-of-a-kind view. harbourfrontcentre.com
- **Mirvish Productions** has a line-up of fan-favourites this summer! From *The Lion King*, to *Flashdance*, and *Titanic The Musical* plus much more, Mirvish has it all for every musical fan! mirvish.com
- **Cirque du Soleil** is back in Toronto! **KURIOS – Cabinet of Curiosities**, which opens on August 28, immerses you in a mysterious and fascinating realm that disorients your senses and challenges your perceptions, leaving you to wonder: "Is it real, or just a figment of my imagination?" KURIOS – Cabinet of Curiosities is an ingenious blend of unusual curiosity acts and stunning acrobatic prowess from Cirque du Soleil. Let KURIOS show you that anything is possible through the power of imagination. cirquedusoleil.com
- Toronto's countless music, ethnic, and culinary summer events and festivals offer something for everyone. Some highlights include:
 - Until June 15, The **Luminato Festival** takes over Toronto! This international multi-arts festival, which includes art, dance, music, and even magic, is for people open to having art change their outlook on the world. The Luminato Festival transforms theatres, parks and public spaces across the city and creates a home for artists to come play, share and create. With names like Bebel Gilberto, The Roots, Boy George, and Ziggy Marley – it's not to be missed! luminatofestival.com
 - The **North by Northeast Festivals and Conference (NXNE)** celebrates 20! Returning from June 13-22, NXNE has become the Canadian festival destination for emerging artists and major-label headliners; filmmakers; hilarious comedians; visual, sound, and other artists; and innovators bridging the gap between technology and the arts. nxne.com/
 - From June 19 – June 28, the **TD Toronto Jazz Festival** will present more than 350 concerts across 40 locations for one of the city's largest music festivals. Discover over 1,500 musicians who will entertain as the sounds of jazz play throughout and let the music be your guide this summer as they turn up the jazz! torontojazz.com

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- Come to the party by the water from June 20-22! The **Redpath Waterfront Festival** is an annual summer event that provides on-land and on-water programming for people of all ages. This year you can see the 2014 Flyboard® North American Championships, the 2014 DockDogs® World Qualifying Championships, plus much more. tewaterfrontfest.com
- Dance, dance, dance at **Digital Dreams** June 28-29! Digital Dreams is the largest electronic music festival in Canada. Set on the shoreline of Toronto with one of North America's most iconic skylines in the background, Digital Dreams Music Festival and the Flats at M.C.A offer party goers a sophisticated festival experience, unlike any other in the Canadian music landscape. digitaldreamsfest.ca
- From July 4-20, **Summerlicious** will offer you a perfect opportunity to explore the variety of delicious cuisine Toronto has to offer. Savour delicious three-course prix fixe menus served at close to 200 of Toronto's top restaurants. Summerlicious also offers cooking classes and demonstrations, dinner theatre, tastings and pairings, and intimate chef dinners. toronto.ca/summerlicious
- The popular **Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival Toronto** (formerly Caribana), an exciting cultural festival of Caribbean music, cuisine, and visual and performing arts, takes place July 8 - August 3rd. torontocaribbeancarnival.com
- **Taste of Toronto**, 'one of the world's greatest restaurant festivals' (Time Magazine) is coming to North America for the first time at Toronto's Fort York National Historic Site, July 24-July 27, 2014. Featuring specially-created menus and exclusive opportunities with the city's most acclaimed chefs, guests can engage with top chefs, enjoy live food demonstrations, chef Q&As, interactive cooking classes, expert wine tastings, live music and other entertainment. tasteoftoronto.com
- The GreekTown **Taste of the Danforth** festival sponsored by Krinos is one of Toronto's signature events, showcasing the best of Hellenic food, culture, and music from August 8-10. Come enjoy the culture that makes the Danforth a year round destination.

Get to Toronto on Via Rail Canada viarail.ca; get around on the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), the city's local transit system tfc.ca; and see the sites with the Toronto CityPass which provides admission into five top attractions citypass.com/toronto

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