



## WHAT'S NEW IN TORONTO, CANADA – Fall 2012

TORONTO, CANADA (August 28, 2012) – The leaves may be changing but Toronto remains North America's place to be this Fall as it gears up to play host to big events like the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and the 100<sup>th</sup> Grey Cup Festival. This fall, Toronto will also witness the arrival of two more new luxury hotels with the openings of the Four Seasons Hotel Toronto and Shangri-La Hotel, Toronto, as well as world-renowned chefs moving in including Daniel Boulud's **Café Boulud** and **dbar** and David Chang's **Momofuku**. All of this and much more make Toronto a destination worth discovering this autumn!

Read on and find out the updates on the latest news in Toronto or visit: [www.SeeTorontoNow.com](http://www.SeeTorontoNow.com).

### HOTELS

On October 5, 2012, **Four Seasons Hotel Toronto** will open its doors to guests from all over the world. The new hotel will feature 259 spacious sunlight-filled guestrooms including 42 suites featuring state-of-the-art amenities and a 30,000 square foot luxury spa (the largest luxury hotel spa in Toronto). Four Seasons Hotel Toronto's signature restaurant will be Café Boulud by International Restaurateur and 3-star Michelin Chef Daniel Boulud. [www.fourseasons.com/toronto-new](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 August 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 with offerings never seen before 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 Trump International Hotel & Tower Toronto** recently completed the \$2 million highly anticipated expansion of **Quartz Crystal Spa™**, the 15,000 square-foot bi-level oasis located on the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> floors. Offering spa patrons a 65-ft. marine-grade, heated, zero-edge natural salt lap pool (the only one of its kind offered by a Toronto hotel), an infinity-edge whirlpool overlooking the Toronto skyline, a fully-equipped fitness and movement studio, as well as a sauna, round out the already popular offerings of Toronto's newest destination spa. [www.trumphotelcollection.com/toronto](http://www.trumphotelcollection.com/toronto)

**ALT Hotel Toronto Pearson** opened its doors on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, becoming the first ALT Hotel built outside of Quebec. Situated on the Toronto Pearson International Airport site, the hotel is adjacent to terminals 1 and 3 and near the Viscount long-term parking lot at the end of the LINK train line. This choice location allows guests to easily access airport facilities and the LINK train ensures a direct link to the terminals, with trains running every 5 minutes. With 13 floors and 150 rooms, ALT Hotel Toronto Pearson is a unique alternative to conventional hotels as they offer guests the same \$149 price every day, all-year round. Guests also have the option to stop at Altcetera which offers a variety of grab-and-go food, hot or cold, made of fresh products for breakfast, lunch or dinner that can be eaten in the lobby or to be brought to their room. [www.pearson.althotels.ca](http://www.pearson.althotels.ca)

**Toronto Don Valley Hotel & Suites** is embarking on a \$3-4 million renovation which will transform the hotel into an 'urban oasis.' The hotel sits on one of Toronto's most picturesque pieces of real estate, making it the perfect location for Toronto's first "urban resort." The "urban resort" concept was derived using four signature elements: local, oasis, unique and urban-efficiency. [www.torontodonvalleyhotel.com](http://www.torontodonvalleyhotel.com)

**Hôtel Le Germain Toronto** located in Toronto's entertainment district, recently finished renovations on eight of their luxury rooms, transforming them into one-bedroom junior suites with new designer furnishings, bedrooms that are separate from the living area and decadent walk-in showers. The combination of its new junior suites, intimate size and relaxing decor, make Hotel Le Germain Toronto a veritable urban oasis, it even has a putting green on the roof! [www.germaintoronto.com](http://www.germaintoronto.com)

Discover a whole new element of cool at R5, the newest cocktail and martini lounge at **Fallsview Casino Resort**. Part of a \$6.8-million hotel renovation, the 1,000 sq. foot lounge is designed to highlight the breathtaking views of the majestic Niagara Falls. R5 radiates a chic and contemporary vibe that is sure to impress with its stunning fire-and-water décor, intimate fireside booths and wraparound outdoor patio. It boasts an incredible menu featuring fusion-style tapas and hundreds of drink selections from colourful cocktails and to some of the world's finest single-malt scotches and well-aged cognacs. Guests can also select from **Fallsview Casino's** extensive cellar of more than 600 wines. [www.fallsviewcasinoresort.com](http://www.fallsviewcasinoresort.com)

Guests at the **Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Airport** have been experiencing newly decorated rooms, designed with a vibrant yet relaxing colour palette and furnished with new pillow-top mattresses to ensure a restful stay. By early Fall 2012, the totally reinvented lobby will wow visitors with its new-concept reception and Bistro area. Designed after extensive customer research, the new Courtyard lobby will fuse functionality, aesthetics and the right mix of service to give guests greater control of their environment. Dedicated fiber optic internet service will ensure faster access to the web. Guests will be able to work, unwind and socialize at their own pace. [www.courtyardtorontoairport.com](http://www.courtyardtorontoairport.com)

Among the city's new luxury venues and hotel spaces this fall will be the opulent, two-floor hospitality suite launching in the architecturally-inspiring and centrally-located **One King West Hotel & Residence**. The Fall 2012 launch of the hotel's newest space features a markedly lush suite with a self-contained executive meeting centre and exclusive event space perfect for private events, executive training and VIP accommodation. The space

was outfitted by Toronto-based Squarefoot Design Inc. with audio/visual solutions by FirstVison AV Integration. [www.onekingwest.com](http://www.onekingwest.com)

After an impressive \$17 million transformation, **TownePlace Suites® Mississauga - Airport Corporate Centre** opened to the public on August 9<sup>th</sup>. A floor-to-ceiling renovation, modern Mississauga hotel suites, fully equipped kitchens, free breakfast and a pool are just a few of the fresh and modern features that guests have to look forward to. Convenient proximity to Pearson International Airport and Mississauga's booming Business Park makes this latest Marriott addition the ideal location for guests in the Greater Toronto Area to enjoy comfortable, extended stays. [www.marriott.com/hotels](http://www.marriott.com/hotels)

Award-winning restaurant, Tundra, located at **The Hilton Toronto**, has undergone a full rejuvenation with a fresh, innovative design inspired by the untamed Canadian landscape enhancing their creative, cutting-edge cuisine and dining experience. Montreal-based design firm LeMay Michaud has enhanced the restaurant entrance with a labyrinthine sphere fashioned from Vancouver Island red cedar, while glass panels etched with a satellite image of Northern Quebec's Ungava Bay are the new centerpiece of the lounge. [www.tundra.sites.toronto.com](http://www.tundra.sites.toronto.com)

Stage West All Suite Hotel will become the **Ramada Plaza Toronto Airport Hotel & Stage West Theatre**, after joining the Ramada Worldwide family. The hotel is conveniently located just minutes from Toronto's Pearson International Airport. With 224 suites, meeting and convention facilities, a three-storey indoor waterslide and salt water pool, fitness room, restaurant and an award-winning theatre restaurant, the hotel is right for both leisure and business travelers. [www.ramada.com](http://www.ramada.com)

**The Delta Toronto** is scheduled to open in 2014. The hotel will feature 566 well-appointed, generously sized guest rooms including 24 extended-stay suites. The hotel will also bring in the 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. This four-star hotel will serve as a flagship property for Delta and will be strategically located within walking distance to Toronto's financial and entertainment district to fulfill the needs of both business and leisure travelers and connect them to the city in a convenient way. [www.deltahotels.com](http://www.deltahotels.com)

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Air Canada** launched triple-daily, non-stop flights between Toronto's Pearson International Airport and New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport May 3, 2012. Air Canada will also increase to hourly its flights to LaGuardia Airport and added an additional daily return flight between Toronto and LaGuardia, providing customers hourly service each business day. [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com)

**Porter Airlines**, known for its exceptional customer service, debuted up to three daily roundtrip flights operating between Dulles International Airport (Washington, D.C.) and Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport as of April 2012. This is Porter's sixth U.S destination. [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)

**Westjet** launched seven non-stop flights each business day between Toronto and New York City starting June 4, 2012. On July 12, WestJet increased to eight non-stop flights each business day. Flight times offer business travelers the flexibility and convenience to change plans on their day of travel at no cost. [www.westjet.com](http://www.westjet.com)

**WEGO**, a new tourism transportation system will be in full service in Niagara Falls starting this Fall. The state-of-the-art bus system is fully accessible and will operate throughout the year. Four bus lines will provide a seamless connection between the tourist areas of the City of Niagara Falls and the attractions within Niagara Parks. Visitors can travel in air-conditioned comfort to enjoy all that is offered at Lundy's Lane, Fallsview, Clifton Hill, Marineland and more. [www.WEGOniagarafalls.com](http://www.WEGOniagarafalls.com)

## **ATTRACTIONS**

**Canada's Wonderland**, home to the most exhilarating collection of rides and rollercoasters in Canada, introduced Canada's largest and fastest rollercoaster – Leviathan - in May 2012. The one-of-a-kind attraction lets riders climb to a record-breaking height of 306 feet (93.3M) followed by an 80 degree drop reaching speeds of 148 km/hr. Also this fall, the park will once again terrify visitors with their annual Halloween Haunt. The Halloween Haunt gives guests the opportunity to test their bravery while tackling an array of haunted houses and mazes. Halloween Haunt runs Friday-Sunday from 7pm-Midnight from September 30 thru Halloween. [www.canadaswonderland.com](http://www.canadaswonderland.com)

**EdgeWalk** at the **CN Tower** reopened May 1, 2012 for its first full season. The attraction is the CN Tower's most thrilling attraction in its 35 year history, and the first of its kind in North America. It is the world's highest full circle hands-free walk on a 5 ft (1.5 m) wide ledge encircling the top of the Tower's main pod. On November 8, 2011 Edgewalk at the CN Tower was presented with the Guinness World Record for the "Highest External Walk on a Building." [www.edgewalkcntower.ca](http://www.edgewalkcntower.ca)

**Royal Ontario Museum** launched the world premiere of *Ultimate Dinosaurs: Giants from Gondwana* on June 23, 2012. Some of the largest and most unusual dinosaurs to have ever roamed the planet are on display until January 6, 2013. In this new exhibition curated, designed and produced by the ROM, these dinosaurs make their first stop in Toronto before embarking on an international tour. [www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca)

Located in the heart of downtown Toronto next door to the iconic CN Tower, the **Ripley's Aquarium of Canada** – a \$130 million facility now under construction – is a major family attraction set to open in summer 2013. The highly anticipated aquarium is expected to draw nearly two-million visitors each year and will feature more than 13,500 exotic sea and freshwater creatures, a unique 96-metre-long (315 foot) moving walkway through an acrylic tunnel deep below the 2.84-million litre Shark Lagoon, a tropical reef tank, and a Marine and Freshwater Education Centre with dedicated classroom space. [www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada](http://www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada)

**The Toronto Zoo** will receive two breeding giant pandas in spring 2013; the result of an agreement between Hu Jintao, President of China and Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, to loan two giant pandas to Zoos in Canada as part of a long-term conservation partnership between China and Canada. The giant panda exhibit will open in the spring 2013, and will be open during the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto. Previously, when pandas were at the Toronto Zoo in 1985 for a short-term loan of three months, the Zoo experienced its highest annual attendance ever at 1.9 million visitors. [www.torontozoo.com](http://www.torontozoo.com)

## **EVENTS & FESTIVALS**

**The Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)** will celebrate James Bond's monumental 50th anniversary this fall with the North American premiere of *Designing 007 - Fifty Years of Bond Style* to be featured at **TIFF Bell Lightbox**, the 153,000 square foot, \$140 million state-of-the-art cultural institution that brings the best films, exhibitions and speakers from around the world to Toronto 365 days a year. Running from October 26, 2012 to January 20, 2013, this innovative exhibition will focus on the distinctly British luxuriance of the world's most iconic movie brand and its influence on art, music, lifestyle, and more over the course of five decades. *Designing 007 - Fifty Years of Bond Style* is curated by the Barbican Centre, with guest-curation by fashion historian Bronwyn Cosgrave and Academy Award®-winning costume designer Lindy Hemming, and designed by Ab Rogers. The exhibition will feature a series of accompanying film programmes to be announced at a later date. Highlights confirmed to date include the steel teeth worn by Richard "Jaws" Kiel in *The Spy Who Loved Me* (1977); storyboards for *Diamonds are Forever* (1971); the Anthony Sinclair overcoat worn by Sean Connery in *Dr. No* (1962); the poker table from *Casino Royale* (2006); and more. <http://tiff.net>

**The Ryerson Image Centre**, Toronto's newest cultural destination, will open its doors on Saturday, September 29, 2012 with a spectacular exhibition that features never before-seen works by eight of Canada's leading artists. Archival Dialogues: Reading the Black Star Collection focuses on the Black Star Collection of approximately 292,000 historic black and white photojournalistic prints, as seen through the eyes of internationally-renowned Canadian contemporary artists Stephen Andrews, Christina Battle, Marie-Hélène Cousineau, Stan Douglas, Vera Frenkel, Vid Ingelevics, David Rokeby and Michael Snow. The RIC, located in the heart of campus life and in the core of downtown Toronto, is one of a number of major projects to grow out of President Sheldon Levy's vision for Ryerson University, which defines Ryerson as one of the most dynamic institutions of higher learning in the country and a 'City Builder' in the centre of Toronto. [www.ryerson.ca/ric](http://www.ryerson.ca/ric)

## **TOURS, SHOPPING AND DINING**

This fall internationally acclaimed Chef David Chang will bring his **Momofuku** brand north of the border for the first time to Toronto. This will be Chang's largest Momofuku project to date with the opening of four restaurants: **Noodle Bar**, **Nikai**, **Daisho** and **Shoto**. The restaurants will occupy a three-storey glass cube adjacent to the Shangri-La

hotel at University Avenue and Adelaide Street West. Momofuku is scheduled to open in early September. [www.momofuku.com/restaurants/toronto](http://www.momofuku.com/restaurants/toronto)

Daniel Boulud will not be the only high-profile chef heading to new Four Seasons Hotel Toronto this fall, as Chef Rob Gentile and partner Peter Tsebelis will be scheduled to open up their second **Buca** location in October. The 3,500-square-foot space is marginally smaller than the flagship location on King Street but will seat around 70 people and feature a patio. The offshoot will be similar to the original Buca with a daily menu written by Chef Gentile that uses premium ingredients to reinterpret classic Italian fare. [www.fourseasons.com/toronto-new](http://www.fourseasons.com/toronto-new)

With a 5 million dollar investment, **Harry Rosen**, one of Canada's leaders in designer men's fashion, will launch its newest expansions of two prominent locations – **Harry Rosen Eaton Centre** and **Harry Rosen First Canadian Place**. The new Eaton centre store will be 16,000 square feet and will feature a modern urban design environment with bold accents such as stone and pine floors. The store will boast a large shoe department, private made-to-measure rooms, and expanded denim and sportswear section. At First Canadian Place, Harry Rosen's expanded store will be over 20,000 square feet. It will feature new rooms for made-to-measure and private shopping, as well as a new area of designer suits and sports jackets. [www.harryrosen.com](http://www.harryrosen.com)

**P.F. Chang's China Bistro** opened their very first Canadian location at the prestigious Shops at Don Mills in Toronto on July 27, 2012. Their unique brand of Chinese-inspired cuisine promises to delight the culinary taste buds and refined palettes of Torontonians visiting the city's newest dining hotspot. The atmosphere of P.F. Chang's echoes that of its sister locations, with stylish décor that provides an inviting backdrop for the overall dining experience. This includes a contemporary Chinese design complemented with a panoramic, hand-painted mural depicting ancient China. With more than 200 restaurants in the United States and over 18 internationally, P.F. Chang's delivers an outstanding casual dining experience in a stylish, high energy bistro and wine bar. [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca)

Set 31 floors above the paparazzi, the highly anticipated **Terrace at STOCK** located in the Trump International Hotel Toronto will open its doors just in time for TIFF. With breathtaking views of the city and the red carpets below, a spot on this sexy outdoor space is expected to be the most sought after scene and scenery in the city. Whether popping a bottle of Ace of Spades, rated the number one champagne in the world, or sipping a limited edition Ontario Rosé bubbly, this open-air locale is sure to be where the party is at. [www.trumphotelcollection.com/toronto](http://www.trumphotelcollection.com/toronto)

**Spring Rolls** in the Atrium on Bay in downtown Toronto recently underwent a \$400,000 renovation. Guests are invited to savour the myriad of flavours in three dining areas highlighted by floating lantern filled globe light fixtures, sofa-style seating and a relaxed ambience with artistic touches of nostalgia from the 1960's. When guests look up they will notice the ceiling now features a graphic print that unifies colour-changing LED tube lighting that washes the room in ambient hues, creating an appetizing new dining experience for customers! [www.springrolls.ca](http://www.springrolls.ca)

**Yorkdale Shopping Centre's** new \$185 million and 145,000 square foot retail expansion including 30 new stores will open for business on November 15, 2012. Iconic and innovative brands Ted Baker London, Kate Spade New York, Tesla Motors and Ann Taylor are among those entering the Canadian market for the first-time with flagship stores in Yorkdale's expansion. Other notable new stores include Diesel, Wilfred Boutique, the North Face, Ta-ze and Joey Restaurants. Holt Renfrew, Lacoste and Club Monaco will have refurbished and larger locations within the expansion. Yorkdale's retail expansion is the second of two major developments in 2012, which together will create an additional 190,000 total square feet in the shopping centre at a total cost of \$220 million. Yorkdale's new food collection, Dine on 3, launched in June 2012 and accounts for 45,000 square feet of the overall expansion and features restaurants and a new dining area with skylights, fireplaces and an outdoor terrace. [www.yorkdale.com](http://www.yorkdale.com)

The first phase of **Pearson International Airport's** new dining program, developed by prominent Canadian culinary names such as Mark McEwan (Bymark, ONE), Claudio Aprile (Origin), Rocco Agostino (Pizzeria Libretto) & Hemant Bhagwani (Amaya) is scheduled to open later this fall. The culinary makeover will feature 13 new chef-driven locations for Terminals 1 and 3, completely transforming the dining experience at Pearson. In addition to the new dining options, over 2,500 Apple iPads will be integrated throughout the gate areas of both terminals for guests to enjoy. These iPads will allow guests to order food, browse the web, and stay updated with real-time flight information. [www.torontopearson.com/en/innovativedining](http://www.torontopearson.com/en/innovativedining)

**Waterfront Toronto** and **Harbourfront Centre** will begin work on a series of vibrant new public spaces on a former parking lot located by Toronto's central waterfront. Designed by renowned landscape architects Michael Van Valkenburgh and Associates, these new public spaces were made possible by the construction of a new underground parking facility, which will also be officially opened as part of the celebration. [www.waterfrontoronto.ca/explore\\_projects2/central\\_waterfront](http://www.waterfrontoronto.ca/explore_projects2/central_waterfront)

#### **About Tourism Toronto**

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