

Top 14 in Toronto for 2014

1. Milestone Anniversaries:

- **Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) celebrates 100 years** www.rom.on.ca
- **Mirvish Productions celebrates 50 years** www.mirvish.com
- **Yorkdale Mall celebrates 50 years** (when the mall opened in 1964 it was the largest indoor shopping centre in the world) www.yorkdale.com/50-years/
- **Harbourfront Centre celebrates 40 years** www.media.harbourfrontcentre.com
- **CN Tower's Glass Floors celebrates 20 years** www.cntower.ca

2. The newly opened **AstraZeneca Human Edge** permanent exhibition hall at Toronto's **Ontario Science Centre (OSC)** explores all the wonders and possibilities of the human body, featuring more than 80 exhibits covering five dynamic themes: in the beginning, mind and body limits, personal limits, pushing past the limits, and outer limits. Opening June 11, 2014, **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. See how music has shaped the tools of rock – and how those tools have changed the music. www.ontariosciencecentre.ca

3. **The Forbidden City: Inside the Court of China's Emperors** exhibit will open at Toronto's **Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)** February 11, 2014. Usher yourself into the Forbidden City's most private quarters, offering a tantalizing glimpse into the lives of the people who lived within the very imposing, very private, imperial enclave. Through intimate encounters with the luxurious objects they used each day and official accounts of their lives, meet the emperors, their families, court officials, concubines, and eunuchs - all those who paid a price to live within the Forbidden City's walls. www.rom.on.ca

4. **Toronto Zoo** will open the new **Zip Line Ride over the Tundra Trek** in the spring of 2014, offering an exhilarating and memorable experience like no other! Visitors will get the chance to soar over the Zoo's award winning Tundra Trek at a maximum speed of 48km/h. The unique design straps one or two people in a seat and is the only zip line where you can ride forwards or backwards with a friend. This ride is one you'll want to ride over and over as it gives you a different view of the Tundra animals including arctic wolves, polar bears and caribou. Don't forget to meet Er Shun and Da Mao, **two giant pandas** on loan from China. Toronto Zoo will be home to the breeding pair for a minimum of five years. www.torontozoo.com

5. New **4D ride experience "Wonder Mountain's Guardian"** will open at **Canada's Wonderland** in Toronto in May 2014. The journey begins with a perilous climb up the side of Wonder Mountain, then plummets riders into its core traveling through five different layers of this dimensional world. Riders will encounter mythical creatures as they navigate 1,000 feet of coaster track through a desolate forest, underground lake and Draconian City. The quest culminates as riders enter the dragon's lair for the ultimate battle with a heart stopping finale that will shock thrill seekers of all ages. www.canadaswonderland.com

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6. **WorldPride 2014 Toronto (WP14TO)**, presented by **Pride Toronto**, will feature ten days of queer celebration June 20-29, 2014 where streets turn into parades, parks into parties and strangers into friends. This will be an international celebration incorporating activism, education, and the history and culture of global LGBTTIQQ2SA* communities and the first officially designated WorldPride ever to be held in North America. Highlighting Canada's continued progress in human rights, WP14TO also celebrates the diversity and dynamism of Toronto, one of the world's most progressive and liveable cities. www.worldpridetoronto.com
7. **Nine new restaurants** will open at Toronto's **Pearson International Airport (YYZ)** in the summer of 2014 including: The Hearth (celebrity chef and celebrated cookbook author Lynn Crawford); Asian Kitchen (Chef Susur Lee); Twist (Chef Roger Mooking); Paramount (Paramount Fine Foods, Mohamad Fakhri); and Caplansky's Deli and Caplansky's Snack Bar (Zane Caplansky). Bar 120 transformed with a menu developed by Modern Culinary Academy chef John Placko. www.torontopearson.com
8. **Wahlburgers**, the U.S.-based burger concept launched by **Executive Chef Paul Wahlberg and brothers, Mark and Donnie**, will open its first location outside of the U.S. in Toronto this summer 2014. Inspired by the brothers' love for the burger and the casual comfort food of their Boston childhood, the menu features fresh made-to-order burgers along with family favourite recipes using locally-sourced, house-made ingredients. The Toronto location will reflect the brand's philosophy of partnering with local food purveyors, as well as feature signature house-made ingredients such as Paul's original Wahl sauce. www.wahlburgers.ca
9. **Taste of Toronto** will bring the excitement of '**one of the world's greatest restaurant festivals**' (*Time Magazine*) 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, the inaugural four-day festival will offer much more than a sampling event, inviting guests to engage with top chefs and enjoy live food demonstrations, chef Q&As, interactive cooking classes, expert wine tastings, live music and other entertainment. www.tasteoftoronto.com
10. The **Stanley Kubrick** exhibition presented by **TIFF Bell Lightbox** will arrive in Toronto in the fall of 2014. The first exhibition dedicated to the life and work of legendary film auteur Stanley Kubrick, developed in collaboration by the Kubrick estate and Frankfurt's Deutsches Filmmuseum, draws on extensive archives from Kubrick's home and workplace and features rare photographs and letters, original props and costumes, screenplays, production materials, and cameras from his nearly 50-year career. www.tiff.net
11. The **Aga Khan Museum** will open in Toronto in the fall of 2014. The museum is dedicated to the acquisition, preservation and display of artefacts – from various periods and geographies – relating to the intellectual, cultural, artistic and religious heritage of Islamic communities. It will also house the collections of the members of the family of the Aga Khan. www.akdn.org/museum
12. The new **pedestrian tunnel and mainland pavilion at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (BBTCA)** in Toronto will open in the fall of 2014. The Toronto Port Authority's innovative project will link the popular downtown airport to the mainland at the foot of Bathurst Street, via an underground pedestrian tunnel. The tunnel will provide a predictable, efficient and convenient access route for the airport's million-plus passengers to Toronto's downtown airport. <https://www.torontoport.com>

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13. **Delta Toronto Hotel at Southcore Financial Centre** opens at the end of 2014. Standing at 45-storeys, boasting 567 rooms and 16 suites, and connected to two office towers of Southcore Financial Centre, the hotel will feature the latest in sustainable design, high-tech conference and meeting facilities, extensive fitness and spa facilities, as well as wireless capability from top to bottom. www.deltahotels.com

14. **Two historical Toronto landmarks to see great changes:**
 - A new **Visitor Centre at Historic Fort York** will open in 2014 featuring an entrance hall; an orientation theatre; an exhibit room for objects of symbolic power and historical mysteries from City of Toronto collections; a changing exhibits gallery; and a Battle of York immersive experience. This innovative space, will use video, audio, lighting and graphics to give an impression of the changing dynamics of the battle that occurred just west of Fort York on April 27, 1813. The new building will contain a resource centre for material about Fort York and the War of 1812, complementing a new Toronto Public Library on Fort York Blvd. at Bathurst Street. <http://fortyorkfoundation.ca/the-visitor-centre/>

 - **Liberty Entertainment Group** has taken over **Casa Loma**, Canada's Majestic Castle, and plans to preserve and make improvements to the facility, enhance the special events and dining experience and integrate new technology for school and cultural programming. The former home of Canadian financier Sir Henry Pellatt, Canada's foremost castle is complete with decorated suites, secret passages, an 800-foot tunnel, towers, stables, and beautiful 5-acre estate gardens. www.CasaLoma.org

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