

WHAT'S NEW & HAPPENING IN TORONTO, ONTARIO CANADA – FALL 2017

TORONTO, CANADA (October 2017) – Re-connect with **Toronto, Canada's Downtown**, as the ever-changing city gears up to add new hotel and restaurant openings, new tours and experiences to its fall line-up. Read through our latest *What's New* for a full list of updates and happenings around Toronto. Click the hyperlinks to skip for updates on [hotels](#), [structural](#), [restaurants](#), [tours](#), [exhibits](#) as well as [performing arts](#) and [annual events](#).

HOTELS

The **Broadview Hotel** opened on July 28th, after the 126-year-old building was fully restored from its former glory. The 58-room boutique hotel features a café and bar on the ground floor during the day; at night the room transforms into a cocktail and champagne bar featuring an oval bar and neon sculptural lighting. Enjoy a meal with friends and take in stunning views from The Rooftop Restaurant <http://www.thebroadviewhotel.ca/>

BISHA Hotel, a new luxury lifestyle hotel brand, opened on September 5th on Blue Jays Way. The **Bisha Hotel** offers innovative cuisine ambitiously offered across four restaurants led by ICONINK, including a signature restaurant with celebrity chef Akira Back. Public spaces include a 44th floor rooftop restaurant, infinity pool and 2,200 square foot lobby bar. bisha.com

Hotel X Toronto is now accepting reservations for December 2017. Hotel X Toronto, the only property in Exhibition Place, will be a unique lakefront urban resort bringing a cutting edge mix of hospitality, sports and entertainment. Located just inside the iconic Princes' Gates and opposite the Enercare Centre, Hotel X Toronto is divided into three buildings: the 30-story Hotel Tower, TEN X TORONTO, and the historic Stanley Barracks are set to open in 2018. The property's sports and entertainment concept along with a lavish garden setting and spectacular lake views create an unparalleled environment for visitors and locals alike. hotelxtoronto.com

In 2019 the luxury-boutique Adelaide Hotel Toronto will re-launch becoming a **St. Regis Hotel**. **The Adelaide Hotel** will progressively unveil a bold new era of exquisite luxury and style with reimagined public areas, spa, food and beverage outlets. The redesign will reflect the St. Regis brand's enduring legacy while infusing the timeless allure which has defined the hotel collection since its founding by John Jacob Astor IV over a century ago. <https://www.adelaidehoteltoronto.com/>

The Windsor Arms has been undergoing renovations in August to their lobby and adjoining areas. Jacques Diné of Diné Design curated and meticulously chose each colour, fabric, adorning fixtures and furnishings, alongside hotel owner Mr. George Friedmann. Commissioned by Mr. Friedmann, Bruno Billio world renown and highly respected Sculptor and Artist will be installing a lobby centerpiece that is truly masterful and unique. View from the lobby or hop in the elevator the second floor to capture even more stunning details, newly installed mirrors cascading the ceiling, and see the light filtered through the incredible centerpiece chandelier. <http://www.windsorarmshotel.com/>

The Delta Hotels Toronto Airport & Conference Centre opened its doors on June 28, 2017. Formally the International Plaza Hotel, this newly renovated hotel offers the sophistication and attention to detail for those travelling on business or pleasure. Amenities include an airport shuttle, a full spa a fitness centre and a pool. Dining at LOT41 Social Bar & Table will offer sharing plates and a professional mixologist and the diversity of Toronto can be enjoyed at Sohana Pakistani & Indian Cuisine and Ginko Japanese Restaurant. marriott.com

STRUCTURAL

The Bentway is a public space that will provide paths, creative spaces, a skating trail and a place to just meet has been under development for a number of months and the first phase of this project is set to be complete December 2017.

thebentway.ca

The **Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)**, Toronto's transit system, is set to open six new stations along the Toronto-York Subway Extension by the end of 2017. The \$3.18 billion dollar project will take commuters along the 8.6 km stretch with additional stops at York University, Pioneer Village, Highway 407 and Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. ttc.ca

RESTAURANTS

Casa Loma's **BlueBlood Steakhouse** opened September 5, 2017 after a \$3 million dollar investment to create a world class restaurant inside Toronto's iconic castle. BlueBlood Steakhouse is the most recent concept from the Liberty Entertainment Group who have already invested nearly \$9 million dollars in upgrades to the heritage facility, including a seasonal outdoor Glass Pavilion for events and programming, restorations to the interior finishes, additions to the collection of antiques, as well as installing a new HVAC system and upgrades to the electrical system. bluebloodsteakhouse.com

Victor Restaurant + Bar, nestled within the Hotel Le Germain Toronto, completed renovations and re-opened on September 6, 2017. The DesignAgency, has brought a new concept that serves approachable classics while a new cafe and bar complement the offer, in a chic yet warm setting of this neighborhood go-to destination. With new interiors Victor will also be offering a new menu. Also seeing a new design in the Victor Café welcomes diners with a warm, cheerful and casual fare. The Victor Bar offers cocktails with entertaining names such as 'The Orange Dictator', as well the 'Mercer Boulevardier' which is a nod to the hotel's street address, and there is even Negroni on tap and.

legermainhotels.com

TOURS

This fall, **Drink Toronto** is significantly expanding its premium walking tours of Toronto's top drinking and eating establishments. It will increase their offerings by 500 per cent, with the addition of new tours in the downtown core, financial district, Little Italy, The Annex, Yorkville and Leslieville. The Fall expansion represents an investment of \$20,000 in research, materials development, website, e-commerce and digital and social media content. Drink Toronto successfully launched in the summer of 2017 with culturally immersive walking tours in the city's hip West Queen West and Dundas West neighbourhoods. www.drinktoronto.ca

On the Town has just published two downloadable walking tours of Toronto's most popular neighbourhoods on the VoiceMap App. Using their phones like a museum audio guide, travellers can explore the Financial District, City Hall, Kensington, Chinatown and the Art Gallery of Ontario at leisure. Users download the VoiceMap app in either Apple iTunes or Google Play. VoiceMap uses sophisticated Location Aware-GPS technology to play content automatically while walking the route. Tours are approximately 1 hr. long and are perfect for singles or groups. onthetown.ca

Secret City Adventures has added a new escape experience to their growing collection of tours. Explore Black Creek Pioneer Village with the Where Dark Things Dwell escape game. secretcityadventures.com

EXHIBITS

Aga Khan Museum, North America's first museum dedicated to the arts of Muslim civilizations, they are offering new exhibits:

HERE: Locating Contemporary Canadian Artists. Experience Museum-wide installations of video, textiles, painting, and sculpture that convey the diversity of more than 20 artists. Think differently about identity this summer, and join us in celebrating Canada's 150 years as a nation. Until January 1, 2018

Arts of the East: Highlights of Islamic Art from the Bruschettini Collection, The Bruschettini Collection is renowned worldwide for its fine arts from the East — yet has never before been seen in North America. In a special exhibition exclusive to the Aga Khan Museum, discover a sumptuous selection of artworks. Until January 21, 2018

Starting September 23rd, ***Monsters for Beauty, Permanence and Individuality,*** is a series of 14 striking concrete sculptures. The large-scale figures are casts depicting gargoyles that adorn prominent buildings in downtown Toronto, and will be located along the Lower Don Trail in the meadow north of the Bloor Viaduct. donrivalleypark.ca

The inaugural **EDIT: Expo for Design, Innovation & Technology** is coming to Toronto, September 28 to October 8, 2017. Step inside a world where crickets can combat global hunger, medical supplies are 3D-printed in outer space, drones deliver blood to remote communities, and shipping containers are the future of farming. Produced by [Design Exchange](http://DesignExchange), in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme, EDIT is a 150,000-square-foot, multi-million dollar immersive experience that envisions a world transformed by unparalleled design, innovation and technology solutions. Bringing life back to East Harbour — an abandoned factory in Toronto's Port Lands — this 10-day celebration presents an edit of the people and projects that are making a difference in the world today. Guest appearances will include Canadian icon David Suzuki, Scott Dadich, Cory Vitiello, Bruce Mau and more. editdx.org

Until January 7, 2018 the AGO will be presenting **Guillermo del Toro: At Home with Monsters**. From the fantastic to the frightful, don't miss this rare glimpse into the world of renowned filmmaker Guillermo del Toro and his cabinet of curiosities. Taking inspiration from del Toro's extraordinary imagination, At Home with Monsters reveals his creative process through his personal collection of art, artefacts, books, props, and ephemera, all culled from Bleak House, del Toro's creative haven located in Los Angeles. ago.net

Royal Ontario Museum:

ROM Friday Night Live returns to the Royal Ontario Museum until November 24th. Experience the museum after dark with top DJs and indie artists, food and drinks and the opportunity to explore the exhibits. rom.on.ca

Vikings is an extraordinary window into the lifestyle, religion, and daily lives of these legendary explorers, artisans, and craftspeople. Encounter objects rarely displayed outside of Scandinavia in this compelling exhibition that challenges the perceptions of the Viking Age through hundreds of objects, interactives, and immersive experiences. **November 4, 2017-April 2, 2018** <https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/vikings-the-exhibition>

In celebration of the House of Dior's 70th anniversary, **Christian Dior** explores the brilliance behind Dior's dramatic creations that revived the entire Paris haute couture industry after the devastation of the Second World War. **November 28, 2017-March 18, 2018** <https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/christian-dior>

Ontario Science Centre:

Legacy is a life-sized, anatomically correct orca skeleton carved entirely from reclaimed cedar. Created by award-winning Canadian artist Ken Hall, Legacy corises more than 200 carved cedar bones based on 3D digital scans of orca bones and is the result of six months' full-time fabrication. The sculpture's medium honours coastal First Nations totem carvings, which have a role in passing knowledge and guiding future generations. This visually compelling piece explores our relationship with the natural world and asks visitors to reflect on our current environmental practices and the changes we want to inspire for the future.

The Energy Show is a new theatrical presentation that explores potential sources of energy. From solar to wind, and from transformation to storage, this live interactive show uses the scientific method and highly engaging experiments to uncover the world's most ultimate source of power. See a seven-foot Tesla coil, a hair-raising Van de Graff generator, burning bubbles and much more in action. ontariosciencecentre.ca/energyshow/

Inventorium: This dynamic space is actively driven by you. Be inspired by experts, artists, researchers, staff and the scientific process itself as you take part in creative activities. Build a circuit, take part in real-world research, wind packing tape into a beautiful structure, and contribute to collective artworks and more. ontariosciencecentre.ca/inventorium/

PERFORMING ARTS

Experience a journey of transformation, freedom and choice in Cirque du Soleil's current production of **Volta**. Volta will be in performance under the Big Top in the Portlands until November 28, 2017 cirquedusoleil.com

Soulpepper's 2017-2018 season begins this fall with a full-lineup of theatre and theatrical concerts, including the world premiere of ensemble comedy *Picture This*, Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*, Cliff Cardinal's award-winning solo play *Huff*, and Edward Albee's *The Goat or, Who is Sylvia?* soulpepper.ca

New this year, the Berkeley Bicycle Club at 504 Jarvis St. is hosting an event every Monday night at 6 p.m. called "**Jazz On Jarvis**". Enjoy wine and craft beers for \$8 and Toronto's best thin crust pizza for \$10 while immersing in fabulous live jazz music. There's no fee for entry, but any size donations are appreciated as we fundraise every week in support of War Child and its urgent work. Performers include June Garber, Laura Fernandez, Wintergarten Orchestra and more. jazzonjarvis.com

Starting on Saturday, September 30, Toronto's Don River becomes the stage for **King Edward VII Equestrian Statue Floating Down the Don River**, a new site-specific performance and first major public art project by the artist duo Life of a Craphed, a collaboration of Amy Lam and Jon McCurley. Each Saturday until October 21, 2017, the Toronto-based artists will send a life-size replica statue of King Edward VII down the lower section of the Don River near the Queen Street bridge. evergreen.ca

ANNUAL EVENTS

The International Festival of Authors (IFOA) presents the finest international novelists, poets, playwrights, short story writers and biographers, IFOA also provides Canadian writers with an internationally-recognized forum in which to present their work. October 19 to 29, 2017 ifoa.org

The Santa Claus Parade has been a Toronto tradition since 1905. Fantastic animated floats leave the corner of Christie and Bloor Street in the company of two dozen marching bands and a couple of thousand costumed participants, cheered along by excited kids (and adults!). November 19, 2017 thesantaclausparade.com

Turning 95 years old this year **The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair** brings the country to the city bringing along over 300 vendors, regal horse shows, entertaining dog shows and everything else in between. The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the largest of its kind and truly is part of Canadian tradition. November 3-12, 2017 royalfair.org

A holiday shopping event since 1975, **The One of a Kind Show and Sale**, has been the place to go for unique, handmade pieces. Everything from baked goods, jewellery and clothing to furniture and major artworks are here, along with the designers and craftspeople, so you can learn first-hand the inspiration behind the work. November 23-December 3, 2017 oneofakindshow.com

The Toronto Christmas Market is inspired by the Old World and influenced by the New, this annual event captures all of the tradition, heritage and charm of a European Christmas Market, while showcasing hundreds of unique and local handcrafted products. November 16-December 23, 2017 torontochristmasmarket.com

PRESS RELEASE



Kick off the holiday season with the first lighting of Toronto's official Christmas tree, live performances and a spectacular fireworks display at the annual **Toronto Cavalcade of Lights**. November 25, 2017 toronto.ca

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