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Experience your very own vacation wonderland – welcome to winter in Ontario! Take a wander through this guide and discover all the exciting ways there are to enjoy yourself in our coziest of the seasons. Go play outside or find a rich variety of indoor pursuits. Escape for a week or a weekend and enjoy a lovely winter interlude at a resort. Check out the vibrant festivals and events in our cities and small towns. To explore more, go online and learn about all the great getaway packages available for families and adults!



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Musée des beaux-arts de l'Ontario

317 Dundas Street West, Toronto, Canada 416 979 6648

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The code will direct your browser to our mobile video content.

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SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON

Have you ever tried ice fishing? Now's the perfect time to enjoy it! On the weekend of February 19 – 21, you can fish licence-free in Ontario! So rent a hut, round up your family and friends, grab your tackle box and head out for a weekend of reel fun.

**Ontario Family Fishing Weekend
Across Ontario**
familyfishingweekend.com

CATCH A FALLING STAR

Have you always wanted to party with the stars? Now's your chance – at Science North's Star Parties, you'll be celebrating with the whole night sky. Once a month (weather permitting), you can gaze through powerful telescopes for the best view possible of the moon, planets and stars.

**Science North
Sudbury**
sciencenorth.ca



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TO
DISCOVER
MORE!

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music has long been a leader in music and education – now it has the facilities to prove it. The TELUS Centre for Performing and Learning now has fully wired practice and teaching studios, and an intimate new concert hall featuring performances by some of the world's best in jazz, pop, classical and international music.

**Royal Conservatory of Music
Toronto**
rcmusic.ca

PASSAGE TO INDIA

See how the kings of India lived from the early 18th century to the mid 20th, when over 200 splendid objects are showcased in *Maharaja: The Splendour of India's Royal Courts*. Experience a taste of the royal life with paintings, furniture, decorative arts, jewellery and more. Best of all, it's free for visitors 25 and under! Runs November 20 – April 3, 2011.

**Art Gallery of Ontario
Toronto**
ago.net

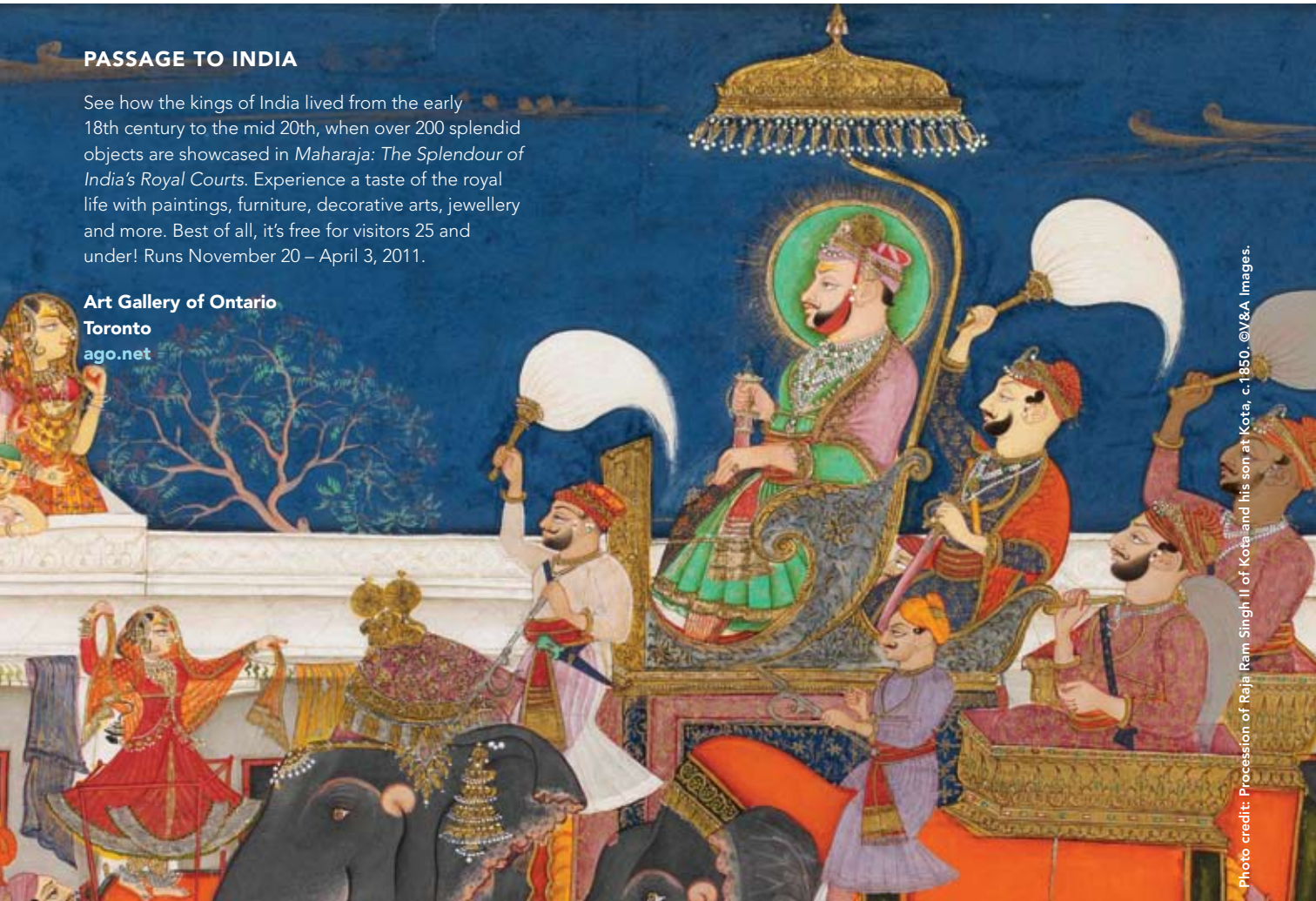


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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT!

PLANSOMETHING'EVENT-FULL'

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NOVEMBER

6 November 6 – January 31
Winter Festival of Lights
Niagara Falls
wfol.com

Have a brilliant time at Canada's largest illumination festival, featuring over 125 animated displays and 3 million lights.



19 November 19 – January 1
Celebration of Lights
Sarnia
celebrationoflights.com

Sarnia-Lambton is aglow under a blanket of thousands of lights and lighted displays – see this city dressed up in the holiday spirit!



November 19 – January 2
Festival of Northern Lights
Owen Sound
festivallights.ca

Light up your life with over 350 lighted displays and over 18 km (11.5 mi.) of lights strung along the river!

DECEMBER



4 December 4, 10, 11, 17
Doon Heritage Village: Doon By Lantern Light Tours
Kitchener
region.waterloo.on.ca

Step back in time and enjoy a walking tour of this heritage village and hear classic Christmas carols in the church.

December 4 & 5
Lang Pioneer Village: Christmas by Candlelight
Keene
langpioneervillage.ca

Enjoy a traditional pioneer Christmas with sleigh rides, carollers, festive foods, and, of course, a visit from Father Christmas himself!

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Bronte Creek Howl'n Hike, Oakville
New Year's Celebrations at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto
New Year's Eve Family Fun Day, Science North, Sudbury
New Year's Eve in Niagara, Niagara Falls
Toronto Zoo 8th Annual New Year's Eve Family Countdown



21 November 21
Toronto Santa Claus Parade
Toronto
thesantaclausparade.ca

This parade has been delighting young and old alike for 106 years – join in the tradition of this lively parade and see Santa and his elves!

25 November 25 – 27
Sainte-Marie among the Hurons: First Light Midland
saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca

Experience this heritage site lit up by more than 2,000 candles – take part in 17th-century crafts and historic goodies.

November 25 – January 6
Science North: Festival of Lights
Sudbury
sciencenorth.ca

Make your holiday season an en-light-ening affair, with more than 300 lighted displays at this science centre. Even better, all of the proceeds are donated to charity.

JANUARY

2 January 2 – February 6
Burlington Winter Carnival
Burlington
burlington.ca

There's something for everyone on these carnival weekends – outdoor sports and indoor activities mean there's fun, no matter where you are.



14 January 14 – 30
Niagara Icewine Festival
Niagara Region
icewinefestival.com

Celebrate one of Canada's most cherished exports – Iceline – with gala toasts, roasted chestnuts, ice bars and winery tours.

27 November 27
Cavalcade of Lights
Toronto
toronto.ca

Watch the lighting of Toronto's official Christmas tree, plus live musical performances, then close out the night with a huge spectacle of fireworks.

November 27 & 28
Winter Woofstock
Toronto
winterwoofstock.com

Bring your canine companion for this weekend of fido fun – you'll enjoy agility and fashion shows, competitions and a huge doggie marketplace.



November 27 – January 1
Upper Canada Village: Alight at Night
Morrisburg
alightatnight.ca

This village is covered in over a quarter million lights, making it the picture-perfect place for the holidays – skate under the stars and take a romantic sleigh ride!



28 January 28 – February 10
Winterlicious
Toronto
toronto.ca

This city-wide celebration of cuisine features special prix-fixe menus at over 150 restaurants and great culinary events.

29 January 29 – February 6
PolarFest 2011
Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield
polarfest.ca

This will be a fun family weekend of friendly competition and laughter. Take a chilly Polar Plunge, or try speed skating, pond hockey or ice carving!

CHECK OUT
THE FAMILY FUN
CALENDAR ONLINE AT:
ONTARIOTRAVEL.NET/FAMILY
FOR MORE GREAT
EVENTS.

FEBRUARY



1 February 1 – 6
55th Annual Warton Willie Festival
Warton
southbrucepeninsula.com

Enjoy the wait for Willie’s prediction with live comedy and musical performances – and be the first to find out if it’s an early or late spring!

4 February 4 – 13
Bon Soo Winter Carnival
Sault Ste. Marie
bonsoo.on.ca

As the largest winter carnival in Northern Ontario, there are lots of cool events – a polar bear swim, sleigh rides, concerts and the Kid Zone.

February 4 – 13
Cochrane Winter Carnival
Cochrane
town.cochrane.on.ca

Ontario’s oldest winter carnival heats up with dances on the ice, parades, fireworks, a hockey tournament and more.

February 4 – 21
Winterlude
Ottawa
canadascapital.gc.ca

It’s three weekends of fun for families, with ice carvings, a snow playground, live performances and skating on the world’s largest rink, the Rideau Canal Skateway.



5 February 5 – 6
Barrie Winterfest and Festival of Ice
Barrie
barrie.ca

Celebrate wintry fun with dog-sled rides, ice sculptures, polar bear swims and more – and make sure you don’t get lost in the ice maze!



18 February 18 – 19
Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival
Dorset
dorsetsnowball.com

Have a ball at this winter carnival, featuring tobogganing, tournaments, skating and rides – and start your day off right at the big pancake breakfast.



16 March 16 – 20
Canada Blooms
Toronto
canadablooms.com

This flower & garden festival will get you in a springy state of mind – over 9,000 m² (100,000 sq. ft.) of displays will have your green thumbs itching.

19 March 19 & 20, 26 & 27, April 2 & 3
Buckhorn Maplefest
Buckhorn
mcleanberryfarm.com

Celebrate spring at this sweet festival – you’ll love sampling all of the different kinds of maple syrup!



26 March 26 – 27
Maple In The County
Prince Edward County
mapleinthecounty.ca

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the sweet life – tour maple bushes and sugar shacks, enjoy family activities and dances, and eat your fill of pancakes.

CHECK OUT THE FAMILY FUN CALENDAR ONLINE AT:
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MARCH

6 March 6, 13, 16 & 17, 20, 27
The Sweet Taste of Spring Maple Syrup Festival
Rockton
westfieldheritagevillage.com

Uncover the various historic methods of syrup-making as you sample loads of the sweet stuff.

9 March 9 – 13
Canadian Music Week
Toronto
cmw.net

Open your ears to over 800 artists at 55 venues – you’re bound to find a new national or local group that’s music to your ears.



MARCH BREAK MUSTS

Bronte Creek Maple Syrup Festival
Oakville
brontecreek.org

Costumed interpreters will lead you back through time to see the origins of syrup-making – hop on a wagon and sample it at the pancake house!

12 March 12 – 20
Wheelers March Break Maple Festival
McDonalds Corners
wheelersmaple.com

Stretch out your sweet fun with maple taffy on snow, wagon rides, snowshoeing and a hearty pancake breakfast.

14 March 14 – 18
March Break Madness
McMichael Canadian Art Collection
Kleinburg
mcmichael.com

Try out art camp and drop-in activities – you’ll also enjoy live musical performances!

FRANCO FESTIVALS AND EVENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT!

VIVELEFRANÇAIS!



SWEET SOUNDS

Join in for a night of music at the 38th annual La Nuit sur l'étang. With a stacked lineup of francophone musicians, your night is sure to be an unforgettable mix of excitement, emotion and above all else, music! The fun happens on March 26.

La Nuit sur l'étang
Sudbury
lanuit.ca

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THE STAGE IS SET

Ottawa's National Arts Centre has one of the most extensive bilingual playbills in the country, offering many performances for young and old alike, entirely in French. For families, try *Le Voyage* (January 22 – 23) to see a puppet show about courage, persistence and love – adults will enjoy the historic heroism in *Wolfe* (February 16 – 19).

National Arts Centre
Ottawa
nac-cna.ca



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- Bainville
 - Barrie
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 - Fort Erie (\$)
 - Fort Frances (\$)
 - Niagara Falls (\$)
 - St. Catharines (\$)
 - Sarnia (\$)
 - Sault Ste. Marie (\$)
 - Tilbury (\$)
 - Toronto Atrium On Bay (\$)
 - Windsor Park (\$)

- SEASONAL CENTRES**
(May to October)
- Hawkesbury
 - Hill Island
 - Kenora
 - Pigeon River
 - Prescott
 - Rainy River

(\$) Currency exchange on site. Core hours of operation: daily all year long from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June to Labour Day extended hours 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For locations, addresses and hours of operation, visit ontariotravel.net/travelcentres

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THE THRILL OF THE HILL

New to the slopes? Head to **Snow Valley Ski Resort** in Barrie for great lessons for the whole family. There's even an intro class for toddlers aged 3 to 6! Soon, your little snowbunnies will be skiing like pros.

Blue Mountain Resort near Collingwood has trails and activities for every level of skier and every member of the family. Kids can learn new hill skills at full- or half-day camps designed to take them to the next level of skiing or snowboarding.

Seasoned pros will love Thunder Bay's **Loch Lomond Ski Area**, with 14 runs on a vertical rise of 229 m (750 ft.). But never fear, newbies! The Snow School is stocked with snow pros determined to make wearing skis feel like second nature.

BORN TO BOARD

Feeling bored? Never, at **Mount St. Louis Moonstone** in Coldwater! Little kids will love the Tiny Tykes snowboarding classes, while teens will love perfecting tricks at the Junkyard and Outback Terrain parks and pipes.

Give the whole family a thrill with a lesson in snowboarding at **Calabogie Peaks** in Calabogie. Their Discover programs will have everyone snow-surfing down the slopes in no time.

Cool tricks and **Dagmar Resort**, just north of Ajax, go together – with 17 runs and two terrain parks, experienced and amateur snowboarders alike will have fun hitting the snow. Don't forget to try the magic carpets, a great way to practise if you're just starting out.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Blue Mountain Resort, The Blue Mountains. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Huntsville; Batchawana Bay; Horseshoe Valley Resort, Barrie.

BOOK
TWO NIGHTS
AND GET THE
THIRD NIGHT
FREE*



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Experience the thrill of the hill. Try out cool moves on a half-pipe and warm up après-snowboarding. Learn ski basics on a bunny hill or powder your nose in the fresh, fluffy white stuff. Get away for a weekend and relax at a resort getaway. Slip on some crampons and crawl up a frozen waterfall. Ontario's outdoor adventures make you feel pretty cool inside.

HAVE AN ICE TIME

Head to cottage country to climb on ice! **Muskoka Outfitters** in Bracebridge offers an introductory ice climbing course on three frozen waterfalls, each climb offering a challenge of varying difficulty. It's the perfect way for the whole family to try this sport.

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SPOTS
FOR INNER-TUBULAR FUN

- Chicopee Tube Park, Kitchener
- Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville
- Glen Eden Ski and Snowboard Centre, Milton
- Horseshoe Resort, Barrie
- Kamiskotia Snow Resort, Timmins
- Lakeridge Ski Resort, Uxbridge
- London Ski Club, London
- Mount Pakenham, Pakenham
- Rock Ridge Recreation Park, Huntsville
- Snow Valley Ski Resort, Barrie

DID YOU KNOW?

Kids born in 2000 or 2001 are eligible for a Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass, which allows kids across Canada to ski for free (or take lessons at a discounted rate). It's a great way for budding skiers to hit the slopes!





OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Glide beneath a snowy canopy of trees on cross-country skis. Take your moppets to a mini-loppet. Explore the forest the old-fashioned way on a horse-drawn sleigh! Feel the rush of the mush on a sled pulled by a team of huskies. Strap on some snowshoes and tap into your inner sasquatch. Rosy red cheeks and hot chocolate complete Ontario's winter paradise.

A GLISTENING GLIDE

The trails at Dorset's **Leslie Frost Nordic Ski Centre** lead deep into a winter wonderland of cliffside vistas and a frozen waterfall or two. Take your kids on a cross-country ski excursion and get in touch with nature.

For the speedsters, the **Sleeping Giant Loppet** is a Thunder Bay tradition, celebrating 35 years of skiers going boot-to-boot. The whole family can run together in the 8 km (5-mi.) Mini-Loppet! Runs March 3 – 5, 2011.

5 PLACES PERFECT FOR A SCENIC SNOWSHOE TREK

- Algonquin Provincial Park, Whitney
- Ball's Falls Heritage Conservation Area, Jordan
- Killarney Provincial Park, Killarney
- Lake Laurentian Conservation Area, Sudbury
- Scenic Caves Nature Adventures, Collingwood

DID YOU KNOW?

To operate a snowmobile in Ontario, you need to have a valid driver's licence or a motorized snow vehicle operator's licence. Rent some snowmobiles and take your older kids to see the wintry wilderness they only dreamed was possible.



DOGSLEDDING IS SO MUSH FUN

See Algonquin Provincial Park like never before – at rushing speeds on a dogsled with **Ride the Wilderness**. Kids will love it as the guide drives through 8 km (5 mi.) of trails, but they'll love driving the dogs even more! This no-skills-required ride will make mushers out of everyone on your team.

Head to the **Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve** for some canine companionship. Take a dogsled ride over 100 km (62 mi.) of trails with a team of huskies – older kids can drive their own team. Afterwards, you'll love a visit with the resident wolf pack – it's a howling good time!

WALK ON FROZEN WATER

Strap on your snowshoes and trek through a 200-year-old forest at **Scenic Caves Nature Adventures** in Collingwood. A magnificent view of more than 10,000 km² (3,860 sq. mi.) of wilderness awaits those who dare to step across the huge suspension bridge. Reward your bravery with a mug of hot apple cider at the rustic chalet.

Snowshoe quietly through the woods of Midland's premier wildlife preserve, the **Wye Marsh**, and you're bound to see some furry friends like deer, chipmunks and foxes. There are even special hikes to see the full moon!

OPPOSITE PAGE: Orillia. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Huntsville; Lake Nipissing; Orillia.

FIND GREAT FAMILY VACATION IDEAS ONLINE!





RESORTS

At Ontario’s resorts you can play outside or just stay ‘inn’. Head for the hills and beat boredom with ‘boarding. Or ride to the bottom in a ‘boggan. Stay warm and toasty in an ice fishing hut and catch lunch. Get wet in an indoor splash pool – then whet your appetite at a buffet! And while the kids go to kids’ activities you can just chill in a hot tub.

MAKE A SPLASH

Big and little kids alike will love **Great Wolf Lodge’s** indoor water-park in Niagara Falls, with 12 levels of splashtastic suspension bridges, soaker buckets and slides. When you need a break from the water, head to the Cub Club for some crafts and stories.

At **Blue Mountain Resort**, there’s lots to do, from ski lessons with seasoned pros to wet ‘n wild fun at Plunge! Aqua Centre. Indoors, outdoors – who cares when being cool is this much fun!

ACTIVE AND OUTDOORS

For the outdoor enthusiast, **Bayview Wildwood Resort** in Severn Bridge has all the activities you can shake a hockey stick at. Snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice skating, tobogganing and more are available – and better yet, most of the gear is included.

Active adventurers will love the variety of thrills at **Horseshoe Resort** in Barrie. Snowboard at a terrain park, ski Alpine and Nordic tracks, whiz down the hills on a snow tube and more – excitement is at the heart of this place!

Resorts are a great place to try something new – and **Red Leaves Resort** in Muskoka offers lots of unconventional activities. Try howling with a wolf pack, peering into space through a telescope, or catching a big one on an ice fishing expedition.

ANIMAL INSTINCTS

Get back to nature – dashing through the snow and over the trails of Huntsville’s **Deerhurst Resort**. Climb aboard a horse-drawn sleigh and cuddle up under a cozy blanket – you’ll be laughing all the way.

Answer the call of the wild at **Fern Resort**. There are lots of cool activities for kids and parents alike, but perhaps the coolest of all is dogsledding through the trails around Orillia. Your kids will be amazed at how fast these dogs can go!

OPPOSITE PAGE: Great Wolf Lodge, Niagara Falls. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Fern Resort, Orillia; The Blue Mountains; Blue Mountain Resort.



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REASONS
TO LOVE RESORTS

- Try something new, like dogsledding, snowshoeing or ice fishing
- Watching the snow fall as you cuddle by a fire
- No planning involved – all of your needs and activities are taken care of
- You’ll make new friends out of fellow guests
- Tasty meals – and there’s usually a buffet!
- It’s a holiday for all family members – play for the kids, and relaxing for mom and dad
- You can rent a snowmobile and take the older kids for a snow cruise

★ DID YOU KNOW?

For families that love bringing Fido on vacation, look into staying at a pet-friendly resort. They often have doggie day care and a bed perfect for your pooch.





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HOT CITIES
WITH COOL WINTER FESTIVALS

- Festival of Northern Lights in Owen Sound runs November 19 – January 2
- Feb Fest in Kingston runs February 2011
- Bon Soo Winter Carnival in Sault Ste. Marie runs February 4 – 13
- Orillia Winter Carnival runs February 11 – 13
- Voyageur Winter Carnival at Fort William Historical Park in Thunder Bay runs February 19 – 21

★ DID YOU KNOW?

The Toronto Santa Claus Parade is one of the largest parades in the world and happens on November 21. Santa visits lots of other cities in Ontario too – check online to see when he’s coming to your hometown!

TORONTO

Hockey fans will love this museum dedicated to Canada’s national sport: the **Hockey Hall of Fame**. See the Stanley Cup, and then put on your goalie glove and blocker and test yourself against NHL snipers.

Head down to the **Natrel Skating Rink** at **Harbourfront** for a fun (and free!) family night out. Canada’s largest outdoor artificial ice rink is located right by Lake Ontario, offering a wonderful winter view of the city. There are free events for all ages, including Learn to Skate courses and ‘DJ Skate Saturday Nights’.

Go on an adventure with your favourite characters at Toronto’s *Disney on Ice: Mickey and Minnie’s Magical Journey* at the Rogers Centre. Runs December 25 – January 2.

NIAGARA FALLS

At the **Rink at the Brink** – opening December 1 – you can skate just steps away from Niagara Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world. Enjoy the spectacular view while gliding on the ice and, for an extra thrill, witness the colourful light show illuminating the Falls. It’s all part of the Winter Festival of Lights, running November 6, 2010 – January 31, 2011.

Take a spin on the **Niagara SkyWheel** to see the Falls from 53 m (175 ft.) up! This year-round ride is one of the coolest ways to take in the beauty of Niagara Falls and the surrounding area – try to spot your favourite attractions from your bird’s-eye view!

OPPOSITE PAGE: Toronto. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Bon Soo Winter Carnival, Sault Ste. Marie; Ottawa; Hockey Hall of Fame, Toronto.

CITY EXCITEMENT

Trip the festival lights fantastic! Make a date for a skate on a canal that bisects our national capital. Try your hand at ice carving and let a BeaverTail melt in your mouth. Watch Santa make a personal appearance at a parade in his honour. Discover why Winterlicious is so delicious. For many, winter in Ontario is the coolest season of all!

OTTAWA

Lace up your skates for a spin on the world’s largest skating rink, the **Rideau Canal Skateway**. This historic waterway has been skated on for over 40 years – be a part of a great Canadian tradition!

Where can you find spectacular ice carvings, snow sculptures, a huge snow playground and more? Why, weekends at **Winterlude** of course! Warm up with some hot chocolate and a BeaverTail to get the true experience. Runs February 4 – 21, 2011.



FIND
YOUR
FAMILY
GETAWAY
TODAY
ONLINE!



KID FUN

Head inside and make a splash at a waterpark. Stand under a 4,500-litre (1,000-gallon) tipping bucket and experience 'indoor weather'. Or elevate your game with rock climbing and ropes courses. Take a train trip to see St. Nick. Spend an afternoon with the kids at a video game arcade. Swing on a swing and slide down a slide – Ontario's full of fun stuff to do inside!

RIDE THE RAILS

Feel the anticipation rise aboard the **Port Stanley Terminal Rail** as you ride to meet Santa! On the warm train, it feels just like riding through a snowglobe.

Is there anything more magical than riding a train through a wintry wonderland? Well, if Santa's on board there is! Take the **Santa Train** in Inglewood or Orangeville and sip on hot chocolate – then enjoy a visit from the big man himself!

HAVE A BALL

The **Woodbine Centre and Fantasy Fair** has it all – the shopping that parents want plus all the fun that kids crave! Dedicate a day to play in this indoor amusement park full of games and rides – like a Ferris wheel and bumper cars.

If you can imagine it, you can probably do it at **Bingemans Funworx** in Kitchener, a huge indoor playground. Glow-in-the-dark minigolf? Check. The biggest ball pit you've ever seen? Check. Rock climbing and ropes courses? Check. Check winter at the door and let loose indoors!

For a slithery good time, head to **Vaughan's Reptilia**. You'll see lizards, turtles, amphibians and snakes up close here – make sure you check the feeding schedule before you go, so you can see these cold-blooded creatures in action!

SPLASH ANY SEASON

Get ready for 11,600 m² (125,000 sq. ft.) of wet 'n wild fun for the whole family! **Fallsview Indoor Waterpark** in Niagara features a huge 4,500-litre (1,000-gallon) tipping bucket, super-soaking slides and a full-sized wave pool – not to mention two adults-only Jacuzzis, perfect for mom and dad.

Swing on a rope and cannonball into the pool – you'll love taking the plunge at **Blue Mountain's Plunge! Aquatic Centre** year-round. Slides, docks, hot tubs and a water playground are all waiting for your splash-happy gang – it's the best way to warm up after a day of skiing.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Fallsview Indoor Waterpark, Niagara Falls. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Canada Science and Technology Museum, Ottawa; Bird Kingdom, Niagara Falls; Plunge! Aquatic Centre, The Blue Mountains.

BOOK
TWO NIGHTS
AND GET THE
THIRD NIGHT
FREE*



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COOL PLACES
TO HAVE FUN INDOORS

- Putt and play minigolf at The Sports Dome in Thunder Bay
- Drive a race car videogame at the Playdium arcade in Mississauga
- Chat with colourful parrots at Bird Kingdom in Niagara Falls
- Experiment with cool science at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto
- Learn about planes and trains at the Canada Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa
- Applaud a great play at The Grand Theatre in Kingston

DID YOU KNOW?

February 21 is Family Day in Ontario. There are lots of fun family events happening across the province – find one that's perfect for your family bonding!





5 SPOTS FOR A HISTORIC HOLIDAY SEASON

- First Light (November 25 – 27) at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons in Midland
- Holiday Candlelight Dining (November 25 – December 30) at Fort Henry in Kingston
- Alight at Night (November 27 – January 1) at Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg
- Victorian Christmas (November 27 – January 2) at Dundurn Castle in Hamilton
- New Year's Eve Family Frolic (December 31) at Fort William Historical Park in Thunder Bay

DID YOU KNOW?

If you're missing the beautiful blooms of spring and summer, head to an indoor garden! The Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington/Hamilton has lots of orchids and other flora available to enjoy year-round – your little green thumbs will love it!

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Raise your eyes to the skies at Science North's state-of-the-art digital planetarium in Sudbury. Tour outer space and the night sky, and have a truly immersive experience. The surround sound and special dome screen will make you feel at home in the great unknown.

It's a bird! It's a plane! Well, it's lots of planes! Sault Ste. Marie's Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre has hands-on exhibits all about aviation, featuring past planes that helped explore and settle Canada. Climb aboard one and pretend you're discovering the great north too.

Head to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Mount Hope and learn about planes – with a helping of history. There's aircraft from the start of WWII to present day, including jet fighters you can climb into, and flight simulators – perfect for any aspiring aviator.

DAY CAMPS FOR A MEMORABLE MARCH BREAK

Give your kids a March break (March 14 – 18) they'll never forget with a week of play at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. With hands-on activities in the galleries, studios and labs, your kids will start seeing history in a whole new light.

Budding artists will love spending their days at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg. They'll be inspired by musical performances and artistic activities – you'll be impressed by the artwork they'll bring home for your fridge!

OPPOSITE PAGE: Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, Sault Ste. Marie. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Keiichi Hirano and Students of Canada's National Ballet School in *The Nutcracker*. Photo by Bruce Zinger; Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg; Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, Midland.

FIND YOUR FAMILY GETAWAY TODAY ONLINE!

FAMILY CULTURE

There are so many reasons family fun is in season! Delight at an historic First Light festival where kids can write Christmas cards with quill pens. Go to the ballet and be sweet on the Nutcracker Suite. Take flight in a jet fighter simulator. Be a flyer that goes even higher as a space traveller at a planetarium. Step back in time and celebrate a Victorian Christmas in a castle!

MOVEMENT AND MUSIC

Just in time for the Christmas season, *The Nutcracker* springs to life at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto. Performed by the National Ballet of Canada, this moving production elevates the story to spectacular heights. Runs December 11 – January 2.

Introduce kids (and parents!) to opera with Kinderconcerts at Ottawa's National Arts Centre. Try *Orfea and the Golden Harp* for a comedy about a girl trying to rescue her grandfather.



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- All ski or snowboard and snowshoe rentals
- Passes to Plunge! Aquatic Centre
- Breakfast daily
- Plus a \$2,000 travel allowance

Total retail value of prize: \$4,600 CAD

No purchase necessary. Contest closes 11:59 p.m. (EST), March 31, 2011. This contest is open to legal residents of Canada and the United States who have reached the age of majority in their respective jurisdiction at the time of entry. See website for full contest rules.

ONTARIO
Yours to discover

**BLUE
MOUNTAIN**

Photo courtesy of Blue Mountain Resort ©Andrea Hamlin - Sportography

A couple is walking away from the camera through a snowy field. The woman is wearing a dark coat and a red hat, and the man is wearing a dark jacket and a grey hat. They are holding hands. In the background, there is a dense stand of tall, golden-brown reeds. The sky is overcast and grey. The overall scene is a winter landscape.

THERE'S NO PLACE
LIKE THIS



URBAN DESTINATIONS

Get in tune with our humming metropolises. Browse and buy at the ByWard Market in Ottawa. Sample a buffet of multicultural pursuits in Toronto. Check out Sherlock Holmes in London. Have a second honeymoon and see magnificent Niagara Falls. Put your gaming face on for Windsor's Caesars Hotel & Casino. Explore the bright lights of Ontario's big cities.

TORONTO

Marvel at the beautifully restored Victorian industrial buildings of **The Distillery Historic District**. Browse the stalls of one-of-a-kind vendors and explore artisans' studios. There are lots of tasty treats to try – from **Soma's** handcrafted chocolates to the freshly baked sandwiches at **Brick Street Bakery**. Get into the spirit of the season at **The Toronto Christmas Market**, December 3 – 12.

OTTAWA

A trip to the nation's capital always has culture to spare. Explore the **National Gallery of Canada** and catch the special exhibition, *It Is What It Is*, which showcases recent acquisitions of contemporary Canadian art (November 5 – January 23). Head downtown and browse for keepsakes at the historic **ByWard Market**. Then finish the day on a romantic note and dine on an exquisitely prepared 5-course blind tasting menu at **Restaurant 18**.

NIAGARA FALLS

Have a magical time in Niagara Falls, still considered the honeymoon capital of the world. After admiring the Falls lit up by coloured lights, head to the **Greg Frewin Theatre** to experience the mystery and art of a master illusionist in his world-class magic show. Book a hotel room overlooking the Falls to let the dazzling night continue to dazzle as you drift off to sleep.

LONDON

London packs all kinds of action into a charming hot spot. Walk through **Victoria Park** and enjoy this gem of green space in the middle of downtown. Take in a tasty meal at **Garlic's of London**, an upscale rustic restaurant featuring delectable local produce. Then enjoy the exploits of the world's most famous detective in *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure* (February 15 – March 5) at **The Grand Theatre**.

WINDSOR

Experience the thrill of live gaming and head to the gamer's paradise that is **Caesars Hotel & Casino**. Roll the dice, play your cards right and spin the wheel for your chance to win big. Take in one of the Vegas-style shows and enjoy the stunning costumes, music and more. Then retreat to a luxurious hotel room fit for a king – or queen.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The Distillery Historic District, Toronto. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Kingston; Kingston; Ottawa

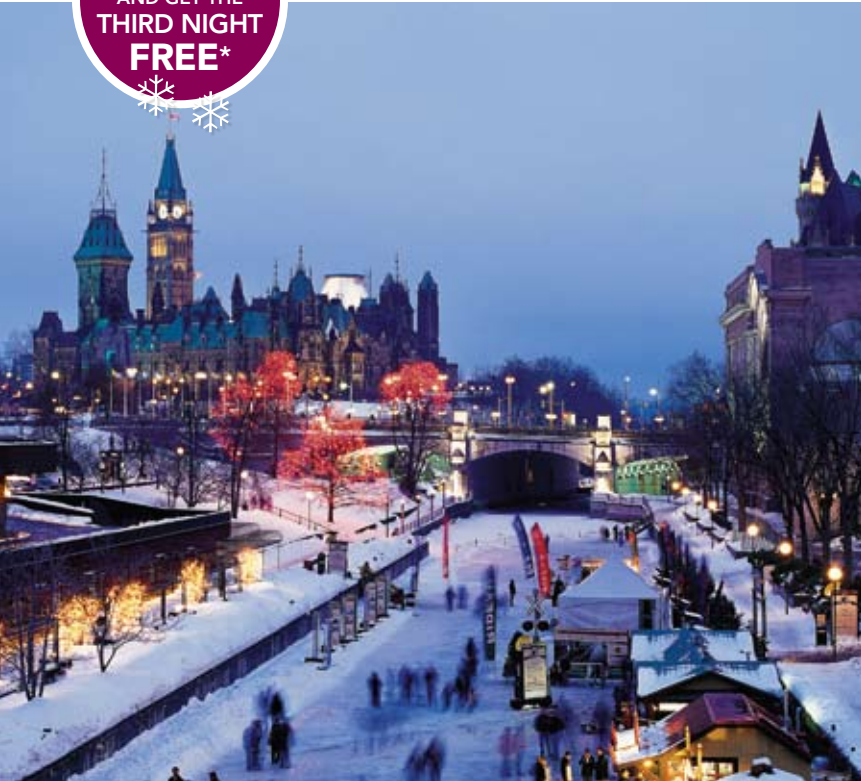


PLACES TO SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

- Rideau Centre, Ottawa
- Square One, Mississauga
- Toronto Eaton Centre, Toronto
- Vaughan Mills, Vaughan
- White Oaks Mall, London
- Yorkdale, Toronto

DID YOU KNOW?

You can leave the car at home and take VIA Rail to many of Ontario's great cities and arrive feeling more refreshed and ready to relax in style.





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FINE PLACES TO DINE
WHERE THEY MAKE THEIR OWN WINE

- Peller Estates Winery Restaurant, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery – the Luncheon Tour package, Harrow
- Terroir La Cachette Restaurant & Winery at Strewn Winery, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- The Gazebo Restaurant at Waupoos Estate Winery, Picton

★ DID YOU KNOW?

To make Icewine, the frozen grapes are harvested by hand at temperatures below –8°C. The amount of grapes needed to produce 375 mL of Icewine is equivalent to the amount necessary to make six or seven bottles of regular wine.

FESTS FOR FOODIES

Toronto goes food-crazy during **Winterlicious**, an annual food festival. Dine at a fine restaurant on the special prix-fixe menus or experience a great culinary event, like a brewery tour or a tantalizing cook-off. Runs January 28 – February 10.

Toast one of Ontario's sweetest specialties at the **Niagara Icewine Festival** held in St. Catharines. Try a variety of local wineries' icewines, sample competition cocktails, and learn about the process involved in making this distinctive sip. Runs January 14 – 30.

DELICIOUS STUDENT FARE

For a unique learning and dining experience, **The Chefs' House** in Toronto takes the cake! Watch as dishes are prepared by the advanced students of The Chef School at George Brown College, under the tutelage of international chefs. Using local produce and seasonal ingredients, it all comes together to make a superb meal.

The culinary arts are being passed on to the next generation at Le Cordon Bleu Ottawa campus, where Master Chefs teach students the process of creating superb dishes. Students then join the Executive Chef at **Le Cordon Bleu Bistro @ Signatures** to prepare menus for the guests.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Niagara Region. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Liberty Village, Toronto; Blue Mountain Resort, The Blue Mountains.

FIND
WINERY &
CULINARY
PACKAGES
ONLINE!



WINE AND CULINARY

Dine out in the big city, where international cuisine is on the menu. Head to the country and discover a five-diamond restaurant in the rough. Enrol in a cooking school – that's food for thought! Connoisseurs of the grape will love the warm glow of Icewine. Or if you prefer hops – jump onto a brewery tour! For pleasing your palate, Ontario is your oyster.

GET SCHOOLED IN SAUTÉ

Many kitchens love Bonnie Stern's award-winning recipes. Learn how to cook like her at **The Bonnie Stern School of Cooking** in Toronto – cook vegetarian meals using beans and legumes, or take a challah workshop and learn to make this bread.

Share your love of good food and wine at a cooking class at **The Good Earth** in Beamsville. Focusing on local produce and the slow food movement, these seasonal classes will bring a new vibrancy to your tastebuds and your meals.





SPA

Treat yourself to a retreat and press the ‘refresh’ button. Wash away life’s little stresses with hydrotherapy followed by some therapeutic yoga. Ramp up the pamper quotient with a shiatsu massage. Indulge in soothing vinotherapy and then treat yourself to a chef-prepared meal. Ontario’s resorts, inns and urban oases put the ahhh in spa.

CHARMING INNS AND SPAS

Picton’s Claramount Inn & Spa features a buffet of delectable treatments. The Pear and Green Apple Body Polish will leave your skin perfectly toned, or give in to the Maple Antioxidant Wrap – a sugar scrub followed by a layer of warm maple syrup.

Indulge in one of Niagara’s best-kept secrets – Jordan’s Inn on the Twenty. In the spirit of the region, this spa features the Wine Country Wrap with grape seed and sugarcane, and blissful lavender pedicures.

CAREFREE RESORTS

Rejuvenate your romance with a getaway to **The Couples Resort** in Whitney, where shiatsu and Thai-yoga massage will melt your stresses away. Experience total relaxation, then rendezvous by a roaring fire.

Harmony is just as far as Jackson’s Point – **The Briars Resort and Spa** has everything to leave you feeling refreshed. Stay for a night or more – aromatherapy, massage and hydrotherapy are paired with yoga and outdoor adventures, for an invigorating experience.

Follow in the footsteps of an ancient Finnish tradition at the hot springs of **Scandinave Spa Blue Mountain**. A series of saunas, showers, baths and pools revitalize the body and mind – paired with a massage, the results are absolutely heavenly.

CITY ESCAPES

For a quiet retreat from the bustling energy of Toronto, head for the serenity of **Elmwood Spa**. This urban oasis in the heart of the city features retreat packages with facials, massages and signature body treatments, culled from Australian and Thai healing rituals.

Calm luxury radiates through **Au Naturel Spa** in Ottawa’s Brookstreet Hotel. Indulge in a hydrotherapy tub treatment and let the jets massage and soak away your stress, or try your morning java as an invigorating coffee body scrub – there are lots of inventive options to pamper you more than ever.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Blue Mountain Resort, The Blue Mountains. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Grail Springs, Bancroft; Pillar and Post, Niagara-on-the-Lake; Ste. Anne’s Spa, Grafton.

BOOK TWO NIGHTS AND GET THE THIRD NIGHT FREE*

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WAYS SPAS MAKE THE PERFECT GIFT

- Mom’s earned a little R&R – pamper her with a massage
- A manicure/pedicure makes a great gift for a gal pal
- Reconnect with girlfriends and your inner balance on a yoga retreat
- Get away on a romantic weekend for two and enjoy a couple’s massage

DID YOU KNOW?

Many spas offer yoga programs in tandem with their spa treatments. Centre yourself and find balance within by pairing your spa experience with a whole body stretch.





ARTS AND CULTURE

Awe and applause rule on stages and in museums and galleries galore! Brush up on the Group of Seven. Sing the praises of a Broadway musical. March among ancient Terracotta Warriors. Walk through an ancient swamp and see life-sized dinosaurs clash. The state of the arts and culture is healthy in Ontario's cities and towns.

GROUP OF SEVEN

See Canada's landscapes at the **Tom Thomson Art Gallery** in Owen Sound. In addition to works from Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven, contemporary artists from the regional and Canadian scene are also part of the collection.

Kleinburg's **McMichael Canadian Art Collection** has long been a mainstay of the Canadian art scene. Featured alongside works from the Group of Seven are Aboriginal artworks, masks and totems – experience the richness of Canada's artistic heritage here.

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HOT SPOTS
WITH COOL EXTERIORS

- Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
- Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa
- National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa
- Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto

★ DID YOU KNOW?

T.O. TIX is a great resource for buying tickets either online or in-person – you can buy half-price or discounted tickets on the day of the performance, or full-price tickets in advance.



BROADWAY NORTH

Based on the hit film and featuring the music of Elton John, *Billy Elliot* dances its way onto the Toronto stage! Join Billy as he discovers his dream of dancing when he stumbles out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class. It's a celebration of life, laughter, and of course, great choreography and music. Opens January 29, 2011.

Don't miss the popular musical *South Pacific* when it comes to the Toronto Centre for the Arts. Runs February 15 – April 10.

One of Broadway's most beloved musicals hits the stage of the National Arts Centre in Ottawa this winter: *CATS* is back! Enjoy the mystery, the magic and the memory of this classic Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, winner of seven Tony awards including Best Musical. Runs February 8 – 13.

STAGES OFF
THE BEATEN PATH

Explore the ties that bind us at **Theatre Aquarius** in Hamilton. In *Dinner with Friends*, the relationships between men and women, friends and couples are explored with a poignancy that won this play the Pulitzer Prize. Runs February 6 – March 6.

A trip to Kingston's **Grand Theatre** is always rewarding, especially with such varied international acts. For a world-class contemporary experience, try *RUBBERBANDance: Loan Sharking*, a mesmerizing fusion of jazz, hip-hop and classical music and dance styles. December 9.

Leapin' lizards! *Annie* makes her colourful curly haired way to Sudbury's **Theatre Cambrian** for a show the whole family will enjoy. Enjoy the exploits of this irrepressible orphan, as she discovers the bonds of family, friendship and love in the unlikelyst of places. Runs December 9 – 18.



OPPOSITE PAGE: *CATS*! Photo: ©2008, G CREATIVE. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: *Billy Elliot The Musical*, Photo: George McGuire Original London Cast By David Scheinmann; Ottawa; The Grand, London.



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ONLINE
FOR MORE
ARTS &
CULTURE!



OUTDOORS

Winter’s the time to press the ‘activate’ button. Try skijoring – it’s the opposite of boring! Head for the hills – ski the black diamonds or hop over to the bunny bumps. Look smokin’ hot shredding a half-pipe. Nature viewing is easy when you’re snowshoeing. After a long active day, chill out in a sauna. In Ontario, winter is by far our coolest season!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Want to explore Ontario’s winter wonderland, but don’t know where to start? Haliburton’s **Yours Outdoors** has the answer, where you can customize your winter getaway with fully guided activities and warm hospitality to come home to at night.

You’ll definitely find something new to try with a range of activities that include dogsledding, ice climbing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, skating, downhill skiing, tobogganing, curling and more.

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PLACES TO RESORT TO OUTDOOR FUN

- Cobble Beach Resort, Owen Sound
- Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville
- Millcroft Inn & Spa, Caledon
- Pleasant Cove Resort, Pointe Au Baril
- Sir Sam’s Inn and Waterspa, Eagle Lake
- The Rosseau, Minett

DID YOU KNOW?

Snowshoeing is a great way to get active in the winter – this low-impact activity is a terrific cardiovascular workout that can burn up to 750 calories an hour!



ZOOM DOWNHILL

Head to a park that takes downhill skiing seriously – at Barrie’s **Horseshoe Resort**, you’ll find a plethora of runs, perfect for every level of skier. Beginners can take it easy down the Pony Tail run, while experts will love the double black diamond Barrel Ride run (which is perfect for snowboarders too – it features a half pipe). There are 25 runs in all – find the perfect one for you!

THE ULTIMATE IN COOL

Push your winter vacation to the max with a trip to **Blue Mountain Resort**. Those with a need for speed will love skiing and snowboarding down 36 trails, ranging from beginner to double black diamond; snowboard fans will have room to play in the terrain parks and on the super pipe.

DOGSLEDDING ON SKIS

If you’re a fan of cross-country skiing, try the latest winter sport craze, skijoring – cross-country skiing where the dogs do the work! All you need is a set of skis, poles and a sense of adventure, and **Woodland Echoes Resort** in Magnetawan takes care of the rest, teaching you how to guide your dogs and providing the trails.

A LITTLE BIT OF FINLAND

Head to Lake Superior and have a **Finn Fling** in Thunder Bay! Experience an authentic Finnish sauna experience, go cross-country skiing, do some ice fishing and sample delicious Finnish fare.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Arrowhead Provincial Park, Huntsville. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: The Blue Mountains; The Blue Mountains; Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg.





GONE ICE FISHIN'

Head to **Birch Hill Camp** in North Bay to fish your fill of walleye, panfish and pike. Stay overnight in a cozy cottage and then head out to a comfortably heated hut for a day of ice fishing on Lake Nosbonsing.

Round up a school of friends and get away to Callander for an ice fishing weekend with **Rob Hyatt Outdoors**. Stay in insulated ice bungalows, where you can warm up and hang out after spending your day out on the ice.

SKI THE NORDIC WAY

If you love cross-country skiing, you'll love Atikokan's frozen waters. Head out as part of the Cross Quetico Lakes Tour offered by the **Beaten Path Nordic Trails**, and you'll be out on the centre of the lake, seeing the glittering shores from a new perspective.

ENJOY THE ICE

For a whole new way to play on the ice, sign up for a course in ice climbing at Batchawana Bay's **North of Superior Climbing Company**. In just one day, you'll learn the basics of this way-cool sport – and you'll climb about 90 m (300 ft.)!

A DOGGONE GOOD TIME

Help harness up the huskies and experience a wintry thrill with **Winterdance Dogsled Tours** in Haliburton. Choose the length of your ride – from a few hours to a few days – and drive your team as you're whisked through the beautiful untamed wilderness. You can even take a helicopter to your ride!

OPPOSITE PAGE: Timmins, Photo: Courtesy of Rob Stimpson Photography. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Haliburton; Algonquin Provincial Park; Callander.

GO
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AND FIND
YOUR GREAT
GETAWAY
TODAY!



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SNOWMOBILE RENTALS TO GET YOU SLED-READY

- Back Country Tours, Haliburton
- Call of the Wild, Markham
- Country Cottage Tours, Orillia
- Highland Wilderness Tours, Maynooth
- Horseshoe Riding Adventures, Horseshoe Valley
- Ride On Rentals, Barrie
- Try That, The Experience Company, Barrie

DID YOU KNOW?

The Canadian Ice Fishing Championship is a chance to showcase your jigging skills. Teams of two compete to catch the biggest lunger for a chance to win cash prizes. Lake Simcoe, February 19 & 20.

AVID OUTDOORS

If you love playing outdoors in the winter, have we got a playground for you! Explore thousands of kilometres of trails where snowmobilers get the drift. Hop a train that takes you to powdered terrain. Tame the wilderness with a team of huskies. Meet 'cliff', your new ice-climbing friend. Put on a parka and explore a park on snowshoes. Hit the hills on your skis or 'board and be the king of moguls!

REV UP YOUR ENGINES

Rent a snowmobile and explore more than 43,000 km (26,000 mi.) of interconnected trails. Discover parts of Ontario you've never seen – the **Rainbow Tour** route is particularly beautiful, looping down along Manitoulin Island and up to Sudbury.

Discover a winter wonderland with the **Agawa Canyon Train's** 'Tracks to Trails' snowmobile excursions. Load your snowmobile on the train in Sault Ste. Marie, then ride to the pristine trails up north. With so many route options, you can ride to your heart's content!

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- An excursion to Bonnechere Provincial Park to roam among the spirits of the logging era
- Exclusive float plane tour over Algonquin Provincial Park, including the stunning Barron Canyon
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