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North Bay

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Welcome to our Summer Guide – a resource for busy people looking for inspiring ways to spend vacation time with family and friends. Browse through this guide and you'll discover that every part of Ontario offers a rich variety of things to do. Places to go. And festivals and events to experience. But this is just a sampling. To go deeper, go online. Visit ontariotravel.net/summer where you'll also discover plenty of getaway packages that are fun for families or adults.

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RBG Centre, 680 Plains Road West Hamilton/Burlington



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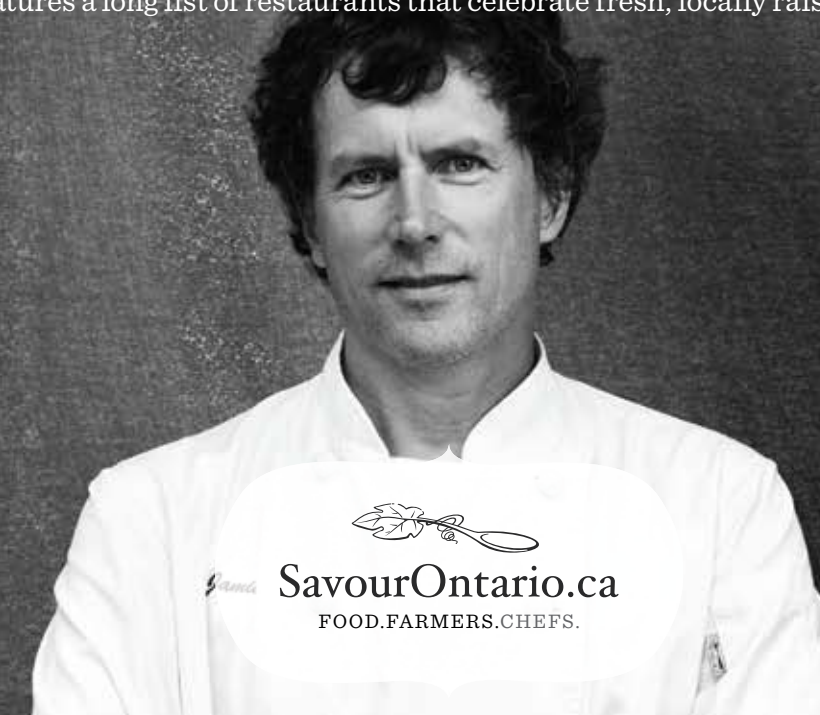
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TO FIND
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Contact the appropriate Canadian embassy or overseas consulate for information on Ontario.

For more information, visit www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/world/embassies/menu-en.asp

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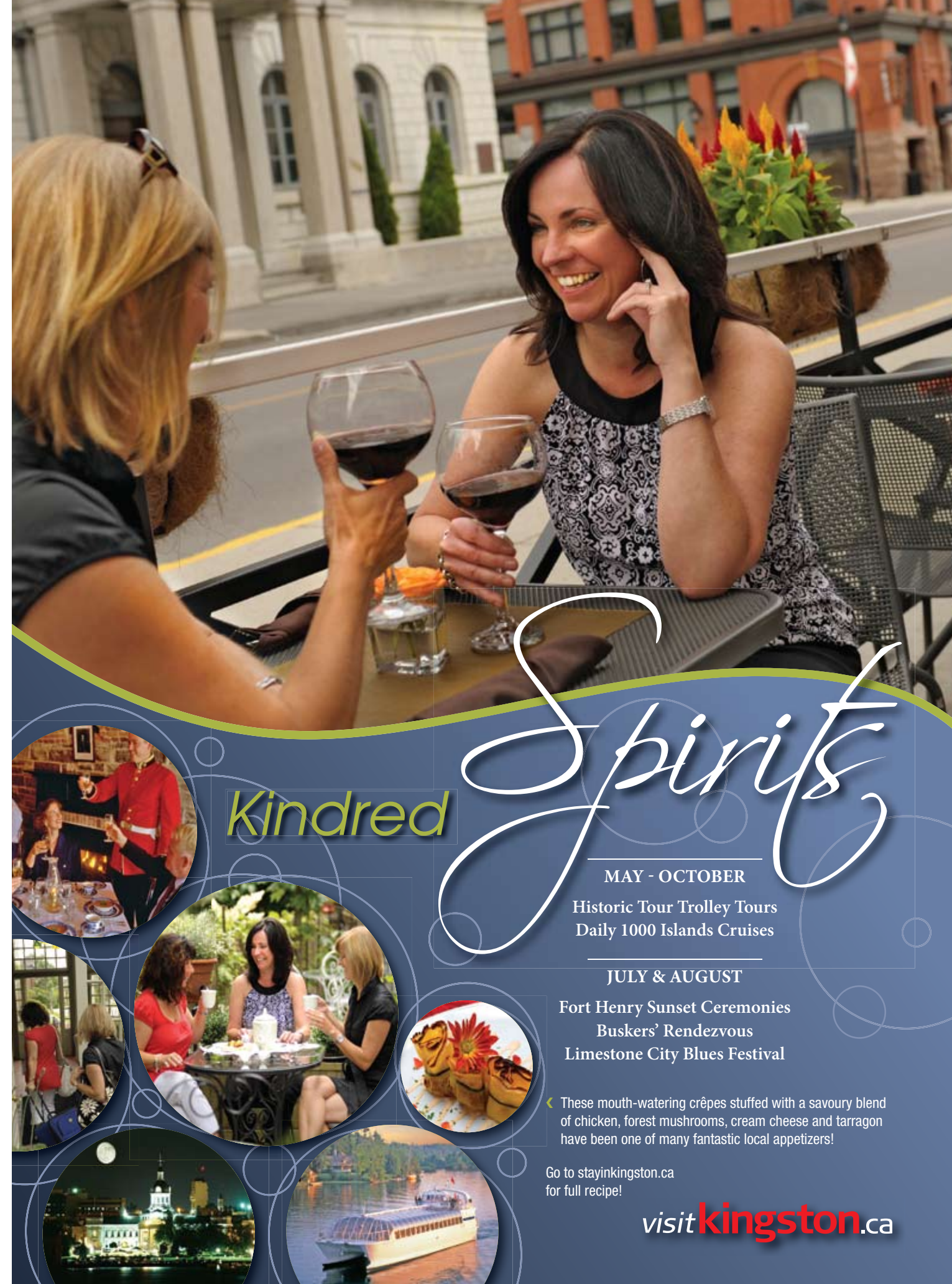
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A PLAYGROUND FOR ALL AGES

MAKE A SPLASH

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Calypso Theme Waterpark
Limoges
calypsoark.com

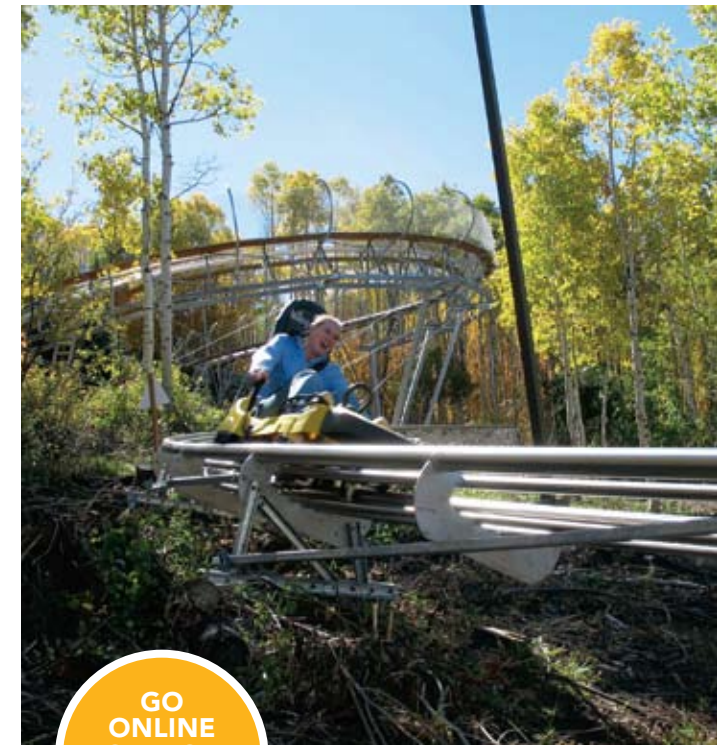


Photo: Artist rendering, Calypso Theme Waterpark

STAY 'N PLAY

Collingwood's premier resort has just become even more fun! Hop in the driver's seat and prepare for big thrills on the new Alpine-Coaster, an exhilarating ride where you choose how fast you race down the escarpment. Or if you prefer to take it easy, play a round of minigolf with the gang at Blue Mountain's all-new course.

Blue Mountain
The Blue Mountains
bluemountain.ca



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THRILLS BOTH LITTLE AND BIG

Get ready for a wild ride in Vaughan's thrilling amusement park. The Behemoth is Canada's biggest, tallest, fastest rollercoaster, reaching speeds of up to 125 km/h (77 mph) in under four seconds. Or hang out with the Peanuts gang at the new Planet Snoopy, where an ice show and three new rides will entertain the whole family.

Canada's Wonderland
Vaughan
canadaswonderland.com



Photo: Canada's Wonderland

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FAR, FAR AWAY

Take a tour of the stars in Sudbury at the all-new domed planetarium. Featuring state-of-the-art technology, surround sound and a massive domed screen, you'll practically feel the rush of light-speed as you view images of far-off galaxies, stars and other celestial images, taken from millions of light years away.

Digital Planetarium at Science North
Sudbury
sciencenorth.ca

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ROM: The Bat Cave

Toronto

rom.on.ca



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SUBTERRANEAN SCREENINGS

Experience cinema like never before – from underground! The Cold War Film Club holds monthly screenings of Cold War-themed films, from a real underground bunker. Take a tour beforehand to understand the potent reality of wartime fears, and you'll be able to see them play out on-screen with popcorn accompaniment.

Diefenbunker

Carp

diefenbunker.ca



Photo: Canadian Museum of Nature

GO NATURAL

Have an eye-opening experience at Canada's leading museum about the natural world. It's just undergone a huge facelift, showcasing its collection of over 10 million specimens. Discover the Earth Gallery, a fascinating trip to the centre of our planet, and the Water Gallery, where you can explore the world's oceans, lakes and rivers.

Canadian Museum of Nature

Ottawa

nature.ca

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THE EMPEROR WHO BROUGHT CHINA TO THE WORLD.

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FEEL THE HEAT

North America's largest free South Asian festival packs a sampling of more than 5,000 years of culture into one amazing weekend. Celebrate the heritage of this diverse region with performances, dance, food, music, literature and poetry, arts and crafts, and much more – it's a multicultural event you won't want to miss!

Masala! Mehndi! Masti!
Toronto
masalamehndimasti.com

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 ACTIVITIES!

FOR WHIZ KIDS

Enter the wizarding world of Harry Potter at this great exhibit, hosted by Toronto's Ontario Science Centre. Featuring lots of movie props, costumes and trivia from the film series, your kids will love the magical activities, like playing Quidditch or repotting Mandrakes. Runs until August 22.

Harry Potter™: The Exhibition
at the Ontario Science Centre
Toronto
ontariosciencecentre.ca



Pulling a Mandrake
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HEAD OUT ON FOOT

Whether a visitor or resident, you'll discover the rich heritage of Thunder Bay on a self-guided walking tour of the exterior sites. See the beautiful homes along McVicar Creek or Vickers Park neighbourhoods. Then explore the city's architecture of the newly renovated City Hall and the former Fort William in Thunder Bay South.

Walking Tours of Thunder Bay
Thunder Bay
thunderbay.ca

SET THE STAGE

Celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, Chatham's stunning heritage theatre has been recently renovated to showcase its gorgeous architecture and update its technological capacity. Featuring a high-calibre slate of international acts in all areas of the performing arts, these performances will light up the stage and delight your family.

Chatham Capitol Theatre
Chatham
chathamcapitoltheatre.com

YOU'VE GOT TO SEE THIS!



African Lion Safari



Webster's Falls



Art Gallery of Hamilton

Hamilton offers up a world of fun, adventure and discovery. Over 1,000 exotic birds and animals roam free at African Lion Safari, while internationally-renowned masterpieces await you at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. Explore the natural splendour of Hamilton's 100+ waterfalls and 800 kilometres of hiking and cycling trails. Hamilton... *you've got to see this!*

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tourismhamilton.com



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Tucked in over 566 hectares (1,400 acres) of forests, lakes and trails, Muskoka's premier resort has all the charm of a northern getaway paired with world-class amenities. Featuring The Rosseau – Canada's first JW Marriott Resort & Spa, you'll have a glorious time getting away from it all and relaxing at the spa.

**Red Leaves
Muskoka**
redleavesmuskoka.com

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**Thompson Toronto
Toronto**
thompsonhotels.com

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URBAN OASIS

The Ritz-Carlton chain brings their world-renowned luxury to Toronto this summer, opening a 53-storey hotel and condominium in the heart of downtown. Toronto's first five-star hotel features the city's largest and most luxurious spa, an urban oasis that is sure to be the ultimate in rest and relaxation. Scheduled to open summer 2010.

**Ritz-Carlton Toronto
Toronto**
ritzcarlton.com



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FESTIVAL & EVENTS

Luminato, Toronto Festival of Arts and Creativity
June 11 – 20

North by Northeast Music & Film Festival (NXNE)
June 16 – 20

Mississauga Waterfront Festival
June 18 – 20

Pride Week
June 25 – July 4

TD Canada Trust Toronto Jazz Festival
June 25 – July 4

Canada Dry Festival of Fire
July 1, 3, 10

Toronto Just for Laughs Festival presented by WestJet
July 6 – 11

Scotiabank Caribana Festival
July 15 – August 2

Honda Indy Toronto
July 16 – 18

Beaches International Jazz Festival
July 16 – 25

Pilaros Taste of the Danforth
August 6 – 8

Rogers Cup – Tennis Canada's Men's championship
August 7 – 15

Markham Jazz Festival
August 20 – 22

Canadian National Exhibition
August 20 – September 6

SUMMER-LONG ADVENTURES

Harry Potter™: The Exhibition at the Ontario Science Centre
April 9 – August 22

Canada's Wonderland
May 2 – October 31

Sharks at Stingray Bay at the Toronto Zoo
May 22 – October 11

Royal Ontario Museum: The Warrior Emperor and China's Terracotta Army
June 26 – January 2

IN THEATRES

Rock of Ages at Royal Alexandra Theatre
Begins April 20

Mamma Mia at Princess of Wales Theatre
Begins April 28

Legally Blonde at Princess of Wales Theatre
July 7 – August 8

Miss Saigon at Four Seasons Centre
July 9 – August 1

South Pacific at Four Seasons Centre
August 12 – September 5

Jersey Boys at Toronto Centre for the Arts
Until the end of the summer



PLANSOMETHING'EVENT-FULL'

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FAMILIES WILL ENJOY!

M A Y



7 May 7 – 24
Canadian Tulip Festival
Ottawa
tulipfestival.ca

This flowery festival features thousands of bulbs in bloom and commemorates Canada's role in the liberation of the Netherlands.



RUNS UNTIL LABOUR DAY

(Friday nights only)
Friday Night Frights
Fort Erie
niagaraparks.com

Spooky stories are sure to make a trip to this historic battlefield the eeriest yet.

J U N E



4 June 4 – 6
LaSalle Strawberry Festival
LaSalle
lasallestrawberryfestival.com

Satisfy your sweet tooth for these beautiful berries – join a strawberry eating contest or check out a parade.

June 4 – 6
Dundas International Buskerfest 2010
Dundas
downtowndundas.ca

The best buskers give it their best. Don't miss the Saturday Night Fire Show!



3 June 3 – 5
London International Children's Arts Festival
London
londonchildfest.com

See the world through a child's eyes at this festival dedicated to young creativity.

5 June 5 & 6
Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek
Stoney Creek
battlefieldhouse.ca

Relive a turning point of the War of 1812 with costumed interpreters, battle re-enactments and demonstrations.

21 May 21 – 23
Retrofest Chatham
retrofestchatham.com

Classic cars and retro motorcycles are just part of this festival dedicated to all things vintage.



22 May 22
Canadian Museum of Nature: Grand Reopening
Ottawa
nature.ca

The museum's building is celebrating its 100th anniversary – visit the newly redesigned space and two new galleries.



11 June 11 – 13
Carrousel of the Nations – Carrousel by the River Windsor
carrouselofnations.ca

Celebrate a variety of colours, aromas and sights from around the world at this exciting multicultural event.

June 11 – 20
Luminato – Toronto Festival of Arts and Creativity
Toronto
luminato.com

Explore the arts and get creative at this festival, which takes over Toronto.



May 22 – 24
Toronto International Circus Festival
Toronto
tocircusfestival.com

Witness eye-popping acrobatics and spectacular stunts at this festival under the Big Top!

26 May 26 – 30
Ottawa International Children's Festival
Ottawa
ottawachildrensfestival.ca

Your youngsters will love these energetic performances – there are shows appropriate for all ages.



Photo: Julie-Anne Madore



12 June 12 & 13
Canadian International Military Tattoo
Hamilton
canadianmilitarytattoo.ca

See thrilling marching bands, with pipes and drums played by some of the finest military performers in the world.

24 June 24 – July 4
TD Canada Trust Ottawa International Jazz Festival
Ottawa
ottawajazzfestival.com

This is the 30th anniversary of this hot fest for cool cats and features lots of live performances.

28 May 28 – 30
Carassauga Festival of Cultures
Mississauga
carassauga.com

Grab a 'passport' and visit over 40 countries at this multicultural weekend-long event!

30 May 30
Thunder Bay Kite Festival
Thunder Bay
thunderbay.ca

Take a flight of fancy at this festival – a day dedicated to swooping, colourful kites.



RUNS UNTIL AUGUST 22

Harry Potter™: The Exhibition
Ontario Science Centre
Toronto
ontariosciencecentre.ca

Enter the wizarding world of Harry Potter and see magical movie props and costumes.

25 June 25 – July 4
Pride Week
Toronto
pridetoronto.com

Everyone belongs at this festival – don't miss the huge parade!



26 June 26 & 27
Kaleidoscope Children's Festival
Minett
kaleidoscopeartsined.ca

Have artsy kids? Head to this festival dedicated to all things creative – they'll love performing and making take-home treasures.

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

J U L Y



1 **July 1, 3 & 10**
Festival of Fire
Toronto
ontarioplace.com

An explosive fireworks display set to music adds some pop to your summer.

July 1 – 4
Cobourg Waterfront Festival
Cobourg
waterfrontfestival.ca

This is more than Ontario's largest open-air arts and craft show – there's a huge parade and live entertainment too!



7 **July 7 – 18**
Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest
Ottawa
ottawabluesfest.ca

Rock out at this fun festival, where there's always great music and lots of performances.

9 **July 9 – 11**
Northern Lights Festival Boréal
Sudbury
nlfbsudbury.com

Celebrate the diversity of cultures at this festival with lots of live music, art and fun.

July 9 – 18
The Great Canadian Rendezvous, Fort William Historical Park
Thunder Bay
fwfhp.ca

Relive the past, as the fur trade is brought back to life with battle re-enactments and costumed interpreters.

A U G U S T

1 **August 1 & 2**
Ice Cream Festival
Rockton
westfieldheritage.ca

A heritage festival dedicated to a treat that beats the heat? We all scream, indeed – for games, crafts and rides.



6 **August 6 – 8**
Wakestock World Series
Collingwood
wakestock.com

The world's largest wakeboarding festival is sure to make waves – live music means you'll have just as much fun on land.

7 **August 7 – 15**
Rogers Cup Tennis
Toronto
rogerscupmen.com

Love tennis? Head to Toronto's courts for the pro men's tournament – it's one of the premier tennis events in the world.



13 **August 13 – 15**
Buckhorn Fine Art Festival
Buckhorn
buckhornfineart.com

This fine art festival in the beautiful countryside is sure to bring a little beauty to your family outing.

15 **July 15 – August 2**
Scotiabank Caribana
Toronto
caribanafestival.com

Caribbean culture takes over Toronto on the 42nd anniversary of this event – don't miss the huge parade with tons of cool costumes!



16 **July 16 – 18**
Honda Indy
Toronto
hondaindytoronto.com

Fill your need for speed at this high-octane racing event, where some of the world's fastest drivers will duke it out.

THROUGH JULY & AUGUST

(Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs.)
Ghost Tours at Fort George
Niagara-on-the-Lake
friendsoffortgeorge.ca

Get set for some ghostly tales – hear all about the history of the fort and maybe even see a spooky spectre!

August 13 – 15
Fergus Scottish Festival
Fergus
fergusscottishfestival.com

Kick up your kilts – this highland fling celebrates Scottish heritage with Celtic music, dancing and competitions.

19 **August 19**
Caledon Farmers' Market
Corn Roast and Country Festival
Caledon
town.caledon.on.ca

Open your ears to great live music, fun for the kids – and, of course, lots of buttery corn.

20 **August 20 – 22**
Winnie Hometown Festival
White River
whiteriver.ca

Discover Winnie the Pooh's hometown, where live entertainment, fireworks and competitions bring the 100 Acre Woods to life!

July 16 – 25
Beaches International Jazz Festival
Toronto
beachesjazz.com

This cool community is the perfect place to experience live jazz. Take a walk on the boardwalk and enjoy!

22 **July 22 – 25**
Collingwood Elvis Festival
Collingwood
collingwoodelvisfestival.com

Kids love the King – head to this festival celebrating all things Elvis, and your whole family is sure to be all shook up.



August 20 – 22
Leamington Tomato Festival
Leamington
leamingtontomatofestival.com

Canada's Tomato Capital celebrates this savoury fruit with parades, tomato stomps and a car show.



August 20 – September 6
Canadian National Exhibition
Toronto
TheEx.com

Canada's largest fair has it all – games, live entertainment, trade shows, a midway and a huge Kids' World.



29 **July 29 – August 1**
Rockhound Gemboree
Bancroft
bancroftdistrict.com

Dazzle your eyes with glittering gemstones and rocks of all kinds at this 47th annual mineral festival.

30 **July 30 – August 2**
Rideau Canal Festival
Ottawa
rideaucanalfestival.ca

Get green – this festival features eco-living tips, bike rentals along the canal and lots of fun activities.

July 30 – August 2
Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival
Port Colborne
portcolborne.com

A celebration of history and heritage, this fun festival has tall ships you can explore and even try steering!

31 **July 31 – August 2**
Wikwemikong Annual Cultural Festival
Wikwemikong
wikwemikongheritage.ca

Join in at the 50th annual Pow Wow on Manitoulin Island for traditional dancing, crafts and more.



26 **August 26 – 29**
Scotiabank Buskerfest
Toronto
torontobuskerfest.com

Hundreds of street performers gather to put on quite the show! You'll see musicians, magicians, acrobats and more.

August 26 – 29
Iron Horse Festival
St. Thomas
ironhorsefestival.com

For fun, head to this massive street festival, which features a Kids Junction, motorcycle show, and midway.

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VIVE LE FRANÇAIS!

FRANCO-FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT!



CELEBRATE FRANÇAIS!

Let loose in *la belle langue*. Sample French-Canadian delicacies. Find fellow francophones. Learn about diverse regional history. Enjoy the sweet sounds of franco-musique. In Ontario, there's a whole world of fun to uncover – en français!

TALK OF THE TOWN

There's lots of franco-fun in Kapuskasing! The 11th **Festival de la St-Jean** happens on June 25 & 26, where more than 20,000 people celebrate Franco-Ontarian culture with live music and fun activities.

Then, celebrate bilingualism at the **Lumberjack Heritage Festival du Bucherons** on July 23 – 25, with logging and arm wrestling competitions, live entertainment and children's activities.



FESTIVALS EN FRANÇAIS

Revel in the French language with fellow francophones and francophiles along Toronto's beautiful waterfront – the Harbourfront Centre hosts the 28th edition of **La Franco-Fête de Toronto**. Listen to some great live music by French performers as you dance to the beat and sample delicious foods.

June 11 & 12

A huge festival in Ottawa's Festival Plaza, **Le Festival Franco-Ontarien** celebrates French-Canadian joie de vivre. Many great musical performers will light up the stage and Les Clowns du Carrousel kids' show will entertain your little ones with songs, sketches and spectacle.

June 17 – 20

The **Northern Lights Festival Boréal** loves to showcase Sudbury's rich cultural diversity. This bilingual event takes over the shores of Ramsey Lake for three days of music, art, workshops and fun. Bring your friends and family, and relax all weekend to the sounds of harmonious living.

July 9 – 11

Immerse yourself in the Lafontaine area at the **Festival du Loup**, an event designed to celebrate the heritage, language and French-Canadian culture of this scenic region. Children's playstations, wildlife demonstrations and live music will make this an event the whole family will love.

July 16 – 18

You're sure to have a cheesy good time at the **Festival de la Curd** in St. Albert. Great Franco-musicians play lots of live shows, stand-up comedians will make you laugh 'til it hurts, and kids will love the giant hay maze.

August 18 – 22

It's fun down on the farm with a trip into Jojo's French world at Hammond's **Festival de la Ferme Jojo!** This recording star knows what kids like, and her exciting live performances will keep them enthralled. There are lots of fun activities too, like piglet races, pony and wagon rides, and visits with barnyard animals.

September 4 & 5

OPPOSITE PAGE: Le Festival Franco-Ontarien, Ottawa; THIS PAGE: Top Right: Festival du Loup Lafontaine; Bottom Left: Lumberjack Heritage Festival du Bucherons, Kapuskasing; Right: La Franco-Fête de Toronto, Photo: Sébastien Auger – SPhoto.

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10 MUST-SEES

- Canadian Canoe Museum, Peterborough
- Georgian Bay Islands National Park
- Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve
- Johnston's Cranberry Marsh, Bala
- Lang Pioneer Village Museum, Keene
- Presqu'île Provincial Park, Brighton
- RMS Segwun, Gravenhurst
- Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, Midland
- Trent-Severn Waterway
- Wasaga Beach Provincial Park



DID YOU KNOW?

The Muskoka region has over 900 lakes. It's a fantastic place to relax on the water – at a cottage or resort.

KAWARTHA REGION

Head to the shining waters of the Kawarthas for a taste of Ontario's rugged beauty, where more than 50 lakes and rivers cut through the Canadian Shield. Marvel at the world's highest hydraulic lift lock on the Trent-Severn waterway or see artwork from 600–1,000 years ago as you explore Petroglyphs Provincial Park.

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

For adventure-seekers, the lush forests and rocky cliffs of the Haliburton Highlands are an outdoor playground. Walk alongside treetops on suspended bridges, 21 m (70 ft.) above ground, paddle on whitewaters, or visit a local wolf pack to have your whole crew howling with delight.

LAKE ONTARIO PORTS OF CALL

Take in a show at one of Canada's last atmospheric theatres, or follow the Apple Route and climb up a three-storey tall apple – the picturesque coast of Lake Ontario has lots of charming towns, spas and beaches ripe for visiting.

SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY AND LAKE SIMCOE

Unwind on the sands of the longest freshwater beach in the world, take a trip back in time at a 17th-century French-Huron village, or experience the thrill of a zipline ride through the forest. With so many things to do in this vacation hot spot, you're sure to find the perfect getaway for you.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Trent-Severn Waterway, Peterborough. THIS PAGE: Left: Muskoka; Right: Haliburton Wild Life Reserve.

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CENTRAL ONTARIO

Putt up a storm and then put up your feet at a golf resort. Make your home away from home a luxurious houseboat. Mine for glimmering gemstones and shoot whitewater chutes. Walk in the footsteps of Huron natives. Have a moonlight serenade with a wolf pack. Soak in the sights of an atmospheric theatre.

MUSKOKA REGION

A trip to 'Cottage Country' is sure to be the highlight of any summer vacation. Relax at a Muskoka resort. Soak up some sun on sandy beaches. Take to the trails around a cranberry marsh or cruise the lakes aboard the RMS Segwun – the oldest operating steamship in North America.



10 MUST-SEES

RIDEAU HERITAGE ROUTE

Head into the heart of Canadian history with a trip to this heritage-rich region. Follow the Rideau Canal (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) from Kingston as it winds through the rocky Canadian Shield, rolling countryside and picturesque towns. There'll be unforgettable stops along the way, like world-famous military sunset ceremonies, on route to Canada's capital city.

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

Visit the 1000 Islands sprinkled along the shoreline, or grab your binoculars for a look at dozens of bird species – the sights

along the St. Lawrence River are breathtaking. Or take a trip to pre-Confederation times and head to a pioneer village where the past lives on.

QUINTE COUNTRY AND PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

Sun on sandy banks or pack your fishing rod and cast for some tasty walleye, in this area where relaxing is a way of life. Follow the Taste Trail into Ontario's newest wine region – Prince Edward County is bursting with bold wines and fresh local cuisine.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Kingston. THIS PAGE: Top: 1000 Islands; Bottom Left: Kingston; Right: Sandbanks Provincial Park, Picton.

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- 1000 Islands Cruises, St. Lawrence River
- Bonnechere Caves, Eganville
- Calypso Theme Waterpark, Limoges
- Fort Henry National Historic Site, Kingston
- Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve
- Ottawa River
- Rideau Canal, from Kingston to Ottawa
- Sandbanks Provincial Park, Picton
- St. Lawrence Islands National Park
- Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg

★ DID YOU KNOW?

Lake on the Mountain is a beautiful spot, where a constant flow of water from underground springs keeps the lake pristine. Pack a picnic for a lovely day on its shores.



EASTERN ONTARIO

Match wits with wicked whitewater. Discover Sahara-like sand dunes. Go boating on an historic canal and shop for crafts in charming villages along the way. Explore caves and see fossilized trilobites. Play the role of the audience at a century-old theatre. Cruise the St. Lawrence and uncover the jewels that are the 1000 Islands.

OTTAWA VALLEY

Discover the history of this area as you explore a Cold War-era bunker or see fossilized sea creatures in ancient caves. Plenty of adventures abound too – the whitewater rafting in this area is considered the best east of the Rockies.



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10 MUST-SEES

- Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), Toronto
- CN Tower, Toronto
- Hockey Hall of Fame, Toronto
- Kortright Centre for Conservation, Woodbridge
- McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg
- Ontario Place, Toronto
- Royal Ontario Museum (ROM), Toronto
- Stouffville Country Market
- The Bata Shoe Museum, Toronto
- The Distillery District, Toronto



DID YOU KNOW?

Some of Ontario's 13 provincial attractions can be found right in the GTA, including the AGO, the ROM and Royal Botanical Gardens.

THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE

A trip to the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg is always a beautiful experience – this gallery showcases Canadian artwork, from Group of Seven paintings to the Aboriginal totems.

Just east of Toronto, it isn't hard to imagine the good life as you walk through Oshawa's Parkwood Estate, the 1920s home and gardens of the founder of General Motors Canada. Or head to the Bowmanville Zoo and see animals that have starred in film and television.

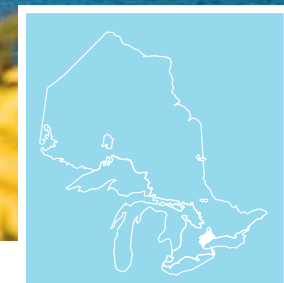
Stroll the streets of Oakville's downtown to find the perfect place to shop 'til you drop – there are high-end boutiques, art galleries, gourmet food shops and fine dining galore.

Follow the curve of Lake Ontario to find lots of fun in Ontario's most densely populated region. Treat your senses with a trip to Mississauga's waterfront in Port Credit. Try first-class restaurants of every type along the lakeshore, including the highly awarded Breakwater Restaurant, featuring harbour views.

Spencer Smith Park in Burlington always has something special happening, whether it's sailing model boats in Centennial Pond or enjoying events like the Sound of Music festival and Canada's Largest Ribfest.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Toronto Islands.
THIS PAGE: Left: Hockey Hall of Fame, Toronto; Right: The Distillery District, Toronto.

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GREATER TORONTO AREA

Admire masters and moderns at art galleries galore. Make time to tee up at a championship golf course. Enjoy thrills and chills (and spills!) at a water park. Bike or hike along a waterfront trail. Sample cuisine from the four corners of the world. Feel the roar of Indy cars whizzing by. Browse and bargain-hunt everything from collectibles to couture.

CITY OF TORONTO

This bustling metropolis has everything you could hope for – museums, galleries, world-class theatres and shopping are waiting to delight you. Festivals and cultural events showcase the rich diversity of Canadian heritage. Fine food of every kind is available, from exquisite French bistros to abundant Indian buffets.





NIAGARA REGION

Feel the mist on your face and stand in awe of the crashing cataracts. Hover safely above a terrifying whirlpool. Tee off under the gaze of a T-Rex at a mini-putt. Experience high drama at The Shaw. Set a record for fun at the Guinness World of Records. Hike the Niagara Parkway to the Floral Clock and then stop and smell the rosé in the Niagara Wine Region.

THE FALLS

Whether you see it from the riverbank, from behind the Falls or from the Maid of the Mist boat, you'll never forget the amazing sight of water thundering down 52 m (170 ft.). A natural wonder and the Honeymoon Capital of the World, the most admired waterfall in North America has long captured the awe of onlookers. For a real treat, see it lit up by the weekly fireworks display!

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Often called the 'prettiest town in Canada', this delightful place is steeped in history and charm. Walk downtown to find lots of shopping, fine dining, theatre and local heritage – from military forts to Ontario's first newspaper, it isn't hard to find a plaque commemorating an important event here. Stay in a quaint inn or bed and breakfast for a truly relaxing experience.

NIAGARA PARKWAY

Flanked by the Niagara River, this is the perfect place to get back to nature. Cyclists, joggers, rollerbladers and walkers will love the wide, paved Recreational Trail. Historic forts, a butterfly conservatory and a floral clock are fun for the whole family. Local produce and wineries are plentiful, with some of Ontario's most-esteemed vintners and growers operating in the region.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Maid of the Mist, Niagara Falls. THIS PAGE: Top Left: Peller Estates Winery, Niagara-on-the-Lake; Bottom Left: Clifton Hill, Niagara Falls; Right: Marineland, Niagara Falls.

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10 MUST-SEES

- Clifton Hill, Niagara Falls
- Journey Behind the Falls, Niagara Falls
- Maid of the Mist, Niagara Falls
- Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory, Niagara Falls
- Niagara Golf Trail
- Niagara Wine Route
- Old Fort Erie, Fort Erie
- Shaw Festival Theatre, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Welland Canal, Port Colborne to St. Catharines
- Whirlpool Jet Boat Tour, Niagara-on-the-Lake

★ DID YOU KNOW?

You can get up close to the rapids of the Niagara River on the White Water Walk, a boardwalk right along the river's edge.



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MUST-SEES

- Agawa Canyon, Sault Ste. Marie
- Amethyst Mine Panorama, Thunder Bay
- Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, Sault Ste. Marie
- Canadian Ecology Centre, Mattawa
- MS Chi-Cheemaun Ferry, Tobermory to Manitoulin Island
- Chief Commanda II, North Bay
- MS Kenora, Kenora
- Polar Bear Express, Cochrane to Moosonee
- Quetico Provincial Park, Atikokan
- Timmins Underground Gold Mine Tour



DID YOU KNOW?

Yonge Street begins in Toronto, but ends in the Rainy River district – it's the longest street in the world at 1,824 km (1,113 mi.)!

ALGOMA COUNTRY

You can't help but be awed by the breathtaking forests and towering cliffs of the Agawa Canyon – see all of the sights from the comfort of a train. Off the rails, there are plenty of historic bush planes, heritage sites and summer festivals to keep you entertained.

RAINBOW COUNTRY

Retreat to this scenic region for inspiring views and fun for everyone. Camp in parks immortalized by artists, expand your mind at a world-class science centre, or join in the fun of swirling costumes and traditional drums at a Pow Wow.

ONTARIO'S WILDERNESS REGION

Beat the heat with a cool trip to the north. Feel the thrill of a gold rush at an underground mine, and learn about Aboriginal heritage at Canada's first permanent settlement. Spot polar bears in their

natural habitat, or swim alongside them at a heritage centre.

NORTH OF SUPERIOR

Try a taste of the voyageur life at a reconstructed fur trade post, hunt for amethysts in North America's largest gemstone mine, or visit the 'Niagara of the North', a thundering waterfall over 39 m (128 ft.) high. No matter your destination, you're sure to find adventure.

SUNSET COUNTRY

View spectacular sunsets from Ontario's westernmost shores, whether from the banks of the pristine wilderness or as you ply calm waters in a canoe. Explore vintage aircraft or a 19th-century log cabin, or take to the outdoors and fish, hike and paddle to your heart's content.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Manitoulin Island;
THIS PAGE: Left: Atikokan; Right: Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, Sault Ste. Marie.

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NORTHERN ONTARIO

Drink in the beauty of landscapes that inspired the Group of Seven artists. Hike along paths guarded by ancient white pines and paddle canoe routes favoured by fur traders. See the constellations from a dome car on a rail trip. Feel the breeze on your face as you sail upwind. Find a quiet lake, drop a line and reel in a tall fish tale.

NEAR NORTH

The wide open spaces are calling – so head to a region filled with spectacular parks, kilometres of waterways and lots of wildlife sightings. The old-growth forest of Temagami and Ontario's famed Algonquin Provincial Park have hundreds of trails for hiking, wildlife viewing and more.

10 MUST-SEES

- ByWard Market
- Canada Agriculture Museum
- Canada Aviation Museum
- Canadian Museum of Nature
- Currency Museum
- Laurier House National Historic Site
- National Gallery of Canada
- RCMP Musical Ride Centre
- Saunders Farm, Munster
- Valleyview Little Animal Farm, Nepean

★ DID YOU KNOW?

The BeaverTail is a Canadian culinary icon – the pastry recipe has been passed down over three generations, and resembles a cracked-wheat treat baked on early Canadian farms.

RIDEAU CANAL

See the Rideau Canal from a whole new perspective – from the water! Take a cruise and experience this UNESCO World Heritage site up close. Not only will you observe the part of the lock system that made this canal such an engineering feat – you'll also see some of Ottawa's historic buildings and brush up on a little Canadian history.

On Sunday mornings this summer, grab your favourite set of human-propelled wheels and take to the parkways along the Rideau Canal – they're closed to motor traffic! Cyclists and inline skaters are invited to ride to their heart's content for Alcatel-Lucent Sunday Bikedays, celebrating eco-awareness. Visit the EnviroTent for great ideas about reducing your environmental impact. Runs weekly until Labour Day.

PARLIAMENT HILL

There's always something interesting to see on the Hill, the home of our federal government. In front of the building, you can watch Changing the Guard, a colourful Canadian tradition with stirring music and a military drill. It happens every morning from 10 – 10:30 am, June 28 – August 7.

Light up your nightlife with a trip to the Hill! The new light show, *Mosaika*, guides audiences on a journey through Canada's land, history and culture. Images and light are projected onto the Parliament buildings and set to a unique and powerful soundtrack.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Rideau Canal, Ottawa;
THIS PAGE: Left: RCMP Musical Ride, Ottawa;
Right: Ottawa.

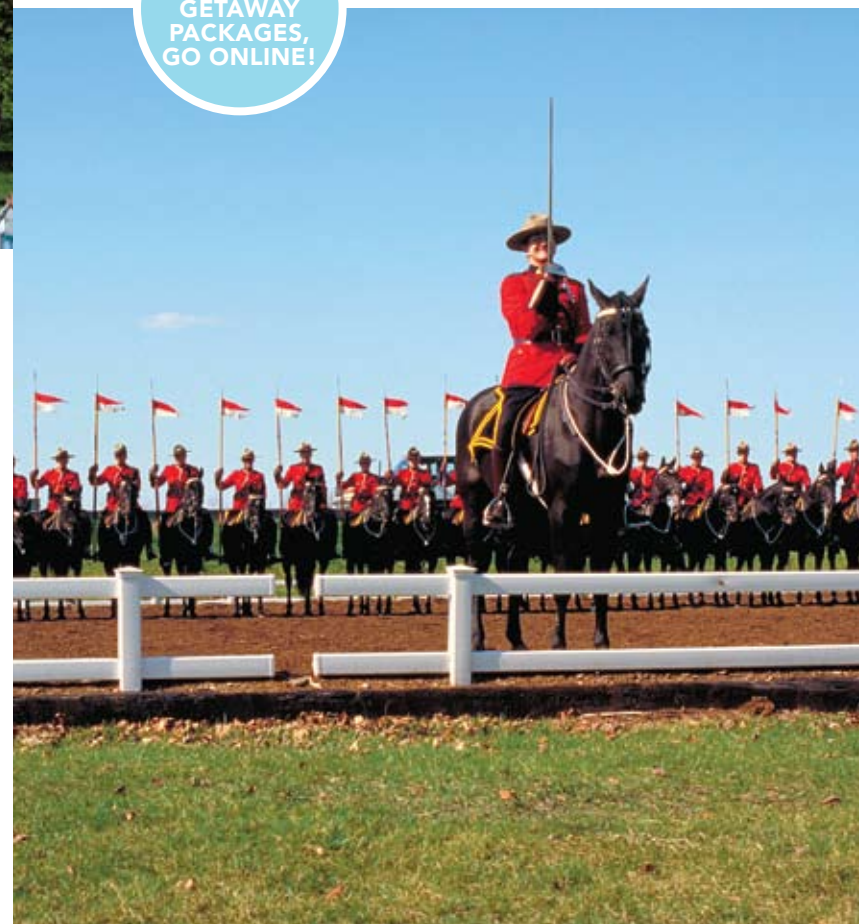
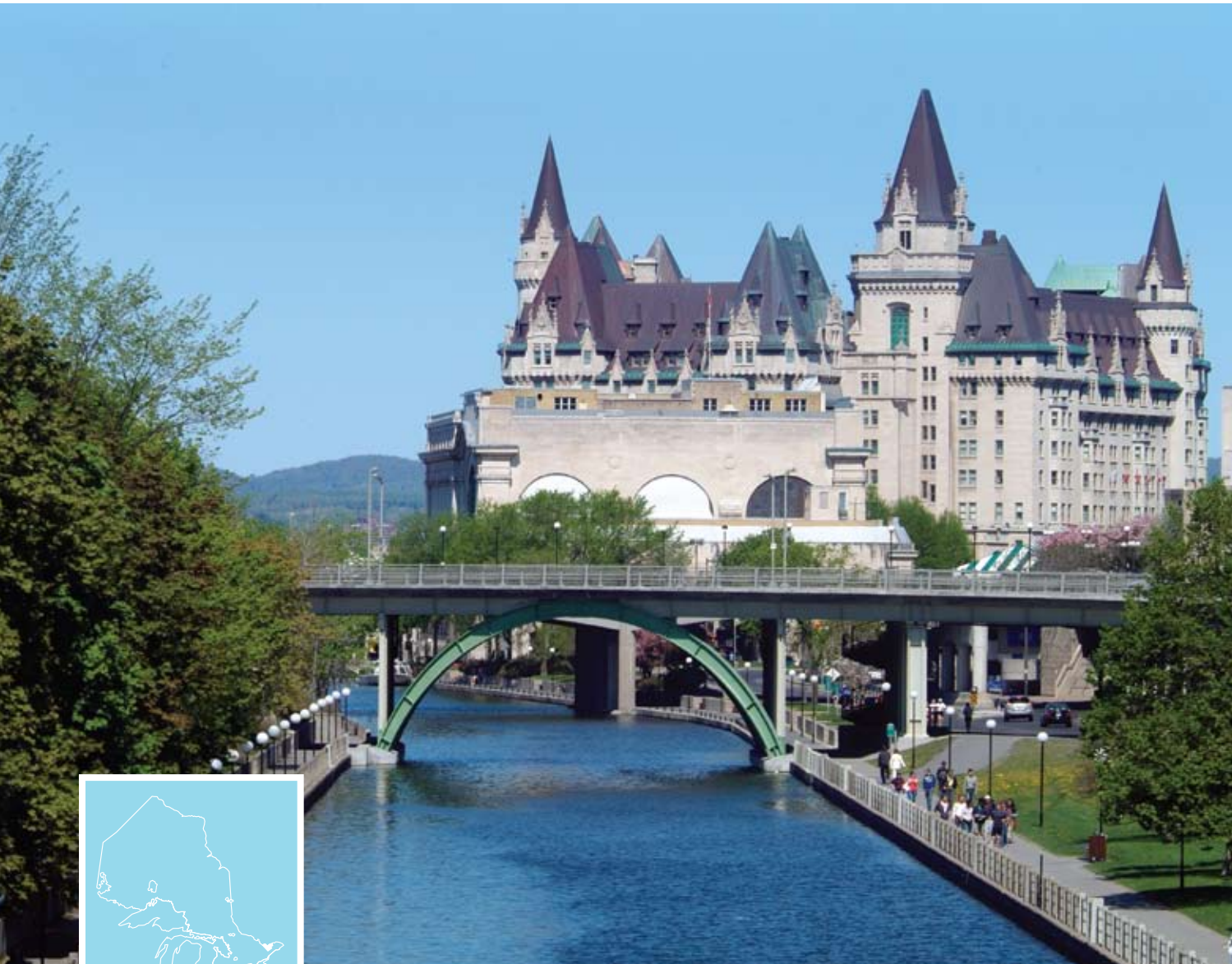
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RIDEAU CANAL FESTIVAL

The Rideau Canal is an important part of the heritage of Ottawa, and the Rideau Canal Festival aims to celebrate its place in the city. Held annually on the Civic Holiday long weekend (July 30 – August 2), it encourages eco-conscious fun and active living. There are healthy activities like cycling and daily yoga, an environment fair and a bike parade.

OTTAWA REGION

Learn the drill with Changing the Guard on Parliament Hill. Climb the Peace Tower and gander at gargoyles. See sea monster skeletons at the Canadian Museum of Nature. Bag a great buy at a ByWard Market boutique and unlock the mysteries of the Rideau Canal on a boat cruise. Soar in a glider at the Canada Aviation Museum. Immerse yourself in the harmonious blend of French and English culture.



10 MUST-SEES

- African Lion Safari, Cambridge
- Banting House National Historic Site, London
- Blyth Festival
- Buxton National Historic Site and Museum, North Buxton
- Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, Hamilton
- Colasanti's Tropical Gardens, Kingsville
- Fathom Five National Marine Park, Tobermory
- Point Pelee National Park, Leamington
- St. Jacobs Farmers' Market, St. Jacobs
- Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site, Dresden



DID YOU KNOW?

Bruce Peninsula National Park is home to nearly four dozen species of wild orchids. Head out on a hike and try to spot them all.

GRAND RIVER COUNTRY

Explore this idyllic countryside at your own pace. Head out on an African safari for a wild time, or grab a paddle and ply the waters of the Grand River. Imagine yourself soaring high in heritage planes, and get a taste for local and international culture at family-friendly festivals.

BRUCE PENINSULA

Escape from the everyday in this wild and wonderful region. Hike the Bruce Trail or paddle along the Saugeen River. Relax on the soft sands of Sauble Beach or explore the world's largest freshwater island and discover Aboriginal history.

ONTARIO'S WEST COAST

The stunning sunsets on Lake Huron are only a part of this area's photogenic nature – you'll see bold wildflowers, abundant wildlife and sunny sand dunes. Visit historic playhouses for great performances, or cruise the parkways for some great golf courses.

LAKE ERIE NORTH SHORE & PEELEE ISLAND

Head to the place where wildlife and wineries dot the shoreline. Sip on local vintages and tour the fertile winery grounds along Lake Erie. Or explore Pelee Island (Canada's southernmost point) to see the migrations of thousands of monarch butterflies.

SHAKESPEARE COUNTRY

Experience the fun of world-renowned theatre in the heart of the charming town of Stratford. Set your imagination free at museums for young and old alike. Visit heritage sites where the past lives on, and historic spots where medical discoveries were made.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Grand Bend;
THIS PAGE: Left: Point Pelee National Park;
Right: African Lion Safari, Cambridge.



SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Picnic on glittering white beaches that stretch for kilometres. Ponder the secrets of the Underground Railroad. Feel the heartbeat of a Pow Wow. Hit the trail and trek past limestone cliffs. Dive underwater and explore the haunted hulks of shipwrecks past. Have an audience with Shakespeare. Toast the vintages of local vineyards and sample regional cuisine.

BLACK HERITAGE ROUTE

Discover inspiring figures and stories of Canadian history by following the route of the Underground Railroad. Visit the refuge of former slaves – including the home of Rev. Josiah Henson, the inspiration for *Uncle Tom's Cabin* – and heritage sites chronicling heroic tales.



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BEACHES

Skip town to skip rocks. Make a splash. Build a fairytale sandcastle. Immerse yourself in the water. Or in a good book. Surf the surf. Wave at the waves. Ontario's beaches are some of nature's best playgrounds!

INVITING EVENTS

Break out your best pail and build your sandcastles sky-high at the **Cobourg Sandcastle Festival!** See master sand sculptors at work and enjoy tons of great activities, like a super-sized inflatable fun park. July 31 – August 1.

Theatre in the Park brings a little culture to a lot of sand! Two new camp-style musicals in **Sandbanks Provincial Park** are big on tunes, laughs and mysteries. Performances happen July 14 & 28 and August 11 & 25.

7 SANDY SPOTS WHERE YOU CAN RENT STUFF

- Ivanhoe Lake, Foleyet
- Kelso Conservation Area, Milton
- Long Point Provincial Park, Port Rowan
- Pinery Provincial Park, Grand Bend
- Sandbanks Provincial Park, Picton
- Sibbald Point Provincial Park, Sutton West
- Toronto Island Park



DID YOU KNOW?

Wasaga Beach, Sauble Beach and many of Toronto's 11 beaches are 'Blue Flag' endorsed – check for up-to-date eco-quality!

BUSTLING SHORES

Fun in the sun won't be hard to find on **Wasaga Beach**, the longest freshwater beach in the world. Stroll along the boardwalk to find summertime delights – from tasty treats like ice cream, to the thrill of a go-kart race.

Families love the crystal-clear waters and shallow sandbars of **Sauble Beach**, a favourite hot spot just west of Owen Sound. Head to the amusement park for some mid-day thrills. And don't forget to bring your camera: this west-facing beach has spectacular sunsets.

QUIET COVES

Located in Bruce Peninsula National Park, **Singing Sands Beach** is a hidden gem for nature lovers. Shallow waters perfect for play, a beautiful boardwalk, and kilo-metres of trails with rare wild orchids make this the ideal spot for outdoorsy families.

From voyageurs to shipwrecks, **Pancake Bay** beach (on the much larger Batchawana Bay) has known the sands of time. See artefacts from the past and watch wildlife – or just spend the day sunning on the soft sand.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Sandbanks Provincial Park, Picton; THIS PAGE: Top Right: Elora Gorge Conservation Area; Bottom Right: Algonquin Provincial Park; Left: Algonquin Provincial Park.

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PROVINCIALY PROTECTED

Algonquin Provincial Park is one of Canada's best known parks for a reason. With over 2,400 lakes, 1,200 campsites and 20 interpretive trails, your family is sure to find the perfect spot for an outdoor adventure.

Camping is prettier than a picture at Killarney Provincial Park, one of Ontario's most mountainous areas – it was often a source of inspiration for the Group of Seven. The shimmering quartz of La Cloche's peaks make them look snow-capped year-round.

CONSERVATION LOCATIONS

Pack a picnic for a great day trip in Hamilton's Dundas Valley Conservation Area! Spend a day exploring over 40 km (25 mi.) of trails in Carolinian forests – these multi-use trails are perfect for families with canine companions.

Or cool off at Elora Gorge Conservation Area and Quarry, where a dip in the old swimming hole is quite the sight to behold – the limestone walls are up to 12 m (40 ft.) high!

OPPOSITE PAGE: Algonquin Provincial Park;
THIS PAGE: Top Left: North Bay;
Bottom Left: Algonquin Provincial Park.

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OVERNIGHT CAMPING SPOTS THE KIDS WILL NEVER FORGET

- Spend a night camping out at a provincial park in an all-season yurt, a round tent-like structure that will easily house the whole family.
- Camp at a dark sky reserve site for the brightest stargazing imaginable – some sites in Gordon's Park on Manitoulin Island have reduced light pollution.
- The Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve has a resident wolf pack – take a trip out to see the wolves on the move, then hear them howl as you drift off to sleep.
- Head to Beausoleil Island in Georgian Bay for camping made easy – everything you need, including tents and equipment, is ready and waiting for your arrival.

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PARKS & CAMPING

Set up camp and roast marshmallows. Laze about on a sandy beach. Learn all about creepy night crawlers. Snorkel over historic shipwrecks or go on a cave crawl. Fossil hunt and birdwatch. Park a trailer, book a yurt or just pack a lunch and head outside for the day. Ontario's parks and campgrounds are family-friendly!

NATURALLY NATIONAL

Retreat to the wilderness of Bruce Peninsula National Park, located near Tobermory – you'll love waking up to a daily dip in the cool, deep waters of the Grotto.

Or, for an even wilder experience, head to Pukaskwa National Park for stunning views of the Canadian Shield and Lake Superior. Tons of trails and campsites mean you'll always have somewhere new to explore.



★ DID YOU KNOW?

Sleeping Giant Provincial Park gets its name from the park's main mountain – it looks like a huge man taking a nap!





6 SMALL FRIES FOR YOUR SMALL FRY TO CATCH

- bluegill
- bullheads
- crappie
- rock bass
- sunfish
- yellow perch

★ DID YOU KNOW?

Some northern fishing camps are so remote, they can only be accessed by air! Take a float plane ride to experience true wilderness, where the fish are plentiful.

HOOK THE KIDS

Free fishing clinics, festivals, lessons from pros and tons more are just the start of the annual **Family Fishing Weekend!** Catch the fun of free fishing for the whole family on July 9 – 11. Yep, free – you don't even need a fishing licence!

Everything's different with kids – fishing is no exception. Choose a pond or lake where you're bound to catch something, even if it's itsy bitsy. Show them how to hook the gooey worms. Teach them how to

cast a line. Try it out this year, and they'll be pros the next!

Thousands of feisty brook and rainbow trout, fresh from the hatchery, await the lure of fun-loving fly-fishing enthusiasts at **Headwaters Trout Ponds.**

OPPOSITE PAGE: Rainbow Falls Provincial Park; THIS PAGE: Top Right: Buckhorn; Bottom Left: Algonquin Provincial Park; Right: Manitoulin Island.

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FISHING

Take the kids out for some reel family fun. Show them how to bravely bait the hook. Watch their faces as they haul in yummy panfish. Pan fry pickerel for a great shore lunch. Fishing in Ontario casts a spell over families.

TACKLE FISHING WITH THE FAMILY

Fishing gear isn't always cheap. That's why the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters runs an amazing program for those who want to try out the sport: **Tackle Share.** It allows you to borrow all the fishing stuff you need, completely free, at more than 100 locations around Ontario!





BIKING

Hop on your bicycle and go see the Greenbelt. Bike along a beach boardwalk. Rent a ride for the whole family. Go 'off-road' on your BMX. Ride a teeter-totter feature at a free-riding wilderness park. Give your derailleurs a rest and ride the rails on a bike train. In Ontario, biking is the way we roll.

BIKING IN THE CITIES

You'll never have to watch for cars during on **Alcatel-Lucent Sunday Bikedays** in Ottawa. Mom, dad and the kids can weave all over the roads, off-limits to automobiles.

If you're cycling in Toronto you can see a lot, from furry yaks in **High Park** to giant sail boats in the harbour. You can even picnic along the Humber River!

FROM RAILS TO TRAILS

Load your bikes aboard the **Toronto-Niagara Greenbelt Express** and then bike along the Niagara Parkway for a day. Kids will love seeing the Horseshoe Falls and exploring a 19th-century fort or two.

New for 2010, hop aboard a train to Eastern Ontario and bike in our oldest towns. See sidewalk art during the **Chalk the Walk** festival, rest your feet with a cruise on the St. Lawrence River, then listen to the crack of **Fort Henry's** artillery as the sun sets.

With multi-use paved trails from one end of the city to the other, **North Bay** offers easy access for cycling families to get to the coolest attractions: boat tours, a working carousel and lots of summer family events.

HIT THE HILLS

Jump into mountain biking on the **Bruce Peninsula**! Take to 25 km (15 mi.) of single- and double-track trails, and explore acres of gorgeous woodland along the **Brant Tract**.

Perched on the Niagara Escarpment, the **Kelso Conservation Area** is a playground for mountain bikers who want to test the laws of gravity on twisting, turning, downhill paths.

When you find an arboretum, rare Carolinian trees, cool dams and woodpeckers, you're just starting a family adventure at **Springwater Conservation Area**, in Aylmer.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Rideau Canal, Ottawa.
THIS PAGE: Left: The Blue Mountains;
Right: North Bay.

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HAPPY TRAILS FOR KIDS

- Caledon Trailway, Caledon
- Deer Run Bike Trail, MacGregor Point Provincial Park
- Green Trail, Northumberland Forest
- Mountain Bike Trails, Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve
- Old Railway Bike Trail, Algonquin Provincial Park
- Trans Canada Trail, across Ontario

★ GOOD TO KNOW

Make sure to always wear a helmet when biking – and don't forget to buckle your bucket!





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BUCKET LIST HIKING ADVENTURES

- The Bruce Trail, Niagara Falls to Tobermory
- La Cloche Silhouette loop, Killarney Provincial Park
- The Highland Backpacking Trail, Algonquin Provincial Park
- Niagara Parkway, Niagara-on-the-Lake to Fort Erie
- The Rideau Trail, Kingston to Ottawa
- Waterfront Trail, Niagara-on-the-Lake to Lancaster



DID YOU KNOW?

July 17, 2010 is Canada's Parks Day – celebrate by hitting the trails at one of Ontario's 113 operating provincial parks.

TREK THE 'HILLS'

The **Ganaraska Hiking Trail** is where you can see a fish ladder that fish jump up, the narrow and spooky Duncan Crevice Caves, and a really gooey swamp.

Creepy caves, thousand-year-old cedars and huge boulders: hikers young and old have it made with a rock-solid trip to **Mount Nemo Conservation Area** in Burlington.

Ouimet Canyon is so deep and 'cool' that Arctic plants thrive here. Check out the gigantic expanse of this rocky (and steep!) formation with a hike to its viewing platforms.

Your whole family will have a new appreciation for nature when you see dramatic 70 m (230-ft.) cliffs and a natural rock chimney on Manitoulin Island's **Cup and Saucer Trail**.

THREE WALKS WITH WATERFALLS

More than 100 waterfalls dot the Niagara Escarpment in Hamilton, with dozens more along the famed **Bruce Trail**.

After a ferry ride to **Manitoulin Island**, head north and hike the trail to Bridal Veil Falls, where you can rest up, have a picnic, and take a dip in its secluded awesomeness.

Follow the **Niagara River Recreation Trail** to the biggest and most glorious one of them all: the 52 m (170-ft.) Horseshoe Falls. Cool off in its spray, then chill with a well-deserved break in Queen Victoria Park.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Scenic Caves Nature Adventures, Collingwood; THIS PAGE: Left: Collingwood; Right: Killarney Provincial Park.

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HIKING

Leave town and hit the trail. Trek along ancient paths through a silent forest. Walk or in-line skate along paved waterfront paths. Hike the escarpment and explore caves and cliffs. Stop for a picnic and cool off in a waterfall. Hiking in Ontario is to your liking!

TAKE A HIKE!

Join other families excited about exploring Ontario's awesome terrain by foot. There are lots of events – like **Trails Open Ontario** – which include guided hikes and family-fun community festivals.





MODERN METHODS

Fun is the only thing not watered down as you zip through the roughest rapids of the Niagara River on **Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours'** legendary adventure to Devil's Hole. Highway speeds? Guaranteed getting soaked? Bring it on!

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WHITEWATER FUN

Celebrate summer with the family on a **Wilderness Tours** whitewater rafting run down the Ottawa River. Throw in some stuff like liquid history, geology and biology, and it's educational too!

If your family is big on the outdoors, you can't top **RiverRun Rafting's** 12 km (7.5 mi.) of gentle rapids on the Ottawa River. The Family Gentle Raft Trip includes cool views of waterfalls, not to mention the furry animals you may see along the way.

Chill out on an **OWL Rafting** whitewater adventure that has your guide doing all the tough work, while you and your kids have the time of your lives on a Family Rafting Trip down the Madawaska River.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Foresters Falls;
THIS PAGE: Top Left: Killarney Provincial Park;
Bottom Left: North Bay; Right: Elora Gorge.

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PRIME PLACES

TO PADDLE

(and to rent the gear too!)

- Albion Hills Conservation Area, Caledon
- Algonquin Provincial Park, Whitney
- Arrowhead Provincial Park, Huntsville
- Bon Echo Provincial Park, Cloyne
- Fanshawe Conservation Area, London
- Killarney Provincial Park
- Napanee Conservation Area
- Quetico Provincial Park, Atikokan
- Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, east of Thunder Bay



DID YOU KNOW?

The rushing river and spectacular cliffs of the Elora Gorge are always a sight to behold – rent a tube and float down the whitewaters for a closer look!

RAFTING & PADDLING

Paddle...portage...pitch a tent! Take the family on a guided canoe trip where you can sing campfire songs and maybe see a moose! Explore waterways by kayak – lessons and lodging included. Ride metre-high waves on a family rafting adventure. In Ontario, adventure by water comes in many forms.

BE A VOYAGEUR!

Teenagers love everything about adventures, especially when it involves a 10 m (33-ft.) long replica fur trade canoe, massive rocks and ancient volcanoes. **Naturally Superior Adventures'** Voyageur Canoe Trip is made for new paddlers and especially those looking for an historic outdoor experience.





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EXTREMELY FUN

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ATVing on some of Ontario's best trails around Elliot Lake
- Ballooning over our nation's capital city, Ottawa
- Caving in over 800 m (2,600 ft.) of caves in Warsaw Caves Conservation Area
- Geocaching in Canada's Geocaching Capital, the Haliburton Highlands
- Rock Climbing over the Bruce Trail on Metcalf Rock



NEED TO KNOW

You should always check ahead for age and gear requirements.

NATURAL THRILLS

Test your nerves on Canada's longest suspension footbridge at **Eagle Canyon Adventures** near Thunder Bay, suspended 45 m (152 ft.) above the Quimet Canyon floor.

Explore the forest 20 m (65 ft.) above ground on a canopy tour at **Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve**.

Feel the exhilaration as you fly through the air on a new 300 m (1,000-ft.) zipline above the trees at **Scenic Caves Nature Adventures** in Collingwood.

Cap off a day of treetop trekking at **Barrie's Arbraska Park** with a ride on the Big Zip, a 270 m (900-ft.) long zipline that'll get your adrenalin pumping.

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ZIPLINING, TREE TREKKING & HORSEBACK RIDING

Hit the trail on horseback. Have a lesson in horsemanship and learn some horse sense. Saddle up the little 'uns on a pony. Tweenies can roast weenies on an overnight ride. Or hoof it by foot on a suspension bridge across a gorge. Then take the express route to earth on a zipline ride. Ontario offers the coolest ways to get around.

HOME ON THE RANGE

Saddle up and explore hundreds of hectares of woods and the rivers around the **Pinto Valley Ranch** in Eastern Ontario, near Ottawa. The littlest cowboys and cowgirls will love the pony rides and petting zoo.

Giddy-up and head to **Rawhide Adventures** near Orangeville for the true cowpoke experience! Take a guided ride on horseback and sleep under the stars (or in a tent, if you prefer). You and your horse will return to the ranch the next day as true partners.





RESORT TO FUN

Resorts are for families who love to play together. **Delawana Inn** at Honey Harbour features daily crafts, an Amazing Race-style hunt and a huge Adventure Course.

At **Blue Mountain Resort** in Collingwood, gondola rides, rock climbing walls and the Plunge! Aqua Centre give your family new ways to play.

The Segway is pretty much the greatest mode of transportation, besides the bike of course – your whole family can take an hour-long off-road adventure at **Horseshoe Resort** with these marvellous modern machines.

WETTER IS BETTER

Make a splash at **Calabogie Peaks Resort** near Ottawa, where their beachfront beats the heat. Beach volleyball, canoeing, swimming or just lazing on the sand are the perfect ways to enjoy the sunny weather.

For the true water enthusiasts, **Great Wolf Lodge** in Niagara Falls is the place to be. Their huge indoor water park has six massive waterslides, a wave pool and 12 levels of super-soaking fun.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Bayview Wildwood Resort, Severn Falls; THIS PAGE: Top Left: Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville; Bottom Left: The Blue Mountains; Right: Red Leaves, Muskoka.

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REASONS WHY RESORTS ARE TOPS

- Park the car for your whole stay, because everything's in one place
- Wear your bathing suit to lunch
- Try a great new activity, like sailing or waterskiing
- Parents get a break too, with babysitting and day-camps for kids
- There's a perfect resort for all of your vacation needs, from an all-inclusive resort to a quiet cottage
- There are always fun events, like watching movies under the stars

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★ DID YOU KNOW?

You can stay at an Ontario farm for a one-of-a-kind experience. Find your perfect one for country fun!

RESORTS

Lounge around the lake at a lodge. Take a farm vacation and watch your kids make friends with goat kids. Make a splash at an indoor pool in a city hotel. Treat the little ones to a kids' club, while you spend some time on the links or in the spa. There's no end to the family-friendly resorts in Ontario.

OUTER SPACE MEETS WIDE OPEN SPACES

Expand your horizons and gaze into deep space at **Red Leaves** in Muskoka. Their top-of-the-line telescope opens up the world of nebulae, galaxies and planets – you can even see solar flares on the sun's surface using a special filter!

For something a little more grounded, Timmins' **Cedar Meadows Resort and Spa** brings you into the world of the wild. Gentle moose, elk and bison will even come up to the wagon on the Wilderness Tour!





5 AMUSEMENT PARKS WHERE YOU CAN SPLASH

- Froster Soak City at Ontario Place, Toronto
- Misumu Bay Wet Play at African Lion Safari, Flamborough
- Splash Island at Toronto Zoo, Toronto
- Splash Works at Canada's Wonderland, Vaughan
- Storybook Gardens, London



NICE TO KNOW!

No matter the weather, Blue Mountain's Plunge! Aqua Centre is the place to play. This indoor/outdoor water park has pools, hot tubs, rope swings, slides and more!

A WATERSLIDE FOR EVERY SIZE

Keep cool this summer in Brampton's saltwater paradise! At **Wild Water Kingdom**, you can hit the slides, bodysurf in the Tidal Wave Pool, or get soaked on the children's wet playground.

For splash-happy families, make the most of your trip and stay overnight! Barrie's **Splash Canyon Water Park and Resort** has campsites in addition to a huge water park.

Slip into your swimsuit and swim, slide and soak the day away on huge slides and a wave pool at **Wild Waterworks** in Hamilton – little kids will love Little Squirt Works too!

Head to **Bluewater Fun Park** in Sarnia for a super-soaker's dream: bumper boats with water cannons! Wage a watery war, or just race down the slides all day.

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CATCH THE LATEST WAVE!

Get ready for the most wet 'n wild fun imaginable! Head to the Ottawa Valley to visit Canada's biggest new water park – **Calypso Theme Waterpark**, featuring a huge wave pool, gigantic waterslides and lots more – there's even a whitewater experience! You'll never want to stop slipping and sliding here.

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Bottom Left: Storybook Gardens, London;
Right: Bingemans, Kitchener.



WATER PARKS

Forget the web – surf a giant wave pool. Press the 'refresh' button and splash under a waterfall. Slide down a maze of waterslides. Chill out and float down a slow-movin' river. Get super-soaked with fountains, jets and sprays on a sweltering day. There are millions of gallons of fun at Ontario's water parks.

WET 'N WILD INDOORS

Make a splash, rain or shine, in these great indoor water parks!

Fallsview Indoor Waterpark,
Niagara Falls

Great Wolf Lodge, Niagara Falls

Waves Indoor Waterpark,
Niagara Falls

Wave Pool, Richmond Hill





HOT SPOTS FOR WEE ONES

A castle, a pirate ship, a farm and an enchanted forest – London's **Storybook Gardens** has everything a kid could want.

This ride-filled day at **Centreville Amusement Park** is just a quick ferry ride from downtown Toronto.

Head to **Santa's Village and Sportsland** in Bracebridge, and visit Santa while he's on vacation from delivering toys.

Your favourite fairytale characters are all waiting in Midland's **Castle Village**, including Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White, Goldilocks and more!

Head to Toronto's **Ontario Place** where your kids can meet TV stars at the Treehouse Live! show, like Dora the Explorer and Franklin the Turtle!

Hop on a train tour at **Story Book Park** in Owen Sound and visit the homes of storybook characters, like Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Hansel and Gretel and more!

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Bottom Left: Centreville, Toronto;
Right: Marineland, Niagara Falls.



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DRIVERS & PUTTERS FOR KIDS WHO LOVE GO-KARTS & MINIGOLF

- Bingemans, Kitchener
- Dinosaur Park Mini Putt Golf Course, Niagara Falls
- Dinosaur Valley Mini Golf, Sudbury
- Mini Golf Gardens, Ottawa
- NASCAR SpeedPark, Vaughan
- Wasaga 500 Go-Karts, Wasaga Beach
- Wacky Wilderness Mini Golf, Niagara Falls



NICE TO KNOW!

When skies are grey, you can always take a spin on the rides at Woodbine's Fantasy Fair – it's an indoor playground inside a shopping mall!

AMUSEMENT PARKS, MINIGOLFING & GO-KARTS

Have a scream on a gigantic roller coaster. Impress your kids with feats of skill on a fairground midway. Play minigolf as giant dinosaurs watch. Make like a Formula One driver, in a go-kart. Find out what it's like to free fall. Actually, Ontario has an amazing variety of amusements and theme parks you'll fall for!

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

There's something for everyone at **Canada's Wonderland** in Vaughan – especially the thrill-seekers! Your biggest kids will love a ride on Canada's fastest, tallest roller coaster, the Behemoth. And your littlest will have a ball with the Peanuts gang at the new Planet Snoopy!





7 SPOTS TO MONKEY AROUND THIS SUMMER

- African Lion Safari, Cambridge
- Bowmanville Zoo
- Brantford Twin Valley Zoo
- Elmvale Jungle Zoo
- Safari Niagara, Niagara Falls
- Spruce Haven Zoo, Sault Ste. Marie
- Toronto Zoo

★ DID YOU KNOW?

You can pick up a free Official Ontario Road Map at any one of our 18 Ontario Travel Information Centres!

FOR AN AFRICAN ADVENTURE

Drive your kids wild with a car trip through **African Lion Safari**, a game reserve near Cambridge where lions, monkeys, giraffes, ostriches and more roam free.

Head to Orono's **Jungle Cat World** for an up-close animal encounter – the Behind the Scenes tour has you within petting distance of some of nature's most beautiful beasts.

For a change of pace, spend a night under the Serengeti stars of the **Toronto Zoo**! Explore the African Savanna and meet the animals who call it home, on this overnight bush camp experience.

BEAT THE HEAT

Stay cool in Cochrane this summer with a polar dip! Do your best breaststroke and swim alongside polar bears at **Polar Bear Habitat and Heritage Village** (but don't worry – there's a glass barrier to keep the bears at bay!)

SLITHERS AND SCALES

Get up-close to cold-blooded creatures in Vaughan's **Reptilia** – see snakes, lizards, crocodiles, turtles and more. Check feeding times so you can see these cool critters in action.

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THIS PAGE: Top Right: Storybook Gardens, London; Bottom Left: Bird Kingdom, Niagara Falls; Right: Toronto Zoo.

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ZOOS & ANIMAL PARKS

Take your car on a lion safari. Pet a stingray. Watch a croc do lunch. See the great cats of the Savanna and an Arctic fox in its element – all in the same afternoon! Yak it up with a Tibetan yak. Ontario's zoos and animal parks take a big bite out of boredom!

BORN TO PERFORM

Flipped friends are never far in Niagara Falls – at **Marineland** you can meet and feed dolphins, killer whales and belugas, or just enjoy the thrill of watching them jump, flip and dance in the air.

Head to the **Bowmanville Zoo** to see some silver screen stars – these acting animals have graced some of your favourite films, commercials and TV shows. See the zoo's shows and watch these thespians in action.





OUR FORTE IS FUN

Listen to the rhythm of battle and be transported back to the War of 1812 at **Fort George National Historic Site**, in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The 41st Fife and Drum Corps is sure to leave a lasting impression.

The **Fort Henry** World Heritage Sunset Ceremonies in Kingston make a sunset even more spectacular. The artillery and the Fife and Drum Corps will be a big hit – not to mention the huge fireworks finale.

Fort York, right in the heart of downtown Toronto, teaches kids how to march in the military – using fake muskets, of course – and has a daily firing of the cannon.

Eerie indeed! Friday night ghost tours at **Old Fort Erie** in Fort Erie are sure to rattle up some spooky stories – especially on one of Canada's most historic battlefields.

Take a guided walking tour of **Queenston Heights National Historic Site** in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and find out all about the site of the Battle of Queenston Heights, a turning point in the War of 1812.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Fort Henry, Kingston; THIS PAGE: Top Left: Sunset Ceremonies, Fort Henry, Kingston; Bottom Left: Old Fort Erie; Right: Fort William Historical Park, Thunder Bay.



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7 REASONS WHY FORTS ARE FUN TO VISIT

- Try on a uniform
- Battle re-enactments
- The military music is catchy
- Costumed interpreters answer all your questions
- You get to see cannons and rifles fired
- Eat in a real mess hall
- See the past come to life

★ DID YOU KNOW?

At Fort William Historical Park, there's always something fun to try, like churning butter, baking bread from scratch, building a canoe or blacksmithing.

HISTORIC FORTS

Explore military barracks from the 1800s – the kids will be all over it. Be brave and take a ghost tour. Witness a spectacular sunset ceremony. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride and trade stories with fur traders. Watch a fierce battle re-enactment. Ontario's forts make strong memories for kids.

THE VOYAGEUR LIFE

Get caught up in the excitement of the fur trade – The Great Canadian Rendezvous held annually at **Fort William Historical Park** is one of the largest re-enactments in North America! Celebrating the major yearly trading event held by the North West Company, this festival features battle re-enactments, an Aboriginal Pow Wow, concerts, multicultural food fair and more. Runs from July 9 – 18, near Thunder Bay.





8 POW WOW MOMENTS

- 13th Annual Noongam Traditional Pow Wow, Ottawa
- 27th Annual Cape Croker Pow Wow, Bruce Peninsula
- Aamjiwnaang's 49th Annual Pow Wow, Sarnia
- Opwagwanishining Traditional Pow Wow, Nipigon
- Sheshegwaning First Nation Traditional Pow Wow, Silver Water, Manitoulin Island
- Whitefish Lake Pow Wow, Naughton
- Wikwemikong 50th Annual Cultural Festival, Wikwemikong, Manitoulin Island
- 31st Annual 'Champion of Champions' Pow Wow, Grand River, Ohsweken

★ DID YOU KNOW?

Many of Ontario's place names are from Aboriginal words – 'Ontario' is from a Huron word meaning 'beautiful lake,' and refers to Lake Ontario.

JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY

When your family visits **Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung** near Fort Frances, it's like travelling back through 10,000 years of Ontario's history. Upon arrival, you will be introduced to your guides, the eagle and the pelican. Prepare to see many amazing things including Manitou Mounds, 2,000-year-old burial mounds!

Make your way to the **Great Spirit Circle Trail**, where the Anishnaabe people of Manitoulin invite you to explore the world's largest freshwater island by canoe or on a nature hike. Kids will get a thrill camping in a teepee on the Pow Wow Trail.

NATIVE HERITAGE CARVED IN STONE

Discover some of North America's oldest art in a forest northeast of Peterborough at **Petroglyphs Provincial Park**. Here 900 images of turtles, snakes, birds and humans have been carved right on crystal-line marble rock. And to think these petroglyphs were created by Algonkian-speaking Native people 600 – 1,000 years ago! Next, check out The Learning Place Interpretive Centre and then stretch your legs with a family hike through the forest.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, Midland; THIS PAGE: Top Right: Ska-Nah-Doh Village and Museum, London; Bottom Right: Manitoulin Island.



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FIRST NATIONS CULTURE

Give the kids first-hand experience with First Nations culture. Camp out in a teepee. Dance the night away at a Pow Wow. Retrace ancient canoe routes with a local native guide. Break bannock bread at an Aboriginal café. Witness the northern lights from an eco-lodge. Ontario offers many ways to catch the Aboriginal spirit.

A TRIBUTE TO FIRST NATIONS

Celebrate National Aboriginal Day on June 21 with one of the many great events happening across the province. **Sainte-Marie among the Hurons** near Midland is hosting an all-day celebration with lots of traditional activities and games – join in!





A PART OF OUR PAST

A civilized refuge in the wilderness with a unique heritage – that's the story of **Sainte-Marie among the Hurons**. Settled by French Jesuits in the 17th century near present-day Midland, it was a missionary outpost and fortress. Here, European traditions quickly mixed with those of the Aboriginal Huron peoples. Explore the history of this cool site for a glimpse into the past!

ALL ABOARD THE UNDERGROUND

This is a place of true freedom! A haven for slaves escaping on the Underground Railroad, **Uncle Tom's Cabin** in Dresden takes its name from the famous novel inspired by Rev. Josiah Henson. He helped give new beginnings to former slaves – a past he shared – and helped establish one of Canada's first industrial schools.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site, Dresden; THIS PAGE: Top Left: Discovery Harbour, Penetanguishene; Bottom Left: Casa Loma, Toronto; Right: Dundurn Castle, Hamilton.



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PIONEER VILLAGES

THAT TURN BACK THE CLOCK

- Ameliasburgh Historical Museum and Pioneer Village
- Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto
- Fanshawe Pioneer Village, London
- Founders' Museum and Pioneer Village, Thunder Bay
- Lang Pioneer Village Museum, Peterborough
- Muskoka Heritage Place, Huntsville
- Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg

★ GOOD TO KNOW

You can visit Discovery Harbour in Penetanguishene for a bit of naval history – explore this battleship base and even board some replica ships!

HISTORIC SITES & CASTLES

Explore a hidden passageway in a castle. Sample candy that pioneer kids ate and watch horseshoes being made the old-fashioned way. Catch a ride on a wagon pulled by a vintage tractor. Learn the secrets of the Underground Railroad. Ontario has many attractions that let your family travel back in time.

CAPTURE THE CASTLE

Enter the world of real-life fairytales during a visit to an historic castle. Explore Toronto's **Casa Loma** and discover towers, stables and gardens – even secret passageways!

Or head to Hamilton for a trip through **Dundurn Castle**, where over 40 rooms are the height of 1850s Victorian glamour.





4 MUSEUMS BUILT FOR KIDS

- Hamilton Children's Museum
- London Regional Children's Museum
- Niagara Children's Museum
- Waterloo Regional Children's Museum Studio, Kitchener

★ DID YOU KNOW?

At the Canadian Museum of Nature, you can see the massive skeleton of a blue whale – the largest of all living animals!

FOR SCIENCE AND TECH-SAVVY FAMILIES

Whisk your little wizards away to the **Ontario Science Centre** in Toronto for a glimpse into the world of their favourite hero! **Harry Potter™: The Exhibition** features movie props, costumes and games to get them in a magical mood. Exhibit runs until August 22.

What was it like when dinosaurs roamed the earth? Don't just guess – live it! This summer, check out the new exhibit **Dinosaurs Unearthed** at **Science North** in Sudbury, where animatronic dinos bring the past to life.

When it comes to fun, the sky's the limit in Sault Ste. Marie! At the **Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre**, you can explore a vintage aircraft or get in the pilot's seat of a flight simulator.

NATURALLY INCLINED

In Toronto, it's bigger, better and battier than ever! The **Royal Ontario Museum's** newly reopened Bat Cave has everything you ever wanted to know about these creepy cave-dwellers, including spooky lifelike encounters in the dark.

Get into the great outdoors at Ottawa's **Canadian Museum of Nature**! Newly reopened, this museum features two new galleries for an up-close look at the world you thought you knew – in the Water Gallery and the Earth Gallery.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa; THIS PAGE: Top Left: Ontario College of Art and Design, Toronto; Bottom Left: Ontario Place, Toronto; Right: Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

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MUSEUMS, GALLERIES & SCIENCE CENTRES

Meet Gordo, the ginormous barosaurus. Experience the wonder of **Harry Potter™: The Exhibition**. Sit in the cockpit of a real World War II trainer. Budding Tom Thomsons can get hands-on with sketchpads and brushstrokes. Galleries and museums big and small put out the welcome mat to kids big and small.

SHOW YOUR ARTSY SIDE

Think outside the canvas with your little Picassos! Toronto's **Art Gallery of Ontario** features **Off the Wall!** Dr. Mariano Elia Hands On Centre – there's lots of room to play in five creative discovery spaces.

Head to Kleinburg's **McMichael Canadian Art Collection** for an artistic treat: each week, Family Sundays have activities and tours aimed at exploring different themes, artists and more.





STAGES FOR ALL AGES

Let your imagination take flight on a magical journey to Neverland! The **Stratford Shakespeare Festival's** production of *Peter Pan* is sure to delight – J.M. Barrie's classic tale has it all, including mermaids, pirates, fairies, princesses and, of course, a magical boy who never grew up. Runs until October 31.

For your fill of musical and comedic theatre, head for one of **Drayton Festival Theatre's** shows! With performances running all summer for the young and young at heart, like *Guys and Dolls*, *High School Musical* and more, you'll find something the whole family will enjoy.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Stratford Shakespeare Festival; THIS PAGE: Top Left: A *Midsummer Night's Dream* at the TD Dream in High Park (2007) Photo by Tony Makepeace, Toronto; Bottom Left: Costume and Props Warehouse tour, Stratford; Right: Photo: Richard Bain/Stratford Festival of Canada.



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UNCONVENTIONAL STAGES

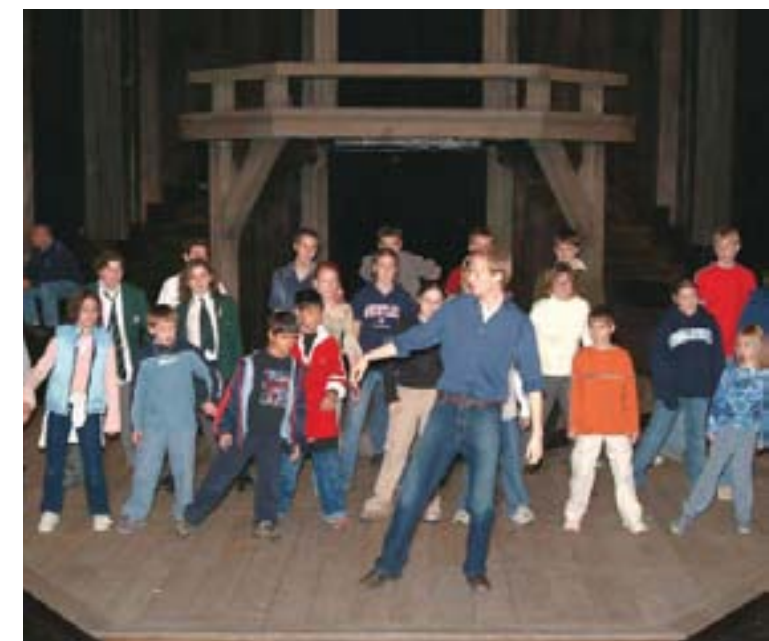
- Canadian plays, a brilliant cast and an outdoor rural setting make performances at **4th Line Theatre** in Millbrook memorable.
- Imagine experiencing the theatre in a summery courtyard – indoors! Watch musicals and comedies in Ontario's only remaining atmospheric theatre, **Capitol Theatre Arts Centre** in Port Hope.
- Toronto's biggest park hosts outdoor performances of Shakespeare every summer. This year, *Romeo and Juliet* takes the **2010 Canadian Stage TD Dream** in High Park stage.
- Watch a show and enjoy a light breeze off the waters of the St. Lawrence River at the **Thousand Islands Playhouse** in Gananoque.

THEATRE, DANCE & MUSIC

Grab a family-sized blanket and see Shakespeare alfresco. Catch the buzz at a play about a spelling bee. Tour a humongous costume warehouse. Take flight to Neverland with *Peter Pan*. Rock out at Disney's *High School Musical*. Ontario sets the stage for kid-friendly theatre.

ACTING LIKE KIDS

The big stage is for little kids too! The **Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People** in Toronto is the largest theatre dedicated to young audiences in Canada. The wide range of plays for every age group has positive messages about relationships and society, so your kids are learning too – all while enjoying a great performance!



GOOD TO KNOW

Witness the magic of the theatre with the Famous People Players in Toronto – these blacklight shows bring the whimsy and fun of giant puppets to life!



3 FLOWERY SPOTS TO FLUTTER ON WITH BUTTERFLIES

- F. Jean MacLeod Butterfly Gallery at Science North, Sudbury
- Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory
- Wings of Paradise Butterfly Conservatory, Cambridge



DID YOU KNOW?

Niagara's famous floral clock is made of up to 16,000 plants.

LITTLE SPROUTS

Head to the **Toronto Botanical Garden** for a taste of the outdoors! These gardens are huge, and many teaching gardens will give your kids a leg up on learning over the summer break. Got a tot in your crop? Story Time, a weekly meet-up for parents and kids, has lots of nature-themed activities and stories read aloud.

Kids' favourite turtle has inspired this magical garden on Toronto's Centre Island, the **Franklin Children's Garden**. Climb around in a tree house, play with the frogs at the pond, dig in the dirt, or listen to a story – this place is perfect for budding green thumbs.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory; THIS PAGE: Top Right: Ottawa; Bottom Left: Edwards Gardens, Toronto; Right: Ottawa.

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GARDENS & CONSERVATORIES

Be delighted by a butterfly garden. See a pine tree species so ancient that it may have been dinosaur food! Show the kids a clock made of flowers. Or take them on a tiptoe tour through the tulips. In our province there are so many ways to lead your family down the garden path!

PACK A PICNIC

For some family time, the **Royal Botanical Gardens** in Burlington/Hamilton is the spot for a lot of fun on weekends. Picnics in Paradise has wide-open grassy areas perfect for games and activities, chipmunk and chickadee feeding, and nature hikes along the Cootes Paradise Marsh. There's also tons of fun at the Nature Interpretive Centre and lots of gardens to stroll. The fun happens every weekend until Labour Day.



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WINE & CULINARY

Escape to wine country and sample vintages toasted by the world. Tour the laid-back countryside by bicycle. Go behind the scenes and learn the winemaker's art. Dine alfresco at country inns, where local flavours are always on the menu. Sounds like the perfect romantic getaway.

HOMEGROWN CUISINE

Savour the fusion of Mennonite heritage foods and French cuisine at Cambridge's **Langdon Hall**.

Talk to the culinary team at the **Inn on the Twenty** in Jordan about your food preferences and they'll create a seven-course tasting menu especially for you!

Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville makes its own maple syrup and produces its own honey to satisfy your sweet tooth.

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WINE FESTS LABELLED JUST FOR YOU

- Annual Terroir Wine Celebration – up to 20 new Prince Edward County wineries offer tastings. Crystal Palace, Picton Fairgrounds, May 28.
- Niagara New Vintage Festival – three weekends of sampling new releases at various wineries. New Vintage Tailgate Party with VQA wines and music. June 12 & 13, June 19 (Tailgate Party), June 26 & 27.
- Fine Art Fine Wine – featuring local artists, includes a barbecue, complimentary tastings and free tours. Pelee Island Winery, June 26 & 27.
- Music and Wine String Quartets featuring music by Haydn and Mozart – Peller Estates, Niagara-on-the-Lake, July 24, July 31 and August 7.
- Hillebrand Blues at the Winery – Hillebrand Estates Winery, Niagara-on-the-Lake, August 14.

★ DID YOU KNOW?

The Fairmont Royal York Hotel has a special Shop with Chef Weekend that includes a buying trip to Toronto's world-famous St. Lawrence Market.

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Pick a wine region – Niagara, Prince Edward County or Lake Erie North Shore and Pelee Island. Designate a driver or pedal on a bike tour. Let vintners uncork the secrets of delicious wines. Swirl and sip the sommeliers' picks. Indulge in the pleasures of a perfect pairing over lunch or dinner, brimming with local flavours and the freshest seasonal ingredients.

COOK UP SOMETHING LOCAL

Hone your culinary skills at Picton's **The Waring House Restaurant, Inn, Conference Centre and Cookery School** using ingredients grown from the soils of Prince Edward County.

Create themed, three-course meals using seasonal ingredients at Wine Country Cooking School at **Strewin Winery**, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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Bottom Left: Toronto; Right: Harrow.

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Restore your energy with a Siam Herbal Tension Release Treatment at the **Elmwood Spa**, Toronto.

At **Holtz Spa** in Ottawa, experience the healing qualities of tree essences with a Spirit of the Forest Treatment.

'Wrap and Nap' for the ultimate head-to-toe treatment at **Rosewater Spa**, Oakville.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Port Hope; THIS PAGE: Top: Scandinave Spa, The Blue Mountains; Bottom Left: Ste. Anne's Country Inn and Spa, Grafton; Right: Port Hope.

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UNIQUE SPA TREATMENTS ESPECIALLY FOR YOU

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- Malt and Barley Scrub and Soak – The Millcroft Inn and Spa, Alton
- Moor Mud Bath – Ste. Anne's Country Inn and Spa, Grafton
- Vinotherapy Facial – The Shaw Spa, Niagara-on-the-Lake
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SPA

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Share some quality time on a Mother-Daughter Getaway at **The Briars Resort, Spa and Conference Centre** in Jackson's Point.





7 GOLF RESORTS WHERE YOU CAN STAY AND PLAY

- Blue Mountain Resort, The Blue Mountains
- Carriage Ridge Resort, Horseshoe Valley
- Cranberry Golf Resort, Collingwood
- Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville
- Nottawasaga Inn Resort, Alliston
- Red Leaves, Lake Rosseau
- Taboo Resort Golf and Spa, Gravenhurst



DID YOU KNOW?

The 2010 RBC Canadian Open is being hosted by the historic St. George's Golf and Country Club – the site of four previous Canadian Opens. July 19 – 25.

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Face a daunting rough, tall fescue and rugged bunkers on the South Course at **The Club at Bond Head**.

Ace a signature hole on a rugged course reminiscent of a classic Irish links at **Eagle's Nest Golf Club** in Maple.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville; THIS PAGE: Top Right: Raven Golf Club at Lora Bay, Thornbury; Bottom Left: Legends on the Niagara, Niagara Falls; Right: Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville.

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HIT THE TRAILS

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Think romantic waterfront and great performances at Gananoque's **Thousand Islands Playhouse**.

Applaud comedies, musicals and great performances at one of **Drayton's Theatres**.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The Grand Theatre, London.
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CURTAIN CALLS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

- *Fiddler on the Roof* with Tony Award®-winner Harvey Fierstein returning as Tevye. One week only! June 8 – 13, Canon Theatre, Toronto.
- *The Doctor's Dilemma* by George Bernard Shaw. June 10 – October 30, Festival Theatre, The Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake.
- *A Month in the Country* by Ivan Turgenev, directed by Hungarian master László Marton. July 6 – August 7, Soulpepper Theatre, Distillery District, Toronto.
- *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare, starring Christopher Plummer as Prospero. June 11 – September 12, Festival Theatre, Stratford Shakespeare Festival, Stratford.



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Drift over the Hockley Valley or Elora Gorge aboard a hot-air balloon. Tour Niagara Falls by helicopter. Or soar over Georgian Bay in a float plane.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Manitoulin Island;
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Eat local and head for a picnic at the **Kingston Farmers' Market** – they'll even do the cooking. Expect lots of fresh, locally grown foods and hand-crafted artisan treasures.

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GREAT GALLERIES RATED AS 'MUST-SEES'

- Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston
- Art Gallery of Hamilton
- Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), Toronto
- Art Gallery of Sudbury
- Art Gallery of Windsor
- Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art (MOCCA), Toronto
- National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa
- Tom Thomson Art Gallery, Owen Sound



DID YOU KNOW?

Ontario cities have scores of summer festivals – like **Luminato**, a 10-day celebration of the arts in Toronto's downtown core. (June 11 – 20)

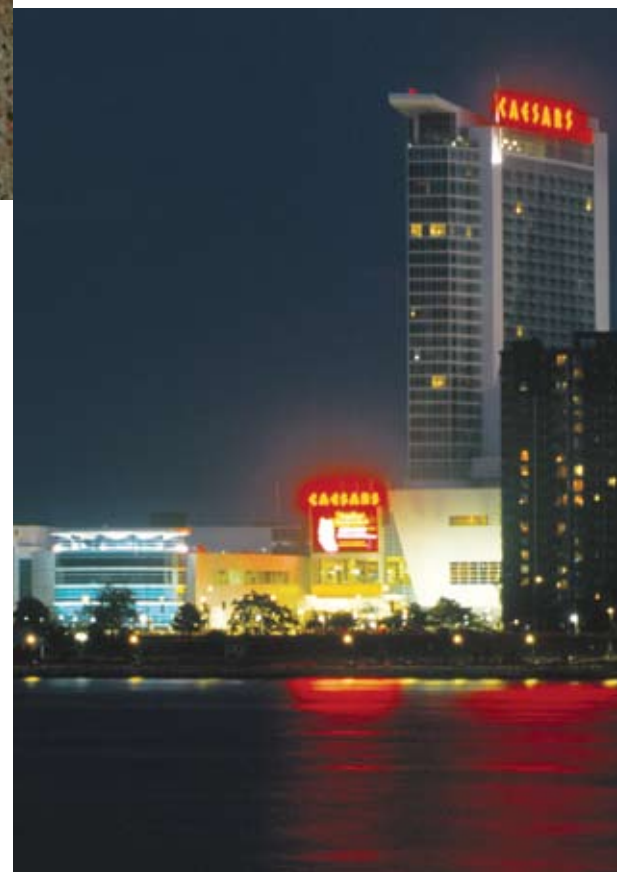
URBAN DESTINATIONS

Browse bohemian boutiques and hubs of haute couture. Take a moonlit cruise downtown on a canal. Do the seventh inning stretch at a Blue Jays game. Stretch the day into the late night with dinner – then hit the dance floor. Check out a show at a casino. In Ontario, variety is the spice of city life!

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Hit the **Taste Trail** on Prince Edward County's 'foodie tour.' Sample local wines, ciders and small-batch beers. Go for gelato or goat cheese. Decide to dine. For a quick bite, try a gourmet hot dog.

4 SMALL TOWNSCAPES PERFECT FOR STROLLING

- Bisected by the picturesque Rideau Canal, Merrickville has three working locks, an authentic blockhouse and over a hundred 19th-century heritage properties.
- Loaded with charm, Niagara-on-the-Lake's early 19th-century homes and main street have been meticulously restored and maintained.
- Distinguished by its main street, Port Hope is a Heritage Conservation District and one of the most beautiful 19th-century streetscapes in the province.
- St. Jacobs, a century-old Mennonite village, is anchored by the Country Mill & Silos. The Meeting Place provides a fascinating glimpse into Mennonite history.

★ DID YOU KNOW?

The Elora Festival (July 9 – August 1) draws musicians from around the world who perform choral works in the village's churches and Gambrel Barn.

TOWNS THAT WILL TEMPT YOUR POCKETBOOK

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Stroll the tree-lined streets of **Bayfield**, which have charming galleries, antique and artisan shops, and sophisticated stores that would fit right into any centre of haute couture.

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