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A photograph of a winter forest scene. A snow-covered path leads into a dense forest of tall, thin trees. The branches are heavily laden with snow. In the background, a wooden fence is visible. The word "WELCOME" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image.

# WELCOME

Find cool adventures – indoors and out – in Ontario's winter wonderland. Hit the trails for serious sledding and relax in an ice-fishing hut. Head to a resort and find ski and snowboarding runs for the whole family. Enjoy fine dining and see an acclaimed show. Share your good times with family and friends on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Flickr](#) and [Pinterest](#). Visit [ontariotravel.net](http://ontariotravel.net) and discover lots of great winter break ideas for families and couples.



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# NEW & NOTABLE

## CANADIAN FASHION ON THE RUNWAY

Be part of the scene at the World MasterCard Fashion Week as the biggest names in Canadian and international fashion showcase their collections. Preview the newest designer looks and fashion trends for 2014 at this week-long event. March 18–22.

[worldmastercardfashionweek.com](http://worldmastercardfashionweek.com)





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### **YUM'S THE WORD!**

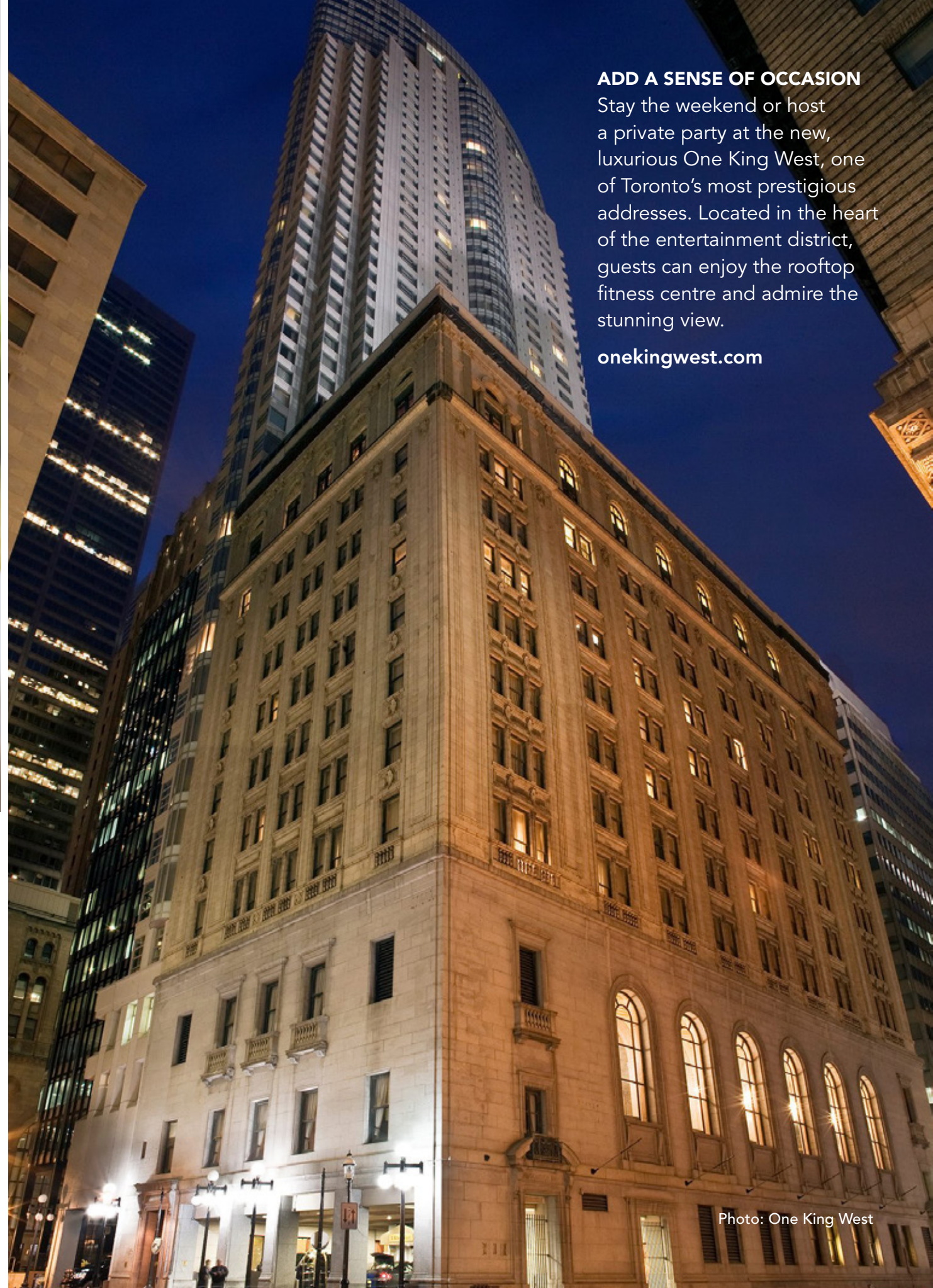
Enjoy an unforgettable culinary experience at Le Cordon Bleu Bistro @ Signatures Restaurant in Ottawa. Sample a seasonal dish prepared by Executive Chef Yannick Anton made from the finest and freshest locally produced ingredients. Experience a new lunch menu every week or book a holiday dinner.

[bistroatsignatures.com](http://bistroatsignatures.com)

### **THE TOAST OF LONDON**

Treat your taste buds at the 8th annual London Wine & Food Show at the Western Fair. Sample the goodness of Ontario wineries, craft brewers and distillers along with a smorgasbord of local restaurants and fooderies. Enjoy tasting seminars and cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs. January 16–18.

[westernfairdistrict.com](http://westernfairdistrict.com)



### **ADD A SENSE OF OCCASION**

Stay the weekend or host a private party at the new, luxurious One King West, one of Toronto's most prestigious addresses. Located in the heart of the entertainment district, guests can enjoy the rooftop fitness centre and admire the stunning view.

[onekingwest.com](http://onekingwest.com)

Photo: One King West





### **SKI 'THE ORCHARD' THIS WINTER!**

Blue Mountain Resort is opening up more terrain for skiers and snowboarders for the 2013/14 season. 'The Orchard' expansion gives adrenaline junkies 64 additional acres and six new trails (three with night lighting). Novices will love the 1.6 kilometre run – Ontario's longest beginner run.

[bluemountain.ca](http://bluemountain.ca)

### **PUSHING THE HUMAN LIMITS**

Learn about the thresholds of the human 'machine' at The AstraZeneca Human Edge, a new permanent exhibition at the Ontario Science Centre that informs visitors of all ages about the human body, health, fitness and nutrition. More than 55 exhibits invite you to explore the limits that athletes and adventure-seekers reach through training and risk-taking. Opens December 2013.

[ontariosciencecentre.ca](http://ontariosciencecentre.ca)

### **THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT!**

Cheer on Ontario's best teenage athletes at the 2014 Ontario Winter Games hosted by communities throughout Muskoka. The Games are the largest multi-sport event in the province, bringing together 3,500 athletes, coaches and officials participating in more than 25 sporting events. Catch these young athletes in action before they hit the national and international stage.

February 27 – March 2.

[ontariowintergames.com](http://ontariowintergames.com)

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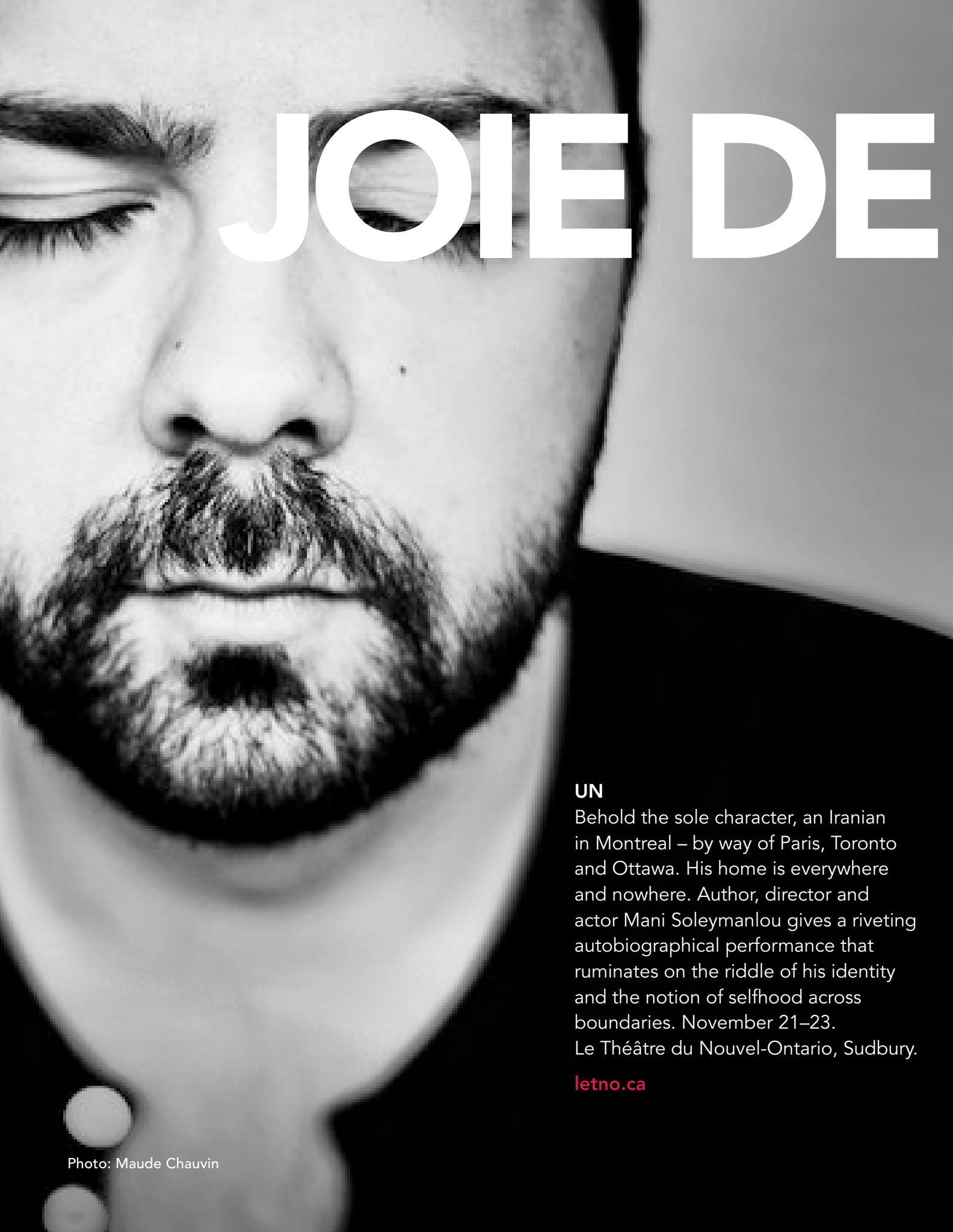


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# JOIE DE VIVRE

## UN

Behold the sole character, an Iranian in Montreal – by way of Paris, Toronto and Ottawa. His home is everywhere and nowhere. Author, director and actor Mani Soleymanlou gives a riveting autobiographical performance that ruminates on the riddle of his identity and the notion of selfhood across boundaries. November 21–23. Le Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario, Sudbury.

[letno.ca](http://letno.ca)

## LE GRAND MÉCHANT LOUP (Mister Wolf, are you there?)

What do you get when three acrobats/clowns/actors deliver their take on the big bad wolf in classic fairy tales? An unorthodox and wildly entertaining performance that leaves the audience laughing. December 14 & 15.

National Arts Centre, Ottawa

[nac-cna.ca](http://nac-cna.ca)

## CHER MENTEUR

Be captivated in this drama based on the correspondence between theatre icons George Bernard Shaw and legendary actress Mrs. Patrick Campbell. Originally adapted to the theatre as *Dear Liar: A Comedy of Letters* by playwright Jerome Kilty, the play was translated into French by poet Jean Cocteau. February 19 – March 1. Berkeley Street Theatre, Toronto

[theatrefrancais.com](http://theatrefrancais.com)





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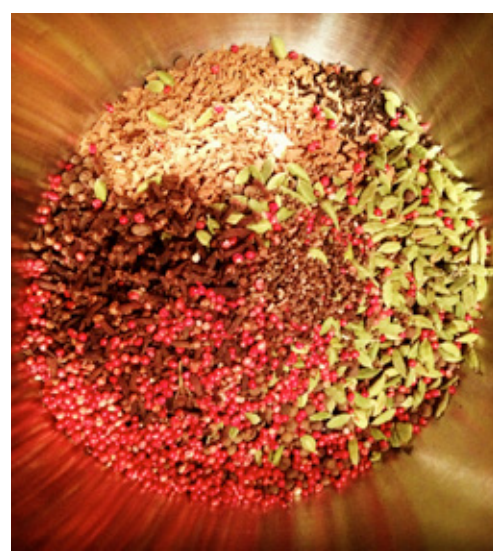


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## INFUSION ORGANIC TEA

A flavourful combination of organic herbs, Zen tea offers delicate flavours and major health benefits. Zen tea sells for \$14.95 a bag, providing 30–40 cups. Find it and other Infusion Organic Tea products at The Circle Game in Port Dover.

[infusionorganictea.com](http://infusionorganictea.com)

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## POLAR STONES

Niagara is known for its flavourful artisanal spirits and award-winning wines. Use Polar Stones Whisky Cubes to chill your drink instead of diluting it. These cubes are solid soapstone and can chill any beverage including scotch, vodka, tequila and, of course, Niagara wine. Purchase a full Whisky set for only \$25 at Unique Creations Artisans Outlet in Niagara Falls.

[polarstones.weebly.com](http://polarstones.weebly.com)

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## MOD PIECES

Meet Avery, a mid-century, modern pottery lamp. Avery is unique, eco-friendly and super-chic, produced with vintage materials more than 20 years old. Stop by Centro Garden in Burlington to find cool Mod Pieces and bring home a little bit of history.

[shopmodpieces.com](http://shopmodpieces.com)

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## OLIVE YOUR FAVOURITES

Stratford is full of foodie favourites including Olive Your Favourites, Stratford's first Extra Virgin Olive Oil tasting bar. The Tuscan Herb Infused Olive Oil is a delicious blend of herbs, sun-dried tomatoes and garlic made from premium extra virgin olive oil. Purchase a 200 mL bottle for \$13 or 375 mL for \$18.

[oliveyourfavourites.com](http://oliveyourfavourites.com)

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## NICOLE TARASICK

These Canadian-inspired hand-screened pillows have put Toronto artist Nicole Tarasick on the map. The cushions have become so popular she's expanded her line to include printed pillows with Toronto's Pearson airport's YYZ code. The YYZ pillow is available at the Stylegarage in downtown Toronto. Pick up a large size for \$95 or a small for \$65.

[nicoletarasick.com](http://nicoletarasick.com)

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## WOMEN'S CONVERTIBLE APPAREL

Designed for women who appreciate clothes that travel well, Diane Kroe's signature collections embrace a chic fusion of fashion and functionality. Her timeless One 4 All Dress (\$150) segues seamlessly from a long-sleeve top to a strapless cocktail dress. Find many styles that fit and flatter online and at travel shows throughout Ontario.

[dianekroe.com](http://dianekroe.com)

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## BREEDON'S MAPLE SYRUP

Breedon's Maple Syrup taps into approximately 3,500 maple trees to produce the highest quality syrup. Pick up a bottle of Breedon's Maple Syrup at their farm store in Alliston. Prices range from \$8-\$62.

[breedonsmaplesyrup.com](http://breedonsmaplesyrup.com)

Learn more about Bruce Peninsula,  
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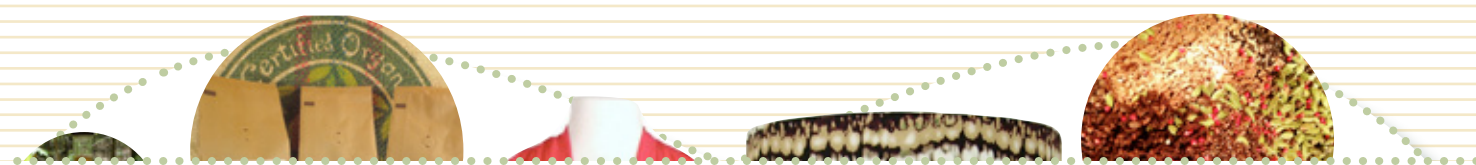


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## KAWARTHA WINERY

Rhubarb Social is a Silver Medal Winner All Canadian Championships winner and a Kawartha Wines best seller. Retail at \$14 a bottle, you really can't go wrong! Enjoy it on its own, with fish, or any white meat.

[kawarthacountrywines.ca](http://kawarthacountrywines.ca)

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## PAN CHANCHO BAKERY & CAFE

This charming bistro-style café is set in a beautifully restored heritage building located in downtown Kingston. Featuring an eclectic and flavourful menu, Pan Chanco offers breakfast, lunch and weekend brunches served in a welcoming ambience. Stop by the bakery that bakes bread 'the old world way' and pick up a tasty treat to bring to a seasonal meal as the host or a guest!

[panchancho.com](http://panchancho.com)

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## SAM BAT

Sam Bat's maple wood bats are one of the best things to come out of Ottawa for baseball enthusiasts. As Ottawa is the centre of the richest deciduous forest in North America, Sam Bat creates premium baseball bats using high-quality materials. Purchase the Sam Bat at Valiquette's Sports in Ottawa.

[sambat.com](http://sambat.com)

[valiquettesports.com](http://valiquettesports.com)

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## ARTECH GLASS BLOWING STUDIOS

Give the gift of something new made from a used bottle of brew! Using traditional glass blowing techniques, recycled beer bottles are transformed into one-of-a-kind beer glasses with the labels still intact. Artech also produces tableware, custom glass pieces and more.

[artechstudios.ca](http://artechstudios.ca)

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## RICH HILL CANDLES & GIFTS

This popular triple-layer combination is made in-house at the Rich Hill Candles factory. Complete with jar and pillar candles and three fragrances including Classic Cottage, Muskoka Boathouse, and Cranberry, this set can be purchased at Rich Hill Candles located in Bracebridge. Prices range from \$9-\$45.

[richhillcandles.com](http://richhillcandles.com)

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## MAXWELL POTTERY

The Canoe on a Lake dip set is an ideal entertaining piece – great for starters and appetizers. Its creation was inspired by the many waterways in Northern Ontario. Pick up this unique set for only \$65 at Maxwell Pottery (includes paddles/pâté knives) in Mattawa.

[maxwellpottery.com](http://maxwellpottery.com)

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## ST. JOSEPH ISLAND COFFEE ROASTERS

Call it coffee with a conscience, this family-run business roasts fresh, organic coffee beans imported from 100% Fair Trade Certified growers. Owners Shane and Heather Hoffmann have their own roasting shack on-site, where they roast to order guaranteeing the freshness of every batch. Available through online order or at dozens of locations throughout Northern Ontario, St. Joseph Island coffee is grounds for a perfect gift!

[freshfaircoffee.com](http://freshfaircoffee.com)

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## BOREAL BIRCH SYRUP

Not as sweet as maple syrup, Boreal Birch Syrup has a wonderful birch flavour you'll love on pancakes, in your coffee and in your favourite desserts. Proudly produced in Thunder Bay, it can be found at the Thunder Bay Country Market and locations across Ontario.

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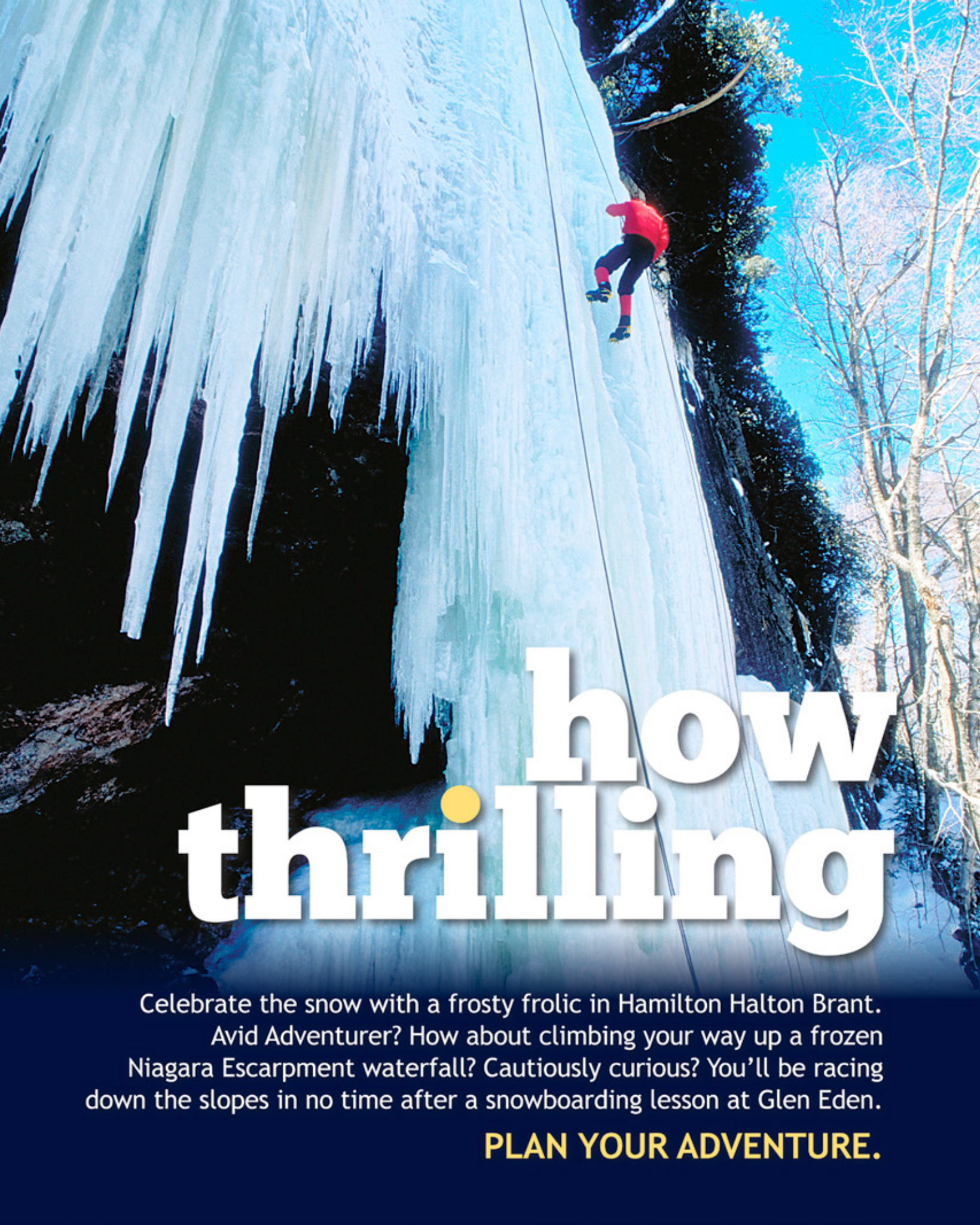


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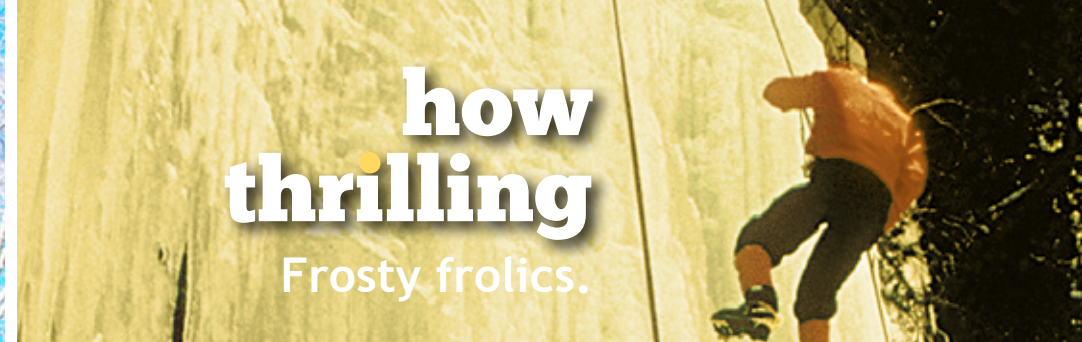


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Celebrate the snow with a frosty frolic in Hamilton Halton Brant.  
Avid Adventurer? How about climbing your way up a frozen  
Niagara Escarpment waterfall? Cautiously curious? You'll be racing  
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Escape winter's chill at Hamilton Halton Brant's museums and historic sites, where a diverse range of heritage programming celebrating Canadian war heroes, warriors, inventors, innovation and founding families is sure to warm your heart.

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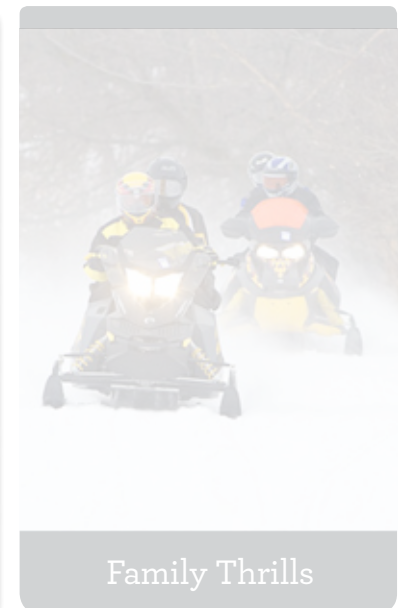
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A close-up photograph of two men in tuxedos, smiling and touching their foreheads. The man on the left has a shaved head and is wearing a blue and green patterned bow tie. The man on the right has dark hair and a beard, and is wearing a blue and white plaid bow tie. The background is plain white.

# DATE NIGHT IN THE CITY

By Betty Zyvatkauskas

Two-time winner of Ontario Tourism's award for best travel journalism, writer **Betty Zyvatkauskas** specializes in covering all things Ontario. After writing a decade's worth of travel columns for the *Globe and Mail* and two critically acclaimed Ontario guidebooks, she continues to enthusiastically explore the province's thriving cultural scene.



Take time for two. At your favourite bistro, the buzz is lively and the food is fabulous. Check out a jazz joint, a gallery opening, or just kick back with an indulgent spa treatment. A romantic hotel getaway makes the perfect urban escape.

#### SKATE AWAY

For snowy romance it's hard to beat Ottawa's Winterlude. Skate hand-in-hand down the 7.8 km (4.75 mi.) length of the frozen Rideau or take turns pushing each other in a rental sleigh. Warm up with a couple's retreat at Holtz spa for hot oil massages and an elegant lunch.

It's all fairytale finery at the venerable Fairmont Château Laurier with stately views of Parliament Hill and elegant afternoon tea. For a modern vibe, opt for the sophisticated Hotel Indigo. Either way you're not far from ByWard Market's high-end eateries.

[ottawatourism.ca](http://ottawatourism.ca)



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#### TASTE IT

Convenience is key. From the chic Thompson Toronto Hotel, a quick stroll lands you in the midst of King Street's restos, theatres and lounges. The hardest part is choosing: innovative sushi at Blowfish, charcuterie at Crush Wine Bar or hot and spicy at 309 Dhaba Indian Excellence?

Toronto foodies await the start of Winterlicious like sprinters await the starting pistol. Those who book early may be rewarded with a sky-high table at Canoe.

After dinner, take in some live jazz at The Rex, where many musical greats have made informal appearances on stage, or laugh it up at Second City.

[seetorontonow.com](http://seetorontonow.com)



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# TORONTO



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#### **LIGHT UP MY NIGHT**

Millions of lights twinkle in the frozen mist of the Niagara River Parkway. From the comfort of your hotel room overlooking the falls, take in the Ontario Power Generation Winter Festival of Lights and the spectacular nightly illuminations. Cut a few figure 8s on the riverside rink and enjoy Friday night fireworks.

Here the cold is cause for celebration: the frozen harvest of Icewine grapes heralds a festive round of tastings, festivals and gala events at the Niagara Icewine Festival. Who knew it could be so much fun to be outdoors in winter?

[tourismniagara.com](http://tourismniagara.com)





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## AROUND ONTARIO

Enjoy dinner and a show in the heart of London. Be the first to try Blu Duby Restaurant, one of London's newest additions. Check into the Elm Hurst Inn & Spa just a short drive from London and be pampered at their on-site Aveda Concept spa.

[elmhurstinn.com](http://elmhurstinn.com)

Chill out in a sauna. Thunder Bay shows its Finnish heritage at Kangas Sauna where the beloved Nordic pastime is a social night out. Book a hot and steamy 90-minute sauna session for two followed by lip-smacking borscht and homemade cake in the adjoining restaurant. Or take a short drive to the trendy Sovereign Room and try their duck confit poutine.

[thunderbay.ca](http://thunderbay.ca)

Snuggle up in front of your in-room fireplace at the historic Frontenac Club Inn in downtown Kingston. It's an easy walk to the Grand Theatre or Springer Market Square for outdoor skating in an historic setting.

[cityofkingston.ca](http://cityofkingston.ca)

Give Lady Luck a whirl. The Vegas vibe beckons at Caesars Windsor Hotel and Casino. From the high-stakes roulette tables to the big-name acts in the 5,000-seat Colosseum, this is where you'll make a glitzy getaway.

[caesarswindsor.com](http://caesarswindsor.com)



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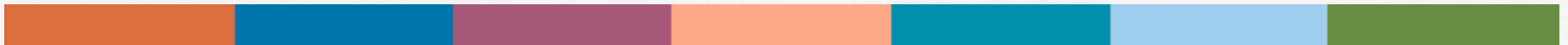
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# SNOW MUCH

By Jennifer Merrick

Each family is different, but we all need to shake up our routines sometimes. This year, let's make the most of winter!

**TAP EACH ITEM  
TO DISCOVER FUN**

SHARE  
YOUR  
FUN



**Jennifer Merrick** is a Toronto-based freelance writer who enjoys sharing her enthusiasm for travel with her family. After taking ski lessons with her kids two years ago, she's learned that a) the best way to get through winter is to get active outdoors, and b) kids pick up skiing much faster than adults. This year she plans to try cross-country at some of Ontario's conservation areas.





Photo: Jennifer Hart



Windy Lake Provincial Park. Photo: Ontario Parks

### **PUSH AND GLIDE**

Put your winter blahs on ice – enjoy an outdoor skate followed by hot chocolate. Lace up at Ottawa’s Rideau Canal, Toronto’s Nathan Phillips Square and Natrel® Rink at Harbourfront Centre, Sudbury’s Ramsay Lake Skate Path, Kingston’s Springer Market Square, London’s Storybook Gardens or Niagara Falls’ TD RINK at the Brink.

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### **GET COZY IN A YURT**

Try winter camping at Ontario parks – it’s now more accessible and comfortable than ever. Cross-country ski or toboggan the dunes at The Pinery on the shores of Lake Huron, then spend the night in one of the park’s 12 yurts. It’s one of several Ontario provincial parks including Algonquin, Killarney, MacGregor Point, Quetico and Silent Lake with roofed accommodation with bunks, heat and electricity available in the winter.

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# GO WITH THE SNOW



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Photo: Artists of the Ballet in *The Nutcracker*. Photo by Bruce Zinger, courtesy of The National Ballet of Canada.

### MAKE MEMORIES

Step into a Norman Rockwell scene of old-fashioned Christmas charm. Classic yuletide events like Upper Canada Village's *Alight at Night Festival* in Morrisburg, Black Creek Pioneer Village's *Christmas by Lamplight* in Toronto and Dundurn Castle's *Victorian Christmas* in Hamilton take families back in time with candlelight processions, carriage rides, toy trains, gingerbread and carollers.

[uppercanadavillage.com](http://uppercanadavillage.com)

[blackcreek.ca](http://blackcreek.ca)

[hamilton.ca/dundurn](http://hamilton.ca/dundurn)

### CELEBRATE TINSEL TIMES IN T.O.

From the fireworks and concerts of the Cavalcade of Lights to decorated storefronts and neighbourhood light displays, Toronto dazzles for the holidays. Browse specialty food and artisan products at the Distillery Historic District's Toronto Christmas Market while kids visit with Santa's reindeer, or enjoy some world-class theatre. National Ballet's *The Nutcracker* and Toronto Symphony Orchestra's *Handel's Messiah* are perennial favourites, while younger audiences will love Ross Petty's pantomime *The Little Mermaid* at the Elgin Theatre and *Disney on Ice: Princesses and Heroes* at the Rogers Centre.

[seetorontonow.com](http://seetorontonow.com)

### REVEL IN THE SEASON

Celebrate winter at snow festivals throughout the province. Ottawa's iconic Winterlude should be on everyone's list, but there are also a slew of others like Barrie's Winterfest, Waterloo's Winterloo, Sault Ste. Marie's Bon Soo Winter Carnival and Wiarton's Groundhog Day festivities.

[festivalsandeventsontario.ca](http://festivalsandeventsontario.ca)

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Photo: Great Wolf Lodge



#### MAKE A SPLASH

Stay inside with a 90,000 sq. m (100,000 sq. ft.) indoor water park (heated to 29°C), an interactive wizard quest and a kids' spa – all part of Great Wolf Lodge experience in Niagara. Fallsview Indoor Waterpark is also hugely popular with families, and offers great getaway packages and special offers year-round.

[greatwolf.com/niagara/waterpark](http://greatwolf.com/niagara/waterpark)

[fallsviewwaterpark.com](http://fallsviewwaterpark.com)

#### GET SMART

Make learning fun with mind snacks at Ontario museums, galleries and science centres. Check out the world's earliest inventions at the Royal Ontario Museum's *Mesopotamia* exhibit or let the kids tap into their creativity at Sudbury's Science North. Learn how to appreciate art on the Art Gallery of Hamilton's Family-Time Mini-Tours, and watch your kids create their own masterpieces on Family Fun Days.

[rom.on.ca](http://rom.on.ca)

[sciencenorth.ca](http://sciencenorth.ca)

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Make time this winter to head out for an invigorating adventure and enjoy the peace of the great outdoors!  
Here are five great reasons to explore Ontario Parks this winter!

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With equipment rentals and more than 450 km of groomed and track-set cross-country ski and snowshoe trails, you'll be in a snowy paradise.

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From New Year's Eve coyote howls to skating parties and yurt sleepovers – you'll find ways of creating new memories with family and friends! Be sure to share your traditions with us.

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# BRING ON WINTER

When the thermometer plummets, Ontarians are ready.  
Bring on the adventure!

By James Smedley

Professional photographer and writer **James Smedley** has earned over 40 National and International awards, contributing more than 400 written pieces and close to 1,000 images to U.S. and Canadian books, magazines and newspapers. In addition to teaching photography workshops, James is Travel Editor at *Ontario OUT OF DOORS* Magazine.





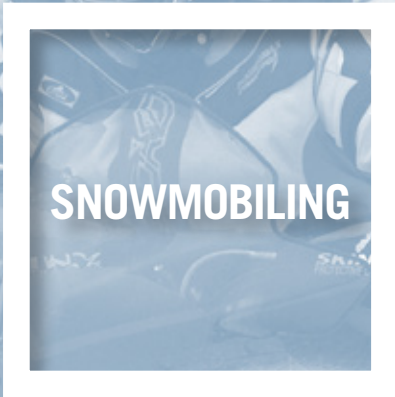
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### Hit the ice

Get together over a hole in the ice – it's a time-honoured practice for fishing buddies. But when the hole is surrounded by a heated ice bungalow that sleeps six, catching Lake Nipissing's walleye, pike, perch and herring becomes a bonding trip accompanied by card games and cocktails.

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### Hang on!

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### Take on a new challenge

Equipped with crampons, carabiners, climbing ropes and anchors, get ready for spider-like adventure. Learn to safely navigate an ice wall and get an eye-opening new perspective.

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A close-up, blue-tinted photograph of ice fishing equipment, including a fishing line and a hook, set against a snowy background.

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A close-up, blue-tinted photograph of a white dog's face, looking directly at the camera.

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A blue-tinted photograph of a man wearing a helmet and ice climbing gear, smiling.

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A solid red square with a white border.

**SNOWMOBILING**

A blue-tinted photograph of hands wearing snowshoes, walking on snow.

**SNOWSHOEING**

A blue-tinted photograph of a person's face, smiling, with ski gear visible.

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### Try sledding in the extreme!

Not a lot of snowmobilers have ridden the sea ice of James Bay but with Extreme Tours you will ride groomed Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club (OFSC) trails north of Cochrane, undisturbed power line corridors and the ice of frozen northern rivers on your way to Moosonee, Moose Factory and the James Bay coast. The guides, the food and remote cabin accommodation are all part of this unique three-day northern experience.

[extremetourscochrane.net](http://extremetourscochrane.net)

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A close-up of ice fishing equipment, including a line and lure, set against a snowy background.

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A close-up of a white dog's face, looking directly at the camera.

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A close-up of a smiling man wearing a white helmet and ice climbing gear.

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A person in a snowmobile suit and helmet, holding a snowmobile handlebar.

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A solid red background with a white border.

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A close-up of a smiling woman wearing a winter hat and goggles.

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### **Make tracks**

Head to the top of King Mountain, follow a meandering creek valley or break trail through virgin powder. Saunas and socializing precede dinner in the cedar-clad main lodge, and after an afternoon of traipsing 20 km (12.5 mi.) of marked snowshoe trails, consumption of Stokely's sumptuous meals is a guilt-free indulgence.

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Go snowshoeing and get off the beaten path. More than 100 conservation areas in Ontario let families crunch their way through a shimmering winter landscape. Several even offer rentals, including Crawford Lake in Halton, Little Cataraqui Creek in Kingston, and Ball's Falls in Jordan.

[conservation-ontario.on.ca](http://conservation-ontario.on.ca)

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#### **For ski enthusiasts**

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Learn to ski – it's never too late! Book a package at a ski resort that caters to novices. Many resorts including Blue Mountain in Collingwood and Horseshoe Resort in Barrie offer packages geared specifically to newbies that include rentals, lift tickets and lessons. Kids in grades 4 and 5 receive free lift tickets all across Ontario with the SnowPass™ program.

[skiontario.ca](http://skiontario.ca)

[horseshoeresort.com](http://horseshoeresort.com)

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By Carli Whitwell

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## FAVOURITE SKI HILL

### BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORTS

"We were always doing something outside," Cheryl says of the winters of her youth. One of her most beloved pastimes was cross-country skiing with her family. An intrepid Cheryl, along with her parents and siblings, would take off into the bush, forging their own trails along the way. "Then, when I got a little bit older my friends and I would go to Blue Mountain ... for me and for where we are, it's one of the best places to ski."

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## FAVOURITE OUTDOOR ATTRACTION

### HARRISON PARK

This public park connects to the Bruce Trail and boasts campgrounds, playgrounds and gorgeous ski trails. But Cheryl's happiest times here are lacing up her skates and hitting the ice for a winter skate, a pastime that remains popular in Owen Sound to this day.

[owensound.ca/play/harrison-park](https://owensound.ca/play/harrison-park)



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## FAVOURITE BODY OF WATER

### SAUBLE BEACH

Cheryl spent her teenage years whiling away the sun-kissed days at Sauble Beach (in the town of South Bruce Peninsula), which is located northwest of Owen Sound on Lake Huron. "In the summer everyone would pile in cars and head to Sauble Beach and someone would bring a generator and we would have a party in the dunes. We would have a big campfire and we would just have a big party," she recalls. Come winter, the party doesn't stop. Among its many attractions, the town boasts a network of cross-country ski trails, which can be accessed through the Sauble Beach Cross Country Ski Club, as well as ice fishing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing. It also holds an annual Winterfest festival each January.

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## FAVOURITE CANDY STORE

### ALLAN'S MERCANTILE

As kids, Cheryl and her siblings indulged their sweet tooth, with the store's assortment of penny candy. "That was one of my favourite memories." Today, it remains a Shallow Lake staple, with a bait shop, post office and yes, those delicious penny candies.

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## FAVOURITE TOURIST ATTRACTION

### BILLY BISHOP HOME & MUSEUM

Owen Sound may be a winter wonderland, but there is plenty to do indoors as well. One of Cheryl's favourite attractions is the Billy Bishop Home & Museum, dedicated to the flying ace, who was born in Owen Sound in 1894. In fact, she may have an even deeper connection to the famous World War I pilot. "My dad told me a while ago, somewhere down the line we're all related so I'm going to have to look into that."

[billybishop.org](http://billybishop.org)



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## FAVOURITE LANDMARK

### SHALLOW LAKE WAYSIDE CHAPEL

Blink and you may miss this local landmark on Highway 6 just southeast of Shallow Lake. The tiny chapel fits only a handful of people, but is big on charm. "People from all over would stop ... and occasionally [you would] see people getting married there," says Cheryl.

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FAVOURITE PLACE FOR DRINKS WITH THE GIRLS

## ONE RESTAURANT

Celebrity chef Mark McEwan's restaurant in the Hazelton Hotel has long topped Cheryl's list as a favourite place to meet friends for a girls' night out. This trendy and tasty spot is an ideal sojourn for sipping, sampling and stargazing. It's located in Yorkville, one of her favourite neighbourhoods in the city. "It's this little village and for me, coming from a really small town, [I liked that]," she says.

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## FAVOURITE SHOPPING

### BLOOR STREET

As a red carpet regular, Cheryl must always dress to impress. But when she's off the clock, she's equally as camera-ready thanks to her go-to Bloor Street retail haunts – luxury department store Holt Renfrew and budget-friendly boutique H&M. "I'm a big believer you can find some of the greatest little finds ... and pair it with something expensive and you have a fantastic look," she says.

[bloor-yorkville.com](http://bloor-yorkville.com)



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## FAVOURITE PLACE TO GET PAMPERED

### STILLWATER SPA, PARK HYATT TORONTO

There's a reason why this spa in Yorkville landmark the Park Hyatt Toronto is celebrity central. "I haven't been able to find anyone who beats [them]," says Cheryl. "However, I am open to trying any and all spas when I get some time!" Winter is the perfect time to indulge in their mélange of expert treatments, from the red carpet rescue wrap to a relaxing Swedish massage. "[I love] all of them," she adds. "Everything; I'm not kidding."

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## FAVOURITE DATE NIGHT SPOT

### TRINITY TAVERNA

With two young kids, date nights can be few and far in between. So when Cheryl and husband Kevin do get a chance to go out, they love finding hidden new spots to call their own. Their latest is Trinity Taverna in the Beach neighbourhood. "I stumbled upon it with my son ... I loved it so much I took my husband there on our first date night [since having daughter, Nyla] and it was like we were on vacation. It was so wonderful. The food was so fresh."

[trinitytaverna.com](http://trinitytaverna.com)



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FAVOURITE FAMILY SHOPPING DAY

## SHOPS AT DON MILLS

This uptown outdoor shopping centre is like Disney World for any time-strapped mom. With endless stores, salons and family-friendly restaurants, it's both parent- and kid-friendly. Cheryl's advice? "Do it on a Sunday and it's fantastic ... I put my son on the boogie board in the stroller and my little one in my bassinet and we just walk around," she says. "They have all these little fantastic restaurants and coffee shops. You can get your nails done; you can do some shopping; you get your hair done. You can do it all."

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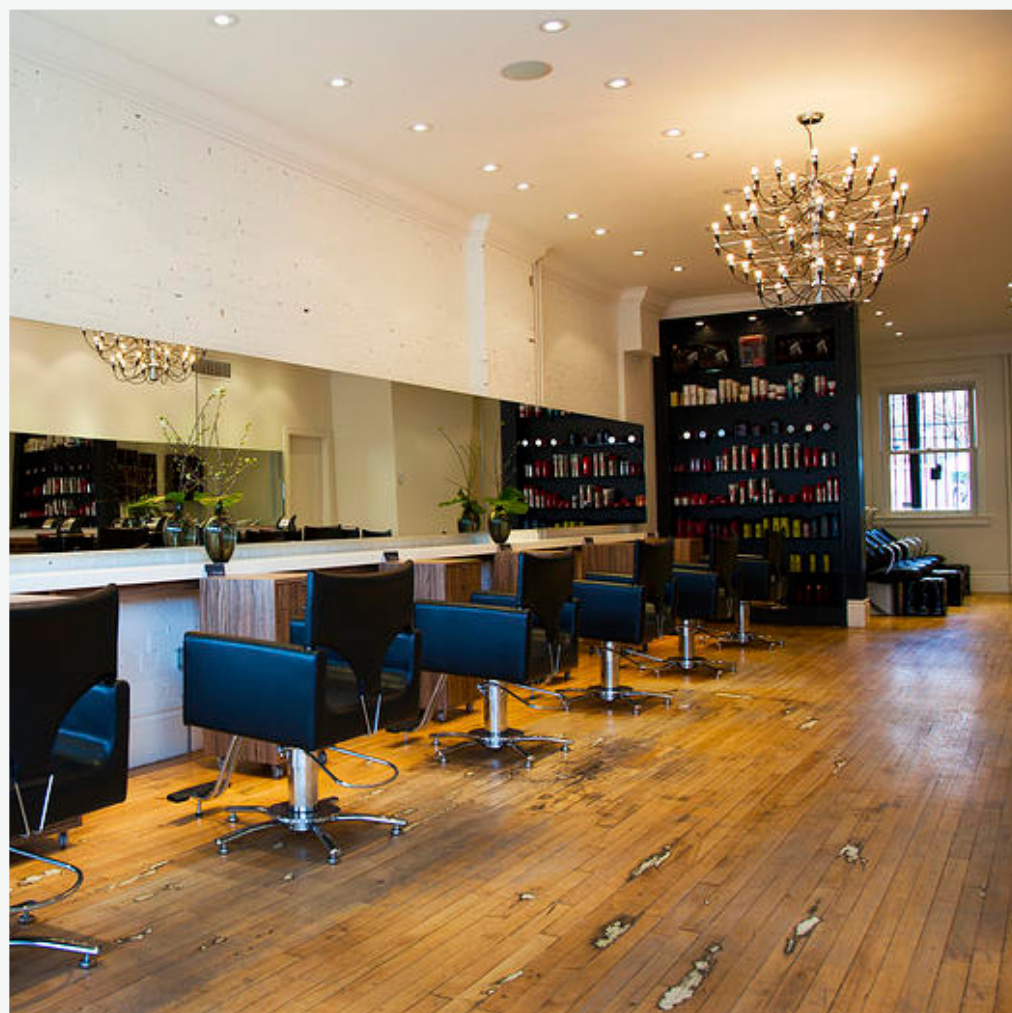
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FAVOURITE HAIR SALON

## BOB AND PAIGE SALON

"Hair's intimate," says the blonde beauty. And there's no stylist she feels closer to than Frank Calandrino from Bob and Paige Salon in Toronto's GreekTown. "He just gives me new ideas ... he's fantastic."

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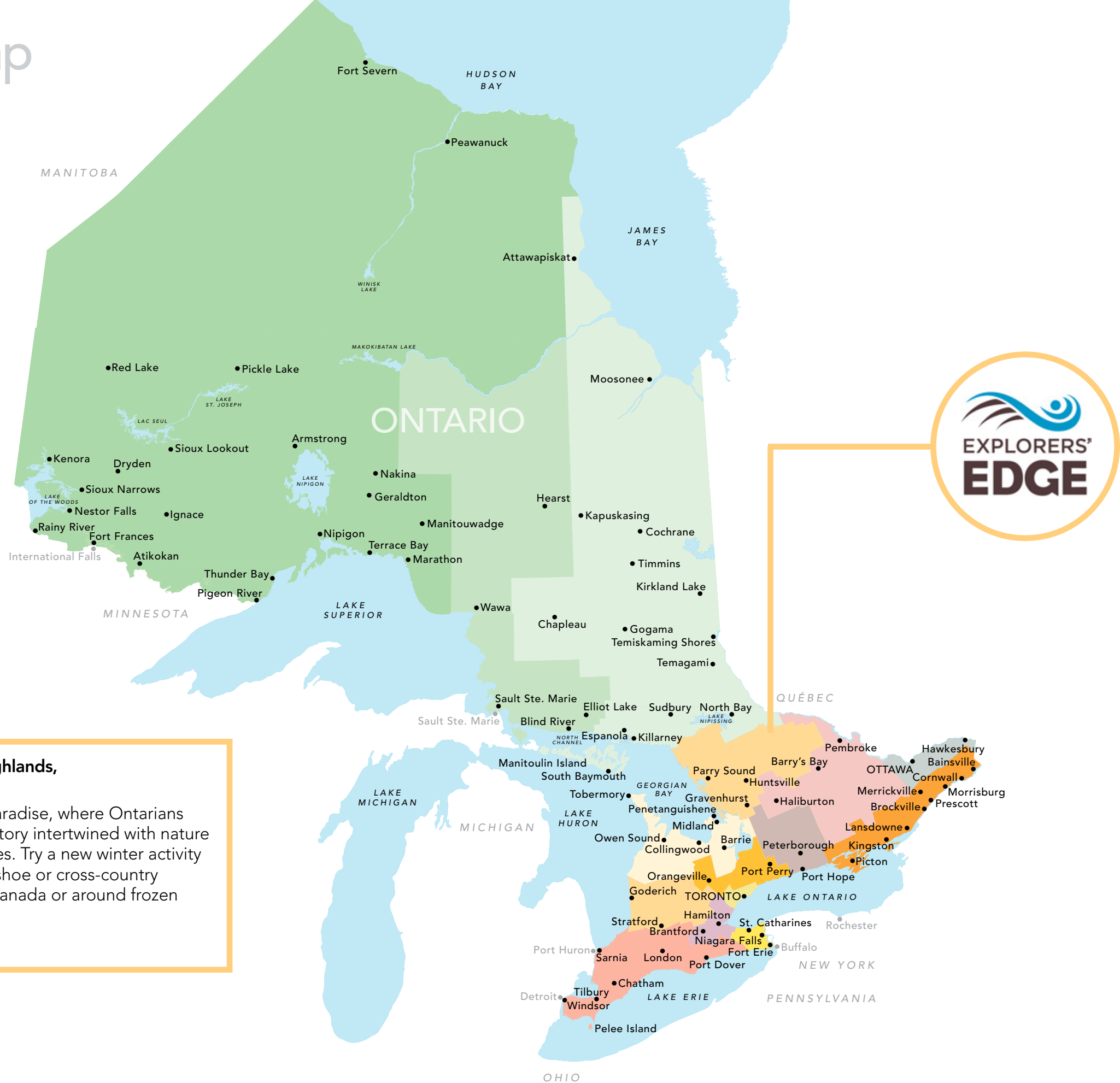


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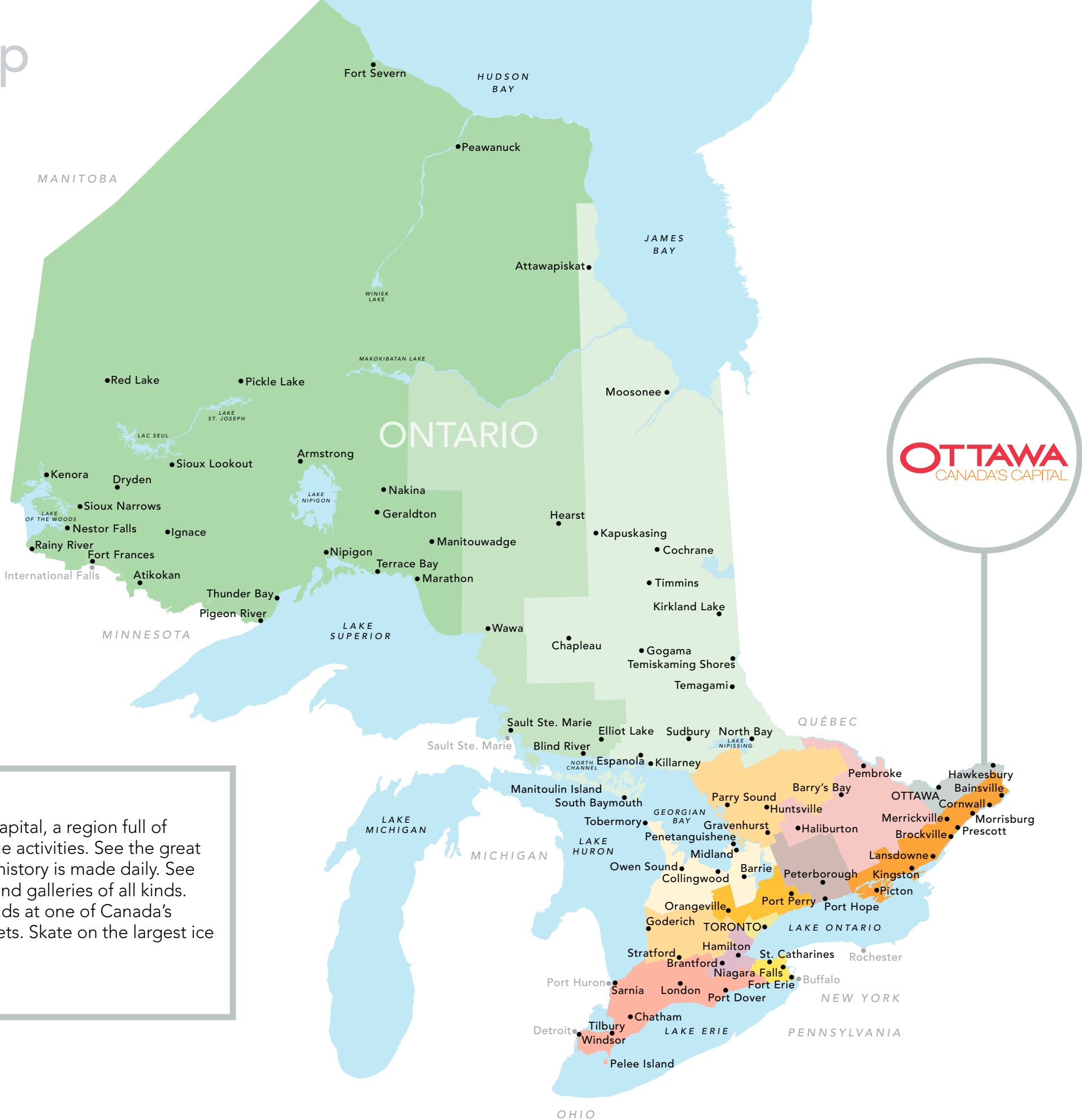
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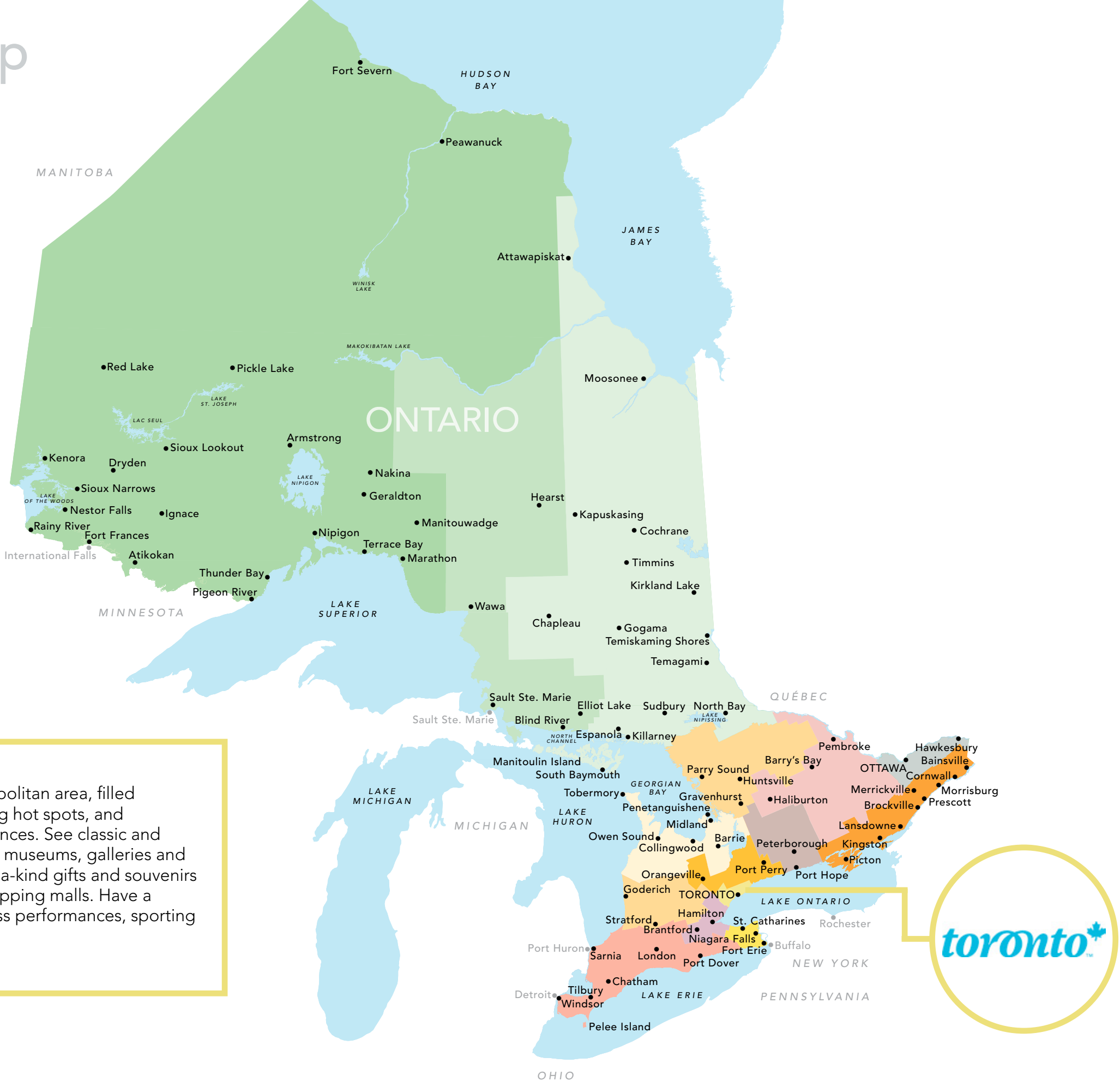
## Kawarthas and Northumberland

Experience it all in this scenic region. Enjoy traditional craftsmanship in Aboriginal centres and museums. Enjoy live performances in theatres and arts centres. Watch for wildlife tracks when you snowshoe along quiet trails. Curl up in front of the fire after a long day playing outside at a resort.

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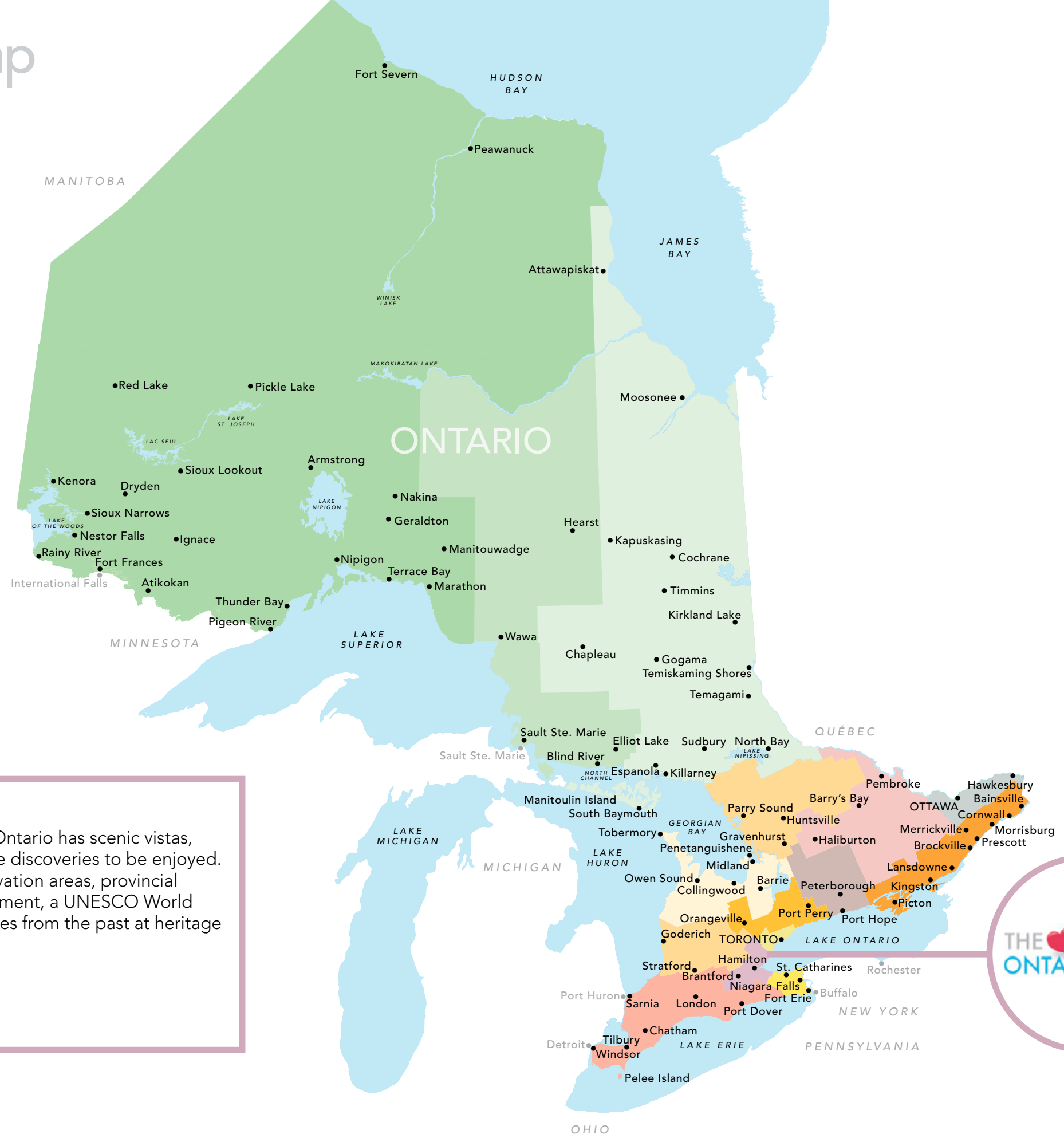
The falls are just the beginning when it comes to this diverse region. Skate near the falls or see them illuminated with brilliant colours. Have a ball at wild and wacky attractions on Clifton Hill. Visit historic battlefields and charming small towns. Sample local cuisine and sip fine vintages on winery tours. Enjoy welcoming stays in cozy inns and B&Bs.

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