



Fashionable restaurants and chic nightlife abound.

Kensington Market — where foods from all over the world can be bought in a European setting — shows that Toronto comes honestly by the description "cultural mosaic."

There is more to Toronto, however, than ethnic diversity. One of the city's most exciting dining and shopping spots is in the Bloor/Yorkville streets area, known for its high-fashion boutiques, movie theatres and fashionable restaurants. Yorkville, a hangout for hippies in the 1960s, is now a focal point for antique and art dealers, designer clothing, trendy bistros and chic nightlife.

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centre for conventions, owing to the excellent facilities the city provides. In fact, in 1988, Toronto hosted the 14th annual Economic Summit of major industrialized nations held at the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre.

A Cultural Mosaic

Those familiar with the city in the 1950s will find it greatly changed today. Of the essentially English provincial city there remain few traces. The most notable demographic change in Toronto has been the increase in non-European immigrants. In 1987, the number of people of British origin in Toronto stood at 28 per cent, and of Italian origin, 12 per cent (the largest settlement outside Italy). These two biggest groups are followed by large Scottish, Irish, Jewish, Chinese, Portuguese, Greek, Caribbean, French, Indo-Pakistani, Ukrainian and Polish communities.

During the late 1980s, Toronto's sizeable increase in immigrants clearly established the city as one of the most racially and culturally varied in the world.

Among the noticeable effects of this increased immigration is the *mélange* of languages heard in the streets, on radio and on television. Today, Toronto's rich multicultural composition is reflected in the performing arts as well as in ethnic newspapers and magazines.

In addition, numerous ethnic shops and grocery stores and a great variety of excellent ethnic restaurants line the city streets. The famed

A pre-eminent centre of commerce and industry with a striking architectural landscape.

