



Toronto: renowned for the beauty of its urban design, the dynamism of its central core, and the civility of its neighbourhoods.

From the observation deck of Toronto's landmark CN Tower, the world's tallest free-standing structure at 553 m, the contemporary city stretches to the north, east and west horizons, covering 5 600 km². To the south it is bordered by beautiful Lake Ontario. Toronto's physical features include a natural harbour sheltered by sandy islands, backed by gently rolling, well-watered, fertile country.

For those who may think of Canada as a frozen year-round wilderness, the truth is that Toronto shares the same latitude as Barcelona and Rome, and is south of London and Paris. The summer climate is most pleasant with average August daytime temperatures ranging from 24° to 27°C with little rain.

Canada's Business Capital

Toronto dominates Canada's economy. Business in Toronto and surrounding areas produces one-quarter of Canada's gross national product and one-half of Canada's total exports. The heart of Canadian manufacturing, communications, culture, fashion, construction and retail industries, the city is also Canada's "high tech" headquarters.

Toronto has blossomed — particularly over the past two decades — into a confident, attractive city.

Home to the seventh-largest stock exchange in the world, Toronto has emerged as the "head office" location for more than half of Canada's financial institutions, insurance and real estate companies, multinational corporations and publishing houses. It is also Canada's principal

It is also the capital of Ontario, the country's most populous and prosperous province.

Today, Toronto is the pre-eminent centre of commerce and industry in Canada. Visitors invariably remark on the thriving architectural culture that is everywhere in evidence here, whether in the dazzling downtown sculpture garden of gleaming towers or the carefully maintained or restored residential areas.

Designed by noted Canadian architect Arthur Erikson, Roy Thomson Hall regularly hosts classical, jazz and pop concerts.

