

English Canada's Cultural Centre

In recent times, culture and entertainment have flourished in Toronto. The era has produced new radio and television stations, a burgeoning film and video industry, more than two dozen professional theatres and an increase in the number of private art galleries and merchants specializing in some aspect of service to the various cultural industries.

Toronto shares the same latitude as Barcelona and Rome, and is south of London and Paris.

Toronto is also the centre for English Canadian media. Home to the CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation), the city is also headquarters for national newspaper



chains such as Southam Inc. and Thompson Newspapers. The latter's *Toronto Globe and Mail* is considered Canada's most respected English-language daily newspaper and maintains regional editions across the country.

Undoubtedly, Toronto is the main urban cultural focus of English Canada. It is home of the largest Canadian post-secondary institution — the University of Toronto — and the more recently formed York University and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

The Toronto Symphony and the National Ballet of Canada, which are two of the country's most eminent artistic groups, the numerous museums, the innovative Ontario Science Centre and the world-renowned Royal Ontario Museum, all make Toronto an important cultural centre.

Easy Access

No matter where you are starting from, or how you intend to get there, Toronto is easily accessible. The city is served by 68 airlines from more than 300 locations in 60 countries. And Ontario's superb rail and highway networks make Toronto easy to reach by car, bus and train from all points in North America.

Because the city is already a major tourist and convention centre, Toronto and its surrounding areas are well equipped to accommodate thousands of visitors. More than 60 000 beds in first-rate, air-conditioned facilities are available in Metropolitan Toronto. And within easy commuting distance, another 50 000 visitors can be accommodated.

The city is served by an extensive transportation infrastructure: safe, clean and efficient.

Vibrant Metropolis

A downtown that is lived in day and night — filled not only with offices and shops, but with restaurants, hotels, theatres, galleries, and residences — gives Toronto incredible vitality. At any hour there is life and activity. And because its neighbourhoods are so different from one another, each with its own character and style, Toronto has an ambience of warmth and charm that makes it unique.

But by international standards, Toronto is still quite a young metropolis. It is, nevertheless, growing into a legitimate cosmopolitan centre, and more and more, people the world over are realizing all that the city has to offer. 🍁