



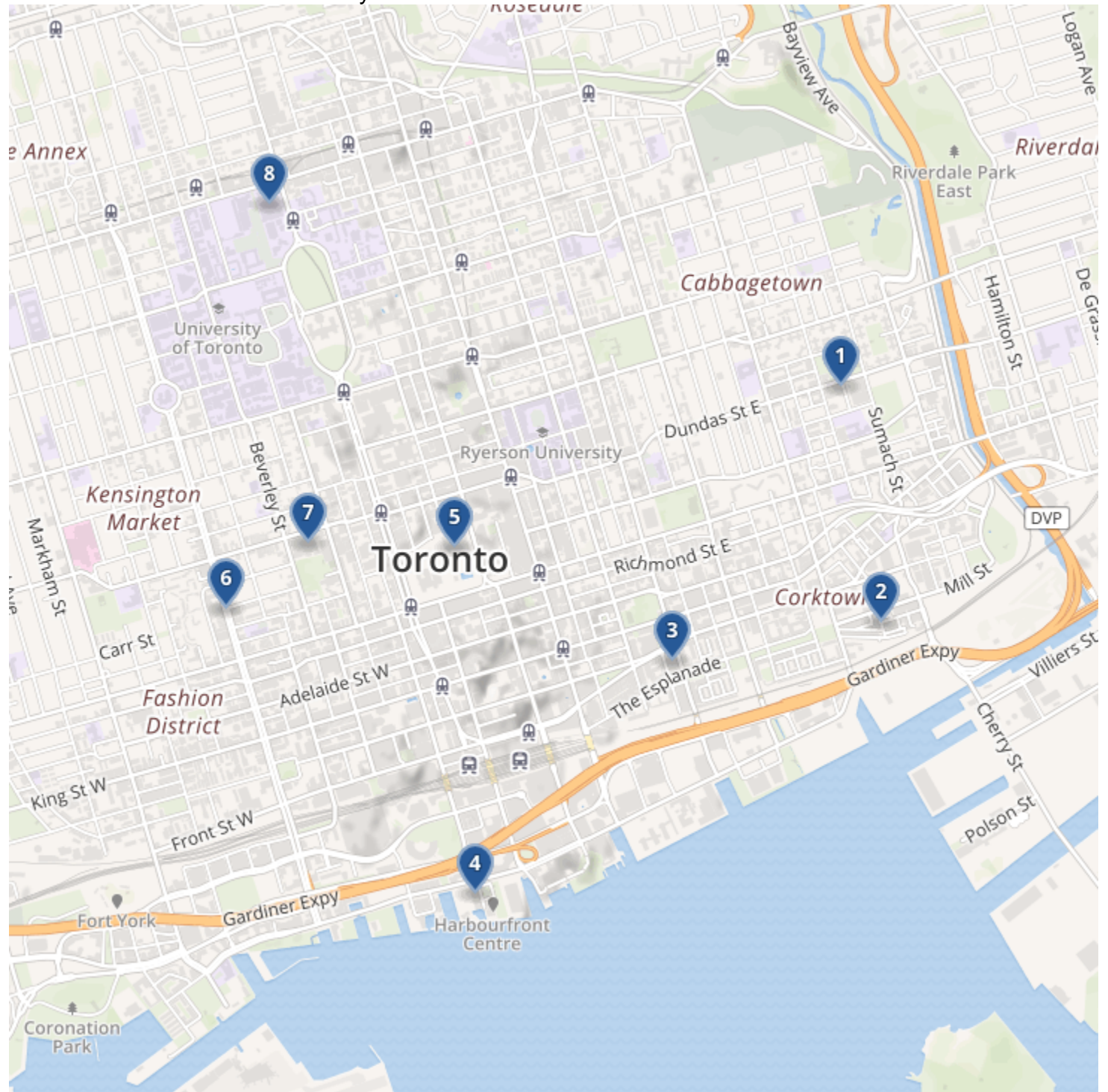
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Toronto

Highlights of Downtown Toronto Walking Tour

Day 1

- 1 10:00 Daniels Spectrum & Regent Park**
- 2 11:10 Distillery District**
Toronto's most popular entertainment precinct featuring Victorian-era architecture
- 3 12:20 St. Lawrence Market**
Home to food and craft specialty stalls, as well as weekend produce and antique markets
- 4 13:35 Harbourfront Centre**
The non-profit cultural organization hosts 4,000 cultural events each year
- 5 14:40 Nathan Phillips Square**
- 6 15:10 Chinatown**
A great place to find unique culinary dishes and trinkets from the orient
- 7 16:20 Art Gallery of Ontario**
One of the largest art galleries in N.America, home to the largest collection of Canadian art
- 8 17:45 Royal Ontario Museum**
One of the world's finest museums and home to six million items



10:00 Daniels Spectrum & Regent Park

Visit Duration: 45 mins

Address: 585 Dundas St E, Toronto, ON M5A 2B7, Canada

Notes: Daniels Spectrum is a community cultural hub in Toronto's Regent Park neighbourhood. It opened to the public in September 2012. "Rooted in Regent Park, Open to the World," Daniels Spectrum is home to many outstanding arts-based and community-focused organizations. Its event, performance and exhibition spaces include Ada Slaight Hall, the Artscape Lounge on the main floor, a network of hallway galleries and the MDC Partners Courtyard. Each year, Daniels Spectrum hosts tens of thousands of visitors and hundreds of arts and cultural events.

11:10 Distillery District



Visit Duration: 1 hour

1.3 KM, 26 minutes by transit from Daniels Spectrum & Regent Park

Toronto's Distillery Historic District is spread out over 13 acres, comprising 40 heritage buildings and 10 streets. This precinct is an excellent example of historical preservation combined with contemporary entertainment options. While it is known to hold the biggest collection of Victorian era industrial architecture in North America, the Distillery District is also home to performance venues, artisan shops, award-winning eateries and art galleries. This pedestrian-only area is considered one of the country's hottest tourist attractions and is even more popular due to its short walk from downtown Toronto.

The heart of the district is the Gooderham and Worts Distillery founded in 1832 and once one of the largest in the world. The district began a downward spiral to dereliction from the late 20th century, and it was not until the 1990s when the potential was seen to create development and investment projects in an area rich with pristine Victorian-era architectural structures.

Work began on the site in 2001, and two years later, the area was opened to the public. Due to the owners, Cityscape Holdings' refusal to lease any of the retail space to big franchises or brand chains, the Distillery District has managed to maintain an ambiance of intimacy, with small boutiques, art galleries and coffee houses dotting the space. A number of original buildings have leased studio space to artists.

Today, Toronto's Distillery Historic District is considered a National Historic Site and is one of the city's most popular entertainment destinations.

Every year, the Toronto Christmas Market is held in the Distillery District and is ranked as one of the best Christmas markets in the world.



Address: 10 Trinity Street, Toronto, ON M5A 3C4, Canada
Phone Number: 416 367-1800
Web: <http://www.thedistillerydistrict.com>
Transportation: Subway: King, then a streetcar E to Parliament St

12:20 St. Lawrence Market



Visit Duration: 1 hour

1.0 KM, 9 minutes by transit from Distillery District

A major public attraction in Toronto is St. Lawrence Market, situated in the city's Old Town district. Since 1803, a public market has been held at his venue, with several buildings added to house the expanding offerings. Today, St. Lawrence Market comprises of three main buildings, namely St. Lawrence Hall, the South Market and the North Market.

Lt. Governor Peter Hunter proclaimed that the area would be known as Market Block in 1803. Over the years, wooden and brick buildings were added, with the Great Fire of Toronto destroying part of the area in 1857.

Built in 1850, St. Lawrence Hall is home to retail businesses which operate on the ground floor, while City offices take up the second floor. In 1967, the third floor was restored as part of the city's Centennial project, and the Great Hall can be rented out for special events.

The North Market hosts the Saturday Farmers' Market – an event that has been held since the beginning of the 1800s – where Southern Ontario producers bring their products it the city. Antique dealers fill the building and its plaza on Sundays, with around 80 vendors displaying their items from early morning. The South Market's lower and main levels host 120 specialty vendors, and visitors come from far and wide to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables and baked wares. Non-food items are also sold. The Market Gallery his housed on the second floor and is an expo space for the city's Cultural Services.

It is worth checking the Market's event schedule to see which unique happenings are coming up.



Address: 92- 95 Front St East Toronto, Ontario, M5E 1C3

Phone Number: 416 392-7120

Admission: Free Admission

Opening Hours: Tue, Wed, Thu: 8am-6pm, Fri: 8am-7pm, Sat: 5am-5pm. Closed Sundays and Mondays.

Web: <http://www.stlawrencemarket.com/>

13:35 Harbourfront Centre



Visit Duration: 1 hour

1.6 KM, 17 minutes by transit from St. Lawrence Market

Located on Toronto's Queen's Quay West, Harbourfront Centre is an important non-profit cultural organization which hosts over 4,000 events each year. A staggering 12 million people attend cultural programs annually, ranging from theatre to literature, film, craft, literature and music. Harbourfront Centre's mission is to nurture the growth of cultural expression and to provide a dynamic and accessible environment for the public to experience this culture.

Harbourfront Centre takes up a 10 acre site and partners with up to 450 community and culture groups each year. There is a strong community spirit involved in the operation of the Harbourfront Centre. It is governed by a 26-person volunteer Board of Directors and around 2,000 volunteers generously give of their time to help in its everyday running. The centre hosts tens of thousands of visiting school children each year.

Harbourfront Centre comprises a number of buildings and venues, including the 420 seat theatre, the Fleck Dance Theatre and the Visual Arts exhibition space.

No matter what the season, visitors will find an eclectic selection of events happening on an almost daily basis – both indoor and out. Some of the more popular events include Authors at Harbourfront Centre which takes place from September to June, the International Festival of Authors in October, the dance schedule of NextSteps from September to June, the free multidisciplinary Summer Festivals series from May to October and World Stage from February to May, when more emphasis is put on theatrical disciplines.

Check out the Harbourfront Centre's schedule before visiting to see which shows or exhibits are on.



Address: 235 Queens Quay West, Toronto, ON M5J 2G8, Canada

Phone Number: 416 973-4000

Admission: Free (theatre and exhibitions cost extra)

Opening Hours: Park daily all day (restaurant, museum and shop hours vary)

Web: <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com>

Transportation: Subway: Union, then LRT to Queen's Quay or York Quay

14:40 Nathan Phillips Square

Visit Duration: 30 mins

1.8 KM, 3 minutes by transit from Harbourfront Centre

Address: 100 Queen St W, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, Canada

Notes: Nathan Phillips Square is an urban plaza in Toronto, Canada. It forms the forecourt to Toronto City Hall, or New City Hall, at the intersection of Queen Street West and Bay Street, and is named for Nathan Phillips, mayor of Toronto from 1955 to 1962.[3] The square was designed by the City Hall's architect Viljo Revell and opened in 1965. The square is the site of concerts, art displays, a weekly farmers' market, the winter festival of lights, and other public events, including demonstrations.

15:10 Chinatown



Visit Duration: 1 hour

1.4 KM, 2 minutes by transit from Nathan Phillips Square

Your visit to Toronto is not complete without heading down to Chinatown, located just west of the city centre. While there are another six Chinatowns in the Toronto area, the Chinatown located between Dundas Street West and Spadina Avenue, along with East Chinatown, has grown into one of the largest North American Chinatowns.

Just 100 years ago, Toronto's 'Chinatown' consisted of Sam Ching, the only Chinese resident in the area. Ching ran a hand laundry. Today, there are over 100,000 residents who have brought with them the colourful Chinese culture.

Toronto's Chinatown offers a taste of Chinese culture with shops and restaurants where visitors are spoiled for choice. You can join a tour or simply wander around, while you check out the Chinese herbs and remedies, budget hotels, jade trees, fresh fish, Chinese bric-a-brac, and more. Although Chinatown is always bustling, the weekends are especially exciting with Chinese music playing from the shops as you buy your groceries, gifts, and other trinkets. When Chinese holidays come around, visitors to Chinatown can simply join in the festivities for free as traditional costume and dance are seen in the streets. You can spend a few hours or the whole day in Toronto's Chinatown. The large number of restaurants offer you a range of Chinese delicacies that will keep your taste buds wanting more. If you wish to stay overnight, there is plenty of budget accommodation that is clean, comfortable, and comes with excellent service.

There is always something going on in Chinatown. Whether it is a quieter day giving you the opportunity to browse the vendor's wares, check out your fortune cookie predictions, or a busier day full of festivities and fun, there is always something for everyone in Chinatown.



Address: Chinatown, Toronto, ON M5T, Canada

Web: <http://toronto-chinatown.info/>

16:20 Art Gallery of Ontario



Visit Duration: 1 hour

0.7 KM, 10 minutes walking from Chinatown

The Art Gallery of Ontario, known as the AGO, has over 90,000 works of art from modern contemporary artists to classic traditional artists. Both architecturally and aesthetically pleasing to the eye, the AGO prides itself in providing an extraordinary experience for the whole family. Collections include historic treasures from Canada's past, medieval masterpieces from Claude Monet and Vincent Van Gogh and contemporary works by famous Canadian artists.

The AGO houses a wide selection of over 40,000 photographs that depict the emergence of social and cultural changes from 1850s to 1940s by British, French, Canadian and American photographers. Famous British sculptor Henry Moore has his internationally known works on display here. European and Canadian objects of note and ship models are on display from the Napoleonic era to the 19th century.

The AGO has an eclectic range of collections that explore the artists behind the paintings and other works. Innovative and informative gallery tours offer a wide range of topics that touch on culture and society connections. Art courses, lectures and other events help connect visitors with local artists, curators and art historians. The Weston Family Learning Centre at the AGO is open for children and adults to discover art for themselves. The galleries come "alive" with the hands-on activities for children of all ages. The AGO has something for the artist within us all.



Address: OCAD University, 317 Dundas Street West, Toronto, ON M5T 1G4, Canada

Phone Number: 416 977-0414

Admission: C\$19.50 adults, C\$16 seniors, C\$11 students (w/ID) & children 6-17, free for children 5 & under; free admission Wed 6-8:30pm

Opening Hours: Tue and Thu: 10:30am-5pm, Wed and Fri: 10:30am-9pm, Sat and Sun: 10:30am-5:30pm, closed on Mon

Web: <http://www.ago.net>

Neighborhood: Between McCaul and Beverley sts

Transportation: Subway: St. Patrick

17:45 Royal Ontario Museum



Visit Duration: 1 hour, 30 mins

1.8 KM, 24 minutes by transit from Art Gallery of Ontario

Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) ranks among the finest museums of natural history and world cultures in the world. Situated in the University of Toronto district, the museum attracts over 1 million visitors each year. It is home to six million items, with collections displayed in 40 galleries. Visitors can view notable artifacts spanning cultures, centuries and disciplines. Visitors are greeted with one of the museum's architectural treasures, the Rotunda, which is a mosaic dome adorned with patterns and symbols and made from Venetian glass. They then make their way to the many exhibition spaces across five floors, each one showcasing items of interest.

The Roloff Beny Gallery hosts exhibitions presented by the Institute for Contemporary Culture, while the JF Driscoll Stair of Wonders houses some of the museum's most unusual collections. The Herman Herzog Levy Gallery holds exhibitions on East Asia, while the Garfield Exhibition Hall is Canada's largest gallery for temporary exhibitions. Noteworthy exhibitions include the largest collection of Burgess Shale area fossils, minerals and meteorites and items in Canadian history. The design and arts exhibitions are very popular and boast clothing and product design from all ages.

The Royal Ontario Museum was established in 1912 and opened two years later. It became an independent institution in 1968 and today is considered the country's largest field-research institution. In 2007, after years of renovation, the Michael Lee-Chin Crystal was opened to the public – one of the museum's most challenging projects featuring five interlocking structures.

Pay a visit to Druxy's ROM Café, a cafeteria-style restaurant for diverse, fresh and affordable meals.



Address: 100 Queens Park, Toronto, ON M5S 1W2, Canada

Phone Number: 416 586-8000

Admission: \$16 adults, \$15 students and seniors over 65, \$13 children 4–14, free children 3 and under; additional charge for special exhibits; discounted admission Fri 4:30–8:30pm

Opening Hours: Daily 10:00am–5:30pm (Fri till 8:30pm); closed Dec 25

Web: <http://www.rom.on.ca>

Neighborhood: Southeast corner of Avenue Road and Bloor Street

Transportation: Subway: Museum

My Personal Places

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585 Dundas St E, Toronto, ON M5A 2B7, Canada

2  **Nathan Phillips Square**
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