

Toronto





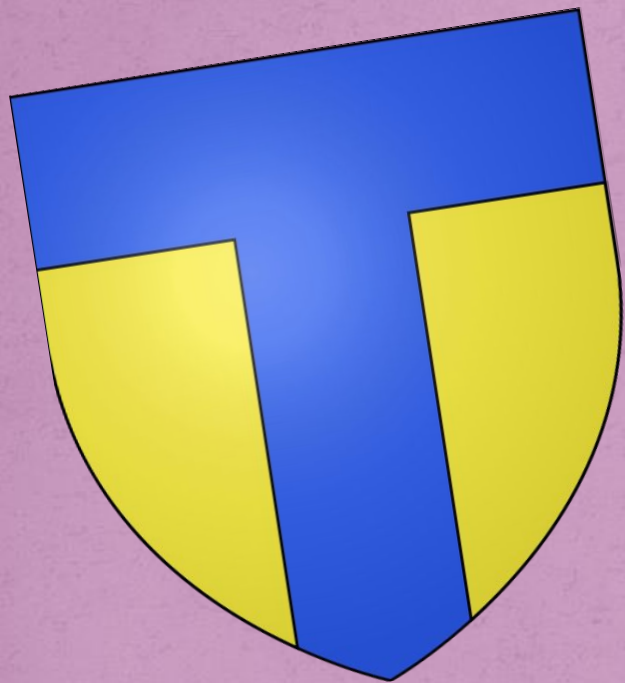
Toronto is the provincial capital of Ontario, and the largest city in Canada. It is located in Southern Ontario on the northwestern shore of Lake Ontario. As Canada's economic capital, Toronto is considered an alpha world city by the Globalization and World Cities study group and is one of the top financial centres in the world.

The Toronto's population is about 2.5 million people. Christianity is the largest religious group in Toronto. Toronto's population is cosmopolitan and international, reflecting its role as an important destination for immigrants to Canada.

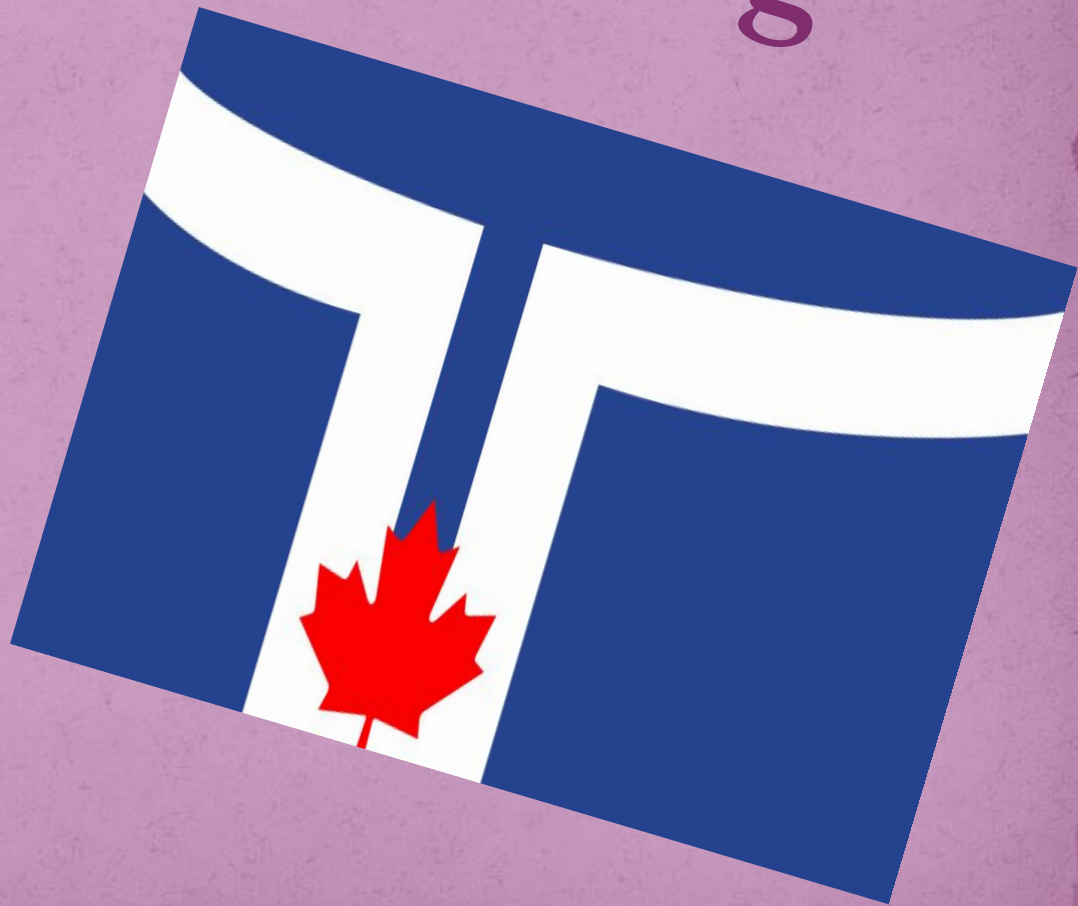
Residents of Toronto are called Torontonians.



Coat of arms



Flag



Toronto's leading economic sectors include finance, business services, telecommunications, aerospace, transportation, media, arts, film, television production, publishing, software production, medical research, education, tourism, and sports industries. Generally considered the financial capital of Canada, Toronto has a high concentration of banks and brokerage firms on Bay Street, in the Financial District. The Toronto Stock Exchange is the world's eighth-largest stock exchange by market capitalization. All the Big Five banks of Canada are headquartered in Toronto, as are a majority of Canada's corporations.



Financial District

Government

Toronto is a single-tier municipality governed by a mayor–council system. The structure of the municipal government is stipulated by the City of Toronto Act. The Mayor of Toronto is elected by direct popular vote to serve as the chief executive of the city. The Toronto City Council is a unicameral legislative body, comprising 44 councilors representing geographical wards throughout the city. The mayor and members of



The Toronto City Hall

Education



Toronto is home to a number of post-secondary academic institutions. The University of Toronto, established in 1827, is the oldest university in Ontario and a leading public research institution. It is a worldwide leader in several fields including biomedical research. It houses North America's fourth-largest university library system, after those of Harvard, Yale and Berkeley.

Transportation



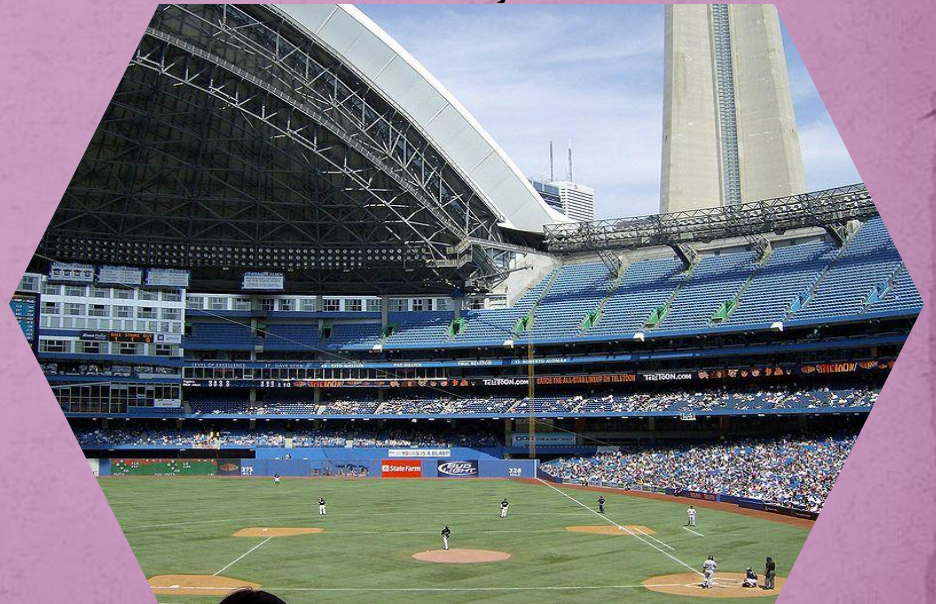
The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) is the third largest public transit system in North America after the New York City Transit Authority, and the Mexico City Metro. The TTC provides public transit within the City of Toronto. The backbone of its public transport network is the subway system, as well as a mainly elevated rapid transit line. The TTC also operates an extensive network of buses and streetcars.

Sports

Toronto is the only Canadian city with representation in five major league sports, with teams in the National Hockey League, Major League Baseball, National Basketball Association, Canadian Football League, and Major League Soccer. The city's major sports venues include the Air Canada Centre, Rogers Centre (formerly known as Sky Dome), and BMO Field. The Canadian Olympic Committee is currently considering a Toronto bid for the 2020 or 2024 Summer Olympics



The Hockey Hall of Fame



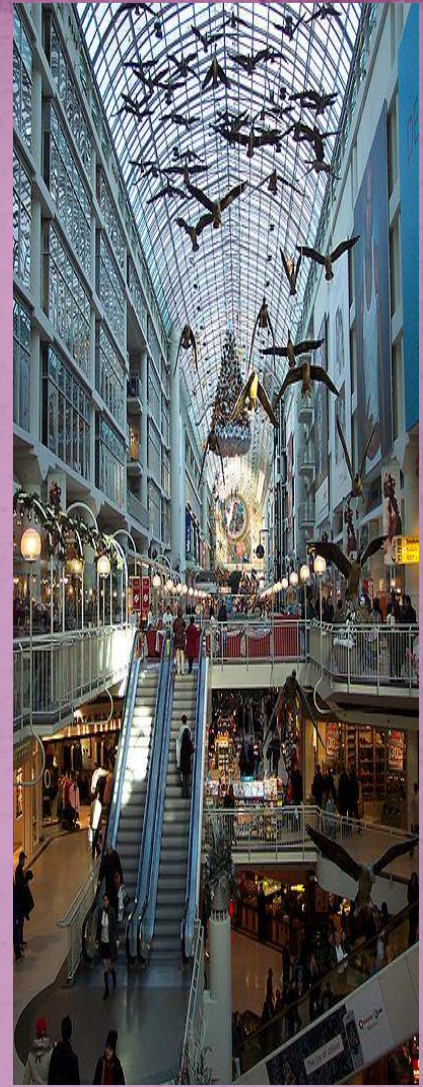
Rogers Centre

Attractions in Toronto





The Royal Ontario Museum is a major museum for world culture and natural history.



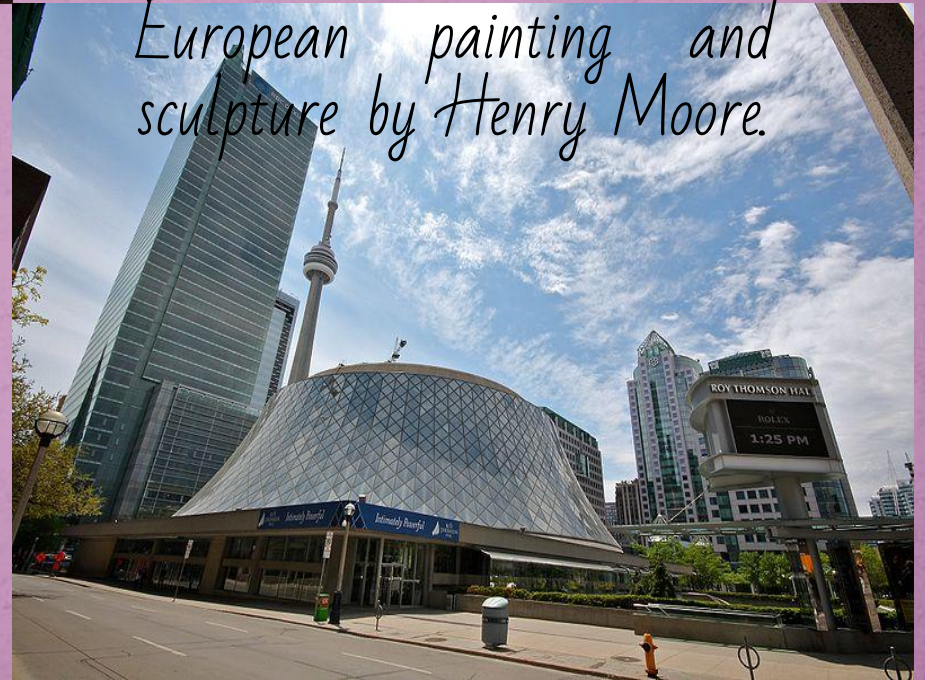
The Toronto Eaton Centre is one of North America's top shopping destinations, and Toronto's most popular tourist attraction with over 52 million visitors annually.

Toronto's most prominent landmark is the CN Tower, which once stood as the tallest free-standing land structure in the world at 553 meters. To the surprise of its creators, the tower held the world record for over 30 years.



Art Gallery of Ontario is gallery in Toronto, with its 45 thousand square meters of exhibition space is one of the largest art museums in North America. Has three main collections: Canadian art, European painting and sculpture by Henry Moore.

Interesting as an original architecture and nice acoustic concert hall Roy Thomson Hall, founded in 1982 and renovated in 2002, There were not only concerts, but the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Toronto Film Festival's main activities.



Industrial

The Distillery District contains the largest and best-preserved collection of Victorian industrial architecture in North America. Once the largest alcohol processing centre in North America.

North of the suburb Ferport is nuclear power plant with eight nuclear reactors. The city is an important centre for the media, publishing, telecommunication, information technology and film production industries.



The Distillery District

Climate



Toronto is in the zone of the humid continental climate. The climate in Toronto is influenced by geographic location (city, is situated in the South of Canada) and the proximity of Lake Ontario. The climate in the region greatly affects the area located north of Hudson Bay. The climate of Toronto is characterized by warm moist, warm autumn, moderately long and cold winters. May parts temperature fluctuations from day to day. All seasons clearly expressed.

Geography

Toronto covers an area of 630 square kilometers. The city's borders are formed by Lake Ontario to the south, Etobicoke Creek and Highway 427 to the west, Steeles Avenue to the north and the Rouge River to the east. The city is intersected by two rivers and numerous tributaries: the Humber River in the west end and the Don River east of downtown at opposite ends of the Toronto Harbour.



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