**Toronto Parks**

Arriving in Toronto, you will see an incredible beauty of this city. It is well-known that Toronto is famous for its great parks. Approximately 8,000 hectares of Toronto are parks. Entertainment, green lawns and fragrant gardens are waiting for you there. You can visit and stroll in parks of various sizes and shapes.

**High Park**

The High Park - is one of the largest and most popular parks among tourists and citizens. The park is full of numerous entertainment, attractions, playgrounds and spacious green lawns. Moreover, visitors will find a Zoo there. Various animals will appeal to adults as well as to kids. Peacocks, horses, giraffes, bison are waiting for you to visit the amazing Zoo.

For those who loves sport and active pastime, there will also be activities to do while strolling in the park. There you will find basketball and soccer fields, tennis courts, so you can train or play right there. There are also specially equipped areas where you can do a work-out.

Moreover, High Park has a breathtaking landscape and wonderful trails. You can wander for hours in this large park and enjoy the different types of plants growing along the entire area. One of the tourist attractions is the Sakura, which blooms every spring and makes the park even more gorgeous.

**Edwards Gardens**

Edwards Gardens is located near the Botanical Garden. If you are a lover of flowering gardens and fragrant flowers, you should definitely visit this stunning park. Carefully groomed flowerbeds are paved all over the park. Charming roses, wildflowers, odorous lilies and colorful tulips attract the visitors with their fragrant smell. In the spring, flamboyant tulips bloom and paint the park with bright colors. Moreover, numerous trees and bushes are planted in the park, which makes this area even more green and pleasant for walks. As you wander through Edwards Gardens, you'll encounter many squirrels scurrying between vegetation.

In the summer, a festival Edwards Summer Music takes place in this exuberant park. Many famous artists and singers Take part in it. During this period, the park is filled with many visitors (both tourists and locals), everyone is having fun and the atmosphere is very positive and cool. So, this park is really worth your attention.

**Bluffer's Park**

Everyone has definitely heard about the famous Lake Ontario in Toronto. This park is located on the banks of this river. The territory of the park is extremely beautiful and enchanting. Pedestrian and bicycle trails, which are paved along the shore, provides visitors with a breathtaking view over the lake and its nature. There are tables and necessary tools, on the lawns, for picnics and barbecues in the park, so you can use them. You will also find some shops and cafes with various fast food and drinks. However, the high – light of the park is the beach, where you can swim in the lake and busk in the sun.

**Don Valley Brickworks**

Don Valley – is one of the newest parks of the Toronto. It is located in a valley near a former brick factory. Previously, the plant had been operating since 1889, but now nature resumes its empire in the park.

Visitors can feel a real union with nature. Blooming fields, ponds, rocks, and the inhabitants of these places (various birds and animals) are waiting for you. The park has wonderful walking and bicycle trails. There is also a special park area for dogs where they can have fun without the leash.

A farmer's market is located on the territory of the park, where various entertainment events are regularly held. In case, if the visitors are hungry, they can eat in a cafe with an excellent cuisine. So, Don Valley has a really nice and special atmosphere.

**Best Places to visit in Toronto**

**CN Tower**

One of the first associations that comes to mind when you think of Toronto is the CN Tower. It is the tallest skyscraper in Toronto. Visiting this building will give you a real adrenaline rush. The tower is one of those places that attracts a number of curious tourists.

Visitors have an excess to the highest level of the building, where a special observation is located. An incredible and breathtaking view of the city opens from there. Moreover, in good weather, visitors can see even Niagara Falls. For lovers of extreme, there are certain entertainments that will definitely impress them. Adventure seekers are offered an attraction where they can walk on the roof of this an extremely tall tower.

In addition, those who got hungry can visit the restaurant on one of the highest levels and taste incredibly delicious dishes. By the way, the restaurant rotates, that's why its name is “360”.

**Ripley’s Aquarium**

Ripley’s Aquarium is located in the very center of Toronto, and is one of the most popular places with tourists. In this place, you will immerse in the exciting underwater world. More than 1,000 species of sea creatures are represented here. 10 thematic galleries are presented to visitors. Incredible discoveries are waiting for you in each of them. For example, such as huge aquariums with a transparent ceiling where exotic fish will swim just above your heads. With the help of special new imitating technologies, you can even feel that you are swimming with the sea inhabitants.

This entertainment will appeal especially to those who is fond of and studying the sea life. It is also a good idea to visit this place during family trips, because it’ll be interesting both for adults and for kids.

**Niagara Falls**

While being in Canada, you shouldn’t miss your chance to visit Niagara Falls. This waterfall is considered one of the most beautiful and romantic places in the world.

The falls are only a 90-minute drive from Toronto. Once there, an impressive and breathtaking landscape opens to your view.

Every evening, Niagara Falls is lit up with colorful lights. In order to enjoy the waterfall and its nature, various excursions on boats are arranged for tourists. So, be prepared to get wet, but be sure that it's really worth it. You’ll definitely have a real fun during this exciting trip.

**Casa Loma**

If you are a history buff or want to feel the atmosphere of the 18th century, then you should certainly visit this place. Casa Loma - is a castle built in the early 1990s by Henry Pelat (industrialist, financier and soldier). Nowadays, this building, made in the neo-Gothic style, is a museum and a tourist’s attraction. The territory of the castle is surrounded by incredibly beautiful gardens. You should also see the stables of this magnificent Casa Loma castle. Visiting this place, you will feel as if you have moved back a century.

The museum is open every day from 9 am to 5 pm. The price of the ticket depends on your age (varies from $22 to $32). This excursion will be interesting for both adults and children.

**Bata Shoe Museum**

The museum is located on Bloor - Street and is not just an ordinary museum that everyone is used to. All fashion lovers and stylists dream of visiting this place. The museum exhibition shows thousands of shoe’s types, and each pair has its own story of creation. You’ll find shoes from completely different eras, ball shoes of queens and princesses, boots of artists and singers (such as Elvis Presley, John Lennon and others). In addition, you will learn the history behind of many sneakers that are still popular, and maybe you have even a pair of them.

Bata Shoe Museum is really a cool place in Toronto worth visiting. This museum is open daily from, don’t miss your chance to visit it.

**Amusement parks in Toronto**

**Canada’s Wonderland**

Canada’s Wonderland theme park is located in the suburbs of Ontario. In addition, for several years, Canada's Wonderland has been the most visited seasonal amusement park in North America. This park holds dozens of different festivals every year, such as Canada Day, a food festival, music and holiday events, Halloween Hunt and Winter Festival. The park also has hundreds of entertaining and fun attractions. Canada's Wonderland includes more than two hundred attractions (both, for children and adults), various roller coasters (more than 15 of them), children's zones and even an area with a water park and water activities. In case you get hungry, there are many food courts where you can order tasty fast food and drinks. Canada’s Wonderland is a great place to spend the vacation with your family and have fun together.

**Fantasy Fair**

Fantasy Fair is the largest indoor amusement park located in the Woodbine shopping center. This thrilling park is open all year round. Here you can arrange a birthday party (there are 6 party rooms), order an entertainment program, or group visits. Fantasy Fair is a really popular amusement park, especially among children. Here you will find many attractions for different tastes. For example: XD Simulator Theatre, Airforce Plane Ride, Antique Loof Carousel, Drop & Hop Tower and other incredible entertainment. A foot court with various cafes where you can order a delicious food and drinks, in case if you feel hungry, is located there.

Moreover, Woodbin Center offers a wide range of shops and products, so while the kids are having fun at the Fantasy Fair, their parents can enjoy the shopping time.

**Centreville Amusement Park**

Centreville Amusement Park - is an entertaining park for children and a nice place to spend the time with the family and have a real fun. The slogan of this park is “It's always sunny in Centerville”. This park is especially popular with kids under the age of 1-0, but older children also like the entertainment there.

In this wonderful Centreville amusement park, you will find lots of attractions: carousels, rides on cars and swans, roller coasters, mini golf and much more. Usually, children are impressed by such attractions as Haunted House, Log Ride and of course Roller Coaster.

Some attractions have a height check, if the child is below the required mark, then he is not allowed to join the attraction. Moreover, some of them requires parents’ presence together with kids. These measures are taken for the safety of visitors.

By the way, it’s well-known, that during entertainment, children often get hungry, that’s why the Centreville Park has food courts and an area with cafes and restaurants where you cane have a snack or order delicious meal.

The best time to visit Centreville Amusement Park is on weekdays, when there are not many visitors and long queues. You will definitely have a lot of fun here.

**Kidstown Water Park**

Kidstown is one of the most popular water parks of Toronto. It’s a great place to spend your time with your family during a hot summer day. Kidstown is one of the most popular outdoor water parks for schoolchildren. A verity of water activities are waiting for you. You’ll find many water slides, children’s zones, picnic areas and food court.

Kids usually prefer such water features as a tipping bucket, aquatic animals and spray rings. Moreover, visitors will have an excess to several water pools.

You can also organize a picnic on a grassy area, have a meal there or watch your kids. If you have active children, this place is absolutely worth visiting.

**Toronto monuments**

Canada is a country with an interesting and great history. In order to understand it better, it is worth visiting certain monuments that are considered the cultural heritage of Toronto. So, you should include and see at least the top 5 monuments in Toronto.

**1. Ontario Veterans' Memorial**

This memorial is dedicated to Ontario veterans who served during the war. Ontario Veterans’ Memorial was opened in September 2006, after the greatest military parade in Toronto. This is a 30-meter granite wall located in Queen's Park. It depicts the Canadian Army in peaceful time and wartime since 1867. It was unveiled by veterans, dignitaries and soldiers. The wall was by Allan Hardy. Except the images you can also see inscriptions from the writer Jane Urquhart and historic Jack Granatstein. Around the memorial wall is a stone-paved area, a recreation area, paths and lawns with flower beds.

**2. Ireland Park**

Ireland Park is located on the banks of the Ontario River, and opened in 2007. This park honors the victims of the famine and the people who fled Ireland during the hunger. In 1847, women, men and children (in total of 38,000 people) landed at Toronto, escaping from hunger and seeking for a new life and opportunities to survive. Moreover, there is a wall in the park, which depicts with its images the citizens of Toronto, who dedicated their lives, in order to help Irish people.

The park was designed and developed by an architect from Toronto Jonathan Kearns, an Irish immigrant.

The President of Ireland and the Prime Minister of Ontario were present at the opening ceremony of this monumental park.

**3. Ontario Firefighters Memorial**

This memorial is dedicated to fallen firefighters who saved properties and lives of thousand people. The bronze statue depicts a firefighter rescuing the child from the fire and saving its life. The black granite construction represents a burning building.

The opening ceremony of Ontario Firefighters Memorial took place in June 2005. In 1848, a fire broke out in a shoe shop located on King Street. The fire quickly spread to neighboring streets other shops and even apartments. The memorial is surrounded with granite walls with 344 names engraved on them. It’s the names of those rescuers who have sacrificed their lives, in order to save others.

**4. The Glenn Gould Gathering**

The Glenn Gould Gathering is the statue of a famous Canadian pianist. Glenn Gould is depicted sitting on a bench and staring into the distance.

Being a child, Gould declared his desire to become a composer. At the age of 12, he wrote the libretto of an opera where humanity destroys itself. You should agree that it was pretty genius for a 12-year-old boy to create such a masterpiece. So, you can imagine how talented Glenn was.

Over the years, he became a well-known composer and pianist. Glenn gave concerts in different countries and cities. However, he was quite an interesting person with his own worldview.

This statue perfectly represents his character, that’s why it’s so exciting to visit it.

**5. The Toronto Inukshuk Park**

This park is a great place to have a stroll or relax. Trees, trails and an incredible view of Lake Ontario are waiting for you there. You can have picnics in this park as there are many green lawns. However, in addition to all these entertainments, there is a famous statue of Inkshuk in the park.

An Inukshuk is an Inuit stone structure often found in arctic landscapes. It is believed that it serves as a guide for travelers, providing a spatial orientation. In Toronto there is one of the highest Inkshuk (30 meters in height). Steps lead up to the massive structure. This Inkshuk was created as a legacy project.

**Toronto Cousin worth tasting**

Multicultural diversity is reflected in Toronto's cuisine. Different ethnic neighborhoods with their own cuisines are located throughout the city. There is a huge food choice waiting for you in Toronto.

Tourists can visit and taste different meals in Chinatown, Koreantown. Italian cousin is concentrated in Little Italy, Indian and Pakistan dishes you can try in Little India. However, it is also worth getting acquainted namely with dishes originating from Toronto.

**Peameal Bacon Sandwich**

This sandwich is Caesar bun with peas and bacon. You can find versions of this delicious Peameal Bacon Sandwich in many restaurants, but the original version of the sandwich is prepared at Carousel Bakery. At the first sight, it may seem that there is nothing unusual about this dish, but it’s not just an ordinary sandwich. Queues are formed at the places where this sandwich is served. It became a real favorite among visitors and chefs. In fact, this famous Peameal Bacon Sandwich was even filmed for television and several articles were written about it in journals and magazines. You can taste this yummy food right in the city center.

**Tourtière**

Tourtière is traditional meat pie with spices. It is considered a French-Canadian dish that is usually cooked after the New Year and on Christmas Eve. With time, this meat pie has become a part of traditional Toronto cuisine. Pork or beef is frequently used to prepare the meat filling. This dish is very flavorful, savory and scrumptious that it’s impossible not to taste it. The pie recipe also includes onions, potatoes, cinnamon and allspice. You should definitely try it.

**Poutine**

This is one of the most popular Canadian snacks. It’s become the traditional snack in Toronto. The preparation of this dish is quite simple. The main thing is coarse - chopped and fried potatoes - French fries. Often, they are topped with sauce and melted cream cheese. In some restaurants, you can add some meat to this snack. Although Poutine originated in French Canada, it really gained popularity in Ontario. While visiting Toronto, don't miss the chance to try this incredibly tasty dish.

**Butter tarts**

Butter tarts have become a traditional Canadian dish. Although this desert is really simple, however, it is quite popular among tourists and locals. The recipe for these tarts consists of eggs, brown sugar, butter and nuts, and puff pastry. Sometimes raisins or currants are added, depending on the taste. The first mention of the recipe for this dessert dates back to the early 1900s. Many restaurants and bakeries in Toronto offer you to taste their version of this delicious pie. If you are in Toronto, you should visit such places as Doo Doo's Bakery or Bonjour Brioche, in order to try one.

**Bagels**

This bagel is a pastry from Montreal, but its recipe is widely spread in Toronto and gained a real popularity here.

Montreal iconic bagels of different size and taste could be found at the South Market. The most popular place among visitors with the most delicious and flavor bagels is St. Urbain. There you can find a classically prepared bagel or with various toppings and fillings.

First, these bagels are boiled and then fried or baked in the oven. When they are ready, a thick layer of cream cheese (it’s also called schmear) is added to them. Since these luscious donuts became extremely popular, new and fragrant ones are baked every day. In addition, these bagels are filling food.

**Ketchup chips**

Now we can buy ketchup chips almost in every supermarket. However, it is an iconic Toronto snack. Here you can taste them in any fast-food café. These chips are a great solution if you want to have something to snack on during the day. So, if you're in Toronto, head to your local supermarket and try this food.

**Top Movies filmed in Toronto**

Toronto is famous for its landscapes and the beauty of the city; Canada also has a developed film industry. In recent years, television production in Toronto has grown dramatically, and now it is one of the main engines of the city’s economy.

Toronto also hosts film festivals such as the Emmy Awards and the Oscars. While watching shot there, you can notice the numerous landmarks of Toronto that distinguish this place. To see Toronto on the big screen, you should check – out the following films.

**Scott Pilgrim vs. the World**

This film is based on a novel by Canadian caricaturist Brian Lee O'Malley. The film tells us the story Scott Pilgrim (who is a Canadian musician) fighting for his life against his American girlfriend Ramona and her seven ex-boyfriends. The main shooting locations were between Bathurst and St. Clair Street. Filming also took place near the Toronto Public Library and Casa Loma. Moreover, various cafes and pizzerias on St. Clair West Street were involved in the shooting. This movie had a great impact on North American culture and became one of the most popular films in Toronto.

**The Incredible Hulk**

The Incredible Hulk – is a science fiction movie which gained a great popularity among people all over the world. At first glance, it may seem that the film was shot in New York, but it is not so. This film was shot in the heart of Toronto. Yonge Street and the Financial District were used for filming, which were blocked off during that period. Several areas used for shooting scenes included the University of Toronto and Morning side Park. This superhero movie is based on Marvel Comics. The story tells about Bruce Banner, who was exposed to gamma rays, due to which he turns into a giant green monster who can destroy anything on his way.

**The Time Traveler’s Wife**

This is a romantic and science fiction film directed by Robert Schwentke. This movie tells the story of a man who is a time traveler. Henry DeTumble travels between different periods of his life, and somehow, he falls in love with a beautiful girl, Claire. So, the audience can observe the lovers overcoming the difficulties that they face.

Starring Eric Bana and Rachel McAdams. By the way, Rachel is a Canadian actress, born in Ontario and lived there for quite a long time. Part of the film shooting took place in the hometown of the actors. The nature of Canada is very well conveyed in the film, which emphasizes the temper of the characters very well. The film features locations such as Osgoode Hall Library and the University of Toronto.

**American Psycho**

American Psycho is this is a horror and thriller movie. Patrick Batham (Christian Bale) is a wealthy businessman who lives in New York. The events of the film take place in the 1980s. Bateman is a very mysterious, misogynistic and defiant character. The atmosphere of the film is quite intense and unpredictable. Most of the movie scenes were shot in Toronto, which shows the versatility and aesthetic of the place.

**The Shape of Water**

This is a dramatic American film that received good reviews and won the 2017’s Academy Awards for the Best Picture.

This movie tells a story about a deaf girl Eliza who works in a secret laboratory. However, her life changes dramatically when she discovers a secret experiment and falls in love with an amphibian. Worried about his fate, the girl decides to save him. The movie was filmed in Toronto. Such locations as the Elgin Theatre, the facade of Massey Hall, University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, Shuter Street, the Lake view Restaurant were involved into the film shooting.

**Places to visit with kids in Toronto**

Toronto is a wonderful city where both adults and children feel comfortable. As it is well known that children are restless and very active, there are numerous entertainment and activities for them in Toronto. Parks, excursions, playgrounds, everything is done for kids to have fun and enjoy their time in this beautiful city.

**African Lion Safari**

African Lion Safari - is a family safari park in the southern Ontario region. It is located only 100 km from Toronto. Here you will find lions, cheetahs, zebras, giraffes, kangaroos, even elephants and many other animals that live in this breathtaking safari. In this place, you can observe species that freely move through large areas of forests and meadows and interact with each other naturally.

Some part of the territory is arranged for walks, exhibitions and excursions. You can move around the park using your own car or together with a tour group. Kids will definitely enjoy this entertainment. Hundreds of wild animals, will undoubtedly impress them.

**Ontario Science Centre**

This place primarily attracts visitors with its interactive exhibitions that you can easily interact with. Here you can feel like a real scientist. Various experiments, where you can mix different liquids and observe their reaction (and even explosion), are waiting for you. Both, children and their parents can become a part of this fascinating science lab.

In addition, there is a Kids’ zone for children up to 8 years old. Here they will be able to build their own little railway and roller coaster, become part of a rock band and record their own hit and also have fun with soap bubbles. So, visit this Science Centre have a great time with your family.

**Toronto Islands Park**

A walk in the park is always a great idea, especially if you are going there with the children. The islands are an ideal place for a family reunion. Green lawns with picnic tables, kid’s playgrounds, everything you need to have fun, you’ll find in this amazing park.

By the way, it’s well known that children get hungry quickly, especially when they are very active, so in this case you will find here a foot court and cafes, where you and your kids can have a snack.

If you just want to have a walk, hand in hand with your loved ones along beautiful trails, ride a bike or jog, Toronto Islands Park is just a suitable place for it.

In case you want more entertainment and activities, you can come to Centerville Amusement Park, which is located right across the Toronto Islands Park.

**Museum of Illusions**

This museum is a great way to escape from the routine and an ordinary daily life. One ticket offers you an opportunity to visit numerous mind-bending rooms. You’ll find there a hall of abysmal mirrors, an antigravity room, various tunnels, inverted rooms and optical illusions are waiting for you in this amazing museum.

For example, one of the most interesting rooms is the one where you can use an optical illusion to change your size and become either small or a real giant. Such a cool experience. You definitely won’t get bored there. Both children and adults enjoy this entertainment. Incredible impressions and a good mood are guaranteed after visiting Museum of illusions. Don’t forget to take the cool photos!

**Centreville Amusement Park**

If you want to relax outdoors and have a great time, then Centreville Amusement Park is exactly what you need. Both adults and children will enjoy the fun and pleasant atmosphere of this place. There are about 30 attractions there. You’ll also find a vintage carousel made back in 1907. You’ll undoubtedly enjoy this park.

**How many airports in Toronto**

1.John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport

Hamilton Munro serves both international and domestic flights. The terminals are very convenient, you’ll find there all the necessary services, shops, duty – free, food courts with cafes and restaurants. The highly – qualified personnel provides passengers with all the services and helps with check-in, customs and passport control, luggage and hand luggage check-in. Here you can withdraw money from a local ATM and use currency exchange. A kid’s room is provided for passengers with children. The most convenient way to get to and from the airport is by bus or by taxi.

2. Pearson International Airport

Toronto Pearson Airport is one of the most well-known and biggest airports in Canada. It is also the main hub for such airline like Air Canada. This airport serves and handles thousands of customers every year. In order, to make all passengers pleased, Toronto Airport provides them with various services. In total, it has three terminals, but only two of them are intended for passenger transportation: Terminal 1 and Terminal 3. Here you will find:

· Restaurants/Cafes

·Shopping

·Kid's zone

·Lost-and-found office

·Car rent

3. **Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport**

Billy Bishop Airport is a regional airport which is located on the Toronto Islands. It’s considered to be one of the main airports in Toronto.

Billy Bishop Airport is situated in the Downtown of Toronto. The airport uses regional airlines and general aviation. It’s one of the busiest Canadians airports. The highly – qualified personnel provide passengers with all the required services and helps with check-in, customs and passport control, luggage and hand luggage check-in. You’ll find various shops, places to eat and to entertain yourself.