

Snapshot

TORONTO

Laura French picks out the highlights of Ontario's cosmopolitan capital

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Kensington Market

Eclectic boutiques and indie eateries aren't hard to come by in Toronto, with the much-lauded Distillery District boasting both in equal measure. But for an alternative, look to this bohemian neighbourhood, where colourful Victorian houses have been turned into trendy bars, cafes and one-off shops, with vintage clothes and weathered books spilling into flower-filled gardens.

kensington-market.ca



book it...



Canadian Affair offers three nights' room-only at the Chelsea Hotel from £499 per person, including Air Transat flights from Gatwick in January 2021.

canadianaffair.com

make time for...



Lake Ontario

Toronto's waterfront is well worth a visit, with art galleries, beaches and marinas spread along the shores of this glittering stretch of blue. One of the best ways to take it all in is by boat; Mariposa Cruises offers lunch and dinner cruises as well as standard harbour trips, taking passengers out to explore the grassy islands that stud the mirror-flat lake as the city skyline fades away.

hornblower.com/Toronto

star attraction...



The CN Tower

Rising a whopping 553m, Toronto's most iconic structure was the tallest free-standing building in the world until the Burj Khalifa came along. Visitors can experience it in a number of ways: by taking in the compelling city views from the glass-enclosed SkyPod, dining at the revolving 360 Restaurant or harnessing up to circumvent EdgeWalk, an outdoor platform 365m above the ground.

cntower.ca



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outside the city...



Niagara-on-the-Lake

If clients are already heading out to Niagara Falls, suggest tagging on a visit to this postcard-pretty town. Boutique shops in Victorian buildings line its tree-fringed streets, while vineyards scatter the surrounding area – many of them offering guided tours and a chance to sample sweet ice wines, rieslings and other vintages in idyllic emerald landscapes.

niagaraonthelake.com



where to stay...



Chelsea Hotel

With 1,500 rooms spread across 26 floors, this is Canada's largest hotel – and one of its best-located, set just off Yonge Street in the heart of Downtown, close to the Eaton Centre shopping mall. It's family-friendly and boasts a kids' centre, indoor pool, health club, restaurant and cocktail bar among its draws, plus large contemporary rooms with twinkling city views. Rates from £80 per night.

chelseatoronto.com

