

Master and Commander

A Weekend in Nelson's Navy



TRAVELLING TO TORONTO

Toronto is served by two airports, excellent, clean and frequent train service, long-distance buses, and major expressways for those who wish to drive.

By air

The quickest way to reach the city centre is to fly into Billy Bishop International Airport, on Toronto Island. Only a few metres from the mainland and downtown, it can be reached either by ferry or the convenient pedestrian tunnel. From the mainland you can take streetcars, the airport shuttle or taxis; parking is also available. <https://www.portstoronto.com/airport.aspx>

One of the airlines flying into Billy Bishop is Porter, which is an outstanding option for shorter-haul flights, with a well-earned reputation for being hassle-free and offering extremely frequent seat sales and excellent customer service. Porter flies into many cities in the US, as far south as Florida and as far west as Chicago. In Canada they fly from Thunder Bay in the west to St John's Newfoundland, in the east, and many cities in between. They add new destinations from time to time, so in case you're not up to date check <https://www.flyporter.com/en-ca/>

The larger airport, Pearson International, is located on the western outskirts of the city, and can be easily reached by public transit, taxis, limousines and cars. Long-haul flights land at Pearson. <https://www.torontopearson.com/#>

Getting to and from Pearson

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) runs a bus connecting all Pearson terminals to the subway system, and there is no extra charge to transfer between the two. There is also an airport express train, which does make some stops en route to downtown, including at Bloor West, which is closer to Montgomery's Inn than Union Station downtown. More information on the express can be found at <https://www.upexpress.com/>.

By train

Toronto is served long-distance by VIA Rail; the Greater Toronto Area also has a network of commuter trains and buses provided by GO Transit, Greyhound, Megabus and other regional transit services. VIA Rail trains are clean, fast and affordable; many routes offer sleeper and dining cars. They have seat sales every Tuesday. <http://www.viarail.ca/en> For regional trains, see <http://www.go transit.com>.

By bus

For longer distances, please see <https://www.greyhound.ca/> and <https://ca.megabus.com/>.

By car

Toronto has an extensive network of well-maintained major highways, with some toll roads offering sometimes shorter travel times. For more information please see <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/> and <http://toronto.ca/>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

Parking in Toronto

The city offers excellent and affordable temporary parking permits if you are visiting a friend or staying at accommodations that do not supply parking. They can be purchased online within two weeks of your arrival. There are also many municipal parking lots around the city.

Information on both can be found at <http://toronto.ca/>.

Crossing the border

The closest border crossings by land are at Lewiston, NY and the Whirlpool Bridge or the Rainbow Bridge, Niagara, with the Peace Bridge at Fort Erie a little further; to the east, there are crossings at the Thousand Islands, Prescott and Cornwall. There are also ferries in various parts of the province, including the [Wolfe Island Ferry](#), which operates between Wolfe Island, in Ontario, and Cape Vincent, in New York State. For more information on border crossings and ferries, please see <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/ontario-511/ontario-border-crossings.shtml#passenger>.

What else can I do in Toronto?

Toronto is a big, busy, safe city with friendly and interesting people, excellent museums and galleries, several universities, an exciting arts and cultural scene, many multicultural neighbourhoods, great shopping, a large network of beautiful parks and ravines, public gardens, and world-famous food. For more information on exploring Toronto, <http://toronto.ca/>, <http://www.blogto.com/> and <https://torontolife.com/> will get you started.

Nearby

There are fascinating things to explore beyond the city itself, if you're thinking of making a longer stay. It's a day trip to lovely and historic Cobourg, Prince Edward County, Niagara Falls, Niagara on-the-Lake, Stratford or Mennonite country, while the beautiful Thousand Islands are just a little further – likewise the dramatic Muskoka region, with many thousands of lakes, rolling hills, outcroppings of granite and stunning autumn colours. Besides the scenery, these areas offer some of the best theatre and wines in the world, historic sites, museums, galleries, boutique shopping featuring items by local artists and artisans, camping, hiking, water sports and much more. For more information on exploring Ontario, see <https://www.ontariotravel.net/en/home>.

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