Visiting Toronto

Groups audience: 2020 Vascular Annual Meeting

Toronto at a Glance

- Toronto is the fourth-largest city in North America, after Mexico City, New York and Los Angeles
- Centrally located between New York City, Chicago and Montreal, Toronto is within a 90-minute flight for over half the U.S. and Canadian population.
- Toronto is the top Canadian domestic business travel destination and the most popular choice for U.S. sponsored association meetings outside the U.S.
- Toronto is home to the largest convention centre in Canada ranking among the top ten largest continuous-space facilities in North America
- Famous for its diversity, Toronto may be the world’s most global city, with 50 per cent of the population born outside of Canada.
- Some 130 languages and dialects are spoken in Toronto; The City of Toronto publishes information for residents in 30 languages.
Only in Toronto
For that only-in-Toronto experience, here are some famous places to find the essence of Toronto's past and present.

- Taste a peameal bacon sandwich (with honey mustard) and a butter tart at the 200-year-old St. Lawrence Market.
- Ride the 501 “Red Rocket” streetcar along Queen Street from The Beaches in the east to the west end, through the heart of downtown and passing through the eclectic neighborhoods of Leslieville, Riverside, Queen West, West Queen West, Parkdale and Roncesvalles along the way.
- Take the ferry to the Toronto Islands for a day in the parks and on the beaches – a piece of calm outside the hustle and bustle of the city. Refreshing signs read “Please walk on the grass.”
- Catch live music at one of Toronto’s legendary music venues such as the Horseshoe Tavern (where the Rolling Stones have played many surprise concerts), The Rex (for live jazz) or the iconic Massey Hall.
- Wander the eclectic and bohemian Kensington Market for vintage finds, organic coffee, tacos, Jamaican patties, gourmet cheese shops, green grocers and Indian spices.
- Experience the highs and lows of Toronto – from the CN Tower’s Skypod observation deck at 447 meters (135 stories) up, down to the underground PATH system connecting downtown’s office towers with a 27-km network and over 1,200 shops and restaurants.
- Stroll along the highest sidewalk at the CN Tower’s Edgewalk.
- Visit the Art Gallery of Ontario’s premier collections of Canadian art featuring the famous Group of Seven.
- Get lost in the crowds of Yonge-Dundas Square where the billboards and neon lights surround the swarms of people in Toronto’s most famous intersection.
- Cheer on the Toronto Maple Leafs at an Air Canada Centre hockey game. Absorb the Canadian game’s history and touch the actual Stanley Cup at the Hockey Hall of Fame.
- Skate under clear skies at Toronto’s outdoor rinks: Nathan Phillips Square, the Natrel Rink at Harbourfront Centre or Mississauga Celebration Square.
- Shop ‘till you drop at the Eaton Centre and for designer wear at Bloor-Yorkville.
- Eat your way around the world without leaving Toronto in Little Italy, Little Portugal, Greektown, Chinatown, Koreatown, and Little India, just to name a few.

Weather

The average temperature in Toronto in June is a 78-degree high and a 63-degree low. Please dress appropriately as the meeting rooms can be a bit chilly.

Attire

The attire for the conference is business casual during the day and resort casual for hospitality events. Friday evening’s Gala will be semi-formal, black-tie optional.