



Niagara Falls in Winter



A Cosy Autumn Experience



Fun-filled parade in the Summer



TORONTO CHARM

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If you are drawn to the up-beat and voguish tempo of New York, but would like to take it down a notch, then welcome to the sister of the Big Apple – Toronto, Canada, one of the safest cities in the world and the fifth largest in North-America after Mexico city, New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

From Chinatown to Little Italy and from Little Korea to Greek town, Toronto is home to more than 100 cultures. When it comes to the celebration of cultural diversity, Toronto has close to a dozen major art and cultural institutes for the different communities to display their heritage and way of life. The Harbourfront Centre is a renowned non-profit cultural organization in Toronto that creates activities and events to enliven, educate and entertain a diverse public. Organizations like it help to enlighten public understanding of the different cultural backgrounds and they create cohesiveness and tolerance. While known for its brutal winter extreme cold, the clubbing scene is hot. The streets are ablaze with crowds and parades.

The highlight of the winter is what Torontonians call “Winterlicious”. A group of Toronto’s top dining establishments get together and participate in a restaurant promotion in which they offer fine dining at incredible value.

For sports fans, Toronto has its very own ice hockey team (the Maple Leafs), baseball team (the Blue Jays) and basketball team (the Raptors). The Skydome is the home of the Blue Jays and a popular tourist attraction. Next to Skydome is none other than Toronto’s most celebrated and recognizable icon - CN Tower. Standing at a height of 555.55 m (1,815 ft, 5 inches), it is Canada’s National Tower, one of the World’s tallest Buildings, and the centre of tourism in Toronto.

One’s trip to Toronto, however, is not complete without a visit to one of the natural wonders of the world - Niagara Falls. With a height of about 52 metres (170ft) and 2,832 m³ of water per second flowing over the crest (or 168,000 m³ per minute) at peak times, the experience is awe-inspiring and will leave an indelible impression on you for the rest of your life.

If you haven’t been to Toronto, you know where the next destination for your upcoming holidays has to be! 🍁

Getting there - Return tickets without tax are from S\$1700 (depending on the season) with one or two stop-overs.

Accommodation - Hotel rates start from S\$180 per night (without tax) in a three-star hotel downtown.



CN Tower

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