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From the Editor



Joey Cee,
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Hundreds of Great Summer and Fall Festivals Give You More Great Reasons to Experience the Great Outdoors Rain and Fall.

The GTA and surrounding area are buzzing this summer and fall with so much to do and see! Whether it's for the chance of just getting out into the great outdoors away from your patio or out to experience the many cultures dotting the Toronto and GTA landscape through food, music and dance — GTA has it all!

HOToronto Magazine/TorontoOnDemand.com is celebrating it's 30th year. Throughout the years, we have been here to help guide you through the maze of events, welcome you to experience and explore. For more than three decades, we've been covering festivals and other entertaining events, keeping you informed about what's happening in the city, around the GTA and surrounding area.

To catch the latest version of our current online magazines, which are updated periodically, look at the top of the page for the issue code or for a new cover. Or, simply go to www.TorontoOnDemand.com and click on "Festivals" to link to the new online magazines.

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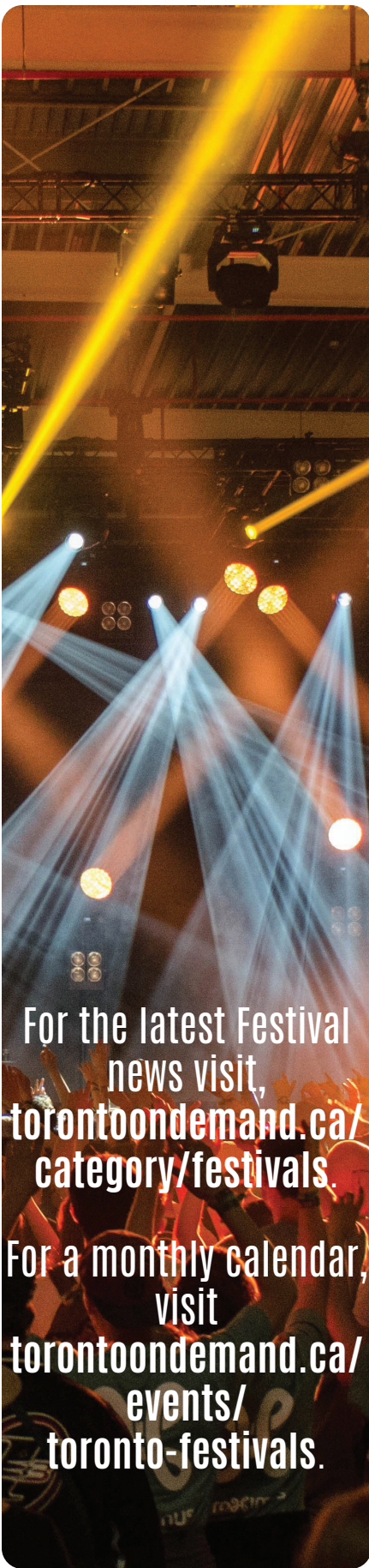
Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer and fall ...

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Tips on Enjoying Toronto Festivals

Enjoying festivals in Toronto can be a fantastic experience. Here are some tips to make the most of your time.

Toronto, the largest city in Canada, and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) host a vibrant array of festivals that reflect the region's cultural diversity, artistic dynamism, and communal spirit. From globally renowned events like the Toronto International Film Festival to local street fairs celebrating neighborhood cultures, these festivals offer something for everyone, making the city a lively, year round destination.

Planning and Preparation

1. **Check the Schedule:** Look up the festival schedule and highlight the events or performances you don't want to miss.
2. **Buy Tickets in Advance:** For popular festivals like TIFF or Veld Music Festival, buy tickets in advance to avoid long lines or sold out events.
3. **Plan Your Route:** Toronto is a big city. Use public transportation or plan your parking ahead of time to avoid delays. Consider using the TTC, GO Transit, or ride sharing services.
4. **Dress Appropriately:** Check the weather forecast and dress accordingly. Festivals often involve a lot of walking and standing, so wear comfortable shoes.
5. **Stay Hydrated and Bring Snacks:** Bring a water bottle and some snacks, especially if you're attending an all-day event. Most festivals have food vendors, but lines can be long.
6. **Bring Essentials:** Carry essentials like sunscreen, a hat, a portable phone charger, and a small backpack to keep your hands free.

During the Festival

1. **Arrive Early:** Arriving early helps you get a good spot, especially for parades, concerts, and popular events.
2. **Stay Safe:** Be aware of your surroundings, keep your belongings secure, and stick with friends or family. Know where the emergency exits and first aid stations are.
3. **Explore Beyond the Main Events:** Many festivals have hidden gems like smaller performances, workshops, and art installations. Take the time to explore these.

4. **Engage with the Community:** Talk to vendors, performers, and other festival-goers. Festivals are a great opportunity to meet new people and learn about different cultures.
5. **Support Local Artists and Businesses:** Buy from local vendors and artists to support the community. This can also be a great way to find unique souvenirs.
6. **Take Breaks:** Festivals can be overwhelming. Find a quiet spot to rest and recharge if needed.

Specific Tips for Different Types of Festivals

1. **Cultural Festivals:** Try the traditional foods, watch the performances, and participate in cultural activities to fully immerse yourself in the experience.
2. **Music Festivals:** Bring earplugs to protect your hearing, and consider bringing a blanket or portable chair for comfort.
3. **Film Festivals:** Plan which films you want to see in advance, as popular screenings can fill up quickly. Take advantage of Q&A sessions to engage with filmmakers.
4. **Food Festivals:** Pace yourself and share dishes with friends to try a variety of foods without getting too full. Be aware of dietary restrictions and allergens.
5. **Art Festivals:** Take photos (where allowed) and take notes of artists or pieces you like for future reference or purchases.

Post – Festival

1. **Reflect and Share:** Share your experiences and photos on social media or with friends. Writing a review or a blog post can also be fun.
2. **Follow Up:** If you discovered new artists, musicians, or vendors, follow them on social media to stay updated on their work.
3. **Plan for Next Year:** Many festivals are annual. Note what you enjoyed and any changes you'd make for next time.

With these tips, you can maximize your enjoyment and make lasting memories at Toronto's diverse and vibrant festivals. ■

SUMMER/FALL 2024 FESTIVALS SUPERGUIDE

Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) host a diverse range of festivals throughout the year celebrating everything from arts and culture to food, music, and more. Here is what happening in your city,

JUNE 2024

June 1 – 30 PRIDE WEEK 2024

Various Locations

www.pridetoronto.com

Pride Week in Toronto is one of Canada's premier arts and cultural festivals. Largest Pride celebrations in the world.

June 14 – August 5 TORONTO CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL

Downtown Toronto

www.torontocarnival.ca

Toronto's Caribbean Carnival is a colourful celebration of the hundreds of thousands of Jamaicans, Trinidadians, Haitians, Dominicans, Bermudans and Guyanans who make up the city's Afro-Caribbean community.

June 21 – 30 TD TORONTO JAZZ FESTIVAL

Various Location

www.torontojazz.com

This festival has become a destination event, not just for music lovers but for some of the greatest jazz celebrities in the world, reinforcing its reputation as a leader in artistic excellence and outstanding production standards.

June 22 – 23 WOOFSTOCK®

Woodbine Park

www.woofstock.ca

Woofstock® is a ground-breaking celebration of dogs, an occasion for humans and companion animals to party.

June 27 – July 21 LAVAZZA INCLUCITY FILM FESTIVAL

Distillery District

www.icff.ca/lavazza-inclucity-festival

Prepare to be captivated, thrilled, and moved by an array of films that will leave you on the edge of your seat.

June 29 – July 1 RHYTHMS OF CANADA FESTIVAL

Aga Khan Museum

www.agakhanmuseum.org/programs/rhythms-of-canada-2024

Three days of delicious food, activities for all ages, special programming, entrancing musical performances by local artists.

JULY 2024

July 3 – 14 FRINGE FESTIVAL

Various Locations

www.fringetoronto.com

Fringe Festival is the largest theatre festival with performances from dramas, musicals, comedy, improv, and more!

July 5 – 7 WINE FEST TORONTO

Roundhouse Park, 255 Bremner Blvd.

www.winefesttoronto.com

July 5 – 7 SOUNDS OF LESLIEVILLE-RIVERSIDE

Jimmie Simpson Park

www.beachesjazz.com/sounds-of-leslieville-riverside

Experience the vibrant rhythms in a celebration of the neighbourhood's unique spirit.

July 5 – 7 TASTE OF LAWRENCE 2024

Lawrence Avenue East, Warden Avenue & Birchmount Rd.

www.wexfordbia.ca/tasteoflawrence2024

July 5 – 7 TASTE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Nathan Phillips Square

www.tasteofthemiddleeast.ca

July 6 – 7 TD SALSA ON ST. CLAIR

St. Clair Ave. West

www.salsaintoronto.com

The only festival where people do more than just eat and watch entertainment – they take part in non-stop dancing.

July 4 – 28 BEACHES INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Woodbine Park

www.beachesjazz.com

The Beaches Jazz Festival promises to be a world class event that host an annual audience of 1 million jazz lovers from across the globe. With performances by newcomers and favourites, there is sure to be something for everyone.

July 5 – 7 AFROFEST 2024

Woodbine Beach Park

www.afrofest.ca

Afrofest Toronto is one of the largest African music festivals in North America, celebrating the richness and diversity of African culture through music, dance, art, and food.

July 5 – 21
SUMMERLICIOUS 2024

Various restaurants in Toronto
www.toronto.ca

It's time to Indulge your senses and tantalize your taste buds. Get together with friends and family to savour each moment and every delectable bite of a three-course prix fixe menu at more than 200 Toronto restaurants.

July 12 – 14
TORONTO OUTDOOR ART FAIR

Nathan Phillips Square
www.toaf.ca

Toronto Outdoor Art Fair has grown to become one of the most popular art events of the summer and continues to expand its cultural offerings.

July 12 – 14
SALSA ON THE BEACH –
BEACHES JAZZ FESTIVAL

Woodbine Park
www.beachesjazz.com/salsa-on-the-beach

Celebrating the diversity of nations, Woodbine Park transforms into a dance floor featuring the energetic Latin melodies of Salsa, Merengue and Cumbia.

July 13
IMPORTFEST 2024

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
www.importfest.com

See hundreds of imported cars and walk through any exhibits featuring accessories, tuning, and lifestyles.

July 13 – 14
FESTIVAL OF INDIA

Parade: Yonge Street & Festival: Central Island
www.festivalofindia.ca

Everyone is invited to come, walk, chant, sing or dance in the parade. Celebrations then continue throughout the weekend at Toronto Centre Island.

July 14
2024 CRAFT BEER FEST

Evergreen Brick Works
www.evergreen.ca/evergreen-brick-works/events/beerfest2024



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July 19 – 21 HONDA DEALERS INDY

Exhibition Place

www.hondaindy.com

The Toronto Honda Indy not only showcases cutting-edge racing technology but also provides a festival-like atmosphere with entertainment, food, and interactive activities for all ages.

July 20 JUNIOR CARNIVAL PARADE AND FAMILY DAY

Neilson Park, Scarborough

www.caribanatoronto.com/event/caribanajuniorcarnival

July 20 – 21 BIG ON BLOOR

Bloordale District

www.bigonbloorfestival.com

BIG on Bloor; Bloordale's Festival of Art & Culture features a weekend street closure and site-based activations for a week after, with 100,000+ visitors participating in multi-disciplinary art projects, presented by over 100 local artists from various backgrounds, identities and groups.

July 20 ALOHAFEST TORONTO

Mel Lastman Square

www.alohafesttoronto.com

July 20 – 21 PANAMERICAN FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square

2024.panamfest.com

July 20 – 21 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BRAZILFEST

St Clair Avn. West

www.brazilfest.ca

Experience the rich colours, captivating rhythms, and mouthwatering flavours.

July 21 YOUTH DAY 2024

Yonge-Dundas Square

www.youthdayglobal.com

Celebrating our next generation of young creatives and supporting their PASSION for the ARTS ~ since 2007.

July 25 -27 BEACHES JAZZ FESTIVAL STREETFEST

Queen Street East (of Woodbine)

www.beachesjazz.com/streetfest

July 26 – 28 TORONTO BEER WEEK

Bandshell Park, Exhibition Place

www.beerfestival.ca

Over 400 types of beer, in addition to a selection of ready to drink, spirits and plenty of non-beer drinks as well.

July 26 – 28 TORONTO'S FESTIVAL OF BEER

Bandshell Park – Exhibition Place

www.beerfestival.ca

A celebration of Canada's rich brewing history, hosted by experts in the brewing craft from around the country.

July 26 – 28 FUN PHILIPPINES FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Harbourfront

www.harbourfrontcentre.com/series/fun-philippines-toronto-food-music-festival

Three-day festival showcasing the best of Filipino culture with street food, music

July 26 – 28 OLG WEEKEND – BEACHES JAZZ FESTIVAL

Woodbine Park

www.beachesjazz.com/olg

July 27 – 28 CANADIAN MULTICULTURAL PERUVIAN FESTIVAL

Yonge-Dundas Square

www.peruviantown.com

July 27 – 28 THE GUILD ALIVE WITH CULTURE ARTS FESTIVAL

Guild Park and Gardens,

201 Guildwood Pkwy, Scarborough

www.guildalivewithculture.ca

July 27 – 28 SUMMER LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Trillium Park

www.ontarioplace.com/en/whats-on/summerseries

AUGUST 2024

August 1 – 11 SUMMERWORKS PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL

Various Venues

www.summerworks.ca

Showcasing over 30 performance works and events, presented in 13 neighbourhoods across Toronto, as well as an extensive array of online and hybrid offerings.

August 2 – 4 VELD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Downsview Park

www.eldmusicfestival.com

August 3 TASTE OF INDIA FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square

www.schoolofflavours.ca/taste-of-india

August 3 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL 1

Albert Campbell Square

www.facebook.com/TIDFCanada

August 9 – 11 TACO FEST 2024!

The West Island, Ontario Place,

955 Lakeshore Blvd West

www.thetacofest.ca

TasteToronto announces the three – day fiesta showcasing some of Toronto's best and most celebrated chefs with an authentic Mexican twist.

August 9 – 11 TORONTO WATERFRONT NIGHT MARKET

Hotel X Toronto, Exhibition Grounds

www.waterfrontnightmarket.com

The Toronto Waterfront Night Market is excited to make its highly anticipated return, bringing the perfect pairing of cultural potency and urban waterfront life. Symbolically designed in celebration of the QiXi Double Seven Festival (Asia's version of Valentine's Day). The 2024 edition of the WNM continues to be anchored by the Signature Pan-Asian Food Festival, Kre8ions Cultural Showcase, and illuminasian Floating Lantern & Music Festival.

August 9 – 11
TD JERKFEST

Centennial Park
www.jerkfestival.ca

JerkFest is one of Ontario's hottest summer festivals with a three-day international event celebrating jerk cuisine and Caribbean culture.

August 9 – 11
TACO FEST

Fort York
www.thetacofest.com/toronto/home

An electric atmosphere showcasing some of Toronto's best and most celebrated chefs with an authentic Mexican twist.

August 11
CANADIAN LATIN FESTIVAL

Nathan Philips Square
www.canadianlatinfest.org

August 16 – September 2
CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (THE CNE)

Exhibition Place
www.theex.com

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE), better known as 'The Ex' to locals, is the event that Toronto's beloved Exhibition Place is named for. To say there's a lot to see at the Canadian National Exhibition is an understatement, this is Canada's biggest annual fair known for its fairgrounds, entertainment, agricultural displays, and food vendors. (See Page 22 for highlights.)

August 17
WHEELS ON THE DANFORTH STREET FESTIVAL

3400 Danforth Avenue
www.wheelsonthedanforth.com

August 17
THE KINGS PLATE @ WOODBINE

Woodbine Race Track
www.woodbine.com/events/kings-plate

August 17 – 18
PUNK IN DRUBLIC CRAFT BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Downsview Park, 15 Carl Hall Rd.
www.punkindrublicfest.comtoronto

August 17 – 18
TASTE OF MANILA 2024

Corner of Bathurst St. and Wilson Ave.
www.facebook.comTasteOfManilaCanada
Now celebrating its 11th year, this year's festival is going to be another unforgettable festival in terms of vendor participants and visitors from all over the world celebrating Filipino culture, wide variety of Filipino cuisine, and community.

August 17
ISLAND EATS FOOD FESTIVAL

Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge Street
www.islandfest.ca
Get ready to tantalize your taste buds and indulge in the flavors of summer from around the Caribbean!

August 17 – 18
TORONTO CHINATOWN FESTIVAL

Chinatown
chinatownbia.com/eventsnews/tcf2024
An annual festivity started back in 2000, the Toronto Chinatown community will be celebrating its 23rd anniversary.



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August 21 OPEN STREETS TORONTO

Downtown Yonge Street
www.openstreetsto.org
FREE program that supports recreation, healthy living and community engagement in the heart of Toronto.

August 23 – 25 TAIWANFEST

Harbourfront Centre
torontotaiwanfest.ca
The TAIWANFEST 2024 features enticing performances and tasty food from Taiwan and beyond! Enjoy exhibits and culture at this beautiful festival.

August 23 – 25 KOREAN HARVEST FEST

Mel Lastman Square, North York
www.torontokfest.ca

August 24 – 25 AFRO CARIB FEST

Thomson Memorial Park
afrocaribfestival.com
Celebrate the culture and diversity of the Afro-Caribbean communities, showcasing our cultural heritage through art, music, dance, and food. The event will engage audiences with live exciting performances and fun – filled, interactive activities that the entire family can enjoy.

August 24 – 25 TAMIL FEST

Markham Road (Between McNicoll Avenue and Passmore Avenue)
www.tamilfest.ca

August 24 - 25 MABUHAY PHILIPPINES DAY FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square
www.pidccanada.com

August 27 – September 2 ASHKENAZ FESTIVAL

Harbourfront Centre
www.ashkenaz.ca/event/ashkenaz-festival-2024

August 22 – 25 FAN EXPO CANADA

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
www.fanexpohq.com/fanexpocanada

August 22 – 25 AFRICAN FASHION WEEK TORONTO

Globe and Mail Centre 351 King St. East
www.afwt.ca
African Fashion Week Toronto spans across Toronto and brings exposure to various designers and brands including those from out of province and throughout the world.

August 30 - September 1 6TH ANNUAL SCARBOROUGH COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Thomson Memorial Park
www.scarboroughcommunityfestival.ca
An exciting 3-day cultural explosion of cuisine, music, revelry and entertainment, including visual and performing arts. Scarborough is sure to experience an exciting, rich and diverse multicultural festival.

August 30 – September 2 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BUSKERFEST

Woodbine Park
www.torontobuskerfest.com
BuskerFest fills Toronto's Woodbine Park with weird, wacky and wild performances for a good cause. This is Epilepsy Toronto's biggest fundraiser of the year. From mime and acrobatics to the art of clown or fire juggling and stilts or stand up comedy, there's something for everyone.

August 30 – September 2 T.U. JAZZ FEST

Mel Lastman Square
www.tujazz.com

August 31 - September 1 INDIGENOUS SOUNDS NOW

Trillium Park
www.ontarioplace.com/en/indigenous-sounds-now
Showcasing an eclectic Indigenous music talent line-up.

August 31 – September 3 RIBS, BACON AND BBQ FESTIVAL

Downsview Park
www.facebook.com/ribbaconbbqfest
Expanding on the traditional ribfest food

fare by including vendors that specialize in delicious Bacon and BBQ treats as well.

August 31 – September 1 TORONTO DRAGON FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square
www.dragonfestival.ca
The 5th Toronto Dragon Festival is an iconic annual cultural event held on the first weekend of September each year. This is one of the largest events in Ontario, targeting both mainstream and multicultural visitors.

SEPTEMBER 2024

September 4 CARIBBEAN TALES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Various locations: The Royal Theatre, Scotiabank Theatre, TIFF Bell Lightbox
www.caribbeantalesfestival.com
The Caribbean Tales International Film Festival celebrates the talents and culture of emerging and established Caribbean cinematographers. The films present a diverse range of stories that speak to the lives of those creating them.

September 5 – 15 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

TIFF Bell Lightbox
www.tiff.net
Toronto's biggest and most prestigious event is back for another year of bringing new films and up – and coming talent to people's attention. This highly anticipated event features the latest work by both established and new filmmakers. Over the 10 days the festival runs, movie lovers, industry professionals, stars, and the media gather to determine the best.

September 6 – 8 CABBAGETOWN ART AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Riverdale Park West
www.cabbagetownartandcraft.org
The Cabbagetown Festival will feature a variety of events throughout the weekend including the kids zone, live entertainment and Arts & Crafts Sale that will have beautiful handmade pieces for purchase.



JOIN US on **September 8th** for the
2024 Mississauga Music Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony

Join us as we welcome **Internationally acclaimed classical violinist Adrian Anantawan**, and **Multi-Platinum selling guitarist and songwriter for Platinum Blonde, Sergio Galli** to the Mississauga Music Walk of Fame during the Tim Horton's Southside Shuffle Blues and Jazz Festival. The 2024 Induction Ceremony will take place on Sunday, September 8th, at 11 am at Memorial Park's Gazebo Stage in Port Credit, Ontario. Everyone is welcome.



Adrian Anantawan, Classical Violinist

Adrian is an Internationally acclaimed classical violinist and Juno Award nominee.



Sergio Galli, Guitarist, Songwriter, Musician

Sergio is a guitarist, songwriter and founding member of Canadian rock band Platinum Blonde.

September 6 – 8 TASTE OF THE KINGSWAY

Bloor St W, Montgomery Rd to Prince Edward Dr.

www.thekingsway.ca/listing/taste-of-the-kingsway-2024

Three unforgettable days of food, music, family entertainment, contests, and shows at South Etobicoke's largest street festival.

September 6 – 8 ASIALICIOUS CARNIVAL

Woodside Square

www.asialiciouscarnival.com

Annual attraction celebrating multiculturalism in a fun filled and entertaining fashion in Scarborough North.

September 7 TASTE OF THE JUNCTION

Jackson Place, 51 Vine Ave.

www.torontojunction.ca/taste-of-the-junction-2024

September 7 – 8 CABBAGETOWN FESTIVAL

Parliament St from Wellesley to Gerrard and Carlton St from Parliament to Ontario

www.cabbagetownto.com/festival-information

September 7 – 8 TRINBAGO FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square

www.caribbean scholarship.com/events-2

September 7 – 22 ASIALICIOUS TO

Various Asian Restaurant

asialicious.to

Inspired by Summerlicious and Winterlicious, AsialiciousTO is Toronto's premier Asian food campaign program, showcasing diverse and delicious cuisines of Asia.

September 13 – 15 MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Nathan Phillips Square

www.mexicanday.ca

A celebration of Spanish and Latin – American art, food, music and entertainment. Don't miss this free event, which features amazing performances, exhibits and dances.

September 13 – 15 UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

Bloor West Village

www.toronto.ukrainianfestival.com

This largest Ukrainian festival in North America showcases the best in Ukrainian arts and culture and celebrates the country's rich history.

September 14 – 15 TORONTO WATERFRONT FESTIVAL (FORMALLY REDPATH WATERFRONT FESTIVAL TORONTO)

Sugar Beach

www.towaterfrontfest.com

The Toronto Waterfront Festival returns to Sugar Beach with past festival favourites, cultural activities, food and more. See below for details on this year's planned programs and stay tuned for updates.

September 14 – 15 RONCESVALLES POLISH FESTIVAL

Roncesvalles Ave (Queen St. West to Dundas St. West)

www.polishfestival.ca

Come celebrate Roncesvalles Polish Festival, which include fan favourites, like Polka and pierogi, in conjunction with a fresh focus to celebrate a broader range of local artists, musicians and, of course, food.

September 16 – 22 QUEEN WEST ART CRAWL

Queen St. West, Trinity Bellwoods Park

queenwestartcrawl.com

Queen West Art Crawl creates an open, public space for arts and culture in a busy downtown neighbourhood.

September 19 – 29 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS

Harbourfront Centre

festivalofauthors.ca

Canada's largest and longest running literary festival, presented with a vision to inspire, empower and connect through the art of stories. Each fall, literary fans gather to meet, hear and learn from the world's leading contemporary authors.

September 21 WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL

Downsview Park

www.waterlanternfestival.ca/toronto.php

The Water Lantern Festival is filled with fun, happiness, hope and good memories that you will cherish all your life. It's a family event that can be shared by everyone. Friends, families, neighbors and many others whom you have not met yet can come together to create a peaceful and memorable experience.

September 21 – 24 2024 VEG FOOD FEST

Nathan Phillips Square

www.veg.ca/veg-to-fest

The largest vegetarian food festival in North America is back for another three days of delectable plant – based dishes prepared by top gourmet food vendors. Experience the vegetarian life for a day.

September 21 – 22 FALL FESTIVAL

Black Creek Pioneer Village

events.trca.ca/event/fall-festival-2024

Immerse yourself in the joy and laughter of old-fashioned fall festivities. Enjoy autumn-themed crafts. Marvel at the incredible skills of our traveling medicine man as he performs mind-bending magic tricks that will leave you in awe.

September 25 – October 2 TORONTO PALESTINE FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations

tpff.ca

Discover powerful stories and diverse voices at the Toronto Palestine Film Festival, celebrating Palestinian cinema and culture.

September 27 – 28 TORONTO OKTOBERFEST

Downsview Airport Lands

torontooktoberfest.ca

NEW LOCATION! Toronto Oktoberfest is the first Bavarian-styled Oktoberfest in Toronto. The festival is a two day event which celebrates the food, drink, music and dance of Bavarian culture. Be a part of history and be one of the first to experience this huge, indoor, iconic, easy to access venue.

September 27 - 28
THE WORLD FOOD AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL CANADA

Christie Pits Park, Bloor Street West
wfcfest.com

Unity through diversity – a gastronomic journey celebrating global cultures on the plate

September 28 – 29
THE WORD ON THE STREET

Queen's Park Crescent
toronto.thewordonthestreet.ca

Experience the best of Canadian literature and authors at The Word on the Street Festival.

September 29
TORONTO GARLIC FESTIVAL

Spadina Road between Davenport Road and Macpherson Avenue
torontogarlicfestival.ca

Purchase rare garlic, taste the finest dishes from local chefs, enjoy live music, film screenings, speakers, cooking demos and more!

OCTOBER 2024

October 1 – 31
TORONTO CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

Various Locations
torontochocolatefestival.com

One month dedicated to all things chocolate, this festival hosts a variety of entertaining events, all powered by one ingredient: CHOCOLATE! Discover chocolate in many of its magnificent and tasty forms through events such as The Chocolate Afternoon Tea at the King Edward Hotel and The Amazing Chocolate Relay.

October 5
NUIT BLANCHE TORONTO

Throughout Toronto
www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/nuitblanche/

Nuit Blanche Toronto is the city's annual all-night celebration of contemporary art, produced by the City of Toronto in collaboration with Toronto's arts community. Since 2006, this award-winning event has featured almost 1,600 art installations by approximately 5,800 artists.

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August 23-24, 2024
at Mississauga Celebration Square!
www.mississaugaitalfest.com

October 5 – 6 PICKLEFEST™ FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

Henderson Brewing Co.,
128a Sterling Rd.
picklefestcanada.com

Featuring over 50 vendors offering all things pickled and fermented with fully licensed beverage selections.

October 11 – 14 PUMPKINFEST TORONTO

Downsview Park Festival Terrace
www.pumpkinfesttoronto.com

PumpkinFest Toronto, is the place to be Thanksgiving weekend! Enjoy a weekend filled with unlimited midway rides, unlimited inflatable fun, a sprawling pumpkin patch, local food trucks, live entertainment, tons of family photo ops, and so much more!

October 15 – 20 25TH ANNUAL PLANET IN FOCUS INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Paradise Theatre,
1006c Bloor St. W
planetinfocus.org

Don't miss the lineup of groundbreaking documentary films focusing on the environment, energy, immigration and sustainable cities.

October 16 – 20 TORONTO AFTER DARK FILM FESTIVAL

Scotiabank Theatre
torontoafterdark.com

The Toronto After Dark Film Festival is one of the world's leading showcases of new horror, cult, action and sci-fi movies. This annual festival features nine nights of thrilling film and interesting Q&A sessions. This age 18+ event will feature a zombie – themed night, and Pub After Dark, a social hour where fans can meet the filmmakers.

NOVEMBER 2024

November 1 – 10 ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR

Exhibition Place
royalfair.org

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the largest combined indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian competition in the world. Whether you're a visitor or an exhibitor, The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is jam-packed with home-grown fun and the best in local food and animal entertainment.

November 8 – 11 HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION WEEKEND + LEGENDS CLASSIC

The Hockey Hall of Fame
www.hhof.com

Come down and take part in daily Induction Weekend events commemorating the Class of 2024. Celebrate the Class of 2024 with new Legends Line collectibles! Shop. Additional 2024 Induction Celebration merchandise is available for in-store shopping at the Spirit of Hockey.

November 26 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL 2

Chinese Cultural Centre
www.tidfcanada.com

November – December TORONTO CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Historic Distillery District
www.tochristmasmarket.com

The Toronto Christmas Market, located in the historic Distillery District, is a beloved holiday tradition that transforms the area into a festive wonderland. Held annually from mid-November to December, this market features charming wooden stalls offering unique gifts, seasonal treats, and handcrafted goods. Visitors can enjoy live entertainment, holiday lights, and the iconic giant Christmas tree, creating a magical atmosphere that captures the spirit of the season.

DECEMBER 2024

December 1 – January 2025 WINTERFEST AT CANADA'S WONDERLAND

Canada's Wonderland
www.canadaswonderland.com/events/winterfest

An immersive holiday experience for the whole family, this event features live shows and holiday entertainment, ice skating on Snowflake Lake and even a few rides. Canada's fave amusement park lives up to its name, with hundreds of beautiful Christmas trees and millions of spectacular lights throughout the park, including two 15 m (50 ft) Christmas trees. ■



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WHAT'S ON WHERE IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO

Ontario hosts a variety of festivals throughout the year that cater to diverse interests, from music and food to art and cultural celebrations. Here are some notable festivals outside of Toronto:

WOW: BARRIE/ORILLIA

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-barrie-orillia

July 5 – 7

THE MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL

J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park

www.mariposafolk.wpengine.com

The Mariposa Folk Festival is an all-inclusive showcase of Canada's heritage, cultures, and talents. The Festival profiles over 100 artistic performances.

July 19 – 21

ANNUAL ORILLIA SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Couchiching Beach Park

www.scottishfestival.ca

A celebration of Scottish culture and heritage!

August 2 – 5

KEMPENFEST

Barrie Waterfront, South Shore

www.kempenfest.com

Kempenfest is Ontario's biggest and best waterfront festival featuring over 400 vendors, live music, a youth village, a midway, antiques, and great food.

August 8 – 11

BOOTS AND HEARTS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Burl's Creek,

Line 7 and Line 9 South off of HWY 11

www.bootsandhearts.com

The Boots and Hearts Music Festival is a multi-day country music and camping festival.

August 9 – 11

ORILLIA WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

Port of Orillia

www.orillia.com/waterfront-festival

The Orillia Waterfront Festival features

entertainment, food, a vendor market, new and used boat sales, a Cardboard Boat Race, and a dog diving contest!

September 13 – 14

ORO WORLD'S FAIR

84 15th/16th Sideroad

www.oworldsfair.com

Presented by: The Oro Agricultural Society (celebrating 172 years).

August 17

ANNUAL BARRIE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Barrie's Heritage Park, Downtown Barrie

www.barriedragonboatfestival.ca

Enjoy dragon boat racing, cultural and commercial exhibits, participate in children's activities, and much more.

August 22 – 25

BARRIE FAIR

Essa Agriplex, 7505 10th Line,

Thornton

www.essaagriplex.ca/barrie-fair-2

Annual Barrie Fair presents agriculture in an entertaining and educational fashion.

September 27 – 29

COLDWATER FALL FAIR

Coldwater Coldwater,

www.coldwaterfallfair.com

Bring the family to enjoy the Magical Midway, exhibitions, vendors, entertainment and more!

October 11 - 24

2024 IMAGES THANKSGIVING STUDIO TOUR

Simcoe County, Orillia, Oro-Medonte Area

www.images-studio-tour.com

Ontario's finest and longest running studio tours. Discover exceptional art and enjoy the beautiful fall colours.

October 12-13

HOMETOWN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sainte Marie Among the Hurons, Midland

www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca/events/hometown-harvest-festival

Come celebrate the abundance of the fall season! Put on a cozy sweater and shop our artisan market with more than 40 local vendors.

WOW: BRAMPTON

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-brampton

July 12 – 24

CARABRAM

Venues Across Brampton

www.carabram.org

Carabram is Brampton's annual multicultural festival, celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2024. Carabram multicultural festival that brings together cultures across Brampton through food, entertainment and education.

August 2

COLOURS OF CARNIVAL

Garden Square, 12 Main St. N.

www.experiencebrampton.com/event/colours-of-carnival

It's Toronto's Caribbean Carnival long weekend, and we're warming things up on The Rose Patio in Garden Square with a musical combination of soca, dancehall, calypso, and MORE blended together for a radiant mix of soulful perfection.

August 5

CELEBRATE EMANCIPATION DAY

Gage Park

www.bit.ly/celebrate-emancipation-day

Celebrate Brampton's vibrant Indo and Afro-Caribbean diaspora through food and music at JAMBANA, the Emancipation Day celebration.

August 30 – September 1, 2024
BRAMPTON FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Chinguacousy Park
www.canadianfoodtruckfestivals.com/brampton

Brampton Food Truck Festival is expanding to 3 days! 40 Food Trucks will be serving up some of the best food from around the country, this is a festival you won't want to miss! Show some of your Brampton love by bringing your friends and family. Oh and don't forget, there will be FREE ADMISSION, local performers, cold beer and eating challenges geared to entertain the masses!

September 7 – 8
WORLD OF JAZZ FESTIVAL

Various Venues, Brampton
www.worldofjazz.ca

The World of Jazz Festival is the annual signature event for B-Jazzed, hosting more than 100 musicians performing over two days, in Downtown Brampton.

September 12 – 15
BRAMPTON FALL FAIR

Brampton Fairgrounds,
12942 Heart Lake Rd, Caledon
bramptonfair.com

September 14
3RD ANNUAL BRAMPTON LATIN FESTIVAL

Ken Whillans Square:
bramptonlatinosassociation.com/brampton-latin-fest

A lively celebration of Latin culture that you don't want to miss out on! There will be plenty of music, dance, and cuisine to experience. The festival promises to immerse you in the colorful and diverse mosaic of Latin heritage with an experience filled with passion, energy, and rhythm. You don't need to travel far, Latin America is in Brampton, right in our backyard! Come be a part of the celebration.

September 28
APPLEFEST

Battlefield House Museum & Park
www.hamilton.ca/things-do/festivals-events/events-calendar/apple-festival-0
Get ready for bushels of fall-time family fun in Battlefield Park!

November 1
PUMPKIN PARTY

Ken Whillans Square
www.brampton.ca/EN/Arts-Culture-Tourism/Festivals-and-Events

Grab your pumpkin and light it up one last time in Ken Whillans Square! Wear your costume and enjoy this FREE event. Featuring live entertainment, interactive games, giveaways and the return of the pumpkin smash!

November 15 – 16
WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL

Downtown Brampton
www.brampton.ca/EN/Arts-Culture-Tourism/Festivals-and-Events/Pages/Winter-Lights-Festival.aspx

Celebrate the holiday season with annual Brampton's Winter Lights Festival.

WOW: BURLINGTON

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-burlington

August 3
HALTON EMANCIPATION FREEDOM CELEBRATION FESTIVAL

Spencer Smith Park
www.hbhas.ca/events.php

August 10
BUTTER TART FESTIVAL RACES

Spencer Smith Park
raceroster.com/events/2024/80820/butter-tart-festival-race

Come and be part of the VR Pro's signature race events – the Butter Tart Festival. Each race kit comes with a finisher medal and butter tarts! The 1KM event makes this race fun for the whole family.

August 17
BURLINGTON VEGFEST

Burloak Waterfront Park
www.burlingtonvegfest.com

Delicious food, kids activities, amazing presenters, live music and more!

August 24
BURLINGTON LATIN FESTIVAL

Central Park 2299 New St.
www.burlingtonlatinfest.com

Get ready to immerse yourself in a celebration of Latin culture.

August 30 – September 2
CANADIAN LARGEST RIBFEST

Spencer Smith Park, Burlington
www.canadalargestribfest.com

Renowned for being one of the largest ribfests in Canada, attracting thousands of visitors each year enjoying ribs, music, and family activities.

WOW: HAMILTON

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-hamilton

September 13 – 15
ANNUAL ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL SUPERCRAWL

James Street North, Hamilton
www.supercrawl.ca

Supercrawl is an exciting annual arts and music festival.

September 19 – 22
ANCASTER FAIR

Ancaster Fairgrounds,
630 Trinity Road, Ancaster
www.ancasterfair.ca/ancaster-fair

October 26 – 27
HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PARTY

Westfield Heritage Village
1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton
westfieldheritage.ca/event/halloween-pumpkin-party-241026/

WOW: MARKHAM/ UNIONVILLE

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-markham-unionville

June 28 – 29
TASTE OF ASIA 2024

Kennedy & Steeles, Markham
www.taste-of-asia.ca

Taste of Asia is one of Canada's largest Asian festivals takes place over a weekend in June and celebrates the diverse cultures and cuisines of Asia.

July 20 – 21
MARKHAM INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Markham Civic Centre
www.mciff.ca

Markham International Film Festival 2024 showcases diverse global films, including features and shorts, for free.

August 16 – 18 TD MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL

Millennium Bandstand

www.markhamjazzfestival.com

Wind down the summer season with the smooth sounds of jazz at the TD Markham Jazz Festival. Plan to be in historic Unionville for 30+ performances by award-winning artists on multiple outdoor stages – all free to you.

September 7 MARKHAM-MILLIKEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Aaniin Community Centre & Library,
5665 14th Avenue

yourvoicemarkham.ca/childrens-festival

Join the City of Markham at its exciting annual children's festival, now at the Aaniin Community Centre and Library, located in the heart of southeast Markham.

WOW: MISSISSAUGA

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-mississauga

July 19 – 21 MUSLIMFEST

Mississauga Celebration Square

www.muslimfest.com/event/mississauga

July 28 BACK 2 ROOTS FESTIVAL

Living Arts Centre

bit.ly/back-2-roots-festival

School of Indian Folk Arts & Tradition Inc. (SIFAT) & Rooh Punjab Dee Toronto presents the biggest Indian Punjabi festival of the year called Back 2 Roots Festival.

August 2 – 4 MOAIC FESTIVAL 2024: SOUTH ASIAN FESTIVAL

Celebration Square

www.mosaicfest.com

Celebrate the rich art, culture, heritage and cuisine of South Asian Canadians in a family-oriented free festival featuring artists from Pakistan, India, USA and Canada.

August 9 – 11 MISSISSAUGA LATIN FESTIVAL

Celebration Square

www.mississaugalatinfestival.com

August 17 - 18 JAPAN FESTIVAL CANADA

Mississauga Celebration Square

www.japanfestivalcanada.com

Japan Festival Canada is the largest Japanese Cultural Event in North America with the exciting entertainments, tasteful Japanese foods and many more to experience.

August 23 – 24 MISSISSAUGA ITALFEST

Mississauga Celebration Square

www.mississaugaitalfest.com

A celebration of Italian history, heritage and culture.

September 6 – 8 GEORGETOWN FALL FAIR

1 Park Ave, Georgetown

www.georgetownfallfair.ca

This Fall Fair celebrates its 177th year with concerts, Truck Pull, Agricultural Education Tent, Family Friendly Midway, Petting Zoo, Free Children's Games and Activities, Entertainment, and more.

September 6 – 8 SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE: BLUES AND BBQ FESTIVAL

Memorial Park, Port Credit

www.southsideshuffle.ca

The 26th annual Port Credit blues and BBQ festival is back for another year of great jazz and scrumptious BBQ. Four stages will feature the best of Canadian blues.

September 7 PORTUGALO FEST

Celebration Square

www.portugalofest.ca

Enjoy Portugal's rich and colourful traditions are shared with all of the diverse communities in Mississauga through musical performances, food vendors and marketplace vendors.

September 7 – 8 LATIN FESTIVAL 2024

Maja Prentice Theatre, Mississauga

www.latinfestival.ca

The 12th Annual LATIN FESTIVAL 2024 is a unique 2-day event that celebrates the culture of Latin America.

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www.latinfestival.ca

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September 8 MISSISSAUGA MUSIC WALK OF FAME

Memorial Park, Mississauga

www.musicwalkoffame.ca

The Mississauga Music Walk of Fame honours local musicians who have made a significant impact on the city, Music Industry builders and innovators, and Mississauga's very own International Superstars.

September 14 – 15 PHILIPPINE FESTIVAL MISSISSAUGA

Celebration Square

www.philfestmississauga.ca

A 2-Day festival of Filipino food, music, arts, and culture at the Mississauga's Celebration Square!

September 27 - 29 STREET EATS POUTINE FESTIVAL

Erin Mills Town Centre

www.streeteatsmarket.com

Get ready to loosen your belts and break out those stretchy pants because the legendary Poutine Festival is back and it's cheesier than ever!

September 28 – 29 TASTES OF SOUTH EAST ASIA – LOVE FESTIVAL

Celebration Square

www.tastesofsea.com

Featuring the finest art, brightest culture, and best-crafted cuisine, aiming at propelling the cultural footprint of South, East, and Southeast Asia in Canada, all while raising awareness against human trafficking and child exploitation.

October 12 – 13 DIWALI RAZZMATAZZ

Mississauga Celebration Square

www.canadadiwali.ca/diwali-razzmatazz

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www.TorontoChocolateFestival.com
October 1 – 31, 2024



WOW: NIAGARA

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-niagara

**To December 22
SHAW FESTIVAL**

Various Theatres Niagara-on-the-Lake

www.shawfest.com

The Shaw Festival features a diverse range of productions including classical and contemporary plays, musicals, and new works.

**August 3 – 4
NIAGARA FIESTA
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Fireman's Park

www.ofcasfestival.com

An annual summer event that celebrates Filipino culture, arts and heritage in Niagara Region Ontario promoting multi-cultural awareness and appreciation of Philippine heritage.

**August 23 – 24
NIAGARA IRISH FESTIVAL 2024**

Firemen's Park, 2275 Dorchester Rd.

www.irishmusicniagara.com/festival

Celebrate Irish Music and culture in beautiful Niagara Falls, Canada! "The best little Irish music festival in North America!" – Niagara Irish Festival 2024 will feature local musicians from the Niagara region. It will be headlined by international Irish recording artist and performer PADDYMAN.

**September 13 – 14
IMELA INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL**

Queen Victoria Park

www.imela.ca

Immerse yourself in Bhangra performances, live music from both local and international talents, and a captivating stage play by our very own community theater group.

**November 16, 2024 – January 5, 2025
WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

www.wfol.com

Enjoy spectacular illuminations and countless festive events at the Niagara Falls Winter Festival of Lights, Canada's foremost illumination festival.

WOW: OAKVILLE

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-oakville

**July 7
FESTIVAL OF INDIA**

Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park

www.visitoakville.com/events/festival-of-india-2

**July 26 – 28
OAKVILLE LATINO FESTIVAL**

Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park

www.oakvillelatinofestival.com

**August 31
CRAFT LIVE AFRO-CARIBBEAN
CANADIAN WATERFRONT FETE**

Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park, 2340

Ontario Street, Oakville

www.visitoakville.com/events/craft-live-afro-caribbean-canadian-waterfront-fete-2

**September 6 - 8
KERRFEST & KERRFEST KIDS 2024**

Westwood Park, Oakville

www.visitoakville.com/events/kerrfest-kerrfest-kids-2024

**September 7
OAK PARK FALL FAIR**

2200 Sawgrass Drive, Oakville

www.opnc.ca/whats-new

Entertainers, tons of family friendly activities, inflatables, \$5 BBQ, outdoor movie, silent auction, bake sale and more.

WOW: OSHAWA/AJAX

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where

**October 5
DURHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Children's Arena, 155 Arena Street

www.durhamcraftbeer.ca

Bringing quality Ontario Craft Beer to the local market for a sampling Festival.

WOW: PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where

**August 23 – 31
BIGLAKE FESTIVAL**

Various Locations

www.biglakearts.com

Biglake Festival announces its summer festival scene with its 2024 series: Roots, celebrating all the things that ground us, nourish us, and make us who we are.

**WOW: RICHMOND HILL/
NEWMARKET**

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-richmond-hill-newmarket

**September 7 - 8
NEW'BARK'ET**

Lions Park (424 D'Arcy Street)

www.newmarket.ca/newbarket

Newmarket's one of a kind, family-friendly dog festival presented by Global Pet Foods. Both dog owners and lovers alike are welcome to come visit and enjoy.

**September 20 – October 13
ANNUAL CULTURE DAYS**

Various Richmond Hill Locations

www.richmondhill.ca/en/things-to-do/culture-days.aspx

**September 22
RICHMOND HILL ARTWALK 2024**

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts

www.richmondhill.ca/en/things-to-do/artwalk.aspx

WOW: ST. CATHARINES

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-st-catharines

**July 4 – August 24
THE FOSTER FESTIVAL'S 2024
SEASON**

Mandeville Theatre, Ridley College,
2 Ridley Road

www.fosterfestival.com

**July 30 – August 4
2024 ROYAL CANADIAN HENLEY
REGATTA**

Henley Island

www.henleyregatta.ca

**August 2 – 5
ANNUAL CANAL DAYS MARINE
HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

City of Port Colborne

www.portcolborne.ca/en/recreation-and-leisure/canal-days.aspx

September 20 – 29
NIAGARA GRAPE & WINE FESTIVAL

Various Locations in St. Catharines
www.niagarawinefestival.com

Over 100 events including cellar door experiences, fresh food, parades and concerts.

August 30 – September 2
GREEK FESTIVAL

St. Katharine Greek Orthodox Church,
585 Niagara Street
www.niagaragreekfestival.com

Authentic Greek food, pastries, drinks, dancing, entertainment and music.

**WOW: VAUGHAN/
WOODBIDGE**

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-vaughan-woodbridge

July 13 – 28
CANADA'S WONDERLAND'S KIDZFEST

Canada's Wonderland
www.canadawonderland.com/events/kidzfest

July 13
VAUGHAN LATIN FESTIVAL

Mackenzie Glen Park,
220 Cranston Park Avenue
www.fuerzalatinaservices.org/vaughan_latin_festival

The ultimate celebration of Latino culture, where thousands of people come together to experience the passion, energy, and beauty of Latin dance, folklore, and music.

July 16 - 18
ITALIAN CONTEMPORARY FILM FESTIVAL

3555 Highway 7 West
www.visitvaughan.ca/calendar/event/italian-contemporary-film-festival-1

This year's festival promises to a tailored selection of great films and renowned guests along with an array of captivating events and experiences.

August 10
VAUGHAN CON

Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane Street
www.vaughancon.com ■

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CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

AUGUST 16 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2024



The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) is Canada's largest community event and one of the top five agricultural fairs in North America. Founded in 1879, the CNE is affectionately embraced as an end-of-summer ritual by more than 1.5 million annual visitors.

The event also emphasizes sustainability, having been recognized as the greenest fair in North America. This year's edition aims to promote eco-friendly practices and sustainable living among attendees.

2024 CNE Highlights

GAMING GARAGE

Enercare Centre

The world of gaming will be coming to the CNE! The CNE Gaming Garage will be the place to play and watch eSports and Pinball. Compete alongside players of all skill levels for the chance to win a cash prize. Registration for these events is free.

AIR SHOW

Lakeshore Blvd.

Head to the CNE on Labour Day weekend for a show like never before! The 76th Canadian International Air Show will be soaring over Lake Ontario for another year of thrilling loops and turns in this exciting demonstration of awe-inspiring feats!

PERFORMANCES

International Pavillion, Enercare Centre

CNE 2024 will feature a diverse range of performances across various stages. The Bandshell Stage is set to host an impressive lineup of musicians, including local talents and international stars. For a detailed and up-to-date performances schedule, visit theex.com.

CASINO

The CNE Casino - Better Living Centre

A popular draw, the CNE Casino features a variety of games including Blackjack, King's Bounty Blackjack, Spanish 21, Hold'Em

Bonus Poker, Omaha Poker, 3-Card Poker, No Commission Mini Baccarat, Roulette, and a private Texas Hold'Em Poker Room! **Returning This Year - Hold'Em Tournament with prizes totalling over \$250,000.**

FOOD PRODUCTS DAY

The Toronto Star Food Building

Food Products Day returns again this year! Individuals were invited to spin the wheel and play games for a chance to win prizes in the Toronto Star Food Building. The excitement begins Wednesday August 21st.

AGRICULTURE ADVENTURES

Better Living Centre (CNE Farm)

The CNE introduces a new FREE experience in the city – Agriculture Adventures presented by the CNE Farm! This event will feature a variety of fun interactive educational activities.

HORSECAPADES

Horse Palace

A delightful and FREE introduction to horses, welcome to the CNE's interactive horse program CNE HorseCapades. Designed for the young and the young at heart, HorseCapades sweeps you away from city life and into the magical world of the horse.

KIDS' WORLD

Near the Dufferin Gate

Nestled in the west end of the CNE, is a wonderful world designed just for kids. Complete with a playground, onstage entertainment, and a park full of crazy creatures, Kids' World offers children endless surprises and lots of fun!

FOOD TRUCK FRENZY AND CRAFT BEER FEST

Princes' Boulevard, in front of the Beanfield Centre and Enercare Centre

The Food Truck Frenzy and Craft Beer Fest features a wide variety of tasty treats and live music!

ARTS, CRAFTS & HOBBIES PAVILION

Queen Elizabeth Building

The Arts Crafts and Hobbies Pavilion showcases of distinctive Canadian collectibles, including art, crafts, clothing, hobbies, specialty foods, home wares, jewellery and leather goods.

AT HOME PAVILION

Hall A, Enercare Centre

The At Home Pavilion features home-related products and services including furniture and appliances, lifestyle, leisure and personal care merchandise, as well as items relating to home décor, home improvements and home renovations.

OUTDOOR MARKETPLACE

This marketplace embraces the colourful outdoor ambience of the fair, and offers an eclectic variety of products that range from hot tubs to sunglasses, souvenirs, belts, books and psychic services.

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Lakeview Park, Oshawa
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Riverside Park, 709 Woolwich St, Guelph
www.ribfestguelph.com

August 23 – 25, 2024
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Machell Park
www.aurora.ca/en/recreation-arts-and-culture/ribfest.aspx

August 30 – September 2, 2024
CANADA'S LARGEST RIBFEST

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www.canadaslargestribfest.com

September 6 – 8, 2024
KINGSTON RIBFEST AND CRAFT BEER SHOW

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Hamilton Food Truck Festival July 12 – 14, 2024 • Gage Park

30 Food Trucks will be serving up some of the best food from around the country, this is a festival you won't want to miss! There will be FREE ADMISSION, Free Children's Games, Tribute Bands, cold beer and eating challenges geared to entertain the masses!

Burlington Food Truck Festival July 19 – 21, 2024 • Spencer Smith Park

40 Food Trucks will be serving up some of the best food from the country, this is a festival you won't want to miss! Show some of your Burlington love by bringing your friends and family. There will be FREE ADMISSION, a children's midway, local performers, cold beer, and eating challenges geared to entertain the masses!

Toronto Food Truck Festival August 2 – 5, 2024 • Woodbine Park

Woodbine Park has never tasted this delicious before. Back for another year, the Toronto Food Truck Festival is serving up some real must-eats! Entertain yourself with some of Toronto's best local talent, participate in our live-eating challenges and enjoy a cold beer!

Pickering Food Truck Festival August 9 – 11, 2024 • Esplanade Park


You'll want to bring your friends and kids to Esplanade Park for some unbelievable food! We're transforming the park to a foodie haven, jam-packed with a children's village, beer garden and live entertainment stage. As always, admission is free and we'll be beefing up the park with some good tunes.

** Unfortunately pets will not be permitted at the Pickering Food Truck Festival due to a City of Pickering regulation.*

Brampton Food Truck Festival August 30 – September 1, 2024 • Chinguacousy Park

Brampton Food Truck Festival is expanding to 4 days! 40 Food Trucks will be serving up some of the best food from around the country, this is a festival you won't want to miss! Show some of your Brampton love by bringing your friends and family. Oh and don't forget, there will be FREE ADMISSION, local performers, cold beer, and eating challenges geared to entertain the masses!

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GREATER TORONTO AREA

September 12 – 15, 2024

BRAMPTON FAIR

Brampton Fairgrounds, Caledon
<https://bramptonfair.com/fall-fair>

The Brampton Fair is a great way to experience the country, just outside the big city. The fair offers everything from food vendors and crafts to livestock competitions, a horse show, fruits and vegetables competition, prizes for local field crops and more, including a demolition derby, car show and midway rides. This Year's Theme is **WAGON WHEELS & FERRIS WHEELS**.

November 1 – 10, 2024

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR

Exhibition Place, Toronto
<https://www.royalfair.org>

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the largest combined indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian competition in the world. Now in its 102nd year, the fair takes over Toronto's Exhibition Place and plays host to the Royal Horse Show with over 1000 competitors, agricultural competitions, food vendors selling everything from finger foods to fine dining and more. This year 2024 Royal Ambassadors are Dawson and Pacey, two charismatic alpacas from All In Alpacas, owned by Derek and Lindsay Stoltz and their teenage daughters in Rockwood, Ontario.

YORK/DURHAM REGION

August 30 - September 1, 2024

KINMOUNT FAIR

Hwy 503 & Reid St., Kinmount
<https://www.kinmountfair.net>

The Kinmount Fair has been a family tradition for over 150 years. Three fun-filled days with agricultural and equestrian shows, the midway, live entertainment, motor sports, heritage exhibits and so much more. Come to the Kinmount Fair and experience "The Fair with the Forward Look"

August 31 – September 2, 2024

PORT PERRY FAIR

Port Perry Fairgrounds, Port Perry
<https://www.portperryfair.com>

The Port Perry Fair is an annual celebration of agricultural heritage and community spirit, featuring a variety of events such as the horse pulling competition, vintage tractor display, mini horse and donkey show, live music and even a men's baking contest. This cherished tradition offers fun and educational experiences for all ages, highlighting local talents and fostering a sense of community.

September 5 – 8, 2024

170TH ORONO FAIR

2 Princess Street, Orono
<https://www.oronofair.com>

The 2024 Orono Fair has an exciting lineup with Demo Cross events on Thursday night and Sunday afternoon presented by Impact Motorsports, a Truck and Tractor Pull on Saturday night, a Craft Beer Festival and Beer Gardens, a full midway, livestock competitions, an array of food trucks offering your favourite treats, indoor and outdoor vendors, agricultural and homecraft exhibits, plus plenty of family-friendly entertainment to be enjoyed by all.

September 6 – 8, 2024

UXBRIDGE FALL FAIR

Elgin Park, Uxbridge

<https://uxbridgefair.ca>

The Uxbridge Fall Fair 2024 is set to bring the community together with its vibrant mix of agricultural exhibits (such as horse show, demo derby, tractor pull, classic car show), thrilling midway rides, and engaging family-friendly activities. This beloved event, rich in tradition, showcases local talents and celebrates the bountiful harvest season with a festive atmosphere.

September 10 – 11, 2024

SUNDERLAND FALL FAIR

20 Park Street, Sunderland
<https://www.agfair.ca>

The Sunderland Fall Fair is a cherished local event that celebrates rural traditions with livestock displays, agricultural competitions, and a lively midway. This annual fair offers entertainment for all ages, highlighting the rich agricultural heritage of Sunderland. This year's theme at the Sunderland Fair is **IN THE APPLE ORCHARD**.

September 12 - 14, 2024

PORT HOPE FAIR

62 McCaul Street, Port Hope
<https://www.porthopefair.com>

The Port Hope Fair is a cherished annual event that celebrates the community's agricultural roots with livestock shows, homecraft displays, and an exciting midway. This beloved fair brings together families and friends for a weekend of fun, learning, and entertainment, fostering a vibrant sense of local pride and community spirit.

September 13 – 14, 2024

BEAVERTON FALL FAIR

176 Main Street, Beaverton
<https://www.beavertonfallfair.ca>

Going strong since 1853, the Beaverton

Fall Fair continues to deliver the best of the season in event and entertainment. The theme of the 2024 fair is **DERBIES, PIES AND RIDES, OH MY.**

September 14 - 22, 2024
170TH LINDSAY EXHIBITION

354 Angeline St S, Lindsay
<https://lex.lindsayex.com>

Family Weekend will again kick off the fair and follow later in the week with the demolition derby for two nights, as well as the truck & tractor pulls. There will be a full line up of livestock events, including the exciting six horse hitch, several beef cattle shows, dairy cattle, light horses, sheep, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs and more. The Homecraft committee is putting on a special quilt display this year and wait until you see the giant vegetables on display in the Commonwell Exhibition Building. This year's theme is **HARVESTING HERITAGE.**

September 20 - 22, 2024
166TH ANNUAL BOLTON FALL FAIR

Albion Bolton Fairgrounds, Bolton
<https://www.boltontractorpull.ca/bolton-fall-fair>

Held annually at the Albion Bolton Fairgrounds, the Bolton Fall Fair has a long-standing tradition that showcases the region's agricultural roots with livestock shows, homecraft exhibits, Tractor Pull and Demolition Derby, live entertainment, buskers, Craft Beer Festival and numerous food vendors. This historic event brings the community together for a weekend of fun, education, and celebration, honoring over a century and a half of local heritage.

October 3 - 6, 2024
180TH MARKHAM FALL FAIR

Markham Fairgrounds, Markham
<https://www.markhamfair.ca>

One of Canada's largest and longest running county fairs, the Markham Fall Fair is a vibrant annual event that celebrates the community's agricultural heritage with a wide array of activities including livestock shows, homecraft competitions, and a bustling midway.

October 12 - 14, 2024
NORWOOD FAIR

48 Alma St, Norwood
<https://lex.lindsayex.com>

The Norwood Fair was established back

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in the year 1868 as a place for area residents to display the fruits of their labours and to provide an opportunity for some friendly competition between friends and neighbours. The fair was also a community gathering where village folk came together to celebrate the harvest, catch up with each other and have a little fun for a couple of days. This year heme is **COUNTRY ROADS TAKE ME HOME**.

October 12 – 14, 2024 WOODBRIDGE FALL FAIR

Woodbridge Fairgrounds, Woodbridge
<https://www.woodbridgefair.ca>
Held over Thanksgiving weekend and located at the Woodbridge Fairgrounds, this fair offers a petting zoo, midway carnival rides, pumpkin carving and decorating contest and this year - Lumber Jack show, Horse and Wagon rides and Chainsaw Carver.

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

August 29 – September 2, 2024 166TH PARIS FAIR

Paris Fairground, Paris
<https://www.parisfairgrounds.com>
This Labour Day weekend, August 29th to September 2nd, immerse yourself in the region's rich culture and agricultural heritage. Enjoy thrilling rides, live entertainment, delicious food, and captivating exhibits – create unforgettable memories with family and friends.

September 6 - 8, 2024 KIRKTON FALL FAIR

70497 Rd 164, Kirkton
<https://www.stratfordagriculturalsociety.com/fall-fair-2024>
Kirkton fair is a vibrant community event which has been bringing people together for over 150 years to celebrate and showcase agriculture and the rural way of life.

September 6 – 15, 2024 WESTERN FAIR

845 Florence Street, London
<https://www.westernfair.ca>
Founded in 1867, London's Western Fair offers 10 days of fun for the whole family including food and craft vendors, various competitions, nightly sky spectacular, live music performances, a midway, character corner and Kiddyland. Don't forget to visit

the beloved Western Fair mascot 'HAPPY' at the Happy Camper for a must-have photo.

September 12 – 15, 2024 NEW HAMBURG FALL FAIR

Norm S. Hill Park, New Hamburg
<https://www.newhamburgfallfair.ca>
The New Hamburg Fall Fair is a beloved annual event that showcases the community's agricultural heritage with livestock shows, homecraft exhibits, and a vibrant midway. This family-friendly fair brings together people of all ages for a weekend of fun, entertainment, and learning, fostering a strong sense of local spirit and community pride.

September 13 – 15, 2024 187TH FERGUS FALL FAIR

Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex, Fergus
<https://www.fergusfallfair.ca>
What once began as an event to educate farmers about improved farming practices and encourage healthy competition promoting the advancement of farming has evolved into what we know today as the Fergus Fall Fair – the tenth oldest fair in Ontario. While agriculture is still the focus of the fair, over the years it has grown to include truck and tractor pulls, handicraft and food exhibits, a midway, entertainment and so much more. 2024 theme is **SADDLE UP**.

September 19 - 22, 2024 STRATFORD FALL FAIR

Stratford Agriplex, Stratford
<https://www.stratfordagriculturalsociety.com/fall-fair-2024>
Stratford Fall Fair is 4 days of packed Family Fun: Thursday starts the action packed weekend with Seniors Day, an interactive FARM TO YOU, Midway by Campbells Amusements, Homecraft & School Fair exhibits, Family BBQ & Erick Traplin, Opening Ceremonies, and Ambassador Competition! Be sure to catch Friday's line up of 4H Dairy Cattle Competitions, FARM TO YOU, Homecraft & School Fair Exhibits, Midway! Saturday has more 4H Dairy Cattle Competitions, FARM TO YOU, Midway, Homecraft & School Fair exhibits, Kid's Korner, Goat Show, Miniature Horse Show, Mini Prince & Mini Princess competitions, and Baby Show! Sunday finishes off with 4H Beef Cattle Competitions, FARM TO YOU, Midway, Homecraft & School

Fair Exhibits, Kid's Korner, Kid's Pedal Tractor Race, Western Horse Show, Ontario Texas Longhorn Show, Lawn Tractor Races, Show 'n Shine and Egg Drop!

September 20 – 22, 2024 FOREST FALL FAIR

45 Jefferson Street West, Forest
<https://theforestfair.ca>
Held on the site of the Forest Agricultural Society Fairground since 1939, the Forest Fall Fair takes place every third weekend after Labour Day for 3 days filled with agricultural competitions, animal shows, food vendors and live events.

September 26 – 29, 2024 CALEDONIA FALL FAIR

Caledonia Fairgrounds, Caledonia
<https://www.caledoniafair.ca>
From homemade pies to heavy horse displays, the Caledonia Fall Fair combines the traditional elements of a fall fair with family-friendly entertainment. Celebrating its 152nd year at the Caledonia Fair Grounds, the fair promises to be an exciting one with midway, wacky fair food, amazing shopping deals, non-stop entertainment, live music, action packed demolition derbies, farm animals, creative arts displays, and more!

Each weekend, through September and October 2024

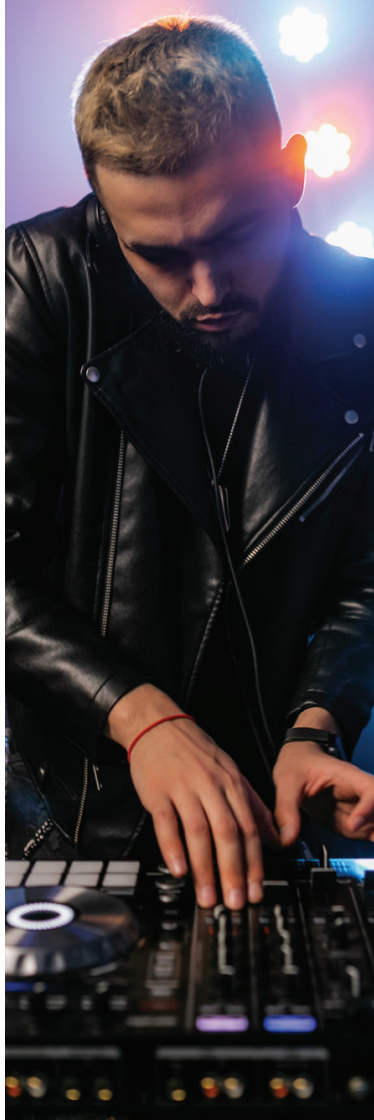
BRANTFORD FALL FESTIVAL

Brantwood Farms, Brantford
<https://brantwoodfarms.com>
There is lots of fall fun to be had at Brantwood Farms – take a wagon ride, get lost in the corn maze, or have a bounce on the giant jumping pillow. And the fun doesn't end there, give yourself a fright in the haunted barn, explore the straw castle, take a ride on the spider web crawler, or enjoy a game of pumpkin bowling. Then take a break to pick your own apples and pumpkins to enjoy at home.

NIAGARA REGION

September 6 – 8, 2024 WEST NIAGARA FAIR

West Niagara Fairgrounds, Grassie
<https://www.westniagarafair.ca>
The West Niagara Fair 2024 promises a weekend of fun and excitement with its diverse range of activities, including agricultural



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exhibits, live entertainment, and thrilling midway rides. This annual event brings the community together to celebrate local talents and traditions, creating memorable experiences for all ages.

September 19 - 21, 2024 WAINFLEET FALL FAIR

31943 Park St, Wainfleet
<https://wainfleetfallfair.com>

This year's theme is **HONEY BEES & MAPLE TREES**. The Wainfleet Fall Fair is a cherished community event celebrating local agriculture, heritage, and family fun. Held annually, it features livestock shows, agricultural exhibits, craft displays, and a variety of entertainment options, including rides, games, and live performances. This fair offers a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to come together and enjoy the vibrant spirit of rural life.

October 8 - 14, 2024 NORFOLK COUNTY FAIR AND HORSE SHOW

172 South Dr, Simcoe
<https://www.norfolkagsociety.com/norfolk-county-fair-and-horse-show>

Spanning seven days, the fair offers a delightful blend of agricultural exhibits, thrilling entertainment, and equestrian showcases. Visitors can immerse themselves in the vibrant atmosphere of the fairgrounds, where they can witness everything from livestock displays and agricultural competitions to artisanal crafts and culinary delights.

October 11 - 14, 2024 ROCKTON WORLD'S FAIR

812 Old Hwy 8, Rockton
<https://rocktonworldsfair.com/rockton-fair>

The Rockton World's fair is packed with home-grown family fun and the best in agricultural entertainment and local fair food. For 171 years the Rockton World's Fair has been providing weekend long fun for everyone with indoor and outdoor agricultural exhibits, entertainment, and events.

HAMILTON/HALTON REGION

September 19 – 22, 2024 ANCASTER FAIR

Ancaster Fairgrounds, Jerseyville
<https://www.facebook.com/AncasterFair>
A beloved annual event that showcases

the rich agricultural heritage of the region with livestock shows, homecraft exhibits, and a lively midway. This family-friendly fair brings the community together for a weekend of fun, education, and celebration, highlighting local talents and fostering a strong sense of community spirit.

September 20 - 22, 2024 DONNYBROOK FAIR

1258 Turkey Point Rd, Simcoe
<https://www.caledoniafair.ca>

The Donnybrook Fair, a cherished Southern Ontario tradition, offers a lively mix of agricultural exhibits, fun rides, and local entertainment, making it a must-visit event for celebrating community and heritage.

September 27 – 29, 2024 MILTON FALL FAIR

Milton Fair Grounds, Milton
<https://www.miltonfair.com>

Come celebrate Milton Fall Fair, held each year at the Milton Fair Grounds. Events and attractions at this annual event include a midway, equestrian events, pet show, baby contest, live bands, tractor pull, demolition derby and a whole lot more. A local favourite is always the 4-H animal show and rabbit hopping agility course. This year's Fair theme: **HOMESTEAD AND HOMEMADE BREAD**.

HURON / PERTH/ WATERLOO/ WELLINGTON

September 5 – 8, 2024 CAMBRIDGE FALL FAIR

Dickson Park, Cambridge
<https://www.thefallfair.ca>

For four days in September, the Cambridge Fall Fair offers everything from sing-along Karaoke to live music entertainment and a large midway. Plus, relax in the Four Fathers Brewing Beer Garden and explore the vendors, crafts and displays inside the Cambridge Fair Marketplace.

September 12 – 15, 2024 NEW HAMBURG FALL FAIR

Norm S. Hill Park, New Hamburg
<https://www.newhamburgfallfair.ca>

Started over 160 years ago, the New Hamburg Fall Fair offers fun activities for the whole family. Spend time on the midway rides, take in livestock demonstrations and competitions, tractor pulls,

demolition derbies, and countless food, craft and art vendors and a barnyard children's area.

September 27 – October 19, 2024 KITCHENER-WATERLOO OKTOBERFEST

2 King Street West, Kitchener
<https://www.oktoberfest.ca>

The sounds of accordion music fill the air. Steins of cold beer wait for the first notes of Ein Prosit. Old friendships are renewed as everyone gathers to Be Bavarian once more. Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest is gearing up for 2024. Here's to good times and good cheer, and to being back together for another year. PROST!

October 11, 2024 KIDTOBERFEST

Kitchener City Hall Rotunda, Kitchener
<https://www.oktoberfest.ca/event-calendar/kidtoberfest>

Perfect for families with kids aged 3-10 (or a kid at heart!), KIDtoberfest features traditional music and dancing, Bavarian activities, and performances by family favourites!

October 11 – 14, 2024 ERIN FALL FAIR

Erin Fairgrounds, Erin
<https://www.erinfair.com>

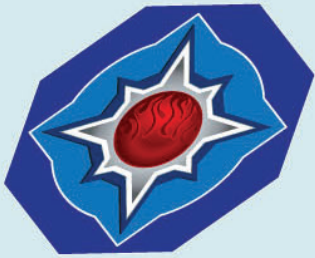
Calling itself "Ontario's preview to the Royal Winter Fair", visitors will find plenty of activities including home crafts, animal exhibits, agricultural competitions and a midway full of rides. Plus, there's great food, activities for kids, truck and tractor pulls and a giant pumpkin contest.

BRUCE / GREY / SIMCOE

August 22 – 25, 2024 BARRIE FAIR

505 10th Line, Barrie
<https://essaagriplex.ca>

Hosted at the Essa Agriplex by the Essa & District Agricultural Society, located in the centre of Ontario, featuring livestock shows, a kids zone, vendors, homecrafts, a farm education centre with live demonstrations. From live bands to multiple truck & tractor pulls, a demolition derby, midway, dog shows, and much more; there is something for everyone at the Barrie Fair.



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September 6 – 8, 2024 GEORGETOWN FALL FAIR

1 Park Ave, Georgetown
<https://georgetownfallfair.ca>

This Fall Fair celebrates its 177th year with concerts, Truck Pull, Agricultural Education Tent, Family Friendly Midway, Petting Zoo, Free Children's Games and Activities, Entertainment, and more.

September 6 – 7, 2024 OWEN SOUND FALL FAIR

Victoria Park, Owen Sound
<https://www.owensoundfallfair.com>

The Annual Owen Sound Fall Fair highlights the agricultural achievements of the region. The fair hosts the Grey County beef show, baby show, horse show, demolition derby, truck and tractor pulls, Medieval Knight Show, kids pedal tractor pull and Grey County 4-H Showdown, along with classic fair activities like a pie-eating contest, hay bale maze and face painting, craft and vendors market.

September 20 – 22, 2024 166TH ANNUAL BOLTON FALL FAIR

Bolton Fairgrounds, Bolton
<https://www.boltontractorpull.ca>

This long-standing fair brings the community together for a weekend of fun, education, and celebration, honoring its rich history and fostering local pride.

October 5 – 6, 2024 PORT ELGIN PUMPKINFEST

Downtown Port Elgin
<https://www.pumpkinfest.org>

Entering its 39th year Port Elgin Pumpkinfest is one of Ontario's most unique festivals. Pumpkinfest also offers an opportunity to stroll the main street to take in the classic car show, a midway and numerous food and beverage vendors.

October 11 – 12, 2024 ELMVALE FALL FAIR

Elmvale Community Arena, Elmvale
<https://www.elmvalefallfair.com>

The Elmvale Fall Fair is a cherished annual event that celebrates local agricultural heritage with livestock displays, homecraft competitions, stock truck and tracking pulling, midway and musical entertainment of Waterdown, Ontario is Saddle-Bronc Rider and Country Artist, Ty Baynton. This community-focused fair offers fun

and educational experiences for all ages, fostering a strong sense of togetherness and local pride.

October 12 – 14, 2024 APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

156 Jozo Weider Boulevard, Blue Mountain Village

<https://www.bluemountain.ca/things-to-do/events/apple-harvest-weekend>

Fabulous Fall Colours, Crisp Autumn Air & Even Crisper Apples — these are just some of the ingredients of the autumn harvest experience at Blue Mountain, in Ontario's largest apple growing region. Apple Harvest Weekend features live music, fall colours hiking, cider tasting, AGORA: Path of Light and more! Experience our "pumpkin-spiced" Village, decorated in bright Autumn colours and Fall foliage as you shop, dine, and explore the best of Blue.

October 18 – 20, 2024 174TH ANNUAL ORILLIA FALL FAIR

Orillia Fairgrounds, Severn
<https://orilliafallfair.com>

The Orillia Fall Fair offers urban visitors an opportunity to take an up-close look at rural, agricultural world to an increasingly urban population. Hosted by the Orillia & District Agricultural Society, the fair features a tractor pull, demolition derby, horse competitions, and even a junior fair with activities and competitions for kids.

KAWARTHAS / NORTHUMBERLAND

September 26 – 28, 2024 BOBCAYGEON FALL FAIR

47 Mansfield Street, Bobcaygeon
<https://www.bobcaygeonfair.com>

From home craft and handicraft displays to tractor pulls, music, food vendors, farm animals and a midway, the Bobcaygeon Fall Fair offers a packed schedule of fun things to do.

October 19, 2024 KEENE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

1137 Heritage Line, Keene
<https://thekeenepumpkinfestival.com>

Experience country charm in the picturesque hills of Keene. Be amazed at the giant pumpkin weigh-off, with some

gourds weighing over 1000 lbs. Delight at the decorated pumpkin pyramid, and entertain the kids at the fun Kid Zone with bouncy castles, face painting and other great activities throughout the day.

SOUTHEASTERN ONTARIO

August 30 – September 2, 2024 PERTH FAIR

Perth Fair Grounds, Perth
<https://www.perthfair.com>

The Perth Fair is a beloved annual tradition that showcases the agricultural heritage of the region with livestock exhibits, homecraft competitions, and a lively midway.

September 6 – 8, 2024 ALMONTE FAIR

195 Water Street, Almonte
<https://almontefair.weebly.com/almonte-fair.html>

The fair returns September 6 - 8, 2024 where you will pay one price admission for the complete country fair experience. The tradition continues with livestock shows, homecraft competitions, family fun, midway, vendors, food, entertainment and interactive agriculture education.

September 12 – 15, 2024 KINGSTON FALL FAIR

Kingston Memorial Centre, Kingston
<https://www.kingstonfair.com>

Kingston Fall Fair is a time-honored event that highlights the region's agricultural roots with livestock exhibits, homecraft competitions, and a bustling midway. This annual celebration brings the community together for a weekend of family-friendly fun, entertainment, and educational experiences, fostering a strong sense of local pride.

OTTAWA & COUNTRYSIDE

September 19 – 22, 2024 RICHMOND FAIR

6121 Perth St., Richmond
<https://richmondfair.ca/richmond-fair-2024>

The Richmond Fair is by far the largest spectator event held annually within the surrounding community. The fair offers a venue for those in the community to showcase their arts, crafts, livestock, produce and much more!

September 26 – 29, 2024

CARP FAIR

3790 Carp Road, Carp

<https://www.carpfair.ca>

This year's theme, **CELEBRATING OUR BEST**. Since 1863, Carp Fair has celebrated the harvest, showcasing our farming community's pride in livestock, produce, and craftsmanship. The fair has become one of the region's most anticipated and largest agricultural fairs, bringing in people from across Canada and the USA to enjoy the exhibitions and showcases. Enjoy a fun and educational experiences for all ages, including exhibitions, showcases, amusement rides, music, and entertainment. There's something for everyone to enjoy!

**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS
TO THE OTTAWA VALLEY**

September 20 – 22, 2024

**TWEED HARVEST FESTIVAL
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Tweed Fairgrounds, Tweed

<https://tweedfair.net/harvestfestival>

A lively annual celebration that embraces the autumn season with a variety of activities, including local produce displays, craft vendors, and live entertainment. This festive event brings the community together to enjoy the bountiful harvest, creating a joyful atmosphere for all ages.

**MUSKOKA / PARRY SOUND
/ ALGONQUIN PARK**

August 16 – 17, 2024

DUNCHURCH FALL FAIR

Dunchurch Community Centre,
Dunchurch

<https://www.dunchurchagsociety.ca>

The 2024 theme is **FIELDS TO FORKS**. The Fair begins Friday August 16th at 5:00 pm with events to 10:00 pm and runs Saturday August 17th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm including a parade, exhibits, sports, demonstrations and many other family activities.

August 17 – 18, 2024

BONFIELD FALL FAIR

105 Trunk Rd., Bonfield

<https://bonfieldfair.weebly.com>

This family-friendly fair brings together for a weekend of fun, entertainment and education, fostering a strong sense of

local pride and community spirit through agricultural traditions and homecraft competitions.

August 24, 2024

149TH ANNUAL ROSSEAU FALL FAIR

7 Ash St N, Rosseau

<https://www.rosseaufallfair.ca>

The Rosseau Fall Fair has always retained the charm of a small town, old country fair. Over the years, the focus of the exhibits has changed from heavily agricultural to the current focus on home-crafts and gardening.

September 7, 2024

149TH SEVERN BRIDGE FALL FAIR

1153 Southwood Rd, Severn Bridge

<https://www.severnfair.org/copy-of-september-10-severn-bridge>

This year's theme, a LIL BIT COUNTRY. There is plenty to see and do at the fair including musical acts performing on stage throughout the day, sweet treats, vendors, children's maker market, children's entertainers, face-painting and hall displays of prize-winning produce and homemade items.

September 13 – 15, 2024

BRACEBRIDGE FALL FAIR & HORSE SHOW

J.D. Lang Park, Bracebridge

<https://bracebridgefair.com>

Consider a trip to Bracebridge to attend one of the most charming family events of the colourful season. For over 156 years, locals and visitors alike have gathered in this picturesque town to celebrate the farming season, to recognize our neighbours' harvest fare and handiwork, and to enjoy great fun and entertainment.

September 20 – 22, 2024

HUNTSVILLE FALL FAIR

407 Ravenscliffe Road, Huntsville

<https://www.huntsvillefallfair.com>

Hosted by volunteer members of The Huntsville and District Agricultural Society, the Huntsville Fall Fair offers a taste of rural life in cottage country, just on the outskirts of Huntsville. The fair features vegetable growing and baking competitions, a horseshow and agricultural prizes for all age groups, including the tallest sunflower and heaviest potato. ■

If you have a **AUTUMN FAIRS** you would like us to know about, send the details of your event to HOToronto@rogers.com or submit our form on www.torontoondemand.ca/contact-us.

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10 Things to Do Thanksgiving Weekend

Enjoy Thanksgiving weekend with festive feasts, scenic fall drives, and family-friendly activities across Ontario.

Thanksgiving weekend in Ontario is a time to celebrate the season's bounty, enjoy the crisp autumn air, and spend quality time with loved ones. Whether you're looking to dive into festive activities, explore the natural beauty of the region, or simply relax, Ontario offers a wide range of options for an unforgettable Thanksgiving weekend.

Here Are Ten Top Things to Do

1 Experience a Traditional Thanksgiving Feast

No Thanksgiving is complete without a hearty meal. Many restaurants and hotels across Ontario offer special Thanksgiving menus featuring classic dishes like roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Check out local dining spots or make a reservation at a fine dining establishment to enjoy a festive meal without the stress of cooking.

2 Explore Fall Foliage

Autumn in Ontario is a breathtaking display of colors. Head to one of the province's beautiful natural parks or conservation areas to take in the vibrant fall foliage. Visit Ontario Parks fall colour report at www.ontarioparks.ca/fallcolour. Popular spots include:

- **Algonquin Provincial Park:** Known for its stunning landscapes and extensive hiking trails.

- **Muskoka Region:** Famous for its picturesque lakes and charming small towns.
- **Royal Botanical Gardens:** Located in Burlington, this spot offers lovely fall gardens and nature trails.

3 Visit Local Farmers' Markets

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to support local farmers and artisans. Visit a farmers' market to pick up fresh produce, homemade pies, and seasonal decorations. Visit Southern Ontario Farmers' Market listing in your region at www.torontoondemand.ca/southern-ontario-farmers-market.

4 Attend Thanksgiving Parades and Festivals

Many communities host parades and festivals during Thanksgiving weekend. These events often feature floats, live music, and family-friendly activities. There are quite a few festivals happening in Toronto and GTA. Enjoy a weekend of family fun at one of these events (see sidebar on page 35.)

5 Take a Scenic Drive

Enjoy the picturesque landscapes of Ontario with a scenic drive through the countryside. Routes like the Niagara Parkway, which follows the Niagara River, or the Prince Edward County Wine Trail, offer stunning views and charming small towns to explore.

6 Explore Museums, Attractions and Historic Sites

If you're interested in history and culture, spend some time visiting Ontario's museums and historic sites. Many of these venues offer special exhibits and programs for the holiday weekend.

7 Enjoy Outdoor Activities

Take advantage of the mild autumn weather with outdoor activities. Go for a hike, bike ride, or even try apple picking at a local orchard. Many farms around Ontario open their doors for apple picking and offer fun activities like hayrides and corn mazes.

8 Plan a Day Visit at Your Local Farms

Experience the joy of autumn with activities like apple picking, exploring corn mazes, and enjoying hayrides. Many farms offer festive events, fresh produce, and homemade treats, providing a perfect opportunity to enjoy the crisp fall air and support local agriculture.

9 Participate in Community Events

Many communities host special Thanksgiving-themed events, such as charity runs, arts and crafts fairs, and seasonal performances.

10 Plan a Cozy Family Activity

Finally, Thanksgiving is all about spending time with family. Plan a cozy movie night, board game marathon, or a DIY craft project to celebrate the holiday together. It's a wonderful way to create lasting memories with loved ones.





THANKSGIVING WEEKEND EVENTS

Thanksgiving weekend in Ontario offers a delightful mix of activities and experiences that cater to every interest. Whether you're enjoying the great outdoors, indulging in delicious food, or exploring local culture, there's no shortage of ways to make the most of this special holiday. Here are some events for you to consider.

FESTIVALS / FAIRS

September 20 – October 13, 2024 ONTARIO CULTURE DAYS FESTIVAL

Various Locations

<https://onculturedays.ca/2024-festival>

The Ontario Culture Days Festival is an annual celebration of arts, culture and heritage taking place each fall across the province.

October 11 – 14, 2024 BALL'S FALLS THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

Ball's Falls Conservation Area, Lincoln (Niagara Escarpment)

<https://thanksgivingfestival.ca>

This year, all your festival favourites is back including 150+ unique craft and artisan vendors, delicious food, craft beverages, and wine, fresh local produce, musical entertainment, children's activities, historical demonstrations, heritage tours, and guided nature hikes.

October 11 – 29, 2024 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Forsythe Family Farms, Uxbridge

<https://forsythefamilyfarms.com/harvest-festival>

Come on out and enjoy a fun-filled time with family and friends. Fall is a great time to visit the farm.

October 11 – 14, 2024 ROCKTON WORLD'S FAIR

812 Old Hwy 8, Rockton

<https://rocktonworldsfair.com/rockton-fair>

171th Rockton World's fair is packed with home-grown family fun and the best in agricultural entertainment and local fair food. This Fair has been providing weekend long fun for everyone of all ages.

October 12 – 14, 2024 NORWOOD FAIR

48 Alma St, Norwood

<https://lex.lindsayex.com>

A community gathering where village folk came together to celebrate the harvest, catch up with each other and have a little fun for a couple of days.

October 12 – 14, 2024 WOODBIDGE FALL FAIR

Woodbridge Fairgrounds, Woodbridge

<https://www.woodbridgefair.ca>

This fair offers a petting zoo, carnival rides, pumpkin carving and decorating contest and this year – Lumber Jack show, Horse and Wagon rides and Chainsaw Carver.

October 12 – 14, 2024 TORONTO PUMPKINFEST

Downsview Park, Toronto

<https://www.pumpkinfesttoronto.com>

Toronto Pumpkinfest has something for all ages. Experience this family event over the weekend with great food, vendors, entertainment and loads of pumpkins!

October 12 – 14, 2024 HARVEST FESTIVAL MISSISSAUGA

Square One, Mississauga

<https://www.nightmarkettoronto.com>

Celebrate Thanksgiving weekend with plenty of food, games and fall activities.

MUSEUMS / GALLERIES

October 12 – 13, 2024 THANKSGIVING AT THE VILLAGE

Black Creek Pioneer Village

<https://blackcreek.ca/things-to-do/fall-programs>

Enjoy all your favourite fall activities in a rustic log cabin surrounded by the vibrant colours of autumn.

October 13, 2024 FAMILY DAYS

Aga Khan Museum

<https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/families>

Families are encouraged to drop into the Museum's classrooms to participate in hands-on craft activities that change regularly to reflect the special exhibitions and programs. Designed for families with children between the ages of 5 and 12.

SHOWS / EXHIBITIONS

September 28 – October 30, 2024 PUMPKINS AFTER DARK

Country Heritage Park, Milton

<https://milton.pumpkinsafterdark.com>

Pumpkins After Dark is an unforgettable night of fun and enchantment for the whole family.

October 11 – 14, 2024 2024 IMAGES THANKSGIVING STUDIO TOUR

Simcoe County, Orillia, Oro-Medonte area

<https://www.images-studio-tour.com>

Over 30 outstanding artists and craftspeople will exhibit their work over 4 days at 18 different studios. Discover exceptional art and enjoy the beautiful fall colours of Simcoe County. This self-guided tour roams from Moonstone through the scenic Horseshoe Valley and along the Lake Simcoe shores to Orillia. Come for the day, come for the weekend.

October 12 – 13, 2024 THE STUDIO TOUR HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Haliburton Highlands

<https://www.thestudiotour.ca>

The Studio Tour offers a unique and unforgettable experience by allowing visitors to tour the Haliburton Highlands and witness the vibrant autumn colours while visiting individual studios.

OPEN ATTRACTIONS

- **Aga Khan Museum:** 10 am to 5:30 pm
- **Allan Gardens:** 10 am to 5 pm
- **Art Gallery of Ontario:** 10:30 am to 4 pm
- **Casa Loma:** 9:30 am to 5 pm
- **CN Tower:** 9:30 am to 9 pm
- **Gardiner Museum:** 10 am to 6 pm
- **Hockey Hall of Fame:** 10 am to 5 pm
- **Ripley's Aquarium of Canada:** 9 am to 9 pm
- **Riverdale Farm:** 9 am to 5 pm
- **Royal Ontario Museum:** 10 am to 5:30 pm
- **Toronto Zoo:** 9:30 am to 6 pm ■



Ontario Oktoberfest A Comprehensive Guide

Overview of Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is an annual Bavarian festival known for its lively celebration of German culture, particularly in Munich, where it originated in 1810. The festival started as a royal wedding celebration for Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese and has since evolved into the world's largest Volksfest (folk festival), attracting millions of visitors each year.

Celebrated with traditional German music, dancing, food, and, of course, beer, it has grown into an international phenomenon, with many cities around the world hosting their own versions. The festival typically runs for 16 – 18 days, starting in late September and ending on the first weekend of October.

Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest: The Largest in Canada

Ontario's most prominent Oktoberfest celebration takes place in Kitchener-Waterloo. Known as the largest Bavarian festival in Canada and the second largest Oktoberfest outside of Germany, it attracts over 700,000 visitors annually. The 2024 Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest is scheduled from **September 27th to October 19th**.

What to Expect at the 2024 Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest

1 Festivities and Events

- **Thanksgiving Day Parade:** One of the festival's highlights, the parade takes place on October 14th and features elaborate floats, performers, and community groups. The parade route starts at Weber Street East and Frederick Street, ending at Bridgeport Plaza.
- **Willkommen Platz:** From October 11th to 13th, downtown Kitchener transforms into a Bavarian village with a Biergarten, authentic German cuisine, a vendor market, and live performances. This area offers a vibrant atmosphere for festival-goers of all ages.
- **Official Keg Tapping:** On October 11th, join the crowd at the Schneiders Stage in Willkommen Platz for the ceremonial keg tapping, marking the official start of the beer festivities.
- **KIDtoberfest:** Held from October 11th to 13th at Kitchener City Hall Rotunda, this family-friendly event includes traditional music, dancing, and educational activities designed

for children. Admission is FREE, making it an excellent outing for families.

2 Festhallen

The heart of the Oktoberfest experience lies in the Festhallen, large beer halls operated by local German clubs and organizations. These venues serve traditional German beer and food while hosting live polka bands and dance floors. Key Festhallen include:

- The Concordia Club, the largest German club in Canada
 - The Alpine Club of Kitchener
 - Hubertushaus
 - KoolHaus
 - The Schwaben Club of Kitchener
 - The Transylvania Club of Kitchener
- Tickets for Festhallen events start at around CAD\$20 and are primarily for adults aged 19 and over.

3 Traditional Attire

Immerse yourself in the spirit of Oktoberfest by donning traditional Bavarian garments. Women can wear dirndls, which include a blouse, skirt, apron, and bodice, while men

can sport lederhosen, consisting of leather shorts with H-shaped suspenders. Wearing these outfits not only enhances the festive experience but also pays homage to the festival's cultural roots.

4 Food and Drink
Enjoy an array of Bavarian delicacies such as pretzels, sausages, schnitzels, and sauerkraut. Beer, a staple of Oktoberfest, is served in traditional steins, with many local breweries offering special Oktoberfest brews. The culinary offerings are a significant part of the celebration, providing an authentic taste of Germany.

5 Cultural Activities
Beyond the Festhallen and food, the festival offers various cultural activities, including:

- Traditional dance performances
- Music from live bands and orchestras
- Craft and vendor markets featuring German-inspired goods

Planning Your Visit

To make the most of your Oktoberfest experience:

- **Purchase Tickets Early:** Especially for popular Festhallen events, as they can sell out quickly.
- **Dress the Part:** Wearing traditional attire adds to the fun and helps you blend in with the festive crowd.
- **Plan Accommodations Early:** Given the influx of visitors, booking your stay well in advance is advisable.

Visiting any Ontario Oktoberfest event is a fantastic way to immerse yourself in a vibrant celebration of Bavarian culture right here in Canada. With its lively music, delicious food, and unique festivities, it's a memorable experience that combines traditional charm with local hospitality. Whether you're enjoying the lively atmosphere, sampling traditional brews, or taking part in fun activities, these Oktoberfest offers something for everyone, making it a must-visit event in the fall. ■

Other Oktoberfest Events

September 6 – 8, 13 – 15, 20 – 22, 2024

OKTOBERFEST

Canada's Wonderland

<https://www.canadaswonderland.com/events/oktoberfest>

This event includes authentic German-themed food and beverage specials and traditional festival bands! Get ready to toast your stein and join this German food and beer festival for three fun-filled weekends.

September 13, 2024

ROCKTOBERFEST – LIVE MUSIC

Shawn & Ed Brewing Co., Hamilton

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/rocktoberfest-live-music-at-shawn-ed-brewing-co-tickets-949047184677?aff=oddtcreator>

Whether you're celebrating Oktoberfest, hosting a lively party, or just craving some infectious tunes, Power Haus delivers an unforgettable experience. Embrace the spirit of Oktoberfest like never before with Power Haus – where polka meets rock, and the party never stops!

September 24, 2024

OKTOBERFEST MARKET FESTIVAL

Kitchener Market, 300 King St E, Kitchener

<https://www.oktoberfest.ca/events/oktoberfest-market-festival>

For the first time ever, a new event with food experiences, a beer garden, live entertainment, kids' activities, games and more from Saturday, September 24, between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on the piazza and inside the Market!

September 27 – 28, 2024

TORONTO OKTOBERFEST

Downsview Airport Lands Airplane Hangar – **NEW LOCATION**

<https://www.torontooktoberfest.ca>

Toronto Oktoberfest is a lively celebration of Bavarian culture held annually in Ontario's capital. Highlights include authentic Bavarian cuisine, craft beers, and lively entertainment, making it a must-visit event for those looking to experience the spirit of Oktoberfest without leaving Canada.

October 11 – 19, 2024

HUBERTUSHAUS OKTOBERFEST 2024

1605 Bleams Road, Mannheim

<https://hubertushaus.ca/oktoberfest>

Enjoy a fun-filled day of bratwurst, beer, and Bavarian culture at Hubertushaus. Get ready to enjoy traditional German music, dance, and games with friends and family.

October 25 – 26, 2024

OKTOBERFEST MUSKOKA

Various Locations

<https://www.oktoberfestmuskoka.ca>

Oktoberfest Muskoka is a music, culinary and beer festival that takes place each October in participating breweries and restaurants across Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Huntsville, Lake of Bays, Muskoka Lakes and Southeast Georgian Bay. Breweries provide tours, partner with local chefs, retail vendors, food trucks, pair their beer with locally sourced products, ingredients and menus.



In Memoriam George Kash

George Kash emerged as Canada's premier Oktoberfest performer and gained the title as the undisputed Mr. Oktoberfest as leader of the oompah-pah band "The Oktoberfest Express" and standing MC of Toronto's Festival of Beer.

This Lord of the Lederhosen gained international acclaim far from Kitchener to countries as Australia, Fiji, Portugal, Morocco, and other hot Oktoberfest areas including Edmonton, Ontario Place and the Canadian National Exhibition.

George Kash passed away on May 20, 2024.



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Halloween 2024



Southern Ontario comes alive with Halloween excitement, offering a range of events for all ages. From thrilling haunted houses and spooky ghost tours to festive pumpkin patches and costume parades, there's something for everyone to enjoy the Halloween spirit. Whether you're seeking eerie thrills or family-friendly fun, Southern Ontario's Halloween events promise a spook-tacular time.

HALLOWEEN FOR GROWN-UPS

Ontario offers a range of Halloween events for adults, from eerie haunted houses and ghost tours to themed parties and costume galas. Whether you're into thrills or just want to celebrate in style, Ontario's Halloween scene has something thrilling for every grown-up.

FESTIVALS / FAIRS

October 16 – 22, 2024 TORONTO AFTER DARK FILM FESTIVAL

Scotiabank Theatre, Toronto
<https://torontoafterdark.com>

5 Nights of New Horror, Thriller & Sci-Fi Movies! The festival will screen around 40 amazing new films, both features and shorts with many films making their Canadian or North American premieres at the festival.

October 27, 2024 | 10 am – 3 pm RIVERSIDE C'MON: HALLOWEEN FEST

Riverside Common, Toronto
<https://riverside-to.com/event/halloween-fest-riverside-toronto>

A spooktacular event with family-friendly fun! Join us for a thrilling mix of trick-or-treating, costume contests, live entertainment, and festive games. Whether you're a ghoulish or goblin, there's something for everyone to enjoy in this eerie yet exciting community gathering.

HAUNTED HOUSES / PARKS

Ongoing NIGHTMARES FEAR FACTORY

5631 Victoria Ave., Niagara Falls
<https://www.nightmaresfearfactory.com>
Located in the heart of Niagara Falls' popular Clifton Hill, Nightmares Fear Factory is the best haunted house in the Niagara region.

September – October 2024 LEGENDS OF HORROR

Casa Loma

<https://legendsofhorror.ca>

Keep your wits about you along the two-kilometre trail in the haunted gardens and dark castle tunnels of Legends of Horror at Casa Loma.

September – October 2024 ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

Casa Loma Escape Rooms

<https://legendsofhorror.ca/zombieapocalypse>

This October, step into the Biolux pharmaceutical facility and see if you can survive ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE, Toronto's largest zombie themed haunted house. Guests will start in the unsettling Biolux showrooms, only to uncover the grisly secrets in the Biolux labs, full of gruesome experiments and maniacal scientists.

September 27 – October 27, 2024 HALLOWEEN HAUNT

Canada's Wonderland, Vaughan

<https://www.canadaswonderland.com/events/haunt>

Halloween Haunt returns to Canada's Wonderland with a sinister transformation, turning the theme park into a scream park filled with Halloween attractions that offer unforgettable thrills and unspeakable horror.

September 28 – October 27, 2024 THE LEGENDARY HAUNTED FARM

936685 Blenheim Rd., Bright

<https://www.fearfarm.ca>

This 100-acre farm is definitely not promising a day of frolicking and family fun. Featuring six different attractions including The Stalking Dead and the Carnevil, there is something to tickle everyone's freaky fancy.

October 11 – November 1, 2024
SCREAMERS

80 Interchange Way, Vaughan
<https://www.screamers.ca>

Showcasing seven haunted mazes and over 120 live actors, this bone-chilling attraction is housed under a large 1,400-square-metre tent. Experience stage shows and realistic props that keep you on your toes. Enjoy unlimited rides on the Midway of Madness and sample snacks from the food truck.

September 27 – October 27, 2024
BINGEMANS SCREAMPARK

425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener
<https://bingemans.com/screampark>

Featuring a variety of gory attractions like Crypt of Terror, The Slaughter Shed and The Blood Bar, Bingemans Screampark is not for the faint of heart.

October 4 – November 2, 2024
HAUNTED HOLLOWES SCREAM PARK

18444 Yonge St., East Gwillimbury
<https://hauntedhollows.ca>

Follow the twisted trails into the dark forest and come face to face with your deepest fears. Here, among the crooked and gnarled

trees you'll encounter horrifying clowns, ghouls, giant spiders, murderous inmates and many more. They're all waiting for you in the darkness of Haunted Hollows.

October 25 – 27, 2024
FRIGHTMARE IN THE FALLS

Niagara Falls Convention Centre, Niagara Falls
<https://frightmareinthefalls.com>

Calling all fans of things spooky and spine-chilling! For those drawn to the supernatural, the macabre, and the terrifying, welcome to Frightmare In The Falls, where horror enthusiasts come together to celebrate their love for all things frightful. FITF offers feature a range of activities, including celebrity guest appearances, panel discussions, film screenings, cosplay contests, and exhibitors.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

October 19, 2024
STEAM-O-WEEN A GOTHIC STEAMPUNK PICNIC

Roundhouse Park, Toronto
<https://bit.ly/3yuRLpT>

Bring your Halloween inspired steampunk garb and a snack to share on a steampunk inspired plate, brew some tea and have a spooky-steamy time!

October 26, 2024
NIGHTMARE SOIREE

Access Ballroom, 1463 Gerrard St. E.
<https://studioaccessballroom.com/halloween-social-dance-party>

It's that time of the year when pumpkins, ghosts, and witches take over the streets and homes in a spooky celebration. If you're looking for a place to costume party, then you're in for a treat.

October 26, 2024
HALLOWEEN PANIC: 80'S/90'S VIDEO DANCE PARTY W/ SISTERS OF MERCY AFT PARTY

1279 Queen St. W., Toronto
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1008086197699327>

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October 31, 2024**DEADLY MASQUERADE: MURDER MYSTERY COCKTAIL AFFAIR**

21 Old Mill Road, Toronto

<https://bit.ly/46z3alm>

A sophisticated masquerade party takes a dark turn when a murder is discovered. Each guest has a hidden agenda, and it's up to the attendees to piece together the clues while enjoying a mix of hors d'oeuvres and tapas.

November 1, 2024**HALLOWEEN ON CHURCH**

176 Cherry St., Toronto

<https://www.churchwellesleyvillage.ca>

This annual event transforms the Church-Wellesley Village into a Halloween hot spot, where revelers of all ages can enjoy street entertainment, music, and dazzling costumes in one of Toronto's most energetic neighborhoods.

HALLOWEEN MARKET**September 8, 2024 | 12 – 9 pm****THE GREAT CANADIAN HALLOWEEN MARKET**

Luxe Convention Centre, Mississauga

<https://greatcanadianhalloween.com>

Annual spooky shopping event celebrating the best that the favourite season has to offer.

October 12, 2024 | 11 am – 5 pm**TORONTO DARK ARTS MARKET – HALLOWMAS MARKET**

Ground Control, Toronto

<https://www.torontodarkartsmarket.com/october-12th-hallowmas>

35+ artisans and their weird and wonderful wares showcase at Hallowmas Market.

October 18, 2024 | 6 – 10 pm**WICKED WITCHES HALLOWEEN MARKET**

Vic Johnston Community Centre, Mississauga

<https://www.lunaeventscanada.ca>

Embrace the enchantment this Halloween at the Witches Halloween Market in

Mississauga! Dive into a mystical evening filled with magic, wonder, and SPOOKY FUN. Be prepared to be spooked!

October 19, 2024 | 5 – 9 pm**THE GALLERY'S HALLOWEEN NIGHT MARKET**

Market Square, St. Catharines

<https://bit.ly/4c7n4os>

A spooktacular evening of shopping, food, and fun. Browse through a variety of vendors offering unique and festive items perfect for the Halloween season. Dress up in your favorite costume and enjoy the lively atmosphere with friends and family.

October 25 – 27, 2024**SPOOKS AND SPELLS VENDOR MARKET**

Andrew's Farm and Winery, Milton

<https://www.andrewsscenicacres.com>

A magical Halloween-themed event featuring a curated selection of unique vendors offering everything from spooky decor to enchanting treats. This market is perfect for finding one-of-a-kind gifts and enjoying seasonal festivities with a touch of local charm.

HAUNTED TOURS**Ongoing****TORONTO & AREA GHOST TOURS**

10 Front Street West, Toronto

<https://hauntedwalk.com/toronto-tours>

From ghosts and graveyards to hangings to haunts, you'll hear all sorts of scary stories on this outdoor adventure. Start at the courtyard near the Hockey Hall of Fame and tour through the city for 75 minutes.

October 16–19, 21–26, 27–30, 2024**GHOST WALKS 2024**

Cottages, 110 King Street, Oakville

<https://www.oakvillehistory.org/ghost-walks.html>

Enjoy a family-oriented, eerie walk into 1850s Olde Oakville. The Ghost Walk Leader could be the ghost of a mayor, a merchant, a Chisholm relative, a Doctor's wife, a Priest, or someone else.

October 25, 2024**HAUNTED MISSISSAUGA HERITAGE TOUR**

Streetsville, Mississauga

<https://heritagemississauga.com/haunted-mississauga>

History truly comes to life, each and every year, in a fun, interactive and unscripted evening.

SHOWS / EXHIBITIONS**October 11 – 13, 2024****THE TORONTO HALLOWEEN SHOW**

The Warehouse Venue, Downsview Park

<https://thetorontohalloweenshow.com>

One of Ontario's largest consumer shows for "All Things Halloween" strives to bring exhibitors and visitors together to celebrate their love of this fun and scary season. Shop with vendors for all your Halloween needs from in home and outdoor décor to costumes and makeup and everything in between.

THEATRE / CONCERTS**October 25, 2024****HALLOWEEN WITH RANSOM CHILD AND FRIENDS**

The Starlight Room at The El Mocambo, Toronto

<https://www.livenation.com/event/rZ7HnEZ1AKr7aN/>[halloween-w-ransom-child-and-friends](https://www.livenation.com/event/rZ7HnEZ1AKr7aN/)

Ransom Child is an acoustic rock outfit with bluesy undertones and dark experience driven lyrics with catchy hooks and anthemic style choruses.

October 31, 2024 | 8:00 p.m.**HALLOWEEN HAUNT DRAG-AGANZA**

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts

<https://hillcrestmall.ca/events/rhcpa-presents-halloween-haunt-drag-aganza>

A hauntingly high-energy drag show featuring some of Canada's favourite queens.



HALLOWEEN FOR CHILDREN

Halloween events for kids in Ontario include exciting activities such as pumpkin carving contests, spooky story times at local libraries, family-friendly haunted houses, and festive costume parades. Many communities also host trick-or-treat events and Halloween-themed craft workshops, providing a fun and safe environment for children to celebrate the holiday and enjoy seasonal treats.

So gather your little monsters, put on your best costumes, and get ready for a fun-filled Halloween adventure!

FESTIVALS / FAIRS

September 21 – October 31, 2024 PUMPKINFEST

Downey's Farm Market, Caledon
<https://downeysfarm.com/downeys-farm-market-pumpkinfest.htm>

A family-friendly fall event that celebrates all things pumpkin! Enjoy a scenic pumpkin patch, navigate through a fun corn maze, and take part in a variety of seasonal activities. With hayrides, farm animals, and tasty treats, PumpkinFest offers a delightful day of autumn fun for kids and adults alike.

October 11 – 14, 2024 PUMPKINFEST TORONTO

Downsview Park Festival Terrace
www.pumpkinfesttoronto.com

PumpkinFest Toronto, is the place to be Thanksgiving weekend! Enjoy a weekend filled with unlimited midway rides, unlimited inflatable fun, a sprawling pumpkin patch, local food trucks, live entertainment, tons of family photo ops, and so much more!

October 4 – 6, 2024 PORT ELGIN PUMPKINFEST

Pumpkinfest Village, Port Elgin
<https://www.pumpkinfest.org>

A vibrant celebration of autumn, showcasing a spectacular array of giant pumpkins and festive activities. Enjoy family-friendly entertainment, a lively parade, craft vendors, and delicious seasonal treats. This community event is perfect for embracing the fall spirit and creating lasting memories with loved ones.



October 27, 2024 | 10 am – 3 pm RIVERSIDE C'MON: HALLOWEEN FEST

Riverside Common, Toronto
<https://riverside-to.com/event/halloween-fest-riverside-toronto>

A spooktacular event celebrating the Halloween season with family-friendly fun! Join us for a thrilling mix of trick-or-treating, costume contests, live entertainment, and festive games. Whether you're a ghoul or goblin, there's something for everyone to enjoy in this eerie yet exciting community gathering. Don't miss out on the chance to make this Halloween unforgettable!

October 26 – 27, 2024 HALLOWEEN FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Variety Village, 3701 Danforth Avenue
<https://varietyontario.ca/event/halloween-food-truck-festival>

A family-friendly, accessible 2-day Halloween event. Enjoy the food, drinks, kid-friendly activities, costumes, treats, and live entertainment.

All proceeds from the festival go towards supporting Variety Village's inclusive programs and facilities for children and adults of all abilities.

"HAUNTED" PARKS

September – October 2024 LEGENDS OF HORROR

Casa Loma
<https://legendsofhorror.ca>

Keep your wits about you along the two-kilometre trail in the haunted gardens and dark castle tunnels of Legends of Horror at Casa Loma.

***FAMILY HOURS (5 pm to 6.30 pm) is designed for families with younger children to be less frightening and run earlier in the evening. There are no live actors/characters.*

September 28 – October 30, 2024 PUMPKINS AFTER DARK

Country Heritage Park, Milton
<https://milton.pumpkinsafterdark.com>

Explore the magical pathway of lit pumpkin sculptures and displays, with music, sounds and special effects. With classic Halloween characters, dinosaurs and dragons, movie and pop culture icons – this family friendly event has something for everyone.

September 28 – October 27, 2024 CAMP SPOOKY

Canada's Wonderland, Vaughan
<https://www.canadaswonderland.com/events/camp-spooky>

Family-friendly daytime Halloween activities and attractions every weekend. Included with park admission, *Camp Spooky* features trick-or-treating, a kids' Halloween costume parade, live shows with The PEANUTS gang, meet n' greets with Halloween characters, all your favourite rides, and much more!

October 6 – 29, 2024 | 4:30 – 10 pm MOUNTSBERG'S SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN

2596 Britannia Rd, Burlington
<https://www.conservationhalton.ca/spooktacular>

Children (and parents!) should wear their Halloween costumes and come prepared

with flashlights to help navigate dark areas. This experience is family-friendly, there are no “jump scares”. Friday to Sunday evenings.

MUSEUMS / GALLERIES

October 19 – 20, 26 – 27, 2024 HALLOWEEN AT THE VILLAGE

Black Creek Pioneer Village
events.trca.ca/event/halloween-at-the-village-2020?instance_id=20241019110000

Prepare for eerie excitement at the Village this Halloween. Take part in ghastly activities and hair-raising happenings! Enjoy trick or treating among the heritage buildings.

October 19, 2024 | 1 – 3 pm HALLOWEEN GLOW PARTY

Grimsby Museum, Grimsby
<https://www.grimsby.ca/museum-events>
Ghost hunt in the museum galleries, glow in the dark disco party and crafts! Take home grab bag included. Costumes encouraged, but are completely optional.

October 26 – 27, 2024 HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PARTY 2024

Westfield Heritage Village
<https://westfieldheritage.ca/event/halloween-pumpkin-party-241026>
Enjoy traditional pumpkin and Halloween-themed games, try a scavenger hunt, check out carved pumpkins in the barn, and capture a family photo at one of the photo backdrops.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

October 11 – 14, 2024 BOO AT THE ZOO

Safari Niagara, Stevensville
<https://www.safarinianagara.com/boo-at-the-zoo>

Boo at the Zoo returns for a spooky, fun filled weekend with over 100 local vendors handing out treats, exhibits, dance party, Halloween themed activities, seasonal photo ops and more throughout the park! FREE ADMISSION for children 12 & under, dressed in costumes.

October 18 – 31, 2024 HOWL-O-WEEN

Great Wolf Lodge, Niagara Falls

<https://www.greatwolf.com/niagara/waterpark-attractions/howl-o-ween>

This Howl-O-Ween, you're invited to dress up and howl along at Great Wolf Lodge. Meet the Great Wolf Kids for our spooky costume parade and collect candy and other goodies on our nightly Trick or Treat Trail. Be sure to bring your monster moves to the Grand Living Room each night for our Monster Bash Dance Party. You can also snuggle up for our Un-BOO-lievable Story Time. Grab your costumes, fire up the family broomstick and make your reservations today!

October 31, 2024 | 7 – 9 pm FAMILY PAINT PARTY

Square One, Mississauga
https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-paint-party-tickets-958185738337?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

A night of painting, drinks (for purchase) and fun with local artist Abbey Veneman from Team Buttercup at The Rec Room.

SHOWS / EXHIBITIONS

October 18 – 20, 25 – 27, 2024 THE GREAT PUMPKIN TRAIL

Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington
<https://www.rbg.ca/things-to-do/by-season/special-events/pumpkin-trail>
Follow the glow of jack-o-lanterns along the Great Pumpkin Trail at the Royal Botanical Gardens. In addition to live entertainment, Halloween treats and activities, guests can enjoy the mini midway exhibition, complete with rides and inflatables.

October 18, 2024 | 6 – 9 pm PUMPKINS 10 DIFFERENT WAYS

2179a Dundas Street, Burlington
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pumpkins-10-different-ways-friday-oct-18-tickets-963949096697?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
Carve out some fun this Halloween with a small-scale educational arts event, Pumpkins, 10 Different Ways!

October 18 – 20, 24 – 27 2024 KREEPY KORTRIGHT

Kortright Centre for Conservation, Vaughan
https://kortright.org/whats-on/calendar/#start_date=2024-07-29;venues=678158775,678125174

Celebrate the Halloween spirit with spooky activities at Kortright. Discover a haunted house, a frightening forest walk, Halloween activities, bonfire and more. Fun for children 10 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note this is an outdoor event, come dressed for the weather.

THEATRE / CONCERTS

October 18 – 19, 2024 FILM WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA DISNEY TIM BURTON'S THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN CONCERT

Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto
<https://www.tso.ca/concerts-and-events/events/the-nightmare-before-christmas>
Tim Burton's cult classic comes to life like never before, projected on the big screen with Danny Elfman's delightfully quirky score performed live by your Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

October 20, 2024 | 2 and 6 pm BLIPPI: JOIN THE BAND TOUR

Living Arts Centre, Mississauga
<https://web.mississauga.ca/arts-and-culture/events/blippi-join-the-band-tour?eventdate=2024-10-20T14%253A00%253A00&schedule=16397>
C'mon and join Blippi to make music in your hometown in the brand new live *Blippi: Join the Band Tour!*

October 26, 2024 | 7:00 pm OUTERBRIDGE MAGIC: MYSTERIES OF THE KEYHOLE HOUSE “GRAND MASTERS OF ILLUSION”

Flato Markham Theatre, Markham
<https://flatomarkhamtheatre.ca/Online/default.asp>
If you like magic and mystery, you will love *Outerbridge Magic: Mysteries of the Keyhole House!* This sensational production by Ted and Marion Outerbridge is inspired by their historic Smith Falls residence and the mystical artifacts discovered during its restoration. Filled with grand illusions, comedy-magic, mentalism, and extraordinary prestidigitation, this family-friendly spectacle promises to delight. ■

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