

Insider's Guide to

TORONTO

Welcome to Toronto ... a vibrant city known for its diverse culture, world-class dining and iconic skyline. We've put together the **Sonnhalter Insider's Guide to Toronto** as your go-to resource for exploring everything this Canadian destination has to offer. Start your visit by diving into the city's incredible food scene, shaped by cultures from around the world. Then take in the arts, entertainment and waterfront views that make Toronto one of North America's most exciting cities. From bustling neighborhoods to must-see landmarks, there's something here for every type of traveler. Whether you're visiting for business or making time to explore the city, Toronto delivers unforgettable experiences at every turn.

Entertainment District

360 The Restaurant at the CN Tower

<https://www.cntower.ca/dine-at-360-restaurant/overview>
(416) 868-6937

Experience Toronto from new heights at 360 Restaurant at the CN Tower, home to one of the city's most iconic dining experiences. Located 351 metres above the ground, 360 pairs Canadian-inspired cuisine with a spectacular revolving view that completes a full rotation every 72 minutes.

Aanch-Modernistic

Indian
<https://www.aanch.ca/>
(416) 559-0513

India's timeless flavors meet modern elegance. Proudly recognized by the Michelin Guide, this restaurant offers a reimagined take on Indian cuisine, curated by Chef Sudhanshu Kumar. With freshly ground spices, premium ingredients, and inventive techniques, each dish is crafted to immerse you in a luxurious dining experience that celebrates the art of culinary storytelling.

Akira Back

Asian
<https://akirabacktoronto.com/>
(437) 800-5967

Chef Akira Back, drawing on inspiration from his Korean heritage and travels around the globe, has created a menu that blends modern Japanese cuisine with authentic Korean flavours. In addition to his signature dishes, Back has created new items unique for the Toronto location.

Byblos

Mediterranean
<https://byblosdowntown.com/>
(647) 660-0909

Byblos represents a marriage of Eastern Mediterranean cuisine with strong influences from both traditional and local ingredients, using time-honored classic cooking techniques and modern methods that showcase the regionally specific spices and flavours of the Eastern Mediterranean seaboard to craft a menu that will be a true coastal and cultural mosaic.

Elephant & Castle

British
<https://www.elephantcastle.com/en/locations/on/toronto/212-king-street-west>
(416) 598-4455

Elephant & Castle offers a quintessential British pub experience with hearty breakfasts, classic pub fare, and live sports. Enjoy a lively atmosphere and catch English Premier League and soccer matches while savouring authentic British cuisine. Ideal for happy hour, pre-show meals, or a casual night out.

Fox on John

British
<https://www.foxonjohn.ca/>
(647) 748-0369

Welcome to Toronto's best and most vibrant restaurant and bar! Open from breakfast to last call, its kitchen and bar serves brunch, lunch, dinner, and late-night cravings. Indulge in incredible appetizers, pasta dishes, pizzas, shareable platters, steaks, and a top-tier selection of wine bottles. Sip on signature cocktails, premium spirits, refreshing mocktails, and Toronto's best beer selection. Enjoy sunny patio vibes with CN Tower views and their beautiful interior space.

Entertainment District *(continued)*

JaBistro

Sushi
<https://jabistro.com/>
(647) 748-0222

JaBistro is a Japanese restaurant offering guests a contemporary lengthy menu. Well-known choices include Salmon Oshizushi, Lobster Miso Soup, Kama, Ebi Oshizushi and Wagyu Oshizushi. The restaurant offers lunch and dinner along with an impressive list of wine and drinks.

KÖST

<https://kosttoronto.com/>
(437) 800-5938

Köst is a 44th-floor rooftop restaurant and bar featuring unparalleled panoramic views of the city from Toronto's BISHA Hotel. Inspired by the Baja Peninsula, the cuisine unites the bright, fresh and lively flavours of the Californian coastline by way of colourful dishes and refreshing cocktails. Köst welcomes guests for breakfast, lunch & dinner.

Pigeon Café & Bar

European
<https://pigeoncoffee.com/>
(416) 585-2022

The menu is inspired by European flavors of Mediterranean, French, Italian & Jewish culture, blending seamlessly in a charming and casual atmosphere. Escape the ordinary and embark on a culinary journey that celebrates the vibrant flavors of Europe.

Pizza Rustica Restaurant & Bar

Italian
<https://pizzarustica.ca/>
(416) 260-0200

They are open late! At Pizza Rustica, they strive to always bring you a little more. More delicious ways to discover great times and more smiles per minute. Honest home style cooking is their obsession that they can't help. They go out of their way to bring you tasty flavours and fresh dishes that keep you craving another bite at Pizza Rustica.

Silent H

Mexican
<https://www.silenth.ca/>
(416) 900-3535

Step into a world where every dish tells a story, and the vibrant hues of Mexico come alive. Their chic and contemporary design, adorned with handcrafted details, provides a perfect backdrop for a casual evening of shared plates and delicious cocktails served with a side of warmth and hospitality. Whether you're seeking a casual evening of shared plates and cocktails or a romantic dinner with your loved one, Silent H is the epitome of upscale Mexican dining. Immerse yourself in the ambiance, savour their culinary craftsmanship, and let their cocktails transport you to the diverse regions of Mexico.

Sushi Yūgen

Japanese
<https://sushiyugen.ca/>
(416) 363-1888

Sushi Yūgen is one of Canada's top Japanese dining destinations, recognized by Canada's 100 Best and shaped by collaborations with leading culinary talents from Japan and worldwide. Led by Tokyo-trained Head Chef Kyohei Igarashi—whose 25+ year career includes leading a Michelin-starred omakase counter—the restaurant offers two experiences: The Reserve, a 16–18 course "Grand Journey" blending sushi omakase and kaiseki with seasonal raw and warm dishes, and Sushi Omakase, a purist Edomae-style nigiri experience focused on precision and pristine seasonal fish.



Financial District

AGO Bistro

Comfort Food

<https://ago.ca/visit/dine/bistro>
(416) 979-6688

The restaurant is casual chic: modern Danish furnishings are paired with acrylic tabletops in a multitude of vibrant colours. Etched glass and vertical-grain Douglas fir also accent the space. With a dedication to using the best local produce, menus reflect seasonal changes and availability. Ingredients are sourced from the finest suppliers and farms and are cooked simply to showcase the natural flavours of the food.

Black+Blue

Steakhouse

<https://blackandbluesteakhouse.ca/toronto-home/>
(647) 638-8283

The menu offers premium cuts of meat, including certified Kobe beef, Japanese A5 Wagyu, and dry-aged beef aged in a Himalayan salt locker. Guests can enjoy a raw bar, seasonal seafood, and classic steakhouse sides with a twist. Open daily for lunch, dinner, brunch, and Happy Hour.

Canoe Restaurant and Bar

<https://www.canoerestaurant.com/>
(416) 364-0054

Critically acclaimed to be among Canada's best restaurants, Canoe's unique location high atop the TD Bank Tower affords a breathtaking view of the city and Lake Ontario. The design, originally conceptualized by noted designers Yabu Pushelberg and most recently refreshed by Solid Design Creative, is clean and simple, yet absolutely stylish – a brilliant reflection of Canada's rich raw environment. That same brilliance is captured through the flavours and textures of inspired regional Canadian cuisine.

Edna + Vita

Italian

<https://ednavita.com/>
(437) 562-6099

Edna + Vita offers approachable upscale Italian cuisine in a sophisticated, lighthearted and engaging dining experience.

Estiatorio Milos

Seafood

<https://www.estiatoriomilos.com/location/toronto/>
(416) 462-7260

With a commitment to the freshest, most flavourful fish, flown in daily from the Greek islands and featured in its open fish market, Milos offers a dining experience based on the simplicity and sincerity of the Mediterranean diet. The restaurant's airy, elegant setting is reminiscent of the Greek islands.

Ki Modern Japanese + Bar

Japanese

<https://www.kijapanese.com/>
(416) 308-5888

Ki Modern Japanese & Bar offers an interesting contemporary menu of Sushi, Japanese small plates and fabulous shared entrees. A brilliant, cutting-edge design incorporates a high-profile bar and lounge area and Toronto's most dynamic Sushi Bar. Ki also offers three dramatic private dining areas for groups of 8 to 30 guests and an outdoor bar and patio space on one of Toronto's most influential streets.

Lobster Burger Bar

Seafood

<https://lobsterburgerbar.com/>
(416) 598-2929

Experience a fun, casual Canadian Toronto original in the vibrant Downtown financial district, steps from the Waterfront. They offer more than just a Steakhouse Toronto or standard American Toronto spot. Enjoy delicious Steak and the freshest Seafood Toronto on its patio. Skip the usual Breakfast Toronto or Brunch for their amazing Lunch, globally inspired Tapas / Small Plates Toronto, and dynamic dinner.

Louix Louis

French

<https://www.louixlouis.com/>
(416) 637-5550

Louix Louis delivers extravagant Toronto restaurant excellence, where classic French techniques meet bold contemporary indulgence.

Moxies

Contemporary

<https://moxies.com/restaurants/toronto-downtown/>
(647) 748-7172

Moxies restaurant is a contemporary casual restaurant offering a globally inspired menu and hand-crafted cocktails in a vibrant and interactive atmosphere. Executive Chef Jason Harper has created a menu offering a wide array of steaks, burgers, pastas and seafood. No matter what the occasion, whether it's a business luncheon, a dinner date, or late-night drinks with friends, Moxies offers something for everyone!

Pai Thai Kitchen

Thai

<https://paitoronto.com/>
(416) 901-4724

Pai Thai Kitchen is celebrated by many travelers for its fresh ingredients and bold Thai flavors, with dishes like Pad Thai and mango sticky rice earning rave reviews.

Punch

English/Indian

<https://punchtoronto.com/>
(416) 883-3431

Familiar UK classics, like pot pies and beef Wellington, are given lively, spice-forward makeovers that bridge London and Mumbai. Scotch eggs, for instance, are punched up with kebab-spiced sausage. At the same time, classic Indian street food dishes, like the chaat slaw, become elegant statement pieces.

Financial District *(continued)*

Sud Forno by Terroni

Italian

<https://www.terroni.com/locations/sud-forno-queen>

(416) 504-1992

Sud Forno Temperance is housed in a beautiful heritage building in the heart of the financial district with soaring ceilings, custom-designed mosaic floors and installations that celebrate farming and their philosophy of *Materia Prima*. They invite you to come and enjoy their full-service restaurant that is open for lunch and dinner. Here they serve a number of traditional Italian dishes not found on the Terroni menu alongside well-loved Terroni classics.

The Frederick

Contemporary

<https://www.thefrederickto.com/>
(647) 601-7177

The Frederick is downtown Toronto's new bar and grill, offering confident cooking, genuine hospitality, and a space designed for good company. The all-day menu reimagines classic dishes with fresh detail, from signature pastas to an iconic house burger, making it a welcoming yet elevated destination for martinis over lunch, drawn-out dinners, and every moment in between.

The Rabbit Hole

British

<https://www.therabbitholepub.ca/>
(647) 480-6963

Slick gastropub serving British-inspired dishes like Welsh rarebit & beef tartare, plus a patio. The Rabbit Hole exemplifies the best of British cooking and Canadian hospitality. This friendly neighbourhood gastropub invites guests to cozy up and linger over craft beer and great conversation. Rooted in bold British flavours and locally sourced ingredients, The Rabbit Hole's menu will consist of familiar comfort classics and imaginative twists on old-fashioned pub food.

King West

Beso by Patria

Spanish

<https://besotoronto.com/>
(416) 367-0505

Beso by Patria brings a bold new space and a menu that's just as hot as its name. Flirtatious, fiery, and full of flavour, Beso delivers a modern Spanish experience in the heart of Toronto's King West neighbourhood.

Le Sélect Bistro

French

<https://www.leselectbistro.com/>
(416) 626-6262

Le Sélect Bistro is a renowned French restaurant with a 50-year history. Its menu features classic French dishes such as duck confit, moules-frites, cassoulet, boeuf bourguignon and tarte tatin. They pride themselves on an extensive wine cellar, offering over 1,200 labels, including vintage bottles dating back to the 1940s. The Parisian-inspired décor, featuring a classic zinc bar, vintage posters, mosaic floors, art deco fixtures, front patio and grotto create an ambiance that transports its guests to France.

Minami Restaurant

Japanese

<https://www.minamitoronto.com/>
(416) 519-9182

Minami now offers sushi lunch sets and dinner-tasting menus. Vancouver's hottest destination for contemporary Japanese cuisine has arrived in Toronto's vibrant King West neighbourhood. Fashioned to reflect the best of global design, guests are invited to immerse themselves in the space for a multi-sensory dining experience without departing the city. Showcasing contemporary Japanese fare and an extensive selection of signature cocktails, wines, and spirits, Minami's diverse offerings, sultry interior, and commitment to safety set the new King West standard.

Waterfront / Harbourfront

Aera

Steakhouse

<https://aerarestaurant.com/>

(647) 258-5207

Welcome to Aera (pronounced "era"), Toronto's destination for peak indulgence. Its menu of elevated classics and steakhouse favourites pairs beautifully with panoramic city views. Featuring a luxuriously appointed cocktail bar, impressive sushi counter, and an expansive seasonal rooftop patio, its 38th-floor oasis in the clouds marries exceptional design and culinary innovation.

Amsterdam Brewhouse & Restaurant

Pub/Comfort Food

<https://amsterdambeer.com/>

(647) 257-0086

Amsterdam BrewHouse, Toronto's largest, most-awarded waterfront craft brewery, restaurant, and brewmart! Its 14,000 square foot space offers a casual and fun atmosphere. Enjoy stunning views of the Toronto Islands from one of the four large outdoor patios, perfect for lunch or a romantic evening.

Joe Bird

Chicken

<https://www.joebird.ca/>

(647) 977-2767

Joe Bird is a place of worship to all things chicken, authentic flavors and beer (because who doesn't like beer?). Scoot on down to the lake and join us for a trip to flavor town with a view.

Queens Harbour

Mediterranean

<https://queensharbour.ca/>

(416) 572-4300

Queens Harbour is a 23,000 sq. ft. MediterAsian restaurant on Toronto's waterfront, featuring an interactive sushi bar, three unique cocktail bars, and Canada's largest retractable rooftop patio. Its brand is built on social dining, immersive experiences, and a vibrant atmosphere that transitions seamlessly from day to night, and they're building an elite team to bring this vision to life.

Old Town / St. Lawrence Area

Harbour Sixty Restaurant

Steakhouse

<https://harbour60.com/>

(416) 777-2111

Harbour Sixty embodies a legacy of excellence, where tradition and luxury harmoniously share common ground within an iconic dining experience. Each dish is a signature creation of their talented culinary team, meticulously crafted to delight all the senses, with every detail initiating engagement and igniting genuine connection.

The Reservoir Lounge

Tapas

<https://www.reservoirlounge.com/>

(416) 955-0887

The Reservoir Lounge plays host to some of the city's most celebrated live bands. Every night brings a new reason to dance. EAT WELL. STAY LATE. Looking for a table for the entire evening? Dinner reservations are the way to go. Before hitting the dance floor, indulge in a bespoke martini (or a few) with an assortment of tapas-style global plates made with fresh, honest, and ethical ingredients.

Nightlife and Bars

Bar 404 – <https://404toronto.com/>

Bar Hop – <https://www.barhopbar.com/>

Bar Poet – <https://www.barpoet.com/>

Beertown – <https://www.beertown.ca/>

Boxcar Social – <https://boxcarsocial.ca/pages/harbourfront>

Char No.5 Whisky & Cocktail Lounge –
<https://www.charfive.com/>

CKTL & Co. – <https://www.cktl.ca/>

Clockwork Champagne & Cocktails –
<https://www.clockworktoronto.com/>

EPOCH Bar – <https://www.epochtoronto.com/>

Everyside – <https://www.drinkeverside.com/>

Goodnight Cocktail Club – <https://goodnightcocktailclub.com/>

Handelbar – <https://thehandlebar.ca/>

Library Bar – <https://www.fairmont.com/en/hotels/toronto/fairmont-royal-york/dining/librarybar.bar.html>

Saint John's Tavern – <https://www.saintjohnstavern.com/>

Teller's Bar and Lounge – <https://www.onekingwest.com/dine/>

The Loose Moose – <https://theloosemoose.ca/>

The Pint Public House – <https://thepintto.com/>

The Rec Room – <https://www.therecroom.com/>

The Roof at SOCO – <https://www.socokitchenandbar.ca/>

The Shameful Tiki Room –
<https://shamefultikiroom.com/toronto/>

Sightseeing

CN Tower – <https://www.cntower.ca/>

Isabella Valancy Crawford Park – <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/parks-recreation/places-spaces/parks-and-recreation-facilities/location/?id=99>

Museum of Toronto – <https://museumoftoronto.com/>

Ripley's Aquarium –
<https://www.ripleys.com/attractions/ripleys-aquarium-of-canada>

Roy Thomson Hall – <https://roythomsonhall.mhrth.com/>

TIFF Lightbox – <https://www.tiff.net/>

The Reservoir Lounge – <https://www.reservoirlounge.com/>

Toronto Railway Museum – <https://torontorailwaymuseum.com/>

Toronto Zoo – <https://www.torontozoo.com/>

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