

Official club name: The Friendship Force of Toronto

Closest major airport: Lester B Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

- Cost of transportation between the airport and our city. Guests arriving at YYZ will normally be picked up by our members
- A taxi costs from about \$50 per person to downtown.
- Less expensive are buses to hotels and to the subway.

Maximum number of Ambassadors our club can host: 10 -15 depending upon mix of couples and singles, but our capacity is growing.

About the club: FF Toronto is just starting out. We currently have about 25 members. We plan to host two inbound exchanges each year, and in turn do two outbound.

The club will meet monthly between September and May to consider the business of organizing exchanges, membership matters, or just to celebrate with club parties, pot-luck dinners, or other social events.

New membership enquiries are welcome and encouraged.

The Friendship Force of Greater Hamilton and Burlington has mentored the establishment of our new club, and several of its members are now charter members of FF Toronto.

About the region: Toronto, the 4th largest city in North America, is located on the north-west shore of Lake Ontario; it is the capital of the Province of Ontario and is probably the most ethnically diverse cities on the continent; some of our major attractions are as follows:

- Art Gallery of Ontario, AGO (Frank Gehry, architect) (www.ago.net)
- Royal Ontario Museum, ROM (Daniel Libeskind, architect) (www.rom.on.ca)
- The National Ballet of Canada, the Canadian Opera Company, and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra
- Some 40 theatres showing international mega productions and multiple smaller companies performing classics and original works.
- Restaurants that are representative of the over 100 cultural communities living in Toronto

- Major League Sports: Maple Leafs (NHL); Blue Jays (MLB); Argos (CFL); TFC (MLS); and Raptors (NBA).
- The CN Tower rising 1815 ft. above Toronto with great views of the city and lake. (www.cntower.ca)
- The Toronto Islands (<http://www.toronto.ca/parks/island/>)
- Shopping: from the latest fashion in Yorkville to a world of culinary delights in the St Lawrence Market

Visit the **Tourism Toronto Website** There is so much more to see and do in Toronto.

Close to Toronto you will find:

- Breathtaking Niagara Falls (www.niagarafallstourism.com)
- The vineyards of the Niagara Peninsula.
- The Stratford Festival which focus on the plays of William Shakespeare (www.stratfordfestival.ca)
- The Shaw Festival in Niagara on the Lake which presents many plays by George Bernard Shaw among others. (www.shawfest.com)
- The McMichael Gallery housing the McMichael Canadian Art Collection including many of the Group of Seven.
- Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum (www.warplane.com)
- Many Provincial Parks where we urban dwellers can escape to the great outdoors..

About a typical Exchange: We have yet to develop a program for an exchange but it will include our city's best attractions and at least one outing to the surrounding area.

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