

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS'
NEWLY UNVEILED RESTORED ROCK GARDEN



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HAMILTON: A SNAPSHOT

Rich in culture and history and surrounded by spectacular nature, Hamilton is a fascinating destination, brimming with authentic story ideas. Unique for its ideal blend of urban and natural offerings, this post-industrial, ambitious city is in the midst of an inspiring transformation.

Ideally located in the heart of southern Ontario, midway between Toronto and Niagara Falls, Hamilton provides an ideal destination or detour. From its exciting arts scene, to its rich heritage and history, to its incredible natural beauty...



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Where THE ARTS thrive

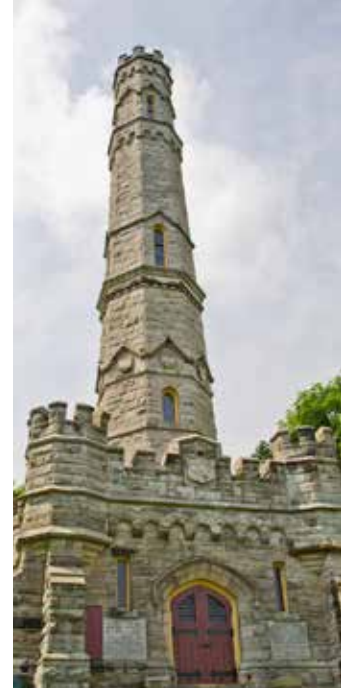
Hamilton continues to make headlines for its arts scene with an exciting and accessible grassroots movement evolving alongside the city's long-established arts institutions.

- Monthly **James Street North Art Crawls** and the annual **James Street Supercrawl** draw hundreds of thousands of music and art lovers to the city's revitalized core.
- **Art Gallery of Hamilton** is the oldest and largest public art gallery in southwestern Ontario and recently celebrated its centennial. It's home to more than 10,000 works of art including historical European, historical Canadian and contemporary art.
- More than 100 waterfalls can be found just off the **Bruce Trail** along the Niagara Escarpment, a **UNESCO World Biosphere** that cuts across the city
- **Royal Botanical Gardens**, Canada's largest botanical garden, home to 2,700 acres of beautiful gardens and spectacular nature sanctuaries
- Thrilling family attractions: **African Lion Safari** (Canada's original drive-through safari) and **Wild Waterworks** (home to Canada's largest wavepool)



Where NATURE surrounds

Bounded by the picturesque shores of Lake Ontario and the lush landscape of the Niagara Escarpment, Hamilton offers a natural playground for outdoor lovers – all within minutes of the city's core.



Where HISTORY is revealed

One of the oldest and most historically fascinating cities in the province. Hamilton is home to heritage-rich architecture, world-class museums and 15 National Historic Sites.

- **Dundurn Castle** brings Hamilton's Victorian era to life in a beautifully restored lavish home overlooking the harbour while **Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology** reveals Hamilton's fascinating industrial heritage at this historic Waterworks
- **Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum** is the country's largest flying museum and home to close to 50 vintage aircraft, including the iconic Avro Lancaster bomber
- **HMCS Haida** is the world's only surviving Tribal-class destroyer and docked as a museum ship

NEW & NOTEWORTHY IN HAMILTON 2016–2017



DUNDURN CASTLE turns 50!

HAMILTON'S ICONIC Dundurn Castle is one of Hamilton's most recognizable landmarks. Overlooking the bay, the National Historic site was once the lavish home of Sir Allan Napier MacNab, his family and the servants who lived and worked below stairs to support their lavish lifestyle. In June 2017, Dundurn will celebrate 50 years as a restored house museum. Starting now (summer of 2016), experience Dundurn's new "Cast Iron Chef" workshops. Begin in the museum's remarkable two-acre historic kitchen garden with tours led by costumed gardeners before moving into Dundurn's historic kitchen below stairs for entertaining cooking demonstrations around the cast iron range.

James Street SUPERCRAWL

THERE'S PROBABLY no better way to understand Hamilton's incredible arts story, than to experience it first-hand at Supercrawl. The annual street party celebrating art and music just gets bigger and better. Heading into its 8th year, Supercrawl will shut down James Street North in downtown Hamilton from September 9 to 11 and fill the arts district with great live music and massive art installations. New this year: walking tours and hands-on workshops.



A WATERFRONT Transformed

HAMILTON'S WEST Harbour is among the few remaining undeveloped urban waterfronts in Ontario. All that's about to change, with big developments planned for the once-industrial shoreline. Already home to restaurants, an outdoor rollerskating rink and a harbour sight-seeing ship, the area is set for huge transformation with exciting commercial, recreation and residential developments planned. The shoreline's accessibility and proximity to a revitalized downtown core, make this waterfront development a story to watch.

Historic Rock Garden reopens at ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

IN SPRING 2016 Royal Botanical Gardens unveiled its much anticipated restoration of Hamilton's beloved Rock Garden. The National Historic Site was the centrepiece of an ambitious Depression-era project that blossomed into RBG's first display garden. It went on to become one of Hamilton's most iconic and beloved attractions.

Now, after a years-long restoration, the garden has re-opened as a garden for the 21st Century. Highlights include a new state of the art, architecturally stunning Visitor Centre, sustainable gardening practices, enhanced water-features and garden areas and year-round events and performances.





Hamilton's Ontario SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

EXPERIENCE TWO HAMILTON attractions recently added to list of Ontario Signature Experiences collection of dynamic destinations that showcase Ontario to the world.

Fly in an Avro Lancaster

Canada's largest flying museum - **Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum** - offers visitors a once-in-a-lifetime chance to relive Canadian military history in a most compelling way. The only place in the world to take a flight on the Second World War's most famous Allied bomber - the Avro Lancaster.

'Wake Up the Wild' at African Lion Safari

Go behind the scenes and witness the morning routines of Africa's most majestic animals on **African Lion Safari's** Wake Up the Wild guided tour, offering close-up and inside access.

Hamilton BITES & BREWS

HAMILTON'S CULINARY scene continues to evolve at a breakneck speed. Top chefs from across the region are following the artists, drawn to the city's affordable rents and a clientele hungry for new dining options. With your hunger satisfied, quench your thirst at one of Hamilton's new breweries. A burgeoning brewery scene includes newcomers like **Collective Arts Brewery** which taps local artists to lend their art to their bottles and **Shawn & Ed Brewing Company**, which recently opened its doors in a converted arena. How's that for Canadian, eh?



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Old is NEW AGAIN

THE REVIVAL of of once neglected buildings in the city's core is helping to drive incredible renewal in the city's core and beyond. New for 2016: the development of the once glamorous 1916 hotel, the **Royal Connaught**, into luxury condominiums and the newest addition to Hamilton's rapidly revitalized core: **Templar Flats**, an exciting new residential and restaurant development.



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