

HAMILTON

It's Happening Here!



HAMILTON A Snapshot

Rich in culture and history and surrounded by spectacular nature, Hamilton is a city like no other in the region. Unique for its distinctive urban feel and vibrant arts and culture, Hamilton also boasts deep roots and a proud history. Ideally located in the heart of southern Ontario, less than an hour's drive from Toronto and Niagara Falls, Hamilton provides an ideal destination for a visit or detour.



Where The Arts Thrive:

Hamilton is making headlines for its grassroots arts revival as well as its long-established arts and cultural assets.

- Monthly **James Street North Art Crawls** and annual **Supercrawl** festival
- **Art Gallery of Hamilton**, Canada's third largest public art gallery and one of country's oldest
- A buzzing **culinary scene**, home to everything from nationally recognized fine-dining, food truck festivals and exciting new coffee culture

Where Nature Surrounds:

Bounded by the picturesque southern shores of Lake Ontario and the lush landscape of the Niagara Escarpment, Hamilton offers a natural playground for outdoor lovers.

- More than 100 waterfalls have earned Hamilton the title of "**City of Waterfalls**"
- UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve **Niagara Escarpment** and Bruce Trail
- **Royal Botanical Gardens**: Canada's largest botanical garden with 2,700 acres of nature sanctuaries
- Thrilling family attractions: **African Lion Safari** (Canada's original drive-through safari) & **Wild Waterworks** (home to Canada's largest outdoor wave pool)

Where History Is Revealed:

One of the oldest cities in the region, Hamilton is home to beautiful architecture, fascinating museums and 15 National Historic Sites.

- **Dundurn Castle**: Bringing Hamilton's Victorian era to life in beautifully restored castle overlooking the harbour
- **Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum**: Canada's largest flying museum and home to one of only two air-worthy Lancaster bombers in the world
- **HMCS Haida**: World's only surviving Tribal-class destroyer docked as museum ship at Hamilton waterfront

Festival & Event Highlights 2014 – 2015

June 7 – 8, 2014

Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek

June 14, 2014

Hamilton Night Airshow

Sept 12 -14, 2014

Supercrawl

Sept 14, 2014

Telling Tales: A Family Festival of Stories

Sept. 26 – Oct. 5, 2014

AGH World Film Festival

March 2015

JUNO Awards

July 2015

Pan Am Games



New & Noteworthy in 2014-15

Arts & Culture:

- **Art for a Century - 100 for the 100th:** In 2014, the celebrated Art Gallery of Hamilton marks its centennial with a landmark exhibition of 100 selected masterpieces from its permanent collection www.artgalleryofhamilton.com
- **Supercrawl:** An offshoot of Hamilton's famed monthly art crawls, the two-day September celebration of city's booming music and art-scene has exploded into one of region's biggest street parties www.supercrawl.ca
- **JUNO Awards** return to Hamilton March 2015 with nationally televised awards show from FirstOntario Centre and a week of accompanying music celebrations highlighting best of city's music scene which includes The Arkells, Monster Truck, Whitehorse and Jessy Lanza www.junoawards.ca



Culinary Arts:

- **Two Black Sheep:** Hamilton's new charcuterie bar sells more oysters per seat than anywhere in the province. Same owners run **Rapscallion**, home to creative and decadent small-plate offerings and a soon to be-opened gourmet taco joint. www.twoblacksheep.ca www.rapscallionrestaurant.com
- **Anchor Bar:** Hamilton is now proud home of first Canadian franchise of Buffalo's legendary wing resto www.anchorbar.ca
- Hamilton's Unique **Food Events** include:
 - **Pop Up Hamilton**, featuring city's great chefs and local wineries/ breweries in unlikely places like warehouses, art galleries and rooftops for one night www.popuphamilton.com
 - **Sew Hungry Food Truck Rally** drawing tens of thousands of hungry patrons in search of curb-side treats www.sewhungry.com





Outdoor Adventure:

- The **Pan Games** will bring the world's best soccer players to compete in the newly constructed Tim Horton's Field in July 2015 and capture international attention for the city www.toronto2015.org
- **Rollerskating** at Pier 8 waterfront is drawing out-of towners and locals alike for a unique, retro waterfront skating experience www.hamiltonwaterfront.com
- Hamilton's **Royal Botanical Gardens** is undergoing a \$20 million upgrade with a spectacular new Visitor Centre and facelift for its historically significant Rock Garden www.rbg.ca
- More than **100 waterfalls**, endless stretches of lush hiking trails along the Niagara Escarpment, beautiful waterfronts and farmlands – all within minutes of downtown – are earning Hamilton the title of the GTA's outdoor playground www.waterfalls.hamilton.ca

History & Heritage:

- **Westfield Heritage Village** turns 50 this summer. One of the most interesting historical destinations in Ontario, Westfield is home to 30 historical buildings, carefully restored to bring the spirit of early Canadian culture to life www.conservationhamilton.ca
- **Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum** Canada's largest flying museum will send its prized Avro Lancaster to England in August 2014 for a month-long visit and touring schedule alongside the only other airworthy Lancaster in the world. An eBay fundraising effort recently netted \$79,100 for a coveted seat on the transatlantic journey. www.warplane.com

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