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FALL FOR HAMILTON

"The Peak" in Dundas



Some of Ontario's most breathtaking fall scenes are less than an hour's drive from Toronto or Niagara Falls. For Bruce Trail lovers, a visit to "the Peak" in Dundas is a great place to start your fall sightseeing tour.

Looking towards Hamilton Harbour and the western shore of Lake Ontario, you'll be amazed at the incredible range of colours and vastness of the woodlands. From "the Peak" you can also see many of the fall attractions that the city offers, including; historic Dundas, the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton Harbour, James Street North Art District, Art Gallery of Hamilton and so much more, all less than 20 minutes from your lookout.

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Foliage, Fairs & Fall Colours



Royal Botanical Gardens offers kilometres of walking trails through wetlands, forests and meadows, which are also home to many unique and protected species of birds and wildlife. Fall is also the perfect time to visit RBG's **Arboretum**, which features hundreds of species of trees, including spectacularly-coloured sugar maples. Horticultural enthusiasts will also enjoy a reprise of summer, with a visit to the RBG's indoor **Mediterranean Gardens**, which start blooming just as the summer season outdoors comes to an end. Scented with the fragrance of oranges, lemons, bougainvillea and jasmine, these Gardens truly offer an escape to paradise. You can experience the trails through one of RBG's many public course offerings, with pocket guides available at the **Shop at the Gardens** gift shop.

As the fall colours fade, the magic of the Holiday Season comes alive at RBG's **Christmas Sale**, featuring; fashion shows, workshops, demonstrations and entertainment



Dundas Valley



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Royal Botanical Gardens

events. The Gardens also offer popular craft and decorating workshops in seasonal evergreen, décor and table designs.

Another great fall outing for the entire family is a trip to **Puddicombe Estate Farms & Winery**. This family farm is over 200 years old and features 300 acres of pick-your-

[As the fall colours fade, the magic of the Holiday Season comes alive]

Hiking and cycling enthusiasts will also love exploring Hamilton this fall. The city's extensive trail system offers access to many of **Hamilton's Conservation Areas** and over 125 waterfalls, such as the popular **Webster's and Tews Falls**. The trail system also links to the **Bruce Trail**, the **Ontario Waterfront Trail** or the **Rail Trail**, which runs through Paris, Brantford and Cambridge. To experience the best of Ontario's fall colours, cyclists can pick up a copy of the **Hamilton Bikeways, Trails and Parks Map** which provides a handy guide for both urban and rural routes. Hikers and cyclists can also take advantage of some great Hamilton getaway packages being offered this fall. (see page 13)

own fruit trees, with apple picking starting in September through October and pumpkins available in **Puddicombe's Pumpkin Patch** on and after Thanksgiving Weekend.

Puddicombe also features a children's village, general store, bake shop, licensed café and an entertaining agricultural train ride that winds throughout the farm. Naturally, there is also ample opportunity to sample Puddicombe's 25 award-winning wines, especially their Ice-wines, which are available in gift baskets, perfect for the upcoming Holiday Season. And don't miss their fall special event weekends: **Country Wine & Harvest Festival**, **Halloween Ho-Down** and **Puddicombe's** fun-filled **Polar Express** weekends.

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Art Gallery of Hamilton
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Queen Milli of Galt,
Theatre Aquarius



Cirque du Soleil
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Not all of the City's most brilliant colours can be experienced outdoors. Satisfy your love of art with a visit to the **Art Gallery of Hamilton**, which features an exhibition of finalists in the **RBC Canadian Painting Competition** from October 19 to 30. Adjudicated by the **Canadian Art Foundation**, this Competition features the best work of emerging artists from across Canada.

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The AGH fall line-up also features "**Connections**", a series of five talks focusing on such diverse subjects as French historical painting, costume jewellery, footwear fashion, photography and quilts. Each talk is led by a noted expert or a private collector, connecting each topic with AGH exhibitions currently on view.

Entering its third season, the **AGH CIBC Wood Gundy Film Festival** (September 23 to October 2) has quickly become an eagerly anticipated fall event. This year's Festival offers award-winning films and documentaries from the Cannes Film Festival, Sundance Film Festival, Tribeca Film Festival and the Toronto International Film Festival, as well as a selection of French films from both France and Quebec.

Fans of live theatre will also enjoy the fall/winter line-up being presented by Hamilton's **Theatre Aquarius**, one of Ontario's most-respected professional theatre groups. The 2011 seasons opens with **Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure**, winner of the 2007 Edgar Award for Best Mystery Play.

In November, Theatre Aquarius presents the unforgettable **Queen Milli of Galt**, a play that combines romantic comedy with historical mystery and a witty fantasy about the power of love. Music lovers will also enjoy a twist down memory lane with the theatre's holiday musical; **Poodle Skirts to Platform Shoes**. This rockin' review presents songs from the fifties to the eighties that will have audiences singing along and dancing in the aisles.

The much-loved **Canadian Aboriginal Festival and Music Awards** returns to Copps Coliseum November 23 to 27. **Copps** is one of Canada's premier entertainment venues, hosting a variety of spectacular concerts, conventions and sporting events each year, including



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hometown hockey favourites and 2010 AHL Conference finalists the **Hamilton Bulldogs**. Highlight of Copsps' fall line-up is **Cirque du Soleil's** spectacular **Michael Jackson - The Immortal World Tour** that runs October 12 and 13. Another great entertainment venue with spectacular acoustics is Hamilton Place, which showcases concerts, dance and theatre performances. Hamilton Place's extensive 2011 fall line-up includes performances by **Hamilton Philharmonic** - September 24, October 15 and November 5, Canadian country stars, **Terri Clark and George Canyon** - October 13, **Matthew Good** - October 22, **Mama Mia** - November 9, **Chantal Kreviazuk with the HPO** - November 19, **Buddy Valastro, the Cake Boss** - November 20, **Trailer Park Boys** - December 2, **My Fair Lady** - December 13 and **Shen Yun** - December 26 and 27.

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After a memorable day spent exploring Hamilton's fall colours and attractions, there's nothing quite as relaxing as a well-appointed hotel that's close to everything. Hamilton offers a great range of new and newly-renovated hotels to suit every budget and taste.

The **Sheraton Hamilton Hotel** is in the heart of downtown with connections to shopping, the Art Gallery of Hamilton, Copps Coliseum and Hamilton Place. The Sheraton has just undergone a major, multi-million dollar renovation and offers beautifully-appointed rooms, an indoor pool, fitness centre and fine-dining. After dinner, a game or performance, enjoy the nightlife and great city views from the newly-renovated "The Loft" lounge.

Visitors Inn is ideally-situated, only minutes from McMaster University, Westdale Village, downtown shops, galleries and some of the area's best hiking and biking trails. Affordably-priced, Visitors offers 60 queen, double-queen or Jacuzzi suites, with king-size beds. Unwind in their indoor pool, Jacuzzi and exercise room. The hotel's VIP restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner in a casual, elegant atmosphere.

Courtyard by Marriott Hamilton Hotel, on Hamilton Mountain is a family-favourite, with quick highway access to all the city has to offer. This well-appointed hotel with indoor pool, fitness centre and whirlpool, features 136 guest rooms, including king suites with whirlpool spas. Courtyard offers a daily breakfast buffet and à la carte dining.

One of downtown Hamilton's newest hotels, **Crowne Plaza Hamilton** recently opened with 214 luxurious rooms, over 19,000 sq. ft. of meeting and banquet space and a fully-equipped fitness centre. Guests will also enjoy dining in the hotel's popular Saffron Mediterranean Restaurant and Wine Bar.

Days Inn is another newly-built hotel located in the heart of downtown Hamilton. The hotel offers queen and king size beds, including some rooms with Jacuzzi baths. Guests will enjoy convenient parking, high-speed internet and complimentary breakfasts in the Daybreak Café.



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The thrills continue with a visit trackside to watch Standardbred Horses race on Canada’s fastest quarter mile track or enjoy simulcast racing. Visitors have a wide selection of places to eat, drink and relax, including the **Moon or Sunset Bars**, the à la carte **Pavilion Restaurant** or the **Top O’ The Turn**, a unique, 10-tier dining room offering buffet selections and à la carte menu items with outstanding views of the track.

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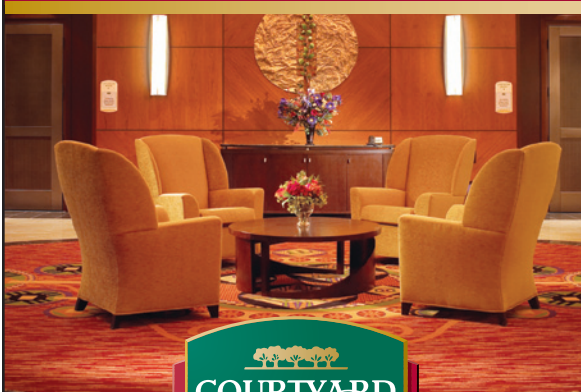


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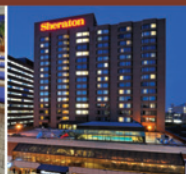
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