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Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival. Photo: iStockphoto/Lani_Autio



Pride Toronto Festival. Photo: iStockphoto/bulghash yilmaz

What's on in Toronto this summer?

Just 13 miles from the heart of downtown LA, is Santa Monica, the laid-back beach town with big city sophistication. With its 3.5 mile stretch of coastline and its eight walkable neighborhoods, there's plenty to see and do.

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JUNE 10-26 – LUMINATO FESTIVAL

The Luminato Festival is one of the preeminent arts festivals in North America. An event for people open to having art change their outlook on the world, the Luminato Festival transforms theaters, parks and public spaces across the city and creates a home for artists to play, share and create.
www.luminatofestival.com

JUNE 15-19 – NORTH BY NORTHEAST MUSIC FESTIVAL

NxNE has become the Canadian festival destination for emerging artists, major-label headliners, music filmmakers and digital interactive innovators bridging the gap between technology and the arts. It is now an essential gathering spot for artists, industry professionals and fans.
www.nxne.com

23-26 JUNE – TASTE OF TORONTO

During one of the world's premier food festivals, Fort York is transformed into a foodie wonderland of summer eating, drinking and entertainment. The city's latest, greatest and hottest restaurants dish up their best in an alfresco gourmet feast. Top that off with over 70 producers of the finest food, beverages and premium brands providing a bountiful food market, and you have a can't-miss culinary festival.
www.tasteoftoronto.com

24 JUNE TO 3 JULY – TD TORONTO JAZZ FESTIVAL

With 1,500 musicians at 40 locations, celebrating its 30th anniversary, the TD Toronto Jazz Festival has become known as one of North America's premier jazz festivals.
www.torontojazz.com

JUNE 24 TO JULY 3 – PRIDE TORONTO FESTIVAL

One of the largest Pride celebrations in the world, with an estimated attendance of over 1 million people, it includes a three-day street festival, a special Family Pride program, Trans Pride, the Dyke March and the infamous and fabulous Pride Parade. Toronto Pride Week means ten days of food, fun and fab.
www.pridetoronto.com

JUNE 29 TO JULY 10 – TORONTO FRINGE FESTIVAL

Fringe festival-goers measure the quality of the experience not by the script (or absence thereof), but rather, by the enthusiastic reaction to the performance. It's the city's liveliest grassroots theater festival.
www.fringetoronto.com

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JULY 1-3 - REDPATH WATERFRONT FESTIVAL TORONTO

The ultimate festival by-the-sea of good food, live music, cold drinks and a waterfront view, with excitement provided by the Tall Ships Challenge, the Royal Canadian Navy, the Waterfront Artisan Market, a stunt dog show and the Parade of Sails—the grand finale.
www.towaterfrontfest.com

JULY 2-24 – BEACHES INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Unfolding each summer in the heart of the lakeside neighborhood, this celebration of music features a dynamic musical roster, multiple stages and even an enticing line-up of gourmet food trucks.
www.beachesjazz.com

JULY 5-31 – SCOTIABANK CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL TORONTO

For the past 49 summers, the streets of Toronto have come alive with the sights, sounds and spirit of the Caribbean. And now, Toronto's beloved Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival is bigger and better than ever with an expanded parade route, a variety of free entertainment and a lively parade featuring Caribbean

dancers—Mas players and calypso singers which all come together for an evening of elegance at The Carnival Ball.

www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com

JULY 8-10 – TORONTO OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION

As the largest of its kind in Canada, the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition offers a fresh air and free alternative to conventional art shows and galleries, showcasing the work of some 500 artists. Side-by-side, established artists, undiscovered talents and innovative students sell their work directly to the public and make lasting connections with art dealers and collectors.
www.torontooutdoorart.org

JULY 9-10 – SALSA ON ST CLAIR

Canada's hottest street festival, Salsa on St. Clair, is bigger and better than ever this year expanding into a weeklong celebration of Latin music, dance, food and culture! The festivities feature events throughout the city including a series of Latin dance and art exhibitions and sizzling salsa parties all capped off with the main event, the 10th Annual Salsa on St Clair Street Festival.
www.salsaintoronto.com

JULY 15-17 - HONDA INDY TORONTO

The roar of the engines, the cheer of the crowd, the rush of pure heart-pumping adrenaline, there is nowhere more satisfying for a racing fan. The Honda Indy Toronto is among the most respected

motorsports events in North America and features a weeklong festival-like atmosphere that includes the fastest racing series on the planet, celebrity athletes, live entertainment and interactive activities.

www.hondaindytoronto.com

JULY 22-24 – TORONTO'S FESTIVAL OF BEER

The Toronto Festival of Beer, also known as Beerfest, celebrates Canada's rich brewing history by featuring more than 120 brands from around the world as well as many Ontario craft brewers. The event has become Canada's largest beer festival.
www.beerfestival.ca

JULY 23-31 – ROGERS CUP

Hard courts, hard lines and a place where "love" is a bad word; for nine days this August, the tennis frenzy takes Toronto by storm, as the world's best tennis players compete for the Cup and the \$3 million in prize money.

www.rogerscup.com

AUGUST 5-7 – KRINOS TASTE OF THE DANFORTH FESTIVAL

This event, held in Greektown, brings delectable cuisine out of local restaurants and into the streets. Listen to Greek bands while getting your fill of authentic souvlaki, stuffed grape leaves, grilled lamb and moussaka. There are some exhibitors offering contests, prizes and free samples and, of course, dozens and dozens of tasty food stations from Danforth's amazing array of multi-ethnic restaurants who all celebrate the fun flavors of Greece.

www.tasteofthedanforth.com

AUGUST 25-28 – SCOTIABANK BUSKERFEST

This is Toronto's wildly successful international street performer festival—a showcase for comedians, contortionists, musicians, magicians, fire jugglers, acrobats, aerial artists, clowns and daredevils who all come together for North America's largest street performer festival and epilepsy awareness event in the world.

www.torontobuskerfest.com ❖



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