



SEE THE WORLD

Home to more than 200 different nationalities, **Toronto** is a melting pot of cultures, arts and cuisines. A weekend here is like a whirlwind trip around the globe.

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DAY 1

Set up base at the glam **Bisha Hotel**, in the heart of the Entertainment District and a skip away from the **CN Tower**. Cab north and west to breakfast on sunny-side-up eggs over butter-sautéed dates and walnuts with

warm Persian barbary flatbread at **Takht-e Tavoos** before trekking to the **Museum of Contemporary Art**, housed in the 100-year-old Tower Automotive building, once Toronto's tallest. Make tracks back downtown via antiquarian bookshop **Monkey's Paw**, and

don't forget to treat yourself to a random read from the store's Biblio-Mat book vending machine. If you're lucky, the cherry blossoms in **Trinity Bellwoods Park** will be in full bloom. End the day with a tasting menu crafted from locally sourced ingredients

at **Canis (7)**, one of the country's top tables.

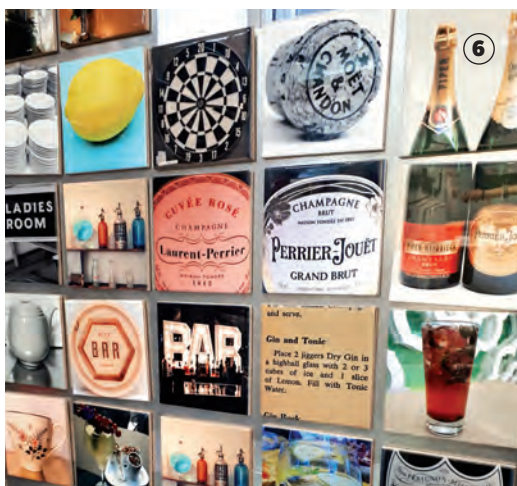
DAY 2

Grab cream-filled *apollini* pastries from **Forno Cultura (2)** and head to the north side of the city and the **Aga Khan Museum**, where the stunning architecture alone ▷



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is reason enough to visit. Explore their temporary exhibit on the second-generation immigrant experience, then have lunch at the on-site restaurant, **Diwan**. Let your sweet tooth lead the way south to **Wong's Ice Cream (4)**, which offers an Asian twist in flavours like black sesame salted duck egg. Soak in the cool vibe of **Leslieville** with a stop at **Arts Market (6)** for terrariums, nail polish and more made by local artisans. Sip one of the 18 cheekily

named brews (Truth Serum, anyone?) at **Rorschach Brewing Co.**, then swing west to **Pai** for a comforting bowl of *khao soi* before a show at the **Mirvish Princess of Wales Theatre**.

DAY 3

Caffeinate at **StrangeLove (1)** and pose with the café's highly Instagrammable Toronto mural. Follow up with a history lesson on an **Urban Adventures** walking tour around bustling **Chinatown (3)**

and multicultural **Kensington Market**. For lunch, hop over to **PowWow Café**, where Ojibwe chef Shawn Adler dishes up "Indian tacos": frybread topped with chili, fish, chicken shawarma or venison stew. Still peckish? Order a wedge of Basque cheesecake at **Bar Raval (5)**. Get lost in the downtown labyrinth that is the **PATH**, certified by Guinness as the world's largest underground shopping complex, then tuck into a

wood-fired steak and other Latin American-influenced dishes at **Momofuku Kojin**. Slide into a sleek banquette at the "speakeasy-esque" **Cloak Bar** for a nightcap and bid The Six adieu. ■



THE ESSENTIALS

WHEN TO GO

There's less tourist traffic in the spring than in the summer, meaning you might have the sidewalks of Leslieville and Kensington Market to yourself. Weather can be unpredictable, though, so pack a rain jacket to be on the safe (read: dry) side as you explore.

WHERE TO STAY

The Residence Inn Downtown by Marriott has a close-to-everything location in the Entertainment District. Plus, CAA Members can save five per cent or more on their stay.

WHAT TO SEE

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