



# The tasty and trendy travel guide to Toronto

Who better to share her picks of what to see, do, eat and experience in Toronto than Pepper Passport contributor and clued in local Danielle Oron? From addictive kimchi fries to art galleries, this is one excellent travel guide.

## GET YOUR CAFFEINE HIT

[Te Aro](#) on the east end. Has an awesome space and an outdoor patio which is hard to come across in a Toronto café. [Dark Horse](#) is another great spot! They have a few locations around the city. Can't miss with this one.

## CELEBRATORY MEALS

For a killer steakhouse, that will break the bank but is soooo worth it: [Jacob's Steakhouse](#). Get a porterhouse to share for the table! For incredible Italian fair right off of King West go to [Buca](#). Everything is divine. In real Italian tradition, they give you a pair of scissors to slice your pizza. The pasta will make you faint because it's so good.

## SATURDAY BRUNCH

Goodness! So many spots. The one thing you have to do in Toronto when having brunch, is to order a Caesar which is the Canadian Bloody Mary. Every spot makes it differently. It's a must do.

My favourite place would be [Lady Marmalade](#). You'll have to wait, like most ALL brunch spots in Toronto but it's so so worth it. It's like sitting in a 1950's style kitchen with mismatched tables and chairs. Their eggs bennies are insane but my personal favourite is the A.M. Poutine. You can only get it on weekends so... do it.

Some other excellent spots for brunch include...

[The Drake](#): In the summer, they open up their rooftop. Great spot for a boozy brunch on the west end!

[Mildred's Temple Kitchen](#): The pancakes are so puffy and soft. They're literally pillows.

[La Cubana](#): Chorizo Empanadas with poached eggs. Enough said.

[Swan Restaurant](#): The hash browns are almost charred on a flat top. Anything here is good. They have an oysters that are prepared out of an old Coca Cola cooler. Get an Americano and a Caesar (Canadian bloody mary) for sure though.

## ENTERTAINING GUESTS BY

Take a walk through Kensington Market; shopping along Queen West; eating and checking out the stalls at [St. Lawrence Market](#); grabbing a beer at [Bellwoods brewery](#) on Ossington; hang out at The Beach and play volleyball (The Beach is an area at the east end of Toronto); ice skating at Nathan Phillips Square or the Harbourfront, The [Art Gallery of Ontario](#); bringing a blanket to hang out at Trinity Bellwoods green space.

## BEST ROUTE FOR RUNNING/WARDING OFF JETLAG

The Waterfront path. It's gorgeous and very long! Bike, walk, run, stroll. It's gorgeous and long!

### **SUNDAY LUNCH**

Sunday lunch is more like the brunch in Toronto. These are regular favourites...

[Banh Mi Boys](#): Anything you get is great. But my favourite is the Kalbi Beef. And then get Kimchi fries obviously.

[Grand Electric](#) for their tacos. Incredibly delicious. Just be ready for some loud music!

[The Burger's Priest](#): BEST BURGER EVER. But... they're closed on Sundays. So go on Saturday. They tell you to go to Church on Sunday.

### **TORONTO'S COOLEST SHOPS ARE**

Any place along Ossington. Like [Lost + Found](#), [Victoire](#), and [Crywolf](#). [Zane's](#) on Queen West is amazing for accessories.

### **BUY SPECIAL GIFTS AT**

The [Drake General Store](#) is cool for interesting knickknacks. Or if it's for a special someone... [The Condom Shack](#) could be fun?!

### **THE COOLEST PRECINCT**

Kensington Market for it's eclectic-ness. And it's complete opposite, Bloor-Yorkville for some high end window shopping.

### **STOCK UP ON BEAUTIFUL FRESH PRODUCE AT**

[St. Lawrence Market](#). They have everything and it's all so good. Stop by Sausage King and Anton Kozliks for mustard.

Also, Hook'd is great to grab some fish if you're making a nice feast at home.

The [Healthy Butcher](#) is beautiful for meats.

### **A UNIQUE MINI BREAK OUTSIDE OF TORONTO**

[Toronto Island](#). Just a short ferry ride away! It's great for biking and hanging out on a beautiful day. Or... Canada's Wonderland if you're into roller coasters.

*Danielle is the chef and owner of the very cool milk and cookies bakery, [Moo Milk Bar](#). It's a must visit in Toronto too – although she's too modest to list it!*

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