

THE WORLD'S GATHERING PLACE
FOR ADVANCING CONCRETE



GUEST PROGRAM

March 30 – April 2, 2025

Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Toronto, ON, Canada

Guest Events

✓ = Separate fee required * = Guest-only event

All listings and venues are subject to change.

How to Register for Events

Guests may register for special events up until 24 hours prior to the activity, based on availability. Stop by the ACI Registration Desk to secure your spot. Registration is in the Osgoode Ballrooms & Sheraton Hall A-F at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. Registration will be open during the following hours:

Saturday	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sunday – Tuesday	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Local information and maps will be available at the ACI Ontario Chapter desk just outside the Sheraton Hall & Osgoode Ballroom.

Sunday – Wednesday

***Guest Hospitality – Provincial Ballroom South (Second Floor)**
7:00 am – 10:00 am

Coffee, tea, and pastries will be available for guests each morning (Sunday through Wednesday). You must be a registered guest to attend.

Sunday – Wednesday

***Guest Lounge – Provincial Ballroom South (Second Floor)**
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Stop by the Guest Lounge to relax and meet other ACI guests. Guests can enjoy the Guest Lounge Sunday through Wednesday.

Play Bridge & Other Card Games

Join ACI guests for a game of bridge. Never played before? Learn bridge from experienced players or start another card game of your own. All guests are welcome to play. If interested, meet in the Guest Lounge following the Guest Hospitality each morning. This activity is based on guest participation only.

Sunday, March 30, 2025

***Guest Overview – Provincial Ballroom South (Second Floor)**
8:00 am – 9:00 am

Acquaint yourself with the week ahead in Toronto. Learn about the exciting things to do in and around the city.

Opening Reception – Sheraton Hall & Osgoode Ballroom (Lower Concourse)

Immediately following the Opening Session, attendees are invited to the Exhibit Hall for this evening reception. Reunite with colleagues, network with new acquaintances, and learn about the products and services offered by the exhibitors. A cash bar and light refreshments will be available.

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Concrete Mixer – Grand Ballroom & Foyer (Lower Concourse)
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Join ACI attendees and guests for an evening of networking, entertainment, and great food during the Concrete Mixer, held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. An assortment of food and beverages will be available.



Welcome to Toronto!

ACI is excited to bring the ACI Concrete Convention to Toronto, ON, Canada, this spring.

Embark on an unforgettable journey in Toronto, Canada's largest city—a global leader in business, technology, entertainment, and culture. With more than half of its population born overseas, Toronto is one of the most multicultural cities in the world. Whether you plan to explore museums and attractions, attend a festival, immerse yourself in live music and nightlife, or experience an international culinary scene—Toronto is ready to welcome you.

Rental Cars

Hertz is the official car rental agency for the ACI Concrete Convention. Receive discounts on upgrades, weekly rentals, and weekend rentals. To make advance reservations, call +1.800.654.3131 or visit www.hertz.com. Provide Group Code CDP# 0077289 when making your reservation. For a list of all rental car agencies available at YYZ, visit: Pearson Airport Car Rental YYZ | Toronto Airport Car Rentals | Pearson Airport. Car rental is available at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport YTZ. <https://www.billybishopairport.com/to-from/rent-a-car/>

Rideshare

Uber and Lyft now offer pickup and drop-off transportation service for customers at Toronto Pearson International Airport. For ride app information, visit: Airport Ride Share Toronto | Pearson Airport | Pearson Airport. Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport YTZ. <https://www.billybishopairport.com/to-from/>

ATTRACTIONS

What makes Toronto so memorable is its unique blend of experiences that must be discovered in person. From world-class concerts, museums, and galleries to bustling festivals, thrilling sports, and eclectic neighborhoods, there are unforgettable experiences waiting to be explored across Toronto.

CN Tower

Standing at 1815 ft, the CN Tower is the tallest free-standing structure in the Western Hemisphere and one of Toronto's most popular attractions for tourists and locals of all ages. Whether you're looking for tickets, fun facts, places to eat, or want to brave the CN Tower EdgeWalk, it's be sure to an unforgettable memory.



Distillery District

Embrace the magic of old-world Victorian industrial architecture in Toronto's trendy Distillery Historic District. Stroll along European-esque cobblestone streets, discovering quirky bars, shops, and restaurants. While here, you may encounter live performers.

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada offers a fun-filled day for the whole family, with fascinating marine life displays and interactive exhibits. While there, be sure to explore the Dangerous Lagoon's underwater tunnel, where guests feel at one with the resident creatures, from fish and sharks to sea turtles and rays. Make sure to take a stroll through the Planet Jellies gallery, where you'll come face-to-face with various species of jellyfish.

Budweiser Stage

Get ready to experience a concert like no other at the Budweiser Stage, which hosts international and Canadian artists and bands. The lakefront amphitheater's acoustic vibrations will make your hair stand on end, while the stars provide an enchanting backdrop. Whether lawn area or covered reserved seating, every ticket is a winner. A concert at the open-air Budweiser Stage is one of the most fun things to do in Toronto—don't miss out!

Rogers Centre

Not only is Rogers Centre the proud home of the Toronto Blue Jays, but it also hosts some of music's hottest acts. The stadium is always abuzz with cheers, drinks, and delicious food. Don't miss the vibrant Outfield District featuring food vendors and bars, including a fantastic rooftop patio.

The Royal Ontario Museum

Visit Canada's largest museum, home to more than 13 million objects spanning art, culture, and nature! Spend the day hanging out with dinosaurs, travelling to ancient Egypt, and discovering awe-inspiring works of contemporary art, among other adventures. The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) is considered one of the continent's most important cultural institutions. Don't forget to enjoy the views and look up while at the museum—you just might find the ROM's gorgeous mosaicked ceiling!

Guild Park and Gardens

Hidden along the Scarborough Bluffs is Guild Park and Gardens, a beautiful sculptural garden filled with Toronto's salvaged architecture from times past and dreamy rose-bushes. You'll feel like you're walking among ancient Greek and Roman relics when, in actuality, they're remnants of Toronto's ornate historical buildings that were demolished. The best part of the garden is the Bank of Toronto's salvaged archways, set up to mimic a Greek theater. You can also overlook Lake Ontario and the rest of the Bluffs from the garden's cliffs. The Bluffs is a distinctive and celebrated natural landmark in North America, boasting plenty of attractions and activities for everyone to enjoy.



The Hockey Hall of Fame

Located in Toronto, the Hockey Hall of Fame is the premier destination for all things hockey. Dedicated entirely to the history of ice hockey in Canada, the Hockey Hall of Fame holds regular exhibits on famous players and teams and displays permanent galleries of National Hockey League (NHL) records, trophies, and miscellaneous memorabilia. It has 15 in-house exhibits, not to mention regular events relating to the sport. Looking to brush up on your hockey skills? The Hockey Hall of Fame has an interactive model rink—face up against (virtual) Carey Price and Frederik Andersen to practice your slapshots!

Canada's Wonderland

Since 1981, Canada's Wonderland has been the premier destination in Ontario for thrills, family fun, and world-class entertainment. Located in Vaughan, just north of Toronto, the amusement park features more than 200 attractions, including 18 roller coasters, two children's areas, and Splash Works, the 20-acre water park. Experience fun and thrills and make lifelong memories with family or friends at this four-season amusement park. If you're looking for amazing things to do in the Toronto area, don't miss the live shows and special events through spring, summer, fall, and winter.

SHOPPING

Shopping in Toronto

Toronto has emerged as a major style destination. Stores abound with luxury designer items, unique vintage finds, and top home décor, and high fashion can be found around every corner. Yorkville is Toronto's fashion design hub and the go-to destination for anyone looking to elevate their wardrobe with luxurious flair. The shopping in this neighborhood brims with designer elegance and European sophistication. Kensington Market is a National Historic Site of Canada and one of Toronto's most vibrant and diverse neighborhoods. Adjacent to the hustle and bustle of Chinatown, Kensington is packed with eclectic cafés, international restaurants, and a profusion of unique vintage shops tucked into Victorian row houses. The shops in West Side's Ossington Village and Queen Street West are the perfect antidotes to a boring wardrobe. Explore all of this and more during a shopping trip into Toronto's exciting shopping districts!



DINING LANDMARKS

As one of North America's most sprawling, mega-diverse megalopolises, Toronto evades categorization. Toronto's culinary scene is shaped by its multicultural underpinnings, cobbled together from 158 neighborhoods that reflect the various groups who immigrated to the city over the centuries. In general, restaurants across the area champion this diversity and maintain a certain malleability, eschewing stringent rules or hierarchies. Expect plenty of edible experimentation as chefs continue finessing their craft on the fly. From award-winning chefs and MICHELIN Guide-recognized restaurants to cozy speakeasies and bustling clubs, Toronto offers a kaleidoscope of experiences for every palate and preference. Feel the pulse of Toronto's nightlife and indulge in its diverse culinary tapestry, where every bite tells a story.

Lake Inez

Leave the touristy crowds behind and make your way over to Little India in the East End, where this beloved gastropub offers up eclectic share plates and a next-level selection of funky and fabulous wines and craft beers. There are no rules on this menu, which skews pan-Asian but truthfully includes influences from all over. To take your experience to the next level, make a reservation for the Mystery Patio, a covered space out back that offers an even more amped-up tasting menu experience.

Canoe Restaurant and Bar

Canoe has the best view in Toronto: the CN Tower standing on one side, planes landing at City Airport on another, and Toronto's glittering skyline sprawling beyond the horizon. And the food here is just as good as the real estate. The menu at Canoe is an adventurous, surprising, and just-plain-delicious celebration of flavors and ingredients from across Canada. Service feels just as top-notch—glasses are filled, tables are de-crumbed, and cutlery is replaced so fast you'll hardly even notice!

Quetzal

Tired of the same old, same old? Head to Quetzal—a sleek, contemporary space offering up sleek, contemporary Mexican. Quetzal is known for its excellent, high-quality fare that offers an authentic, modern take on Mexican cuisine. Among its many notable menu items, enjoy house-made salsas, perfectly seasoned slow-cooked lamb barbacoa, bone marrow and wild Argentinian shrimp, and much more. The drinks list of Mexican-inflected cocktails and hard-to-find Mexican beers makes a beautiful complement to the menu's bombastic flavors. To indulge in the best Mexican flavors, look no further than Quetzal.

Alo Restaurant

The corner of Queen and Spadina was never the most posh or interesting address in Toronto, so when Chef Patrick Kriss announced he would open a restaurant on the third floor of a historic Victorian building there, local foodies were skeptical. Once Alo opened in 2015 with high-concept, French-inflected cuisine, it soon topped critics' choice lists around the world, and Kriss' naysayers became believers. This tasting menu restaurant spins ingredients and flavors from around the world into haute cuisine prepared with classic French techniques. Alo also has one of the most extraordinary wine programs in Canada, with pricey cult favorites, approachable bottles, and everything in between. Chat with the sommelier to find the right pour, or just opt for a pairing.

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