



Oh Canada, eh!

Dear Friends and Families of the NNPDF,

The Canadian Chapter of the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation (CCNNPDF) is so excited about the opportunity to host the 18th Annual NNPDF Family Support and Medical Conference in Toronto, Ontario Canada! Please plan to join us for the conference August 5 – 8, 2010, at the elegant Delta Chelsea Hotel in downtown Toronto.

Toronto is known for its fantastic diversity and cultural opportunities. In fact, did you know that over 100 languages are spoken in the Greater Toronto area?! With so much to see and do, you will surely want to plan your conference trip to include a couple of extra days to take advantage of all the area has to offer.

Of course, the centerpiece and highlight of your trip to Toronto will be the Family Conference itself. This event is the first international conference on Niemann-Pick Disease, and as such, we are putting together an exciting agenda to include all the latest in research and clinical news, networking opportunities, and fun family activities.

With the excitement and intrigue of international travel may come some apprehension about leaving what is familiar and “safe.” Let us assure you, Canada welcomes international travelers with open arms, and we might point out that Toronto is actually no further north than Syracuse, Saginaw, Sioux Falls, Boise, or Eugene!

We expect a very good turnout of the experts in Niemann-Pick Disease, from both the United States and Canada, at this summer’s conference. This is your opportunity to hear the latest in medical and research information directly from the eminent researchers, doctors and scientists who work with NPD.

And we promise, you will remember forever the family connections you make at the Family Conference. Nothing compares to meeting face-to-face with others who are dealing with challenges similar to your own. If there is a blessing to be found with NPD, it is the wonderful families you meet and bond with as a result of this shared experience.

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We have selected the beautiful Delta Chelsea Hotel for our conference. The Delta Chelsea is centrally located in the heart of downtown Toronto, within walking distance of the city's best shopping districts (including the Toronto Eaton Centre, Canada's third-largest shopping complex), world-class theatre, vibrant nightlife and exciting attractions.

The Delta Chelsea's rooms feature upgraded amenities and views of the downtown skyline, and many rooms have balconies. The hotel has a total of six restaurants and lounges, with a terrific banquet hall and well-appointed meeting rooms.

The hotel's Family Fun Zone boasts an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, Starcade games, and supervised children's activities. The Delta Chelsea also has an outstanding dedicated children's area which we will use for our conference's Childcare Activity Room (CAR). (Read more about the CAR later in this packet.)

The Delta Chelsea is located in an area with many attractions including the Toronto Blue Jays, the CN Tower, the Hockey Hall of Fame, Ontario Place, Centre Island, etc. The hotel is located half a block from the world-renowned Sick Kids Hospital and is close to several other major medical facilities.

Please read through this packet of information we have assembled for you, mark your calendar, and start making your plans for the trip! (Be sure to get passports if you are coming to Toronto from outside Canada. U.S. citizens need passports, too.)

We look forward to welcoming you to Toronto in August!

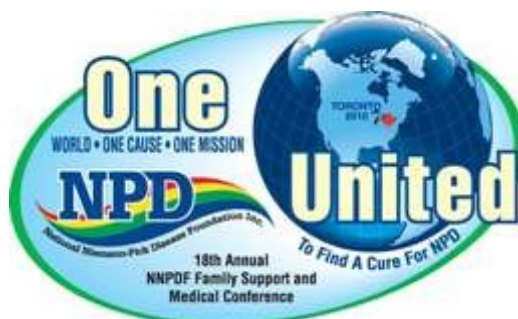
Sincerely,

Your 2010 NNPDF Family Support and Medical Conference Host Families

Tammy Vaughan,
CCNNPDF Chair
and NNPDF Board Secretary
In memory of Alex & Laura (NPC)

Lucy Liegghio
CCNNPDF Board Member
In memory of Luke (NPC)

Sandra Cowie
NNPDF Board Member
Adult with NPB



Conference Deadlines

Hotel Reservations (make directly with Delta Chelsea Hotel – see page 5 for details)	The block of rooms will be held until July 1st or until sold out , whichever comes first. We recommend you make your room reservations as soon as possible!
“Helping Hand” Stipend Applications	June 15, 2010
Conference Registrations	July 1, 2010
First-Time Fundraiser Contest Entries	July 1, 2010

Conference Schedule

The agenda for the 2010 Family Conference is being developed focusing on medical and research issues and will be announced in detail closer to the conference. To assist you in making travel arrangements, the conference schedule has been established as follows:

Thurs., August 5	7:00 p.m.	Registration and Welcome Reception
Fri., August 6 & Sat., August 7	Daytime	Joint Sessions and Breakout Sessions
Sat., August 7	8:00 p.m.—midnight	Conference wrap-up and farewell; Evening of entertainment and celebration

Caregiving/Childcare Services & Activity Room

Childcare and young adult activities will be provided during conference sessions (with breaks for lunch). The volunteer childcare/activities staff will NOT administer medications or give feedings. We hope to be able to provide a refrigerator nearby where you can store medications during the day.

The volunteers staffing this service are committed to ensuring that your children, both NPD –affected and their siblings, along with our young adult NPD family members, are in a safe and fun-filled environment offering a variety of activities, games, crafts, videos and friendship. If your children enjoy a particular activity or game, please feel free to bring it along to share with their friends in the activity room.

Once a child has been registered into the childcare/activity room, they **MUST** stay in the room until their parent or guardian signs them out. Any child taking part in activities in the childcare/activity room **MUST** be signed in and out by their **OWN** parent or guardian.



Commemoration

The “Light of Hope” Candle Lighting Ceremony and Commemoration, in memory of all the loved ones we have lost to NPD, will be held on Thursday evening after registration and introductions. Families are invited to bring photos, memory books, etc., to share with other families in attendance.



First-Time-Fundraiser Contest

Since 2002, the Foundation has held an annual “First-Time-Fundraiser” contest as a way to encourage and recognize families who have taken their first steps in raising funds to support the work of the Foundation. The grand prize winner receives a free hotel room for the three nights of the Family Conference.

Contest rules are simple:

- ◆ Entrants must be first-time fundraisers.
- ◆ Fundraising results and receipts must be submitted to the NNPFD Central Office by July 1, 2010.
- ◆ The 2010 contest year runs from July 1, 2009 —June 30, 2010. (Events must have been held during this time period.) First-Time-Fundraisers may have hosted more than one event during that time- frame, with proceeds from all events in that time frame counting toward the entrant’s total.
- ◆ NNPFD board members, employees and their relatives are not eligible to participate.
- ◆ The First-Time-Fundraiser who raised the most money for NNPFD wins the grand prize — three free nights at the Delta Chelsea for the Family Conference!

If you are in the running for the First-Time-Fundraiser Contest, please do not wait to make your hotel reservations — make your hotel reservations now to avoid disappointment. If you are the contest winner, the NNPFD will cover the room cost for the three nights of the conference (Aug 5—Aug 7).

Fundraising is vital for moving research forward. If you have been thinking about fundraising, this is the time to jump in. The NNPFD offers a Fundraising Packet, a Guide to Getting Media Coverage, and support to help you get started.

Contact the NNPFD at nnpdf@nnpdf.org or 920-563-0930 for more information or assistance.

Hotel Reservations

The 18th Annual NNPDF Family Conference will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, from Thursday, August 5th through Sunday, August 8th, 2010, at the Delta Chelsea Hotel, 33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Room reservations must be made directly with the Delta Chelsea. Make reservations by calling 1-800-243-5732 (use Group Code GRS NNPDF when calling); or via a link at our Web site, http://www.nnpdf.org/familyservices_03.html (use Group Code GNPDF when booking online). When booking online, select from the dropdown menus as follows: Region - Central Canada; Province - Ontario; Destination - Toronto; Hotel/Resort - Delta Chelsea.

The NNPDF block will be held until July 1, or until the room block is sold out, whichever comes first.

The special discount rate of \$99 per night (CAD), plus taxes and fees, is available August 5 – August 7 (the three nights of the conference), as well as three nights prior to and three nights after the conference (based on availability).

This special rate is limited to our block of rooms, so be certain to make your reservations early!



Delta Chelsea Toronto

33 Gerrard Street West
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

888-890-3222

416-595-1975

www.deltahotels.com

Group/Convention Code: GRS NNPDF (by phone) or GNPDF (online)

~ At a Glance ~

Make your reservations directly with the Delta Chelsea — 888-890-3222 (Group Code GRS NNPDF) or via the link at http://www.nnpdf.org/familyservices_03.html (Group Code GNPDF). Special Room Rate \$99 per night (CAD) plus taxes and fees. Special Rate also available three nights prior to and three nights after the conference dates.

Block Rate Offered Until July 1st or Until Sold Out ~ Limited Availability ~ Reserve Early!

Hotel Location, Highlights & Hotspots!

The Delta Chelsea is centrally located in the heart of downtown Toronto, within walking distance of the city's spectacular Yonge Street shopping district and the Eaton Centre, Canada's third-largest shopping complex. (www.downtownyonge.com)

The area features outdoor concerts, world-class theater, vibrant nightlife, and community festivals. Toronto's central business district, government offices and hospital community are also nearby.

Airport shuttle bus service is available to and from the Delta Chelsea, with one-way fare for \$19.95, and roundtrip for \$32.95. Save 10% by booking your airport shuttle bus tickets in advance online. (www.torontoairportexpress.com)

The hotel has 1590 guest rooms, many with balconies, featuring upgraded amenities and panoramic views of the downtown skyline. Wheelchair-accessible rooms and Family Fun suites are also available. The hotel has six restaurants and lounges, an indoor pool and 130-foot corkscrew slide, a whirlpool, a sauna, and a games room.



Hotel Amenities and Services

- ◆ 1,590 guest rooms
- ◆ Fully accessible rooms (19) and modified accessible rooms (20), first-come, first-served
- ◆ On-site ticketing for theater and event tickets
- ◆ High-speed (wired) Internet access available in most rooms (\$13.95 per day)
- ◆ Free wireless Internet available in lobby and garden/restaurant
- ◆ Children under six eat free and children ages 7—12 eat for half price when ordering from the regular menu
- ◆ Check-in time 3:00 p.m.; check-out time 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Separate adult and family recreation centers and pools
- ◆ Currency exchange at front desk
- ◆ Three restaurants and three lounges
- ◆ Complimentary shuttle to downtown core
- ◆ Children under 18 stay free in parents' room
- ◆ Completely smoke-free facility
- ◆ On-site airport shuttle bus available every 20-30 minutes (one-way \$19.95; roundtrip \$32.95)
- ◆ Near College subway station (on Yonge line)
- ◆ Indoor parking

“Helping Hand” Financial Stipends

“Helping Hand” Financial Stipends are available to assist families in financial need with the cost of attending the conference. We encourage you to seek local support through your community’s organizations such as local family support agencies, service organizations or churches.

A stipend application is enclosed with this packet. Applications are due at the Foundation office by June 15th, 2010. Stipend award amounts are determined after all applications are received and total available funding is confirmed. The stipend normally covers part, but not all, of the cost of travel and hotel for one participant and is intended to help ensure that one individual from each NPD family can attend the conference.

If you are applying for a stipend, please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Do not wait for notification of the stipend award, as the block may fill up and our special room rate will expire. **Stipend Application Deadline – June 15th, 2010**

Please mail your completed “Helping Hand” Stipend application to NNPDF; P.O. Box 49; Fort Atkinson, WI; 53538-0049; in time to arrive by the deadline, June 15th.

Toronto Weather/What to Wear

Because Toronto is in Canada, we may tend to think of it as being “up north,” but in reality, Toronto is no farther north than Syracuse, Saginaw, Sioux Falls, Boise, or Eugene.



August temperatures in Toronto average 83F/28C during the day, although an occasional heat wave can bring it up into the high 80’s or even low 90’s. Evening lows in August average around 60F/16C degrees. An average August in Toronto will have rain about nine days out of the 31. With such warm summer weather, outdoor activities, events and festivals, including al fresco dining, is the order of the day.

The best way to pack is to bring light clothing to layer, in case a shower comes up or a temperature change occurs. Be sure to pack a cardigan or blazer, as air-conditioned meeting rooms can sometimes feel cool.

Dress for the conference is business casual to casual. Wear what makes you comfortable, whether that is a skirt, khakis, blue jeans, or capris. You may want to pack something a little special to wear to Saturday evening’s dinner and dance, but again, wear what makes you comfortable. The conference will be relaxed, family-oriented fun, as well as educational and inspirational!

Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Game

We have a block of tickets for the Toronto Blue Jays game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Friday evening, August 6th. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like tickets to the game and if you require handicapped accessible seating.



Currency Exchange Information

Remember that Canada's currency differs from U.S. currency, and the exchange rate varies daily. Using credit cards avoids the need to convert cash, as the conversion happens at the credit card company.

If you prefer to carry cash, convert your currency in advance, if possible. Currency may also be exchanged at Toronto Pearson Airport and at the Delta Chelsea front desk. Many retailers and restaurants in Toronto will accept U.S. currency, but may charge a fee or use an exchange rate not advantageous to the traveler.

Do not plan to exchange currency at a bank in Canada, as most banks will only exchange currency for their own regular clients with ID, due to government regulations. There are many online currency converter tools, including <http://www.xe.com>.



Passports Required (including U.S. Citizens!)

Please note that travelers to Toronto from outside Canada (including the U.S.) will need passports. Be sure to allow plenty of time for passport processing.

According to the U.S. Dept of State's Web site, current passport processing times are about 4 - 6 weeks, but during busier times, such as the summer travel season, they encourage customers to use the expedited service for applications if the travel date is closer than 10 weeks away. (Expedited processing requires an additional fee.)

If you have a current passport, be sure to check the expiration date and apply for renewal if necessary. The U.S. Dept of State site advises that, if possible, you should renew your passport approximately nine months before it expires.

If the additional cost of passports is a financial hardship for your family, please contact Nadine Hill at the NNPDF. Visit the U.S. Department of State's Passport page (http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html) for more information, and the Canadian government's site (<http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca>) to ensure you are eligible to enter Canada.

Be sure to allow plenty of time for passport processing!

Travel and Health Insurance

An important part of your travel planning should include a call to your health insurance provider to see what coverage you will have when traveling. Your insurance may cover you as usual, or you may be advised to purchase an additional “rider” or travel policy as a safeguard.



We checked with one U.S. health insurer as an example, and received this advice:

- 1) Since it is unlikely that Canadian health care providers will accept your U.S. health insurance card as assurance of payment, be prepared to pay for medical and prescription drug services at the time they are received, and then file for reimbursement from your health insurance company upon your return home. Obtain the required forms from your insurer before departure, and carry copies of them with you on your trip.
- 2) If you should require medical attention while in Canada, your insurance provider may require notification, depending on your insurer and plan. Be sure to take along important phone numbers for your trip.
- 3) Be certain to obtain itemized bills for any and all services you receive, including prescription drug expenses. The bills must be in English, and show charges in both Canadian and U.S. currency values. Name and address of provider must be included, together with dates of service. Prescriptions must include both U.S. and Canadian brand names, quantity dispensed and dosage. Each type of service or prescription must include a specific diagnosis.

Medical Equipment—Oxygen Supplies

Travelers who require oxygen supplies should be able to work through their current oxygen provider to arrange the oxygen in Toronto through the network of suppliers, and the suppliers should be able to handle the necessary documentation. Arrangements for oxygen should be made well in advance of travel.

Oxygen providers serving the Toronto area:

Proresp (www.proresp.com) 1-800-563-8981

Medigas (www.medigas.com) 1-866-446-6302—affiliated with Praxair in the U.S.

Vitalaire (www.vitalaire.com) 1-800-567-0202 — affiliated with the Air Liquide Healthcare network

Medigas and Vitalaire have information regarding travel on their Web sites. They suggest that arrangements be made at least a month prior to international travel.

Hospitals, Pharmacies, etc.

Downtown Toronto has a number of nationally and internationally recognized hospitals available. (Distances shown are from the Delta Chelsea Hotel.)

Hospitals/Clinics

The Hospital for Sick Children (0.6 km)

555 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
416-813-1500
www.sickkids.ca

Toronto General Hospital (0.4 km) (Univ Health Network)

200 Elizabeth Street
Toronto, Ontario
416-340-3131
www.uhn.ca

Toronto Western Hospital (2.5 km) (Univ Health Network)

399 Bathurst Street
Toronto, Ontario
416-603-5801
www.uhn.ca

Mount Sinai Hospital (0.5 km)

600 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
416-596-4200
www.mountsinai.ca

St. Michael's Hospital (1.1 km)

30 Bond Street
Toronto, Ontario
416-360-4000
www.stmichaelshospital.com

The Doctor's Office/MCI Medical Clinic (0.3 km)

595 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
416-598-1703

Bay College Med/Lockwood Diagnostic (0.3 km)

790 Bay Street; Suite 108
Toronto, Ontario
416-929-1900

Pharmacies/Dental/Optical

Shopper's Drug Mart (24 hr, 0.1 km)

700 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
416-979-2424
www.shoppersdrugmart.ca

Rexall PharmaPlus (0.2 km)

777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
416-977-6899
www.rexall.ca

Toothworks College Park (0.3 km)

444 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario
416-599-9888
www.toothworks.ca

Sears Optical (0.4 km)

290 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario
416-349-7111
www.canadaoptical.ca



International Transportation

International flights are available into Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) (the main Toronto airport) and, from a limited number of U.S. cities, into the smaller Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ) (also known as City Centre Airport). Flying into Toronto City Airport requires a short ferry ride from the airport across to the city.

The Internet makes comparison shopping for airfares simple. Some sites you might check out include: www.travelocity.com www.expedia.com www.orbitz.com www.kayak.com www.priceline.com www.airfares.com www.cheapflights.com

Depending on your location, you may want to consider transportation other than international flights. From locations in the eastern U.S., a train to Toronto may be more economical than flying. www.amtrak.com

Another option that may result in significant savings would be flying into Buffalo, New York, and then taking a bus across to Toronto.

We strongly suggest that all flight reservations be paid for with a credit card. Should an airline go out of business or cancel a flight, you may be able to dispute the charges and receive your money back. You can also purchase travel insurance through a travel agent or services such as AAA. Many airlines offer trip insurance on their Web sites.

Cancellation policies differ between airlines. Some airlines may honor tickets for one year from the date of issue, subject to an additional fee. (If the replacement ticket costs more than the original, the difference must also be paid.) Some airlines may charge a per person fee for any changes, plus any difference in the price of the new fare. Check with your airline for its specific policy.

Toronto Pearson International Airport

Toronto Pearson International Airport, the largest and busiest airport in Canada, is located 17 miles northwest of downtown Toronto in Mississauga, Ontario. In 2009, Toronto Pearson handled 30.4 million passengers through two operating terminals. In 2006 the airport was selected as the best global airport by the UK-based Institute of Transport Management. www.gtaa.com



Ground Transportation

An airport shuttle bus (Airport Express) is available between Toronto Pearson International Airport and the Delta Chelsea Hotel. One-way tickets are \$19.95 and roundtrip tickets are \$32.95. (Save 10% by purchasing tickets online in advance.) The bus runs every 20 or 30 minutes (depending on time of day) and can be boarded at either Terminal 1 or Terminal 3.

Other options include rental cars, taxis and the LINK train.

Public Transportation

TTC (Toronto Transportation Commission) www.ttc.ca — Public transit network of buses, streetcars and subways.

Fares: Cash fare—adult \$3; student/senior \$2; child \$0.75.

One-day, weekly and family passes are available. A family pass is good for one adult and up to five children/youth under age 19; or two adults and up to 4 children/youth under age 19; or two adults.

If you are driving, keep these tips in mind:

Seat belts are mandatory for all drivers and passengers and there must be enough belts in the vehicle for every occupant. Speed limit signs are posted in kilometers per hour (not miles per hour). 1 km = 0.62 miles. Distances are also posted in kilometers or meters; e.g. Exit in 500 m; or 150 km to Toronto. In Ontario it is illegal for a driver to use a handheld electronic device (e.g. cell phone, Blackberry, etc.) while driving except in case of emergency. Hands-free devices are permitted.

Car Rental Agencies at Toronto Pearson Airport:

Avis: 1-800-879-2847 www.avis.com

Terminal 1— 905-676-1032

Terminal 3 — 905-676-1034

Budget : 1-800-268-8900 www.budget.com

Terminal 1— 905-676-1500

Terminal 3 — 905-676-0522

Dollar/Thrifty: 1-800-THRIFTY www.thrifty.com

Terminal 1 — 905-673-8811 x 6256

Terminal 3 — 905-673-8811 x 6251

Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 1-800-RENT-ACAR

www.enterprise.com

Hertz: 1-800-263-0600

www.hertz.com

Terminals 1 and 3 — 416-674-2020

National/Alamo: 1-800-CAR-RENT or 1-800-GO-ALAMO

www.nationalcar.com or www.alamo.com

Terminals 1 and 3 — 905-676-2647

Local Attractions

Fun Things to See and Do in Toronto

There are a thousand things to do and see in Toronto! Below is just a sampling of Toronto-area attractions. For more information, Google “Toronto tourism,” and check out the multitude of sites.

Toronto ’s CN Tower — Take a trip to the top of the world! The CN Tower is Toronto’s most recognizable and celebrated icon. Over 1800 feet (550 meters), it’s the tallest building in the world. Each year, around 2 million people take the elevator ride to the top of the tower, or eat in the rotating restaurant and take in the breath-taking view. At the top, see if you can muster the courage to walk across the see-through glass floor. www.cntower.ca

Kensington Market — Kensington Market has evolved into a multicultural mix of shops, restaurants, vintage clothing shops, and eclectic cafes. An international feast for the senses, it’s a great place to wander and get a sense of Toronto’s rich cultural mosaic.

Toronto Island — Just a short ferry ride across the harbor, you’ll find 600 acres of parkland waiting to be discovered. Walking trails, picnic areas, swimming beaches, bicycle and boat rentals, tennis, volleyball, and much more await.

St. Lawrence Market — Toronto has some great neighborhoods very conducive to going for a walk. St. Lawrence Market is the perfect place to spend an afternoon wandering through the shops and stalls. You’ll find a colorful display of fresh produce, breads and other goods, as well as antiques and special exhibits.

Casa Loma — Many historic cities have an old mansion or castle, usually with an intriguing story or two. Toronto is no exception, with the very unique Casa Loma, dripping with Old World charm. Rekindle your sense of wonder when you step back in time at Toronto’s most romantic historic mansion with elegant suites, secret passageways, stately towers, luxurious stables and beautiful estate gardens. www.casaloma.org

Toronto Botanical Garden — Toronto Botanical Garden offers an array of 12 award-winning themed gardens to educate and inspire, along with a complete range of indoor and outdoor learning experiences, garden shop and seasonal café. www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca

Royal Ontario Museum — The Royal Ontario Museum is among the world’s leading museums of natural history, and of world cultures. www.rom.on.ca

Toronto Sports — Toronto is home to professional contenders like the Maple Leafs, Raptors, Blue Jays and Argos. There is also soccer, lacrosse, car racing, horse racing, tennis and golf. For links to more info, visit: <http://themegacity.com/sports/index.htm>

Chinatown, Little India, Little Italy — Eat, shop and sightsee in Toronto’s many diverse neighborhoods. Amazingly, over 100 languages are spoken in the Greater Toronto Region!

Toronto Transit Commission Streetcars — Take the scenic route and ride a little red streetcar! Be sure to snap a photo aboard.

Toronto Zoo — The Toronto Zoo is Canada’s premier zoo known for its interactive education and conservation activities. The zoo has over 5,000 animals representing over 500 species, and welcomes over 1.3 million visitors per year. The zoo is one of the world’s largest at 710 acres, and has over 6 miles/10k of walking trails. <http://www.torontozoo.com/>

Ontario Science Centre — With activities for young children, teens, and adults, the Ontario Science Centre’s goal is to delight, inform and challenge visitors through engaging and thought-provoking experiences in science and technology. www.ontariosciencecentre.ca

www.seetorontonow.com

www.torontoontario.ca

www.toronto.com

www.ontariotravel.net

Toronto Kid-Friendly Fun

Walk through a bat cave and see an Egyptian mummy at the Royal Ontario Museum!

Use DNA to catch a criminal at the hands-on Ontario Science Centre!

See gorillas and giraffes and splash through fountains at the Toronto Zoo!

Time-travel back to the 19th century at Black Creek Pioneer Village!

Tip: With Toronto's City Pass (www.citypass.com) you get to go to the head of the line and save money on admission at six attractions, including the CN Tower, Royal Ontario Museum, and the zoo.

Located on Lake Ontario's northern shore, Toronto, Canada's most populous city, sparkles with exciting museums, interesting neighborhoods, good theater, and a lively waterfront. From the 1,815-foot **CN Tower**, a Toronto icon, the views are spectacular. Children especially like the glass floor, located at 1,122 feet, which allows them to feel as if they are floating atop the city.

The **Royal Ontario Museum**, one of Canada's largest museums, focuses on world culture and natural history. And as part of a \$215 million renovation, the facility opened ten new galleries, including ones devoted to the art, sculpture, and ceramics of Japan, China, and Canada's First Peoples, along with a new wing for additional exhibit and restaurant space. Along with the popular dinosaur displays, kids can explore the new galleries, walk through a bat cave, see an Egyptian mummy, try on armor, dig for dino bones in the CIBC Discovery Room, and peer at frogs and fish in the Hands-on Biodiversity Gallery.

The **Ontario Science Centre** is famous for its more than 600 interactive exhibits. Float weightlessly in a rocket chair at the Space Hall, wander through a creature-infested rainforest, climb a rock wall, and use DNA to catch a criminal. At the new Weston Family Innovation Centre, older kids find out about the latest science news, and at the expanded KidSpark, younger ones can create shapes with magnets, stage a puppet show, and float boats and splash as part of water play.

The **Toronto Zoo** is Canada's premier zoo. Highlights include gorillas, ostriches and giraffes, and Zellers Discovery Zone, home to the Kids Zoo and Splash Island, two acres of spurting fountains great for cooling off under and burning off any excess energy.

At the lakefront **Ontario Place**, try the pedal boats, putt through miniature golf, get shot out of a tube of water, and zip down water slides and float on rafts at the **Soak City** water park. The **Harbourfront Centre** has craft and art galleries, performance venues, and restaurants. Take the ferry across the harbor to Centre Island's **Centreville**, an amusement park with a carousel, Ferris wheel, and pony rides. Tweens and teens can get dropped 230 feet, swung upside down, and tossed and twirled on coasters and spin rides at **Paramount Canada's Wonderland**, a theme park about 30 minutes from downtown.

For time-travel to the 19th-century, visit **Black Creek Pioneer Village**, a re-constructed, mid-19th-century village where interpreters in period clothing demonstrate such skills as broom-making, weaving, baking, and tinsmithing. The village features more than 40 restored homes as well as chicken, sheep, and Clydesdale horses.

Recommended Side Trips: Ottawa, Montréal, Niagara Falls, Detroit