

PRE-ARRIVAL NEWSLETTER

PRE-ARRIVAL WEBINAR SERIES



-EXPLORING THE CITY OF TORONTO AND CANADA-



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Summary

The purpose of this newsletter is to summarize the important information covered from pre-arrival webinar 2. By clicking on the underlined words, you will be redirected to the appropriate resources.

Webinar 2 recap

Introduction to the city of Toronto:

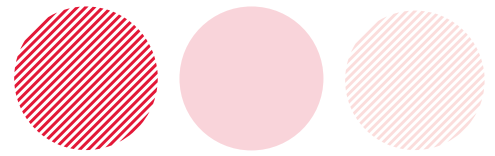
The name Toronto is derived from the Mohawk word "tkaronto", which means "where there are trees standing in the water". Since its incorporation to be a city in 1834, Toronto has grown to be the 4th largest cities in North America and the largest cities in Canada. Being the financial and cultural hub of Canada as well as being named as one of the most innovative and socially progressive cities in the world. Toronto has transformed itself to become one of the most attractive destinations for students and young adults.

Not to mention the city's one of the kind rich diversity and inclusion with around 50% of the population being born outside of the country. Being the most diverse cities in the world, Toronto stands apart as a benchmark of multiculturalism according to United Nations. This uniqueness has made the cities one of the safest, culturally vibrant and socially progressive in the world.

Fun facts:

- Over 250 ethnicities and 170 languages are represented in Toronto.
- The CN Tower is the tallest free standing structure in the Western Hemisphere.
- It's the only city in Canada with seven major-league sports teams; Basketball, football, hockey, baseball, rugby, soccer and lacrosse.
- Home to North America's only castle.
- The city has over 10 million trees planted.
- Toronto born movie/music artists: Drake, Neil Young, Shawn Mendes, Justin Bieber, Jim Carey, Keanu Reeves, Catherine O'Hara and many more...





Weather

Toronto's weather is usually warm, humid in the Summer and cold, dry in the Winter. The hottest month is recorded in July and the coldest month is January. The warm season usually lasts for 3.5 months starting from June to mid-September, the winter lasts 3.5 months from November to mid-March.

Essentials:

- Check whether app daily to get prepared for the unpredictable weather.
- It's highly recommended to bring or buy winter jacket, boots, gloves, head covering and scarf. (Fun fact: Winter hats in Canada are often called "toques".)



Best place to purchase the essentials:

- Yorkdale, Eaton Centre (Shopping malls)
- Vaughan Mills, Toronto premium outlet (outlet malls)

Resources and Links

Toronto Transportation Commission (TTC)

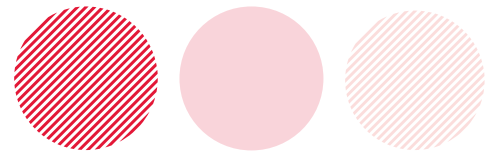
TTC is the city of Toronto's official transit hub that operates public transportation such as bus, subway, streetcars, and paratransit services.



Best navigation app:

- Transit : It provides real time transit data with scheduled arrival times and directions to avoid confusion.





Other GTAs Transit: Transit app available

- [York Region Transit \(YRT\)](#) 

- Offer public transportation service in York's region (Vaughan, Richmond-Hill, Newmarket and Markham)

- [Go Transit Service](#) 

- Go transit is a regional public transit system serving the Greater Golden Horseshoe region of Ontario, usually to and from the city of Toronto and other smaller regional cities with WIFI implanted on coach-style bus and train.

- The nearest Go bus transit hub is located at Highway 407 subway station for easy transfer to the GTAs area and Pearson International airport (Terminal 1).

What is Presto card and monthly pass?

PRESTO allows users to pay for their travel using an electronic fare card that replaces the need to use cash, tickets, tokens or passes on public transit. It's accessible to TTC, Go transit, YRT, Share bike, UP express (airport train express).

- Fare/ride is \$3.20 and you are allowed 2 hours for transfer without additional fees.
- Post secondary students who are enrolled full time are allowed to register for the "Post secondary monthly pass" on their Presto card.

TTC Monthly Passes

Fare type	Adult	Senior (65+) or Youth (13-19)
12-Month Pass	\$143.00	\$117.45
Monthly Pass	\$156.00	\$128.15
Post-Secondary Monthly Pass	\$128.15	N/A



Toronto Celebrations

Here are some notable celebrations in Toronto, if you like to learn more about the history, dates, registration etc. Feel free to look into the link below:



[Toronto Pride Month](#)



[Toronto International Film Festival \(TIFF\)](#)



[Caribana Festival](#)





Webinar 3 Introduction

Pre-arrival webinars include a total of 6 webinars. Webinar 3 will be focusing on **"Safety, Health & Wellness at York University"**, by introducing on and off campus general safety and mental health support and resources available for international students. We will also be sharing awareness and support around frequent scams and phishing that target students.

Pre-Arrival Webinars

Mondays @ 9:00 am EST • To register visit the **York International Calendar**

- Introduction to York University**
Webinar 1: June 20
- Exploring the City of Toronto and Canada**
Webinar 2: July 4
- Safety, Health & Wellness at York University**
Webinar 3: July 18
- Introduction to Academics at York University**
DATE CHANGED
Webinar 4: August 2
- Getting Started at York University**
Webinar 5: August 15
- Travelling to Canada**
Webinar 6: August 22

Date: July 18th, 2022
Time: 9am e.s.t
Duration: 1 hour

[Register Here](#)