

Welcome



Meet Your Hosts

Ivan and Deena



We're thrilled you've chosen to stay with us! Whether you're here to explore, relax, or a bit of both, we want you to feel at home.

A bit about us: We began hosting in 2012 in sunny Florida and have met incredible people from around the world. Our guests became part of our story, and many remain in touch, following our global adventures.

Embracing minimalism, we passed on our possessions and set off on a journey, discovering new places and cultures. After years of exploring, we've settled in Toronto, Ontario, and are excited to host again. We can't wait to share our space with you!

We're so glad you're here!



Reflecting on our time hosting in Florida, we've always enjoyed spoiling our guests. Whether we were baking fresh bread for breakfast, whipping up cakes, muffins, or cookies, or preparing refreshing drinks, our kitchen was the heart of the home.

We're bringing that same spirit to Toronto, treating our guests with homemade delights because that's just who we are. You're welcome to stop by the kitchen anytime to see what's cooking or to just say hello.



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Our Charming City

Toronto is a walker's paradise. Everything is a few minutes away on foot, including shops, parks, restaurants and public transit stations. Walking is the best way to explore Toronto to see everything it has to offer.

Toronto offers a blend of urban and natural surroundings.

While the city is known for its glass and concrete skyscrapers, you'll find plenty of green spaces. The stunning waterfront on Lake Ontario features an extensive walkway and bike path, perfect for a stroll, visiting city beaches, or taking a water taxi to the Toronto Islands. It's also ideal for watching the sunset.

The city boasts numerous beautiful parks and green spaces. Enjoy a coffee and a walk in one of these parks, especially in autumn when the fall colors are vibrant. Parks in Toronto are great for people-watching, playing sports, and socializing. High Park, on the west side of Toronto, offers 161 hectares of forest, walking trails, ponds, dog parks, and even a community zoo.



Foreign Films

As passionate aficionados of foreign films, we invite you to delve into our carefully curated selection, a treasure trove of global storytelling that goes beyond what you might find on mainstream platforms like Netflix. Our collection is a ticket to a world of unique narratives and cultures, we're more than happy to share it with you.

Whether you choose to browse our selection on your own or join us for a movie night, be prepared for the summaries alone to captivate and entertain. Sometimes, they spark such lively discussions and fascination that the films themselves wait for another night.





Check-in / Check-out

3 pm / 11 am

Early check in and late check out may be available. Please contact us for more information.

Parking

We have a private garage for a car. If it is available, you may book, you may reserve it. There is free parking on the street during the day until midnight.

Or you may purchase a temporary overnight parking permit from the City of Toronto site so you can park on the streets in our neighbourhood.

Emergency Info

WE HOPE YOU WILL NOT NEED THESE, BUT...
SOMETIMES UNEXPECTED THINGS HAPPEN ANYWAY!



The **FIRST AID KIT** is in the bottom drawer of the kitchen cabinets on the left as you enter the room.

There are smoke alarms on each floor and in case of fire, you can find the **FIRE EXTINGUISHER** located under the kitchen sink attached to the right side of the cabinet..

Emergency Info continued

IN ANY EMERGENCY CALL 9-1-1

Give the exact location of the emergency.

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













If you do not speak English, stay on the line while the call taker contacts the telephone translation service.

Remain calm and speak clearly. Identify which emergency service you require (**police, fire or ambulance**) and provide the following information:

- a description of what is happening
- location
- your name, address and telephone number

Please remain on the line to provide additional information if requested to do so by the call taker and do not hang up until they tell you to.

Amenities We Provide

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|  Kitchen |  Coffee Maker |  Breakfast |  Microwave |  Refrigerator |  Oven |  Stove |
|  Dishwasher |  Cooking Basics |  Dishes & Silverware |  Wine Glasses |  BBQ Grill |  BBQ Utensils |  Dining Table |
|  Cooling/AC |  Hot Water |  Shower Gel & Body Soap |  Shampoo & Conditioner |  Hair Dryer |  Bathroom Essentials |  Extra Pillows & Blankets |
|  First Aid Kit |  Hangers |  Clothing Storage |  Iron & Ironing Board |  Washer |  Dryer |  Heating |
|  Self Check-In |  Room-Darkening Shades |  Portable Fan |  Indoor Fireplace |  Smoke Alarm |  Carbon Monoxide Alarm |  Fire Extinguisher |
|  Patio or Balcony |  Free Street Parking |  Dedicated Workspace |  WiFi |  Television |  Private Bathroom |  Cleaning Products Available |
|  Free Parking on Premises |  Board Games/ Table Games Etc |  Smart Lock |  Flashlights or Lanterns |  Early Luggage Drop-Off Allowed |  Long Term Stays Allowed |  Backyard |
|  Active Sports | | | | | | |

House Rules

- 1** No smoking/vaping on property due to severe allergies
- 2** Sorry, no pets/service animals allowed on property due to severe allergies
- 3** No parties or unregistered overnight guests
- 4** Please leave shoes at the door and use slippers
- 5** Lock up when you leave
- 6** Quiet hours from 10pm - 7am
- 7** Enjoy your stay!

Laundry Facilities



You are welcome to use our laundry area located in the basement. We've opted to keep our older, gas-powered appliances on the advice of our trusted appliance expert.

Despite not being the latest models, these machines are terrific performers, ensuring your laundry is done efficiently and effectively.

It's part of our commitment to providing a homey, comfortable experience for all our guests.

Places to see

Casa Loma



Step into a fairy tale at Casa Loma, Toronto's enchanting castle, an 8-minute drive or a 30-minute walk from our house. This Gothic Revival gem is a journey through time with its stunning rooms, secret passages, and verdant gardens. Explore the grandeur of this architectural marvel and its captivating history, all while enjoying the convenience of its close proximity to your home base. Casa Loma isn't just a visit; it's a nearby adventure into a bygone era.

Royal Ontario Museum



Discover the wonders of the Royal Ontario Museum, a treasure trove of art, culture, and nature, just 15 minutes by car or 26 minutes via public transportation from us. Explore diverse exhibits from dinosaurs to ancient civilizations, making it a perfect outing for curious minds and history buffs alike.

Art Gallery of Ontario



Immerse yourself in the Art Gallery of Ontario, located just 20 minutes by car or 35 minutes by public transport from our doorstep. This iconic gallery houses a vast collection of incredible art, from contemporary masterpieces to indigenous works. With its stunning architecture and ever-changing exhibitions, it's a cultural journey that promises to inspire and captivate all who visit.

CN Tower



Soar to new heights at the CN Tower, only a 25-minute drive from us. Dominating Toronto's skyline, this architectural marvel offers breathtaking views and the thrilling EdgeWalk experience - the world's highest full-circle, hands-free walk. Dare to step out onto the ledge, 116 stories above the ground, for an adrenaline rush like no other, all while soaking in the panoramic vistas of the city below.

Places to see

Historic Distillery District



Dive into the charming ambiance of the Distillery District, a 23-minute drive from our doorstep. This historic area, with its cobblestone streets, is a haven for art enthusiasts, foodies, and shoppers alike. Explore the myriad of artisan bakeries offering delectable treats, browse through galleries showcasing local and international art, and lose yourself in the unique boutiques. The Distillery District blends history with contemporary culture, making it a perfect spot for an immersive afternoon stroll.

Toronto Islands



Escape to Toronto Island, a serene oasis just a short ferry ride from the bustling city. This picturesque island offers something for everyone: beautiful beaches for sunbathers, charming walking paths through lush greenery, and an amusement park for family fun. Explore the quaint island community, enjoy a picnic by the water, or venture to the other side for thrilling rides. Toronto Island is a breath of fresh air, providing a peaceful retreat with the convenience of city proximity.

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada



Dive into an underwater world at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, located in the heart of Toronto, just 25 minutes by car from our location. This aquatic wonderland is home to over 20,000 exotic sea and freshwater specimens from around the world. Marvel at the mesmerizing jellyfish, the graceful stingrays, and the fearsome sharks as you walk through the impressive underwater tunnel. Ripley's Aquarium is not just an attraction; it's an educational journey that brings you face-to-face with the mysteries of the oceans.

Hockey Hall of Fame



Immerse yourself in Canada's beloved sport at the Hockey Hall of Fame, a 22-minute drive from our place. This shrine to hockey celebrates the game's greatest players, teams, and achievements with an extensive collection of memorabilia, interactive exhibits, and the iconic Stanley Cup. Whether you're a die-hard fan or new to the sport, the Hockey Hall of Fame offers a deep dive into the heart and soul of hockey, showcasing its impact on Canadian culture and beyond.

Places to see

Toronto Zoo



Venture to the Toronto Zoo, an expansive wildlife haven we highly recommend, despite being a 50-minute drive or 1.5 hours by public transport. Home to over 5,000 animals representing 500 species, it offers an unforgettable journey through diverse habitats from around the globe. It's a fantastic way to connect with nature and learn about conservation efforts, making the trip well worth it.

Island Ferry



Taking the ferry to Toronto Island is an adventure you won't want to miss, just a short journey from the city. The ferry ride offers stunning views of the Toronto skyline, making the trip an experience in itself. Once you arrive, explore the quaint island community with its serene walks and picturesque landscapes. Stroll to the other side, to a delightful amusement park, perfect for an enjoyable day out. This island escape provides a unique blend of tranquility and fun, all within reach of downtown Toronto.

Nathan Phillips Square



In, the vibrant heart of Toronto just 20 minutes away by car, offers a bustling atmosphere perfect for exploring city life. The highlight? The iconic Toronto sign, providing a perfect photo op against the backdrop of the city's skyline. This lively square hosts events, markets, and the famous seasonal skating rink, making it a must-visit for a taste of Toronto's community spirit.

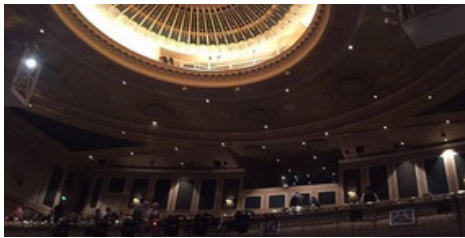
Theatres

Royal Alexandra Theatre



In 2024, the Royal Alexandra Theatre, a mere 20-minute drive from our home, is set to dazzle audiences with two spectacular shows. Kick off the second half of the year with "Cinderella," a timeless tale reimaged in a grand production that promises enchantment and unforgettable melodies. Following this, "Shadows of the Night" takes the stage, offering a captivating musical journey through love and destiny.

Ed Mirvish Theatre



The Ed Mirvish Theatre, a 20-minute drive away, is gearing up for an exciting 2024 with "The Phantom of the Opera Returns," promising a spellbinding sequel to the classic tale. Not to be outdone, "Hamilton" makes a triumphant return, captivating audiences with its revolutionary story and dynamic music. These shows are the highlights of Toronto's theatre scene, offering unparalleled experiences in storytelling and performance. A must-see for any visitor.

Princess of Wales Theatre



The Princess of Wales Theatre, just a short drive from us, is set to host two top shows in 2024. First up is "Les Misérables," bringing its powerful narrative and unforgettable music back to Toronto. Following this, "Wicked" returns, enchanting audiences with the untold story of the witches of Oz. Both productions promise spellbinding performances that showcase the best of Broadway. These shows are essential viewing for theatre lovers visiting Toronto.

Elgin Winter Garden Theatre



This is a historic gem a brief drive from our location "The Great Gatsby," a dazzling adaptation of the classic novel, promises a night of opulence and drama and "Beauty and the Beast" enchants a timeless tale and magical score. Each show offers a unique theatrical experience, combining stunning visuals with captivating storytelling.

Theatres

Massey Hall



Massey Hall, an iconic venue just a short drive from our home, is set to host an array of spectacular shows in 2024. Among the highlights are "An Evening with John Legend," where soul meets storytelling in a mesmerizing performance, and "The Symphony of Heroes," a concert blending heroic themes from popular film and video game scores. Each event promises a unique and unforgettable auditory experience, making Massey Hall a must-visit for music lovers.

Roy Thomson Theatre



Conveniently located just 25 minutes by car, is poised to captivate music enthusiasts in 2024 with its concert lineup. Highlights include the "Global Sounds Symphony," featuring music from around the world, and "An Evening with Adele," where her powerhouse vocals will fill the hall. These concerts promise an eclectic mix of genres and talents, offering something for every taste. A visit to Roy Thomson Hall ensures an evening of unparalleled musical delight.

Tarragon Theatre



Within walking distance from our home, showcases innovative and compelling Canadian plays. In 2024, the theatre is excited to present "Whispers in the Dark," a gripping psychological thriller, and "Canvas Sky," a poignant drama exploring human connections through art. These productions highlight Tarragon's commitment to new works and to the vibrant local theater scene. A stroll to Tarragon Theatre is convenient and right in our neighborhood.

Canadian Opera Company



2024 season dazzles with the passionate "Carmen," the mystical "The Magic Flute," and Verdi's tragic "La Traviata." Each opera promises a blend of compelling narratives, exquisite music, and breathtaking performances, showcasing the best of international and Canadian talent. Set in Toronto's cultural epicenter, these operas offer an unforgettable journey into the heart of human emotion and creativity, reflecting the company's commitment to world-class operatic artistry.

Neighbourhoods

Koreatown



Toronto's Koreatown is a vibrant culinary hotspot, inviting you to savor authentic Korean flavors. Don't miss out on the kimchi pancakes, a perfect blend of spicy and savory, or the tender, marinated bulgogi that melts in your mouth. For a unique experience, try the refreshing bingsu, a shaved ice dessert loaded with sweet toppings. Each dish offers a glimpse into Korea's rich culinary tradition, making Koreatown a must-visit for food enthusiasts exploring the city.

Little Italy



In Toronto's Little Italy, every bite takes you on a journey through Italian culinary traditions. Savor the authenticity of wood-fired thin-crust pizzas, the soulful taste of handmade pasta, and the rich, slow-cooked delicacy of osso buco. Cap off your meal with a creamy gelato, offered in a myriad of flavors. This neighborhood not only serves up delectable Italian specialties but also immerses you in the vibrant essence of Italy.

Chinatown Spadina



Chinatown around Spadina Avenue is a bustling hub of Chinese culture and cuisine in Toronto, 17 minutes by car. Dine on succulent Peking duck, flavorful dim sum, and spicy Szechuan dishes. Beyond Spadina, Toronto boasts other pockets of Chinese communities, each offering their own unique dining experiences. Explore these other areas from Cantonese to Northern Chinese, ensuring a culinary adventure that spans the diverse landscapes of China without leaving the city.

Kensington Market



For a vibrant and eclectic experience, visit Kensington Market in the late morning to early afternoon, just 16 minutes away by car. Explore this bohemian neighborhood's diverse array of shops, cafes, and markets, bustling with activity. Sample global street foods, browse vintage boutiques, and immerse yourself in the creative atmosphere. The atmosphere peaks during weekends when the streets come alive with music and colorful street art, creating an unforgettable urban adventure.

Neighbourhoods

Trinity Bellwoods



Trinity Bellwoods Park, a mere 15-minute car ride away, offers a delightful escape with a variety of attractions nearby. Indulge in classic fish and chips at a local eatery, or savor pastries at Clafouti Café. Across from the park, discover a Japanese paper store offering unique finds. Plus, Trinity Bellwoods serves as a gateway to explore the vibrant shopping scene along Queen Street West, ensuring an unforgettable day out.

The Annex



The Annex is a dynamic neighborhood where history meets modernity. Its tree-lined streets are adorned with historic homes and vibrant shops. Home to the University of Toronto, it fosters a lively cultural scene with eclectic bookstores, cafes, and eateries. With a rich literary and artistic heritage, it's a haven for creatives and intellectuals alike. The Annex offers a unique blend of tradition and trendiness, making it a beloved destination in Toronto.

Cabbagetown



This is a quaint neighbourhood which exudes charm with its picturesque Victorian homes and tree-lined streets. Once an immigrant enclave, it now boasts a vibrant community spirit and a rich cultural tapestry. Explore its unique shops, cozy cafes, and lush parks, or immerse yourself in its annual festivals celebrating art and heritage.

Church Street



Church Street, located in Toronto's vibrant LGBTQ+ Village, is a beacon of diversity and inclusivity. Known for its lively atmosphere, colorful street art, and bustling nightlife, it's a hub for the LGBTQ+ community and allies alike. Explore eclectic boutiques, cozy cafes, and trendy bars, or join in the festivities during the annual Pride Parade. Church Street is more than just a thoroughfare—it's a celebration of love, acceptance, and authenticity in the heart of Toronto.

Neighbourhoods

Spadina



The Spadina area, nestled in the heart of Toronto, is a dynamic and culturally rich neighborhood. Known for its bustling streets lined with shops, restaurants, and historical landmarks, Spadina offers a vibrant fusion of cultures, including Chinatown and Kensington Market. Explore its diverse culinary scene, peruse unique boutiques, or stroll through its lush parks. With its lively energy and multicultural charm, Spadina is a captivating destination for both locals and visitors alike.

Greektown



In Greektown, indulge in a culinary adventure with mouthwatering Greek specialties. Sink your teeth into savory souvlaki, grilled to perfection, or enjoy a hearty gyro wrapped in warm pita bread. Delight in traditional spanakopita, a flaky pastry filled with spinach and feta cheese, or sample sweet loukoumades, golden-brown doughnuts drizzled with honey. With an array of authentic dishes to savor, Greektown promises a delightful feast for the senses.

Riverdale



Riverdale, a charming neighborhood in Toronto, is a blend of natural beauty, historic charm, and vibrant community spirit. With its tree-lined streets, picturesque parks, and diverse architecture, Riverdale provides a serene escape from the city's hustle and bustle. Explore its quaint cafes, boutique shops, and local markets, or a leisurely stroll along the scenic trails of the Don River.

Little Portugal



Immerse yourself in the rich flavors and warm hospitality of Portuguese cuisine. Indulge in hearty dishes like bacalhau à brás, a savory codfish dish with potatoes and eggs, or sample the iconic bifana, a flavorful pork sandwich. Don't miss out on the creamy custard tarts known as pastéis de nata, a perfect sweet treat to complement your meal. Little Portugal offers a culinary journey through the vibrant tastes of Portugal, right in the heart of Toronto.

Attractions



The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) is an iconic event held annually during the late summer months, typically from mid-August to early September. While it's a highlight of the city's summer calendar, offering thrilling rides, live entertainment, and delicious food, the exhibition grounds are used for various events and activities throughout the year. However, the full CNE experience with its midway, shows, and exhibits is only available during the designated dates.



Cirque du Soleil is renowned for its breathtaking performances that blend acrobatics, theatricality, and visual spectacle. You can expect a wide range of acts showcasing extraordinary skills, such as aerial silk artists gracefully soaring through the air, contortionists bending their bodies in incredible ways, high-flying trapeze artists thrilling with daring feats, and dynamic jugglers. Cirque du Soleil shows offers a mesmerizing and immersive experience that captivates audiences of all ages.



Harbourfront's allure extends to its recreational offerings, with opportunities to kayak and paddleboard along the serene waters of Lake Ontario. Explore the WaveDecks, peruse charming shops, and savor waterfront dining. Relax in verdant parks while taking in panoramic views of the harbor. Consider a boat trip for a closer look at Toronto's waterfront skyline. Harbourfront seamlessly combines urban amenities with natural beauty, ensuring a memorable experience for all who visit.



Discover the wonders of science at the Ontario Science Centre with captivating exhibits like the "Electrostatic Generator," where you can witness the power of static electricity firsthand. Explore interactive displays in the "Living Earth" exhibit, journey to Mars in the "Space Hall," and unravel the mysteries of the human body in the "Human Body" exhibit. With a diverse range of engaging attractions, the Science Centre offers immersive experiences for curious minds of all ages.

Hiking Trails

Waterfront



Exploring Toronto's Waterfront Trail is an absolute must-do! Stretching from Etobicoke in the west through to Scarborough in the east, this scenic trail is divided into three unique sections, each offering its own charm. What makes it stand out is the perfect mix of asphalt paths and off-road tracks, making it a haven for cyclists and a picturesque stroll for walkers along the boardwalk. Don't miss the innovative Wavedeck installations near Lower Spadina Avenue—they're a marvel of design and a favorite spot for both locals and visitors.

Martin Goodman



Discover the Martin Goodman Trail, a scenic gem along Toronto's waterfront. Perfect for cyclists and joggers, this trail offers breathtaking lakeside views and connects various parks and beaches. Its highlight is the seamless blend of urban and natural landscapes, making it a must-visit to experience Toronto's dynamic beauty. Don't miss out on this unique urban adventure!

Kay Gardner



Embark on an adventure along the Kay Gardner Beltline Trail, a tranquil escape in the heart of Toronto. This leafy pathway is perfect for a peaceful walk, run, or bike ride, winding through lush greenery and historic neighborhoods. It's an ideal spot for nature lovers and those seeking a serene retreat from the city's hustle. A hidden gem worth exploring!

Humber River

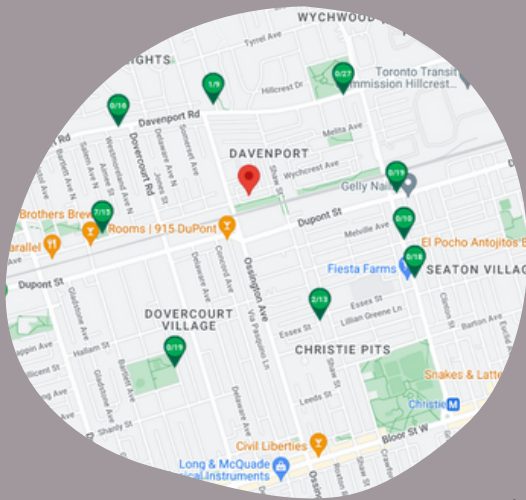


Explore the serene beauty of the Humber River Trail, where nature and history intertwine. Follow the winding path as it hugs the river, leading you through tranquil forests and past ancient indigenous sites. Ideal for cycling, jogging, or a leisurely stroll, this trail offers a peaceful escape and a chance to connect with Toronto's rich natural and cultural heritage.

Bike Share

EXPLORE TORONTO BY BIKE - THE LOCAL WAY

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Bike Share's snazzy mobile website is your ticket to a hassle-free ride under the Toronto sky. It's your go-to for speedy bike rentals, whether you're a first-timer or a two-wheel aficionado.

Here's what you can do with a few taps on your screen:

- Snap up a Pay As You Go or Day Pass.
- Enter a 5-digit code and voilà – your bike awaits!
- Spot available bikes on-the-go with real-time updates
- Keep your profile, subscription, payment details together.
- Check out your ride stats and relive your journeys.



www.ridesharetoronto.com

Toronto

Blood Brothers Brewery

A TRENDY BAR RIGHT IN OUR AREA

Beer & pub-style dishes served in a vast, industrial-chic taproom that has a patio.

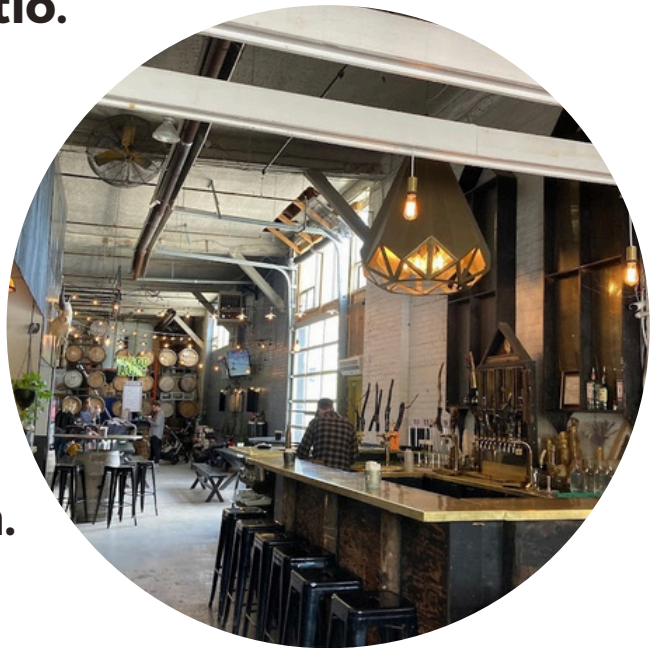
**Service options:
Serves food at bar**

**Address: 165 Geary Ave,
Toronto, M6H 2B8**

Hours: Open · Closes 11 p.m.

Kitchen: Closes 10 p.m.

Phone: (647) 628-6062



Menu: bloodbrothersbrewing.com

Bellwoods Brewery

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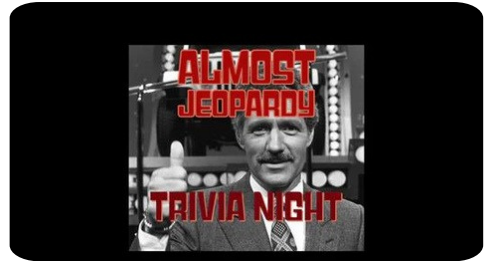
Sunday Roast

Every Sunday in the brewpub they serve up a delicious roast! This dish is centred around a roasted meat, and served with seasonal veggies, a side and a Yorkshire pudding. spend a cozy Sunday with them and their roast! No tickets needed.



Trivia Night

Enjoy delicious brewpub fare while testing your random knowledge with 'Almost Jeopardy' trivia! Space is first come first served. Teams of up to 6 guests, no fee to enter, prizes for winning teams!



Lambic Mondays

Join them every Monday night to indulge in some funky, bright and vinous Lambic beers! (AKA: spontaneously fermented beer from the Zenne Valley in Belgium). Each Monday they have a selection of traditional Belgian lambics to try, as well as some of their own spontaneous beer. No tickets needed.



Taco Tuesdays

Every Tuesday night They celebrate Taco Tuesday at the Ossington Brewpub! Each week they feature a unique taco, such as white fish, pork belly or a classic ground beef. join them for bright, zesty, Mexican inspired fare. No tickets needed.



Places To Shop



SOME RETAIL THERAPY TO SOOTHE THE SOUL

We'd love to guide you to some of the best shopping spots:

Yonge Street:

Discover quaint and eclectic shops dealing in touristy trinkets, antiques, and local book chains like Book City.

Kensington Market:

A haven for vintage lovers, with racks of clothing and unique finds.

Mink Mile (Bloor Street West):

Lined with top labels like Gucci and Chanel, this area borders **Yorkville**, where you'll find luxurious boutiques.

Downtown West:

Explore locally designed and trendy finds like Muttonhead (unisex wear), Lilliput Hats on College Street, and Anice Jewellery on Ossington.

King Street East (Corktown):

An emerging design area with dazzling showrooms featuring the latest in top brands.

Enjoy shopping and discovering the diverse and vibrant culture of Toronto!