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Toronto Candidature XXV ISPRS Congress 2026 From Imagery to Understanding

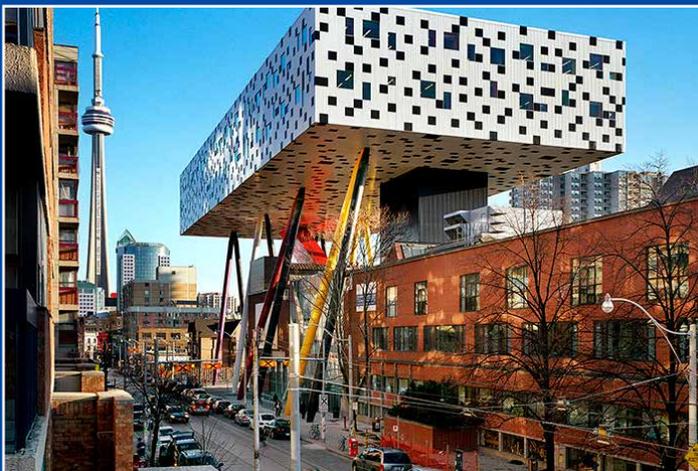


Why Toronto?

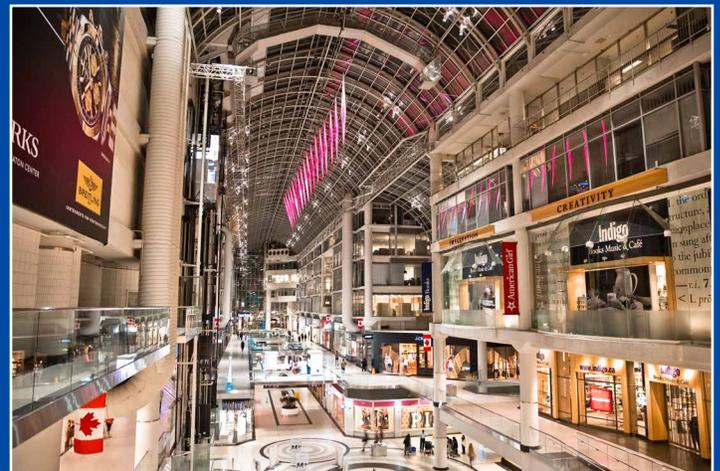
Toronto is internationally recognized as one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world. From a breathtaking waterfront to awesome museums, attractions, architecture, venues, festivals, parks and more, be prepared for an urban experience and service levels that are unparalleled anywhere else in the world. It all happens in Toronto, Canada's Downtown!



Royal Ontario Museum



OCAD University



Eaton Centre

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Ripley's Aquarium of Canada



Indigenous Art



Union Station

- Toronto is the most diverse city in the world according to BBC Radio with more than 50% of its population identifying as a visible minority;
- **Toronto is the 4th largest city in North America** and it is the most internationally accessible city in Canada with more than 1100 daily flights from destinations around the world;
- **Toronto is a safe city**, ranking 2nd in the Economist Intelligent Unit 2021 Safe Cities Index;
- **Toronto is one of the fastest growing tech hubs** in the world and it has the 3rd largest combined life science sector;
- **Toronto is the 2nd largest financial center in North America** and it is home to 26% of Canada's business headquarters.
- **Toronto has three major universities** (Toronto, York and Ryerson) in addition to a number of other universities surrounding Toronto, (e.g., University of Waterloo, McMaster University, University of Guelph, Trent University, Ontario Tech University). All are actively engaged in remote sensing, photogrammetry and spatial information sciences research and education;
- **More than 36 000 rooms in 186 hotels** offer a wide variety of options for delegates. There are many other options for lower cost accommodation including student residences and Airbnb.
- The proposed **Congress venue is the Metro Toronto Convention Center (MTCC)** with over 2 million square feet of space.
- Toronto hosts major sport teams and will **co-host the 2026 FIFA World Cup**.
- Toronto has **two international airports**
 - Toronto Pearson International Airport (Best Large Airport in North America in 2020): scheduled and charter lights provide non-stop and same-plane service to over 180 destinations around the globe.
 - Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport: located right in the downtown core and offers flights to and from 24 cities in Canada and the U.S., with connections to more than 80 international destinations.

- **The Union Pearson Express (UP Express)** is a dedicated air rail link service that connects Toronto Pearson International Airport to downtown Union Station (adjacent to the MTCC) in just 25 minutes. UP Express trains depart every 30 minutes between 04:55 and 22:00.
- **Major tourist attractions (Inside the city)**
 - CN Tower and Edgewalk
 - St. Lawrence Market
 - Harbourfront and the Toronto Islands
 - The Distillery District
 - Kensington Market
 - Chinatown
 - Shopping!
 - Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) and the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)
 - Casa Loma
 - Ripley's Aquarium of Canada
 - Hockey Hall of Fame
 - City Tours
- **Major tourist attractions (just outside the city)**
 - Niagara Falls
 - Niagara-On-The-Lake and Winery Country Ontario*
 - Blue Mountain and Collingwood
 - Canada's Wonderland amusement park
 - The Bruce Trail
 - Cottage Country, the Muskoka Region and Algonquin Park
 - The Thousand Islands

* Thermal remote sensing was instrumental in the development of the Niagara wine region!

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Scarborough Bluffs



Indigenous Arts Festival



Vineyard in the Niagara Region