

WELCOME TO TORONTO

Comprehensive arrival instructions, local transit, venue details, premium accommodations, expanded dining options, shopping hubs, and sightseeing for August 12–14, 2026.

EVENT LOCATIONS & VENUE DETAILS

LOCATION 1: AUGUST 12–13, 2026

Simpson Tower (Arcadian Court)

Address: 8th Floor, 401 Bay Street, Toronto, ON M5H 2Y4

Details: Situated at Bay St & Queen St W in Downtown Toronto, directly across from Toronto City Hall and connected to the PATH network.

LOCATION 2: AUGUST 14, 2026

Apollo Convention Centre

Address: 6591 Innovator Dr, Mississauga, ON L5T 2V8

Details: Premium conference and event centre located in Greater Toronto (Mississauga), equipped with extensive delegate parking and full event facilities.

ARRIVING IN TORONTO

PRIMARY AIRPORT

Toronto Pearson International (YYZ)

~25 km west of downtown. Take UP Express train to Union Station (25 min run, every 15 min; \$12.35 CAD). From Union, walk 10 min north on Bay St or take Line 1 subway 1 stop to Queen Station.

ISLAND AIRPORT

Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ)

Located on Toronto Island (Porter / Air Canada). Take the free shuttle bus to Union Station, or a 10-minute taxi straight up Bay Street to 401 Bay St (~\$15 CAD).

Entry & Customs Information

Passport & Visas: Valid passport required. Visa-exempt travelers need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) applied online prior to flight.

Fast Track: Use the ArriveCAN app to submit customs declarations in advance for express airport lanes.

DOWNTOWN TRANSIT & GETTING AROUND

MODE	NEAREST STATION	DETAILS
Subway	Queen Station (Line 1)	2-min walk east. Direct access via indoor PATH.
Streetcar	501 Queen / 504 King	Stops directly at Bay & Queen Street.
PATH	Underground Network	30 km climate-controlled walkway linking venue to hotels, subway, and retail.

✓ Contactless Transit Payment

Tap any Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or mobile wallet (Apple/Google Pay) directly on subway fare gates and streetcar readers. Fare is \$3.35 CAD with a free 2-hour transfer window.

TRANSPORTATION TO APOLLO CONVENTION CENTRE (AUGUST 14)

FROM DOWNTOWN TORONTO

- **Rideshare / Taxi:** Direct 30–40 min drive west via ON-403 W / Gardiner Expressway & Hwy 401 W.
- **GO Transit:** Take Kitchener GO Line train from Union Station to Malton GO Station (~35 min), then a short 8-min taxi/rideshare to the venue.
- **Driving:** On-site parking is available at the venue.

FROM TORONTO PEARSON AIRPORT (YYZ)

- **Rideshare / Taxi:** Convenient 10–12 min drive (approx. 10 km) south via Airport Rd or Hwy 410 S.
- **Public Transit (MiWay):** Take MiWay Bus Route 7 (Airport) or Route 42 south directly towards the Innovator Dr industrial corridor.

HOTEL OPTIONS

DOWNTOWN TORONTO HOTELS (NEAR SIMPSON TOWER)

Sheraton Centre Toronto

123 Queen St W
2-min walk to Bay St venue

Fairmont Royal York

100 Front St W
8-min walk / 1 stop subway

Cambridge Suites

15 Richmond St E
4-min walk to Bay St venue

MISSISSAUGA HOTELS (NEAR APOLLO CONVENTION CENTRE & YYZ AIRPORT)

Dream Suites

Mississauga / Airport Area
Convenient access to Apollo
Convention Centre

Hilton Garden Inn Toronto Airport West

1870 Matheson Blvd E
Short drive to Apollo Convention
Centre

Courtyard by Marriott Mississauga

7015 Edwards Blvd
Close proximity to venue and Hwy
401/410

DINING & RESTAURANT GUIDE

QUICK BITES & COFFEE

- **Dineen Coffee Co. (140 Yonge St):** Premier boutique coffee shop in a historic building (3-min walk).
- **Sud Forno (71 Yonge St):** Artisanal Italian bakery, breakfast pastries, and gourmet lunch boxes (5-min walk).

LUNCH & BUSINESS CASUAL

- **Chef's Hall (111 Richmond St W):** High-end artisan food hall with 10+ gourmet stalls and patio (3-min walk).
- **Terroni (57 Adelaide St E):** Authentic Southern Italian pasta & wood-fired pizza in a historic courthouse (7-min walk).
- **Richmond Station (1 Richmond St W):** Top Chef farm-to-table Canadian cuisine (3-min walk).

AFRICAN, NIGERIAN & CARIBBEAN FLAVORS

- **Ameen's Kitchen:** Authentic African & Nigerian specialty dishes, grilled meats, and homestyle delicacies.
- **Afrobeat Kitchen (1510 Queen St W):** Modern West African party jollof, suya, and dodo (15 mins via rideshare).
- **Suya Spot (Scarborough / Delivery):** Traditional Nigerian spiced grilled beef and authentic suya skewers.
- **Chubby's Jamaican Kitchen (104 Portland St):** Jerk chicken, plantains, and rum cocktails (10 mins via rideshare).

PREMIUM & FINE DINING

- **Canoe (66 Wellington St W):** Executive fine dining on the 54th floor with sweeping city views (8-min walk).
- **ALO (163 Spadina Ave):** World-renowned Michelin-starred French tasting menu (10 mins via streetcar).

SHOPPING DISTRICTS & RETAIL

- **CF Toronto Eaton Centre:** Directly across Queen St. Landmark indoor mall featuring 200+ stores including Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, and Apple.
- **Bloor-Yorkville / Mink Mile:** 10 mins north via subway (Bay/Yonge-Bloor Stn). Designer luxury boutiques (Gucci, Chanel, Holt Renfrew, Louis Vuitton).
- **Queen Street West:** Trendsetting strip starting right at Bay St going west. Trendy boutiques, Canadian local designers, art galleries, and sneaker shops.
- **The PATH Underground Shopping Mall:** 30 km of subterranean shopping arcades directly beneath the venue with 1,200+ shops and services.

SIGHTSEEING, LANDMARKS & VISITOR ESSENTIALS

TOP DOWNTOWN LANDMARKS

- **CN Tower & Ripley's Aquarium:** Iconic 553m tower and world-class marine aquarium (15-min walk southwest).
- **Nathan Phillips Square:** Directly across the street; home to the famous illuminated 3D 'TORONTO' sign.
- **Distillery Historic District:** Pedestrian cobblestone village filled with 19th-century Victorian industrial architecture and art galleries.
- **St. Lawrence Market:** Historic market named top food market in the world; famous for authentic Toronto Peameal Bacon sandwiches.
- **Royal Ontario Museum (ROM):** Canada's premier museum of art, culture, and natural history (10 mins by subway).

PRACTICAL VISITOR DETAILS

- **Currency:** Canadian Dollar (CAD \$). Cards and contactless mobile payments are universally accepted everywhere.
- **Time Zone:** Eastern Daylight Time (EDT/UTC-4).
- **Weather (August 12–14):** Expect warm, sunny summer weather averaging 25°C to 29°C (77°F–84°F). Light, breathable clothing recommended.
- **Connectivity:** Free high-speed Wi-Fi available at Pearson Airport, TTC subway stations, Eaton Centre, and venues.
- **Safety & Emergency:** Toronto is rated one of North America's safest major cities. Dial 911 for emergency response.