

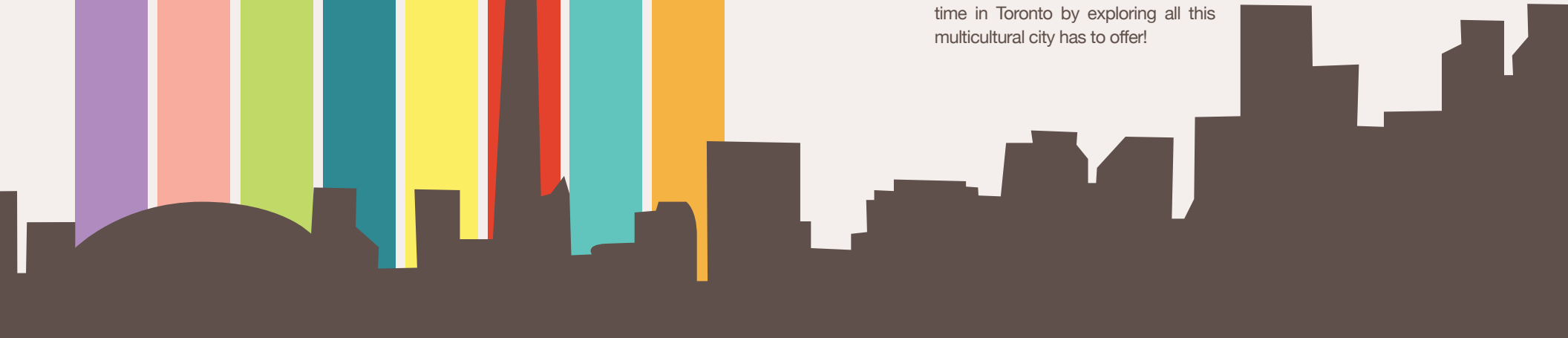
**GUIDE TO
TORONTO
DISTRICTS**

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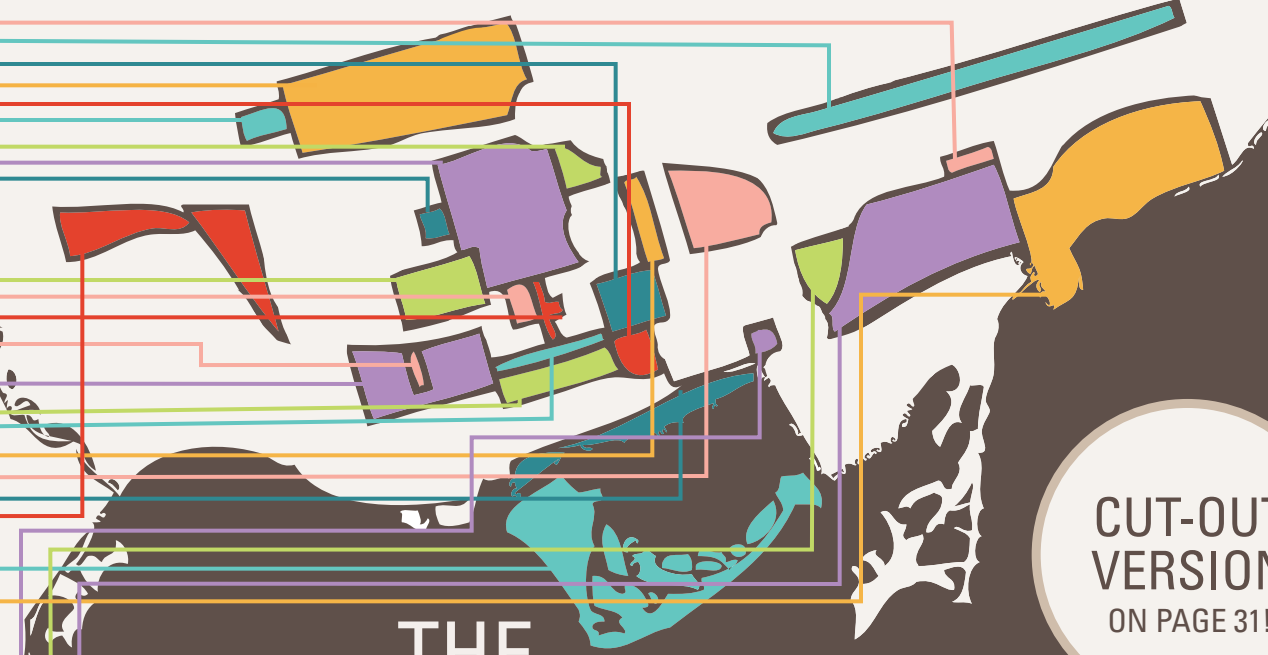
TORONTO



HOME TO OVER 2.79 MILLION PEOPLE (with 5.5 million people living in the GTA), Toronto is one of Canada's largest cities. A mosaic of cultures, 44% of Toronto's population has a mother tongue other than English or French, Canada's official languages, with over 180 different dialects and languages being spoken in the city. With about 47% of the city reporting themselves as members of a visible minority, Toronto's diversity has given the city a unique character all it's own, which can be seen through the varied assortment of districts located throughout the city. These areas are hotspots of cultural and creative displays representational of the groups that populate them, and lend a variety of flavours to life in the city. These districts allow you to travel the world without leaving home, and to take in unique experiences hard to find outside the city. Make sure to make the most of your time in Toronto by exploring all this multicultural city has to offer!



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DOWNTOWN CORE

LOCATION From College Street to Queen Street between Jarvis Street and University Avenue

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Dundas Square, the Eaton Centre, and Ryerson University

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 0-2 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON n/a

The heart of the city, the downtown core is filled with all things bright and bustling. A source of entertainment almost 24 hours per day, here you'll find the legendary Eaton Centre, various stage theatres, the Yonge/Dundas AMC movie theatre, and an abundance of restaurants. Ryerson University is based in the area's northeast quadrant, a quiet reprieve from the hustle of the area surrounding it.



FINANCIAL DISTRICT

LOCATION University Avenue to Yonge Street between Queen Street West and Front Street

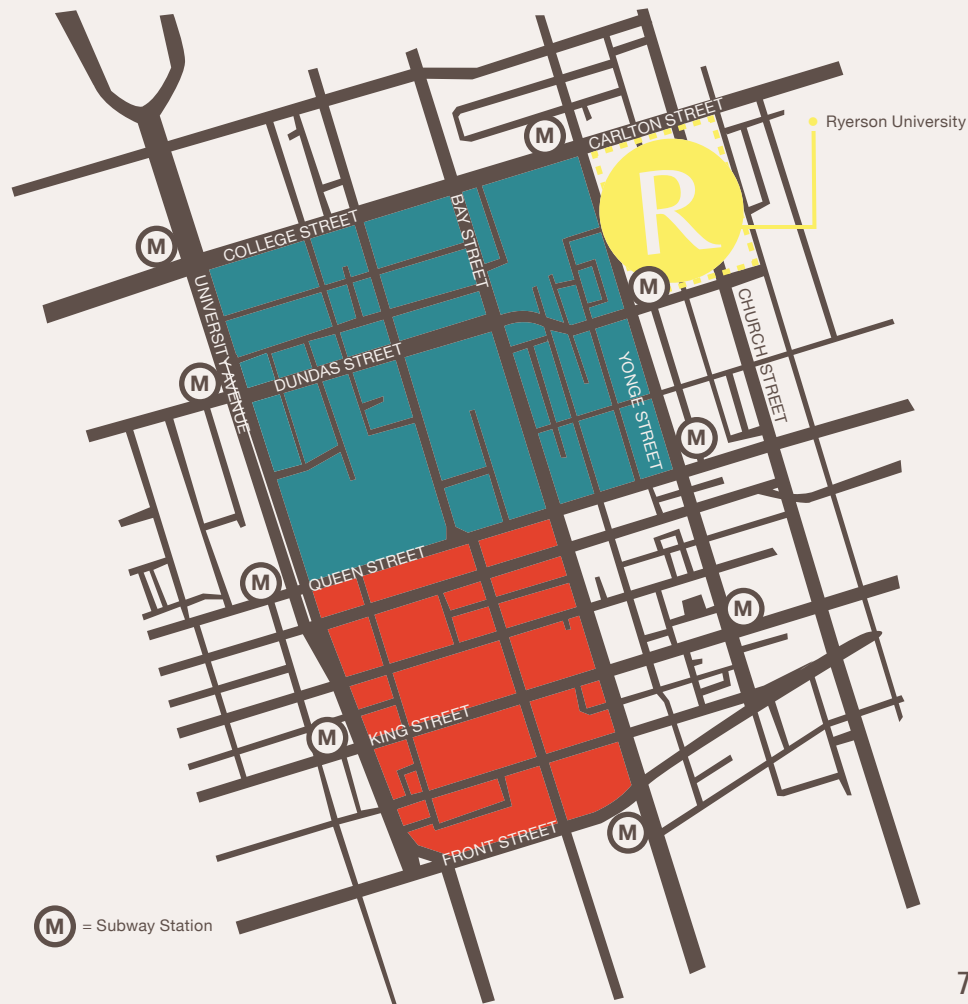
MAIN ATTRACTIONS The Design Exchange, Hockey Hall of Fame, Fancy restaurants

RENTAL COSTS \$\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 14 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 5 minutes

The place to find wealthy bankers in power suits, the financial district is home to the skyscrapers that house the city's top lawyers and financial professionals. Although largely lacking in places to visit, the district is home to a few of Toronto's most famous cultural centres, such as the Hockey Hall of Fame. What the area lacks in destinations, it more than makes up for people watching, especially when those people are wearing outfits worth much more than most students have in savings!





KING WEST

LOCATION King Street West to the Gardiner Expressway between University Avenue and Palmerston Avenue

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Nightlife, the CN Tower, and the TIFF Bell Lightbox

RENTAL COSTS \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 25 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 12 minutes

While tourist attractions like the CN Tower and the Ripley's Aquarium of Canada drive the crowd during the day, the entertainment district really gets going only after the sun goes down. With bars, restaurants, and nightclubs galore populating the area, the district is commonly the place to be on a Friday or Saturday night. Also the home of the TIFF Bell lightbox, a movie theatre that is also the home base for the famed Toronto International Film Festival. The entertainment district is truly the place where the stars come out.



QUEEN WEST

LOCATION Queen street between University Avenue and Palmerston Avenue

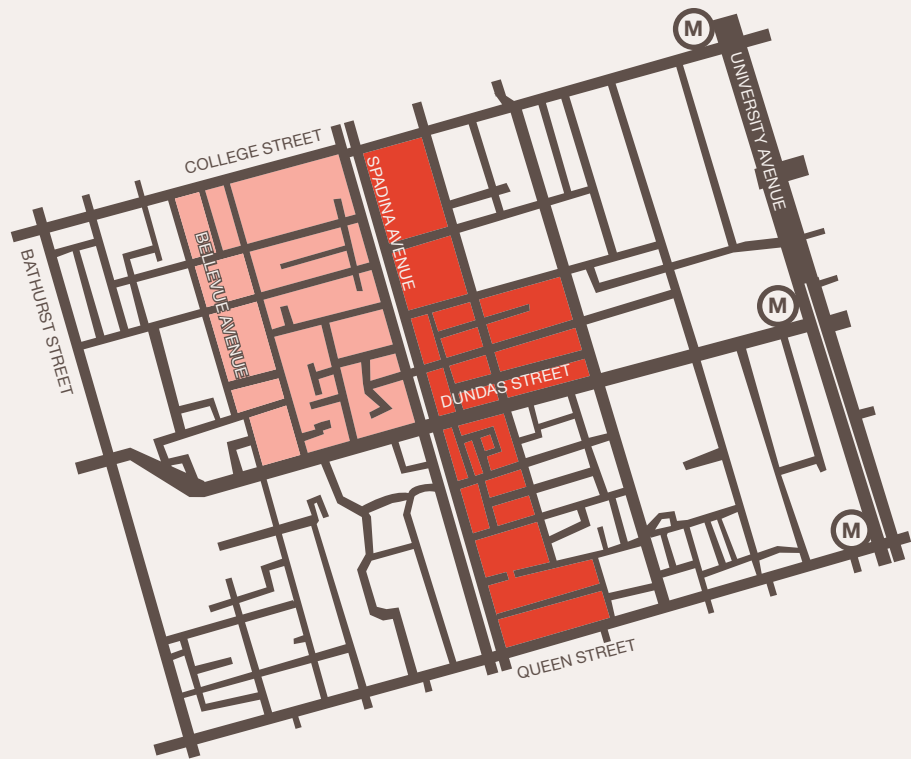
MAIN ATTRACTIONS brand name shopping, crepes, vintage shops

RENTAL COSTS \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 20 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 7 minutes

One of Toronto's most popular shopping destinations, Queen Street features big versions of all the mall store regulars. While rental space may be few and far between, the area is stocked with things to do and surrounded by other unique areas on all sides, like Chinatown, the Entertainment District, and the Annex. Stop by Le Creperie for a sweet crepe and spend your change at the Black Market vintage clothing warehouse, where every item is \$10.



CHINATOWN

LOCATION Spadina Avenue between College and Queen Streets

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Chinese grocery stores, Dragon City Mall, Dim Sum

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 22 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 12 minutes

One of the busiest areas of Toronto year round, Chinatown boasts a wide variety of cultural events (such as New Year celebrations and night markets) in addition to some of the cheapest grocery stores in the city. Take a walk down the street to pick up a cheap lunch, some imported candy, and a bag of cheap fruit along with the colourful sights.



KENSINGTON MARKET

LOCATION Within the limits of Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street, College Street and Dundas Street West

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Vintage stores, Burritos, local design stores

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 23 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 13 minutes

Welcome to the hipster paradise that is Kensington Market. Filled to the brim with vintage clothing stores, hippies, aging punks, and global street food, Kensington is the kind of place you get lost in and enjoy every minute of it. Head here to experience a mixture of cultures like you've never seen before while eating the best burrito in Canada. A local favourite.



OSSINGTON

LOCATION Ossington Avenue between Dundas Street West and Queen Street West

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Bar culture, Pop Up Shops, Local eats

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 50 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 22 minutes

A gentrified local favourite, Ossington is the place to be during a lazy Saturday afternoon or any late night. Although small, the area is filled to the brim with unique bars, local flavours, and pop up shops featuring both local and international brands. Stop by for a pint or for the perfect \$600 side chair for your living room.



WEST QUEEN WEST

LOCATION Queen Street West from Bathurst Street until Dufferin

MAIN ATTRACTIONS local design shops, art galleries, The Drake and Gladstone Hotels

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 38 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 23 minutes

One of Toronto's artiest neighborhoods, West Queen West features an abundance of art galleries, design boutiques, and bake shops all featuring local products and talent. A day is best spent strolling between cafes while taking a look at the latest artisan creations, while nights are spent on a fancy night out the Drake or Gladstone Hotels, who both have regular events.





LITTLE ITALY

LOCATION Between Bloor Street West and College Street between Bathurst Street and Dovercourt Road

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Italian restaurants, Taste of Little Italy festival, martinis

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 45 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 24 minutes

The place to go for both patio lovers and foodies, Little Italy is a diverse community known for its restaurants and summer street festivals. Constantly reinventing itself, the area has evolved from cultural hub to foodie wonderland to 20-something entertainment district. Go here for one of the best meals you'll ever eat combined with a night of fancy drinks or pull up a stool at one of the local venues to grab a coffee and cheer for your favourite soccer team.



KOREATOWN

LOCATION Bloor Street West between Markham Street and Montrose Avenue

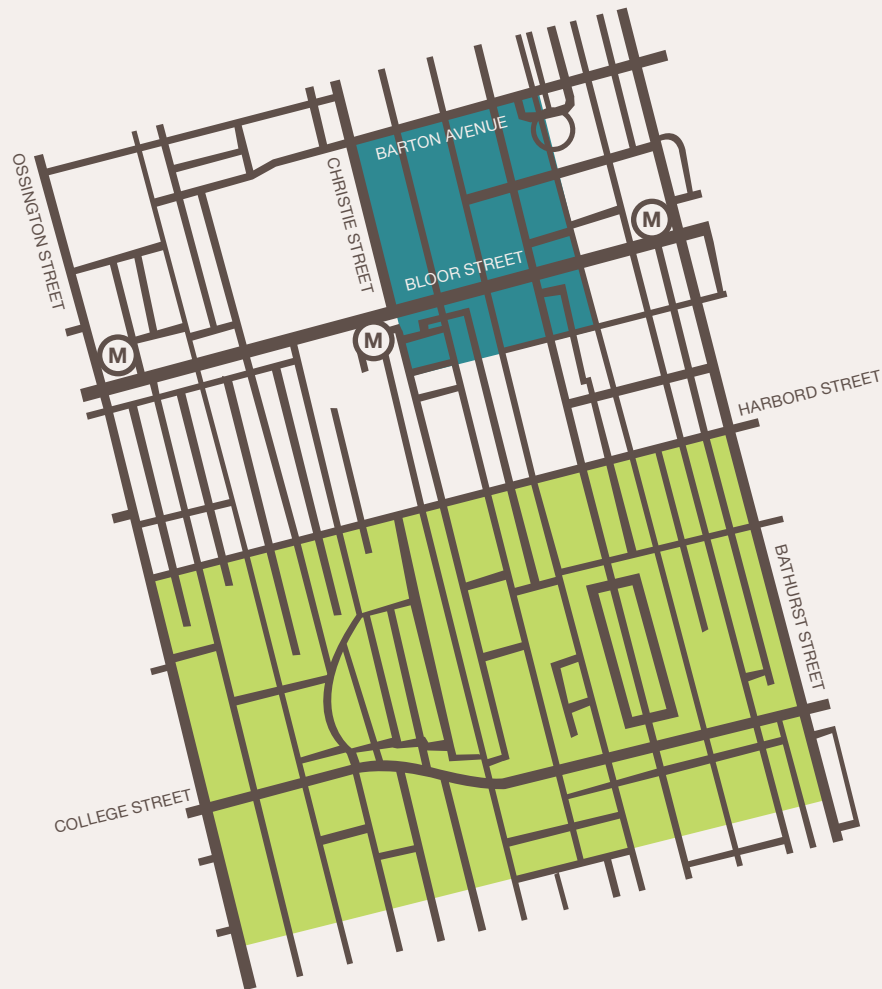
MAIN ATTRACTIONS Honest Ed's, private karaoke, walnut cakes

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 45 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 20 minutes

The residential area of quirk, Koreatown is one of the most student-friendly entertainment areas of Toronto. Massive budget stores like the legendary Honest Ed's and the 2-story emporium of print BMV combine with affordable Korean restaurants and the always fun board game café Snakes & Lattes to make a great day out, while an abundance of karaoke bars (many where you book a private room to sing with friends) ensure an evening in this area will be just as fun.





THE ANNEX

LOCATION Area between Dupont Street and College Street between Bathurst Street and University Avenue

MAIN ATTRACTIONS University of Toronto, Honest Ed's, The Bloor Cinema

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 31 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 16 minutes

Toronto's version of a student village, the Annex is filled with student discounts, cheap dishware, and takeout food. Rent is available mainly by renting out floors in houses, some populated by local chapters of fraternities and sororities. Spend some time and save some cash here by visiting local heritage favourites like Honest Ed's and The Bloor Cinema..



YORKVILLE

LOCATION Bloor Street to Roxborough Street West between Aylmer Avenue and Avenue Road

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Holt Renfrew, designer boutiques, Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)

RENTAL COSTS \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 24 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 11 minutes

Every city has their fancy district, and in Toronto that area is known as Yorkville. Here the streets are lined with cobblestones and trees, Channel and Burberry, and imported French pastry chefs. Spend a day here window shopping, having a coffee on a patio while checking for Hollywood stars in town for filming, or visiting the dinosaurs at the ROM.



CABBAGETOWN

LOCATION Between Gerrard Street East and Bloor Street East and between Sherbourne Street and River Street.

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Victorian homes, Farmers Markets, Gentrification

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 18 min.

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 13 min.

A small town in the city, Cabbagetown is known for being one of the fastest rising housing markets in the city, as well as one of the best places for coffee and farmers markets. Stop by on a Sunday from May until October to walk through the Riverdale Farmers' Market, said to be the best in the city, to pick up some farm-fresh produce before finding a patio to sip a cup of cappuccino.



THE VILLAGE

LOCATION Church Street between Gerrard Street East and Bloor Street

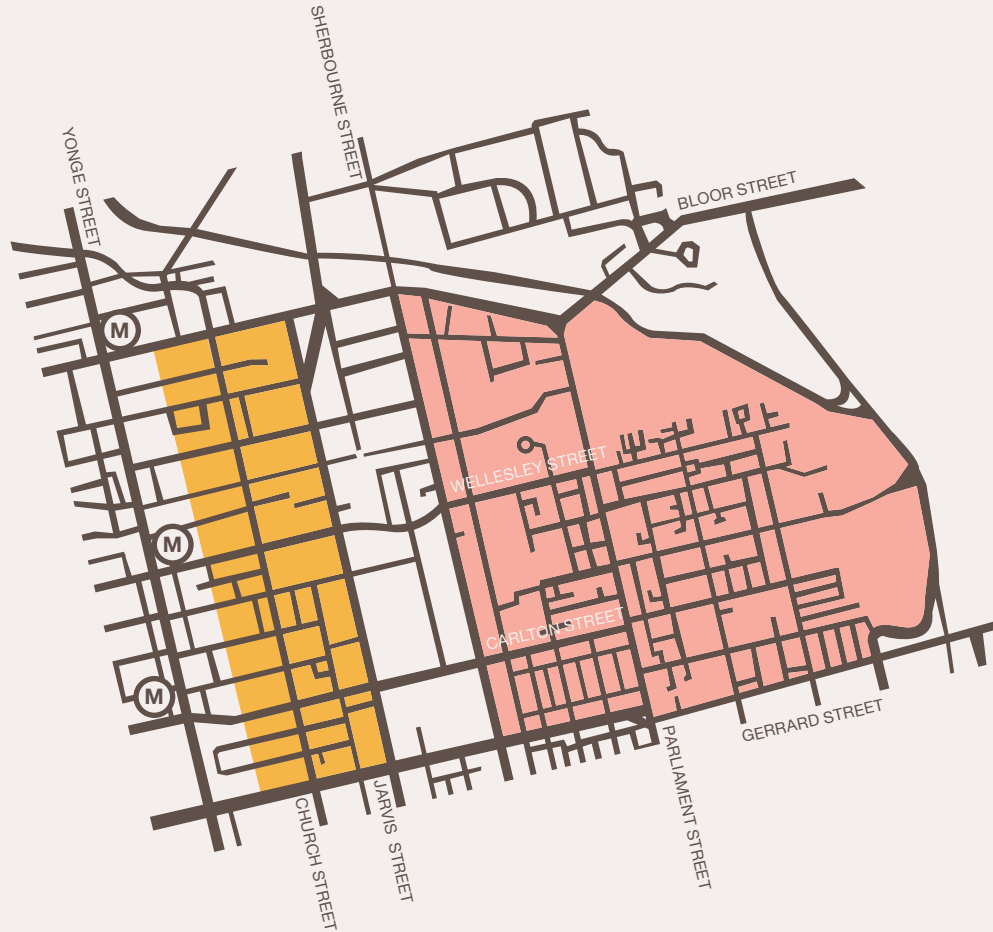
MAIN ATTRACTIONS LGBT Nightlife, Patio Restaurants, Drag Shows

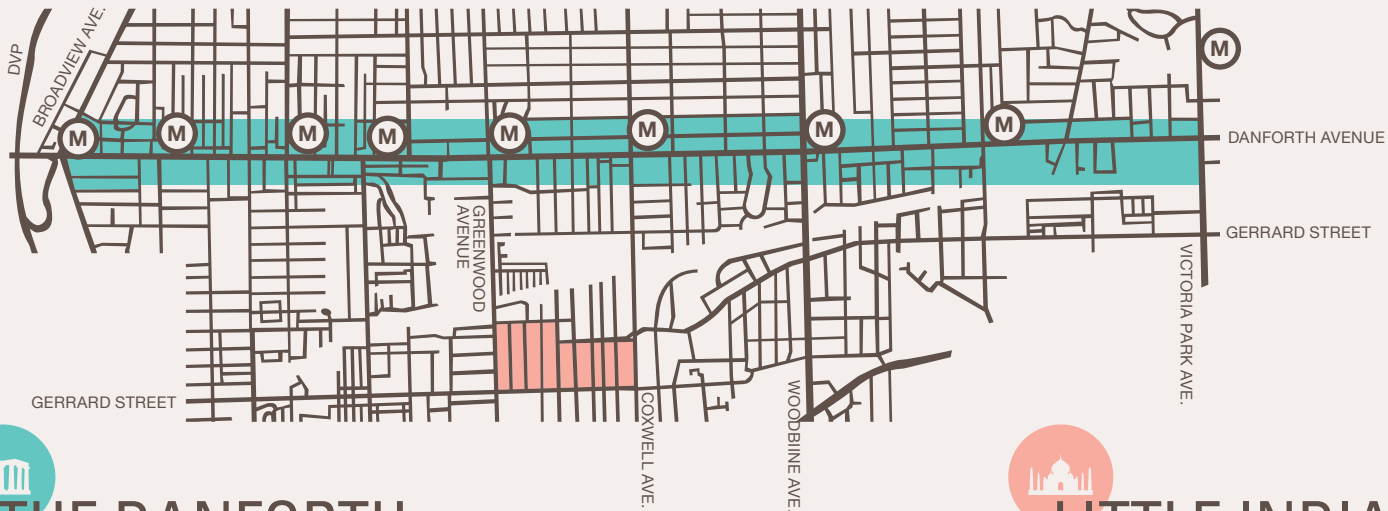
RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 7 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 4 minutes

The Church-Wellesley Village, most commonly called The Village, is Toronto's LGBT community hotspot. Filled with bars, clubs, and amazing restaurants, the Village boasts being one of North America's most populous LGBT community, second only to San Francisco. Catch a drag show or a pint on a patio in this fantastic area, or find some local lodging in one of the many rental opportunities.





THE DANFORTH

LOCATION Danforth Avenue between Hampton Avenue and Dewhurst Boulevard

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Food, Taste of the Danforth, more food

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 54 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 21 minutes

You like eating? You'll like the Danforth. Home to the largest Greek population in North America, the Danforth is home to more cafés and restaurants than you could ever possibly believe. The annual Taste of the Danforth food festival takes place in early August and is a not-to-be-missed event in the Toronto social calendar. The event features over a hundred restaurants, retailers, and bars offering tasting plates of a variety of international dishes for a few dollars.



LITTLE INDIA

LOCATION Gerrard street east between Glenside and Coxwell

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Indian imports, Indian food, jewelry

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 58 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 24 minutes

Boasting over 100 retailers and restaurants focused on South Asia food, music, and culture, Little India is the place to go for all things Indian. Have a day out exploring the various import shops and eating some of the most authentic curries in Toronto and travel to another world without leaving the city.



TORONTO ISLANDS

LOCATION A collection of islands south of Queen's Quay

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Centerville, parks, views of the city

RENTAL COSTS You can't rent here, although some of the islands do have residents

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 40 min. (needs a ferry)

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 50 min.

A fan favourite for locals and visitors alike, the Toronto Islands are a little slice of Canadian nature just a short ferry ride away from the city. Rent (or bring) a bike and take a ride across the islands on a warm summer day, take a rest on one of the beaches, pack a picnic for lunch, and maybe have some fun with your inner child at the Centerville amusement park. Kayak rentals are also available at Queens Quay on the mainland, if you would prefer a more athletic journey.



DISTILLERY DISTRICT

LOCATION Parliament Street to Cherry Street between

Mill Street and Distillery Lane

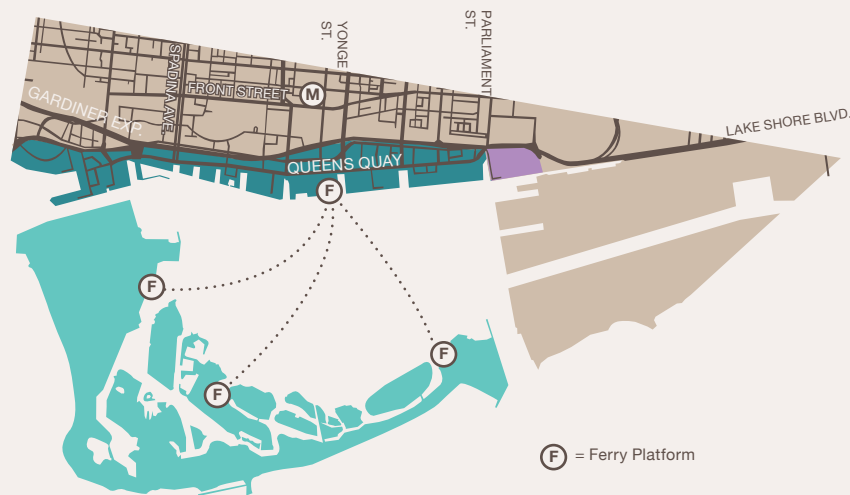
MAIN ATTRACTIONS Industrial architecture, design shops, Christmas market

RENTAL COSTS \$\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 26 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 20 minutes

Easily one of the most beautiful areas of the city, the Distillery District was once a industrial area in the Victorian age, that is until developers turned it into a dynamic pedestrian area in 2003. Now home to art galleries, cafes, independent shops, artisans, and the popular Christmas Market, the Distillery makes for a fun day and night out to explore.



HARBOURFRONT

LOCATION Along the waterfront, south end of the city

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Concert venues, Power Plant gallery, Queens Quay

RENTAL COSTS \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 35 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 21 minutes

The go-to district for waterfront views, Harbourfront is the place to be to see some of the world's biggest musical performances. Toronto is constantly the Canadian stop on the majority of North American and global tours, and artists tend to play at one of the venues by the waterfront or in one of the nearby sports arenas. The Harbourfront also features Queens Quay, a ferry terminal that offers rides to the Toronto Islands in addition to restaurants, shops, and local festivals.



RIVERSIDE

LOCATION area between the Don Valley Parkway and the railway, from Dundas Street East to Eastern Avenue

MAIN ATTRACTIONS independent shops, quaint townhouses, historical tours

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 32 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 13 minutes

A tree-lined neighbourhood beside the Lower Don River, is a small village with a proud history of housing historical buildings and some of the best burger restaurants in the city. The area is filled with quaint brick buildings and independent shops, making it ideal for an afternoon with a cozy neighbourhood vibe. The area also housed many of the film shooting locations for the original Degrassi television show, a Canadian classic.



LESLIEVILLE

LOCATION Area between the railway until Coxwell Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Lake Shore Boulevard East

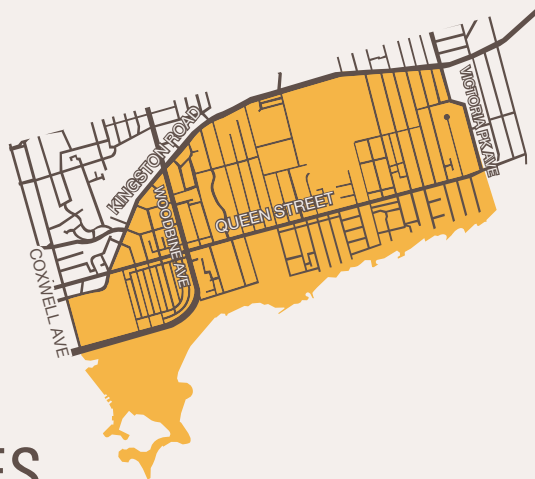
MAIN ATTRACTIONS Brunch restaurants, Value Village, baked goods

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 51 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 24 minutes

One of Toronto's youngest neighbourhoods, Leslieville is a long strip of independent shops, cute restaurants, and old townhouses. Popular with the Sunday brunch set, come by the area on an early weekend afternoon to get some eggs benedict and a vintage or second hand find.



THE BEACHES

LOCATION Queen Street East between Coxwell Avenue and Victoria Park

Avenue and down to the waterfront

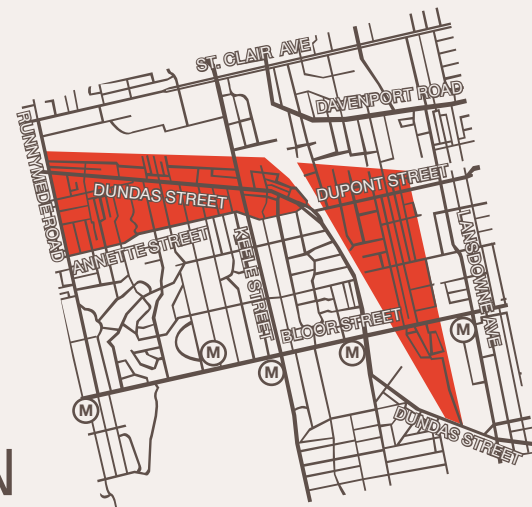
MAIN ATTRACTIONS Local shops, the beach, cafes

RENTAL COSTS \$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 1 hour and 5 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 21 minutes

If ever there were a district made for casual strolling, it would be the Beaches. Like a small town in a big city, the laid back atmosphere penetrates every aspect of the area, from local restaurants and independent shops. Come here on a sunny Sunday afternoon to get a home cooked brunch and to buy locally sourced products.



THE JUNCTION

LOCATION Area between Dundas Street West and Bloor Street West between

Symsgton Avenue and Runnymede Road

MAIN ATTRACTIONS cafes, brunch spots, fancy furniture

RENTAL COSTS \$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 1 hour, 17 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 30 minutes

Heralded by some as the new Queen West, the Junction (and Junction Triangle) features low-rent refurbished factory lofts that have made it a breeding ground for young, artistic, entrepreneurial types. The area is filled to the brim with independent cafes that are perfect to spend an afternoon in or to meet some friends for brunch at. The 'low rent' appeal of the area also means the location has developed into a popular residential area for young professionals.



ST. CLAIRE WEST

LOCATION Along St. Clair Avenue West between Avenue Road and Westmount Avenue

MAIN ATTRACTIONS various foods, local shops, cafes

RENTAL COSTS \$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 1 hour and 13 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 30 minutes

Made up of several smaller neighbourhoods, St. Claire West is filled to the brim with cafes, small shops, and restaurants feature fare from all over the world. The area just behind St. Claire is mainly residential, creating a community atmosphere with the foodie diversity to rival any downtown location.



CORSA ITALIA

LOCATION Area along St. Clair Avenue West between Westmount Avenue and Lansdowne Avenue

MAIN ATTRACTIONS Italian food, Italian food, Italian food

RENTAL COSTS \$\$-\$\$\$

WALKING TIME TO RYERSON 1 hour 31 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT TIME TO RYERSON 40 minutes

Toronto's other Little Italy, Corso Italia is a small neighbourhood made to serve Italian food. Pizzerias, Italian bakeries, and pasta restaurant populate the street, and the Italian community is still strong in area. Stop by to smell all the amazing Italian food in the oven and leave with a full stomach.





SAFETY AND THE CITY

While Toronto as a whole is a very safe city, there are always areas in urban centres that we would not recommend for students, especially students new to the city, to live in. There are many other neighbourhoods in Toronto that we have not included in this guide; The districts we have chosen to highlight were chosen due to their unique natures. **If you have found private accommodations in the city, please contact Ryerson International at rihelp@ryerson.ca** before finalizing the arrangement so that we may advise you on the safety of the area. There are many affordable accommodation options in the city, and we want to make sure you find the best housing possible.

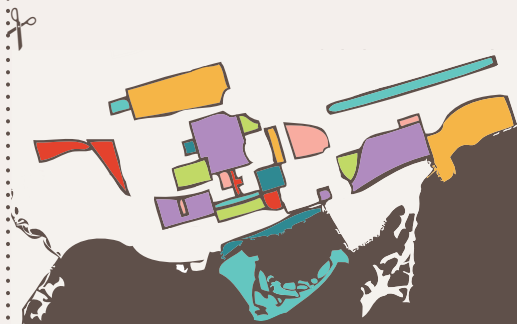
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