



CANADA'S LARGEST CITY BURSTS WITH INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR.

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Rise and Dine

Don't be discouraged by the line that curls around **Aunties & Uncles** (auntiesanduncles.ca), a barbershop turned diner. On the menu: oatmeal-banana pancakes and a croque monsieur that swaps the typical croissant for challah.

Culture Vulture

Art Gallery of Ontario (ago.net) awes with its sheer scope: More than 90,000 works are on display. In honor of Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017, a floorwide multimedia exhibition retells the country's history through the eyes of 33 artists.

Eastern Feasts

At lunchtime the eight-table subterranean **Mother's Dumplings** (mothersdumplings.com) serves Shenyang-style comfort food in Chinatown. As the name suggests, recipes are culled from the chef's family collection.



Urban Oasis

Behind a pair of bright yellow doors in King West is happy-hour darling **Weslodge** (weslodge.com). The saloon (bartenders wear empty holsters) pours a legendary barrel-aged Negroni.



Garden Variety

Get your flower fix at the century-old **Allan Gardens Conservatory** (torontobotanicalgarden.ca), a botanical wonderland of six greenhouses. In the fall, a chrysanthemum exhibition steals the spotlight.

Sweet Treats

Showstoppers at the **Light Café** (lightcafe.ca), a modern Taiwanese-inspired spot, are the "cotton candy coffee"—a tangle of spun sugar you douse with black coffee and steamed milk—and heart-shaped waffles with a scoop of pounded sticky rice.

Fare Share

Shareable plates at Eastern Mediterranean lounge **Byblos** (byblostoronto.com) include chargrilled seafood and a quintet of baked rice dishes, with saffron, barberries and Persian limes. Save room for the chocolate mousse, scattered with baklava crumbles, or burnt-honey ice cream. **EV**



GETTING THERE

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