

A GUIDE TO TORONTO'S FORT YORK AREA & YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME ❤️

ABOUT THIS SUITE

Welcome to your home away from home. Our beloved lakeview condo is perfectly situated along Toronto's vibrant Harbourfront, just minutes from the downtown core. With streetcar stops and bike rentals right outside, exploring the city couldn't be easier. The scenic Waterfront Trail along Lake Ontario is perfect for jogging, cycling, or a peaceful evening stroll.

You're steps away from some of our favourite spots - fantastic restaurants, lively bars, and cozy lounges along King Street, as well as concerts at Budweiser Stage, events at Exhibition Place and performances at Scotiabank Arena. And if there's one treat we always recommend, it's Bang Bang Ice Cream on Ossington - our favourite is the lychee rosewater raspberry flavour 😊. These are just a few of the reasons we fell in love with this area, and we hope you will too.

Inside the suite, you'll find stunning sunset views from the spacious balcony, a fully stocked kitchen for home-cooked meals or relaxed takeout nights, and cozy, thoughtfully designed spaces - perfect for getaways, adventures, or those ever-important work trips. You're also welcome to enjoy the building amenities, including the indoor pool, hot tubs, gym, and sauna - everything you need for a little R&R.

Whether you're here for a weekend or a longer stay, we hope this space brings you comfort, ease, and unforgettable memories. If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're not too far away, and if it's urgent, our friends in the building are always happy to help.

As you flip through this Arrival Guide, you'll find a curated list of some of our favourite local spots. Feel free to reach out for specific recommendations—we're always happy to share.

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

Check-in time: 4pm

Check-out time: 11am*

**Our cleaners typically arrive shortly after check-out time. If you're running late, please do your best to let us know in advance so we can coordinate with them. Thank you for your cooperation!*

ABOUT THE UNIT

The grey fob gives you access to the building, 8th-floor terrace, 2nd-floor gym, parking garage, and other common areas. The gold key unlocks the unit (#812).

Our home is equipped with Amazon Echo smart devices — one in the living room and one in the master bedroom — to make your stay more comfortable.

Note: not all the lights are smart (yet), so you'll need to manually turn on the guest and master bathroom lights, study/office lights, living room floor lamp. If you'd prefer not to use the smart commands, you can always use all the light switches manually.

If you'd like to use Echo*, here are a few handy voice commands:

- “Alexa, lights on” – Turns on all smart-connected lights
- “Alexa, turn on patio lights” – Turns on the balcony lights
- “Alexa, lights out” – Turns off all connected smart lights
 - *Note:* not all lights are smart-enabled (yet), please ensure to check all lights are off before your departure
- “Alexa, bedtime” – Turns on the bedroom lights
- “Alexa, turn on Gigantor” – Turns on the large light between the living room and kitchen
 - *Tip:* You can also say, “Alexa, turn Gigantor up to 75%,” to adjust brightness
- “Alexa, play music” – Plays music via Spotify. You can request a song, artist, or playlist

*Note: if Echo isn't able to turn on a smart light, that means the light switch might have been turned off. Once you turn on the light switch, Echo should be able to turn it on/off with voice control.

PARKING

Complementary parking is available but must be requested in advance of your arrival.

To get into the parking lot:

1. Pull up your car at the roundabout entrance at 231 Fort York Blvd - enter through the "Guest" door and obtain the unit fob and key via KeyCafe
2. Go up to unit 812 and grab the garage fob located on the key hook by the front door (keychain has a yellow giraffe on it).
3. Drive your vehicle down the parking ramp (located behind the roundabout), press both buttons on the fob and the garage door will open.
4. Drive down on the ramp, turn right and press both buttons until the ramp opens up, turn right to enter the residential section - look for **parking spot “A28” located on P1**. Park and lock your car.
5. Elevators are located in the vestibule right behind the parking spot - use the condo fob to get in. We share the parking lot with another building, so make sure you're taking the elevator for **building 231 to go to suite 812**.

***IMPORTANT: losing/misplacing the garage fob will incur \$100 to replace and will be charged back to the guest.*

A WELL STOCKED KITCHEN FOR YOUR COOKING NEEDS

We love to cook, so we made sure the kitchen is fully stocked, in case you wanted a ‘*stay-at-home-and-cook-something-delicious*’ night! Enjoy experimenting with exotic spices, seasonings, full sets of stainless steel pots and pans.

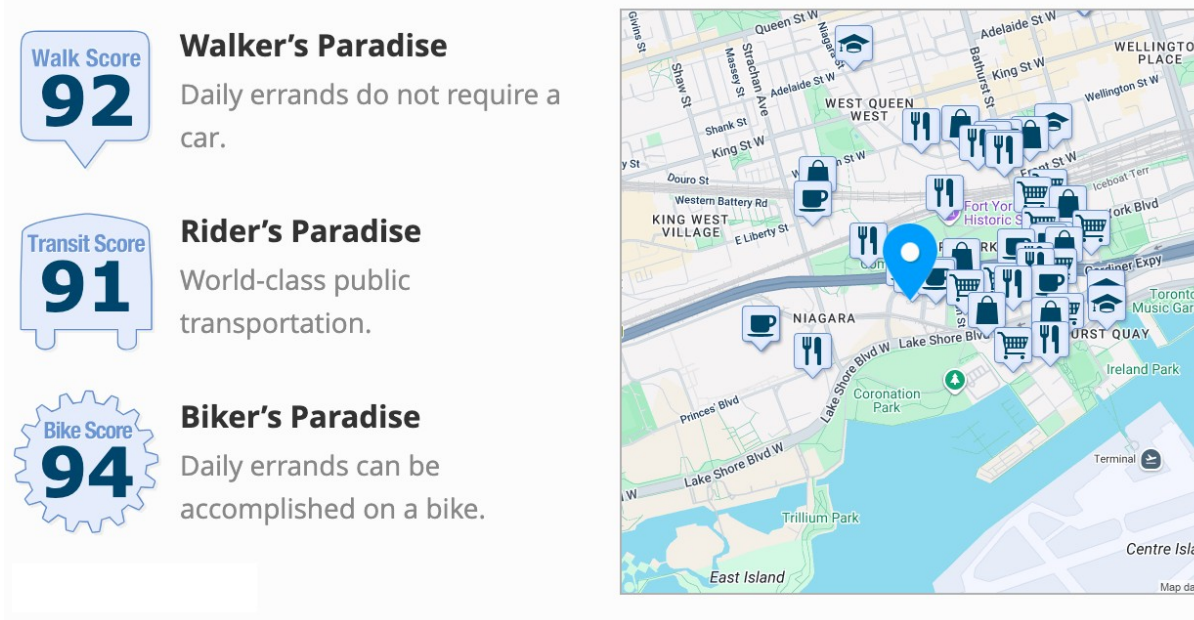
Don’t know what to make? There are several cook books for you to peruse through for inspiration. Additionally, there’s a big white binder with loads of recipes to pique your interest. If you make something you really liked, pull off the recipe card and take it home with you! But we asked that you leave a note for us on the inside of the binder cover, so we know what dish that was so delicious and can search for it later! ❤️

Lastly, we know the light under the microwave is not working, and we are saving up to replace the entire unit. We do have a fun interim solution, if you’d like more lights, say: “*Echo, turn on spaceship!*”; the off command would be: “*Echo, turn off spaceship!*”. Have fun!

GETTING AROUND

Our building is a paradise for explorers, joggers, and cyclists alike. Just downstairs, you’ll find the 509, 510, and 511 streetcar stops, all reachable within a few minutes of walking. TTC routes are always changing, make sure you check online in advance. If you prefer to ride, then you’ll find a *Bike Share* rental station right across the road on Fort York Blvd (you can even spot it from the balcony).

Enjoy discovering this lively corner of Toronto’s urban green jungle!



GARBAGE & RECYCLE

The **garbage and recycling room** is on the 8th floor. Upon exiting the unit, turn left, the labelled room is across from the stairwell and just before the middle elevators. Additional garbage bags can be found in the kitchen drawers.

The **compost room** is located on the ground floor in the “moving room” (located next to the mail room). Once you enter, go through the subsequent set of doors to dispose your compost in the large green bin.

Note: please be considerate of our lovely neighbours and refrain from dumping any trash between the hours of 11:00pm - 7:00am, thank you!

AMENITIES

If you're looking to have a relaxing spa day “at home”, then you can enjoy the amenities this condo has to offer (no reservations are needed, if asked, say *you're a guest visiting suite 812* - context: some of the older residents in the building can be persnickety, saying this gets them off of your back so you can enjoy your well-deserved R&R!):

- 8th floor terrace*: outdoor jacuzzi, picnic area with grass patch for yoga, stretching and relaxing
- 2nd floor: gym, indoor pool, jacuzzi, shower, and sauna

**Due to the condo by-law, the outdoor BBQ is not available for guests, only residents; No alcohol or glasses are allowed in the pool/jacuzzi area for safety reasons. Thank you!*

HOUSE RULES

We love our home and our community, we appreciate your help in taking care of both!

- **No parties or events.** Please treat our home as you would your own. Any damages may result in additional charges
- **No smoking anywhere** — including inside the unit and on the balcony
- **Quiet hours are from 11:00pm - 7:00am.** Our wonderful neighbors include families with small children, so please help us keep noise to a minimum. Noise complaints may result in fines from the building which will be charged back to you
- **Pets are welcome!** We're dog owners ourselves and happy to host house-trained pets. Please clean up after them if they have an accident — the floors are real wood and must be cleaned and sanitized (cleaning supplies are located under each bathroom sink)
- **Check-out time is 12:00pm** - unless previously arranged, please stick to the check-out time as our cleaners are scheduled to arrive shortly after check-out
- **All guests must be registered** - we price our Airbnb unit starting with 1 guest, this allows us to welcome single traveller and multiple guests for a fair price, additional guests will be adjusted on the stay and charged accordingly
- **Damage and missing items** - accidents happen, please report any accidental damage or broken/missing items right away so they can be repaired/replaced promptly
- **Security** - for your safety, do not share building fobs or keys with anyone outside your group. Ensure to always lock the doors and windows when leaving the unit

READY TO HEAD OUT? BEFORE YOU LEAVE...

We hope you enjoyed your stay!

Before your departure, please ensure to:

- Please place all used towels in the washing machine. You do not need to start the laundry.
- Load dirty dishes into the dishwasher and start it.
- You can leave the bedding as is. We'll take care of it!
- Kindly dump your trash and recycling before departure (located on the 8th floor - a few units to the left once you exit the unit).
 - The compost room is located on the ground floor in the "moving room" (located next to the mail room). Once you enter, go through the subsequent set of doors to dispose your compost in the large green bin.
- Ensure all appliances are turned off before departing. Return tv remote to the living room coffee table. Ensure the pull-out couch is closed.
- Turn off all lights & appliances. Lock balcony doors. Leave garage fob inside unit (return to key hook). Return house key & fob to Keycafe.
- Turn off appliances and the lights - feel free to tell "Echo" the command "lights out"
- Leave garage fob on the key hook inside the unit. Return the house key & fob to KeyCafe. Sent host a message once you've departed. Note: you *do not* need the garage fob to exit the garage.
- Please leave us a message in the orange "guest book" - we love reading about your stay and love to hear how we can make the space more enjoyable!

**THANK YOU FOR STAYING IN OUR HOME, FEEL FREE TO DROP US A NOTE IN THE GUESTBOOK.
WE LOVE TO READ ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE IN OUR UNIT!**

SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE LOCAL PLACES & THINGS TO DO

In the following pages, you'll find a small curated list of local spots for you to explore, all of which are accessible by walking, biking or by taking the public transportation (TTC). Alternatively, you're always welcome to reach out to us to ask for custom recommendations.

Some of our favourites include:

- *Restaurants*
- *Attractions*
- *Bars & Breweries*
- *Urban Hikes & Rides*

Note: places with 🐾 indicates it may be dog friendly, though we recommend you calling ahead to confirm!

RESTAURANTS

Toronto is home to a rich mix of cultures and ethnicities - with some of the most authentic cuisines you'll find anywhere! You'll find below a variety of local favourites to tempt your taste buds—this is a city made for exploring, expanding, and indulging your palate. As always, please reach out if you have any specific cravings in mind, we're happy to share more recommendations. Enjoy!

THAI



Wang Lang wanglang.ca

Authentic Thai food. Great ambiance, fun cocktails and delicious fusion food.

669 King St W

(647) 329-2996



~15 minutes



~5 minutes



10+ minutes



do not recommend



PAI (Northern Thai Kitchen) paitoronto.com

A classic favourite Toronto spots. A walk-in spot, they take reservations (sometimes), if possible, ask for the table you can ask for the 'no-shoe seating area' for an authentic experience.

18 Duncan St

(416) 901-4724



~35 minutes



~10 minutes



30+ minutes



20+ minutes (paid parking)

JAPANESE



Nomé Izakaya

Casual neighbourhood izakaya right on Fort York. Solid for shareable Japanese plates, skewers, and late-night bites.

92 Fort York Blvd

(647) 293-7772

nomeizakaya.com



~12 minutes



~5 minutes



not available



do not recommend (limited street parking)



Asking me for **THE BEST SUSHI TAKEOUT SPOT!** Yes, you can UberEats to this Airbnb, ask me how!
And yes, this spot is *that* good!

VIETNAMESE



Pho Tien Thanh

A local favourite authentic pho spot in the trendy Ossington area.

57 Ossington Ave

(416) 588-6997

photienthanh.com

 ~30 minutes  ~10 minutes  ~30 minutes  ~10 minutes (limited street parking)

ATTRACTIONS

First time visitors:

If you're visiting Toronto for the first time, below is list of common attractions

- CN Tower – Toronto's iconic observation tower with panoramic city views
- Ripley's Aquarium of Canada – Huge indoor aquarium with immersive exhibits
- Rogers Centre – home of the Blue Jays; hosts sports and major concerts
- Scotiabank Arena – home of the Toronto Raptors and Maple Leafs. Real Sports Bar & Grill in Toronto is recognized as Canada's largest and most popular sports bar
- Harbourfront Centre – Lakeside trails, art, food, and seasonal events 🐾
- Kensington Market 🐾
- St. Lawrence Market 🐾
- Distillery District 🐾
- Allan Gardens Conservatory
- Graffiti Alley 🐾
- Yorkville
- Eaton Centre/Dundas Square

Unique downtown neighbours to explore:

- Trinity Bellwoods/Queen West
- Ossington
- Parkdale
- Distillery District
- Little Italy
- Little Korea
- Little Portugal
- Greektown
- Chinatown
- The Bentway & Fort York National Historic Site (across the road)
- Minico
- Roncesvalles
- The Junction

BARS & BREWERIES

Left Field Brewery (Liberty Village & Leslieville)

leftfieldbrewery.ca

Boutique brewery serving creative, locally inspired beers. Relaxed tasting room vibe.

Bellwoods Brewery 🐾

bellwoodsbrewery.com

Highly popular for craft beer lovers. Known for stouts, IPAs, and innovative seasonal releases.

STACKT market (Blue Moon Brewery & More) 🐾

stacktmarket.com

STACKT market's directory is constantly changing, but the one constant (so far) has been Blue Moon Brewery. This spot is a fun stroll, it's got a little bit of everything - shopping, snacks, activations, beverages (alcoholic and non alcoholic alike) and games. While you're there, don't forget to get some freshly made tiny donuts!

Mill Street Brewery (Distillery District)

millstreetbrewery.com

Fun brewery located in the Distillery District and walking distance to the St. Lawrence Market - you can make a day trip out of it!

Blood Brothers Brewing

bloodbrothersbrewing.com

Known for hop-forward beers, funky sours, and a cozy taproom experience.

Amsterdam Brewery 🐾

amsterdambeer.com

A short bike ride from the Airbnb, spacious brewery with classic beers and a casual outdoor patio.

Steam Whistle Brewing

steamwhistle.ca

Iconic Toronto brewery located near the CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, Roger's Centre, and much more. Suggest making it a day-trip. Make sure you check out their tour which has a complementary tasting at the end!

URBAN HIKE & RIDES

One of the best parts of staying here is direct access to Toronto's waterfront trails! We've biked East all the way to Niagara Falls, and have gone west and biked to Prince Edward County (if you're looking for a quick getaway, definitely check it out - wine country, incredible culinary food, and so much to do!). Below is a list of some of our favourite urban parks should you want to get out and get some fresh air.

If you want a quick and seamless bike rental experience, check out bikesharetoronto.com - there's a station right across the road from this unit!

Great for Hiking & Biking

- Martin Goodman Trail 🐾
- Toronto Islands (be sure to check the ferry times in advance) 🐾
- Trinity Bellwoods Park 🐾
- Evergreen Brick Works 🐾
- Don Valley Trail 🐾
- High Park 🐾

Bike Routes from the Condo

Start from the waterfront trail (by riding down to the water) and go **East**, you'll hit up:

- Harbourfront 🐾
- Sugar Beach 🐾
- Cherry Beach 🐾
- Tommy Thompson Park (it's <9km from the condo) - highly recommend going if you want a peaceful escape from downtown Toronto. The park is known for wildlife, wetlands, meadows, and one of the most important bird-watching sites in the area. There are long and flat trails for the perfect scenic bike rides, look out for the lighthouse, take a stroll on the beach or enjoy the stunning skyline sunset
 - *Pro tip:* pack food/snacks/drinks - restaurant options down there is so-so; the park is massive and you still have to ride back

If you start from the waterfront trail and go **West**, you'll hit up:

- Sunnyside
- Humber Bay bridge (Mimico) - lovely little neighbourhood and scenic waterfront
- Etobicoke
- Oakville