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Frommer's Toronto 2011 (Frommer's Complete Guides)



Synopsis

Completely updated every year, Frommer's Toronto features gorgeous color photos of the sights and experiences that await you. Our author, a longtime resident of Toronto, guides you through the city, from the Theatre District to the Art & Design District to Little Italy, Little India, The Gay Village, and more. She's checked out all the city's best hotels, restaurants, and attractions in person and offers you her favorites, plus "the best things to do for free," which includes picnicking on Centre Island and catching a concert at the Toronto Music Garden. You'll also get up-to-the-minute coverage of shopping and nightlife; in-depth coverage of the city's architecture and dining scene; detailed walking tours; accurate neighborhood maps; advice on planning a successful family vacation; and side trips to Stratford, Niagara, and The Muskoka Lakes. Frommer's Toronto also includes a color fold-out map.

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Enjoy Ontario Place and Toronto's many other great waterfront attractions. See chapter 7. Free pocket map inside, plus easy-to-read maps throughout. Exact prices, directions, opening hours, and other practical information. Candid reviews of hotels and restaurants, plus sights, shopping, and nightlife. Itineraries, walking tours, and trip-planning ideas. Insider tips from local expert authors.

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Time Out Toronto, she has also contributed to other books, including The Edible City and the Slow Food Almanac. A native Torontonionian, she lives in her hometown with her husband and young son.

I have purchased a Frommer's book for just about every domestic trip I have taken and they have never disappointed me or pointed me in the wrong direction. I usually only have a day or two in each place, so I need to know what to do and where to go without wasting time. This book was helpful in that regard, but I did not think that it was as well written as the other books in this series. I also thought that the scale of the map was a bit off. Toronto is a much bigger city than I anticipated and things are farther apart than they seem to be on the map. On the plus side, the book offered side trips from Toronto which was helpful as we were driving to Niagra Falls from Toronto, but it failed to mention the best place to stop in between, the Peller Estates Winery, in Niagra-on-the-Lake in Ontario. It is a bit of a drive off of the highway and VERY expensive, but if you can swing it, you will not regret it.

I used this book on my recent trip to Toronto and frankly it wasn't the best. I really don't like that there are no pictures, and the material is very dry. I want a guide that gets me excited about my new destination, and this book seemed pretty ambivalent. Also, certain things that I did based on the guide were not the best. The Harbourfront Centre was a pain to get to, and wasn't really worth the trip unless something was going on there. Their Restaurant tips were fine, but I didn't like how things were divided up into itineraries. To me it made things look like you really shouldn't bother with AGO unless you had a three day trip yet it was a must see for me and much better than the ROM. I wish Lonely Planet had updated their guide because I really regret buying this.

Good general guidebook, especially for attractions, points of interest, etc. Like any printed guidebook, however, restaurants have such high turnover nowadays that some have gone out of business, hours of operation change, etc. Especially I liked that directions were given in terms of public transportation: which subway stop and/or streetcar to use and direction to walk from the subway. Also, the included removeable map was clearer and easier to see than the one I purchased separately.

Excellent guide. Frommer is always the best.

my summer vacation. Classic Frommer's. I know Toronto from many visits years ago, when I lived in

Pittsburgh and it was a convenient long weekend trip, so I needed a new guidebook

This was the first time I used a Kindle edition of a Frommer's guide. The problem, as with all Kindle books, is changing pages and going from one place in the book to another. There are no page numbers. Also you carry a Frommer's with you all day and consult it constantly. With Kindle you either have to use it on your phone, which is very unsatisfactory or carry a tablet with you which means you need a data plan for your tablet or else you need to go to every Starbucks in existence in order to get wi-fi. Not fun. We were also very disappointed in the restaurant coverage. We went to a really excellent Greek restaurant Penelope's which is not covered. Virtually no Chinese coverage although Toronto has a thriving Chinatown. Then there is the movie theater problem. The Frommer's people seem to think that either their tourists never go to movies or that information on movies is easy to find. In fact, Toronto newspapers only publish movie schedules on Fridays. This book could have been a lot better.

Great planning tool for our trip to Toronto. We got a lot of information to help plan our trip. The book had lots of pictures and suggestions.

I really found this book useful and the maps were easy to use. I purchased it b/c there were not that many books on Toronto and I liked this one in particular b/c it was current. Worth the money!

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