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CTWC Toronto 2026

Planning Your Trip – Travel, Lodging, Tourism, and more!



Tournament Details can be viewed [here](#).

Address:

📍 **Energare Centre, Hall G | Exhibition Place, 100 Princes' Blvd, Toronto, ON M6K 3C3**

Dates:

March 28 - 29, 2026

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[1] Introduction 🇨🇦

Welcome to Toronto - Canada's biggest city and the 4th biggest city in North America! This guide is meant to help you plan out your trip and get a sense for potential costs. Unless otherwise stated, costs are given in CAD.

- Exchange rate is typically from 1.36 to 1.40 CAD to the USD
- Ontario has a 13% sales tax on just about everything

Venue Location

The 📍 **Energare Centre** is located on the Exhibition Place grounds, just a mile or two to the west of the downtown core. There is no subway access, so you'll need to take a GO Train, streetcar, or bus.

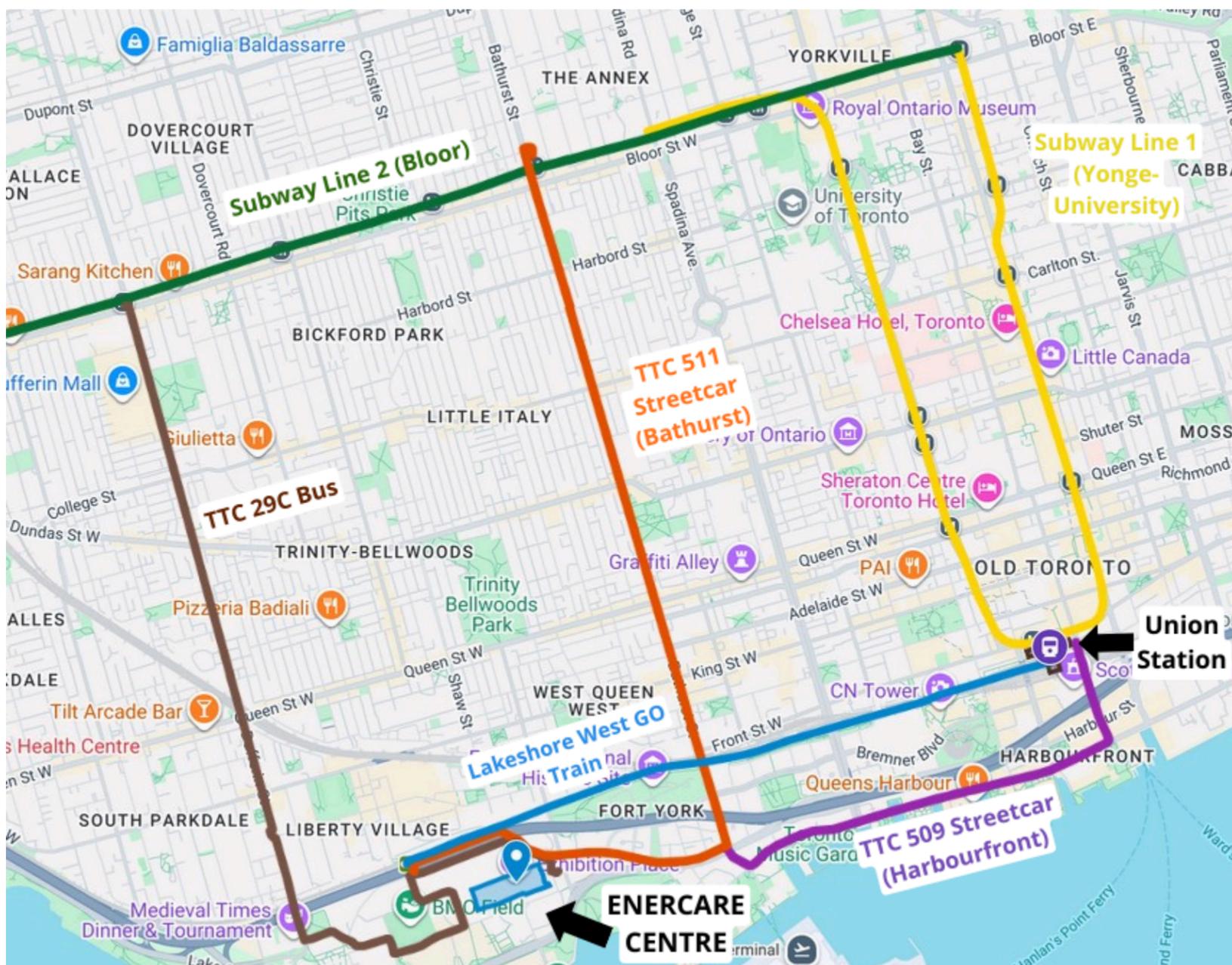
Notice: If you are walking with **Google Maps**, it may tell you to enter the venue through a loading area. Instead, use an **established entrance on the east, south, or west sides of the building**.

Venue Transit Options

If you're staying downtown:

- **Public transit** is probably your best bet; see [Transit](#) section for more details (\$3.30 - \$4.40 *per ride*):
 - GO Train (**Lakeshore West GO**) from Union Station
 - TTC streetcar (**TTC 509 Harbourfront**) from Union Station
 - TTC bus (**TTC 29C**) from Dufferin Station
 - TTC streetcar (**TTC 511**) from Bathurst Station
- **Walking** is possible from a few neighborhoods, but it's generally too far from most of downtown.
- **Driving** is an option, but has a few downsides: traffic is heavy, parking is expensive, and available venue parking may fill up quickly ([\\$18/day for surface lots](#)).

- **Bike rental** is also an option, but you need to be careful. Try to stay on protected bike lanes when possible. You can download the E-Bike rental app [here](#).



A note on transit:

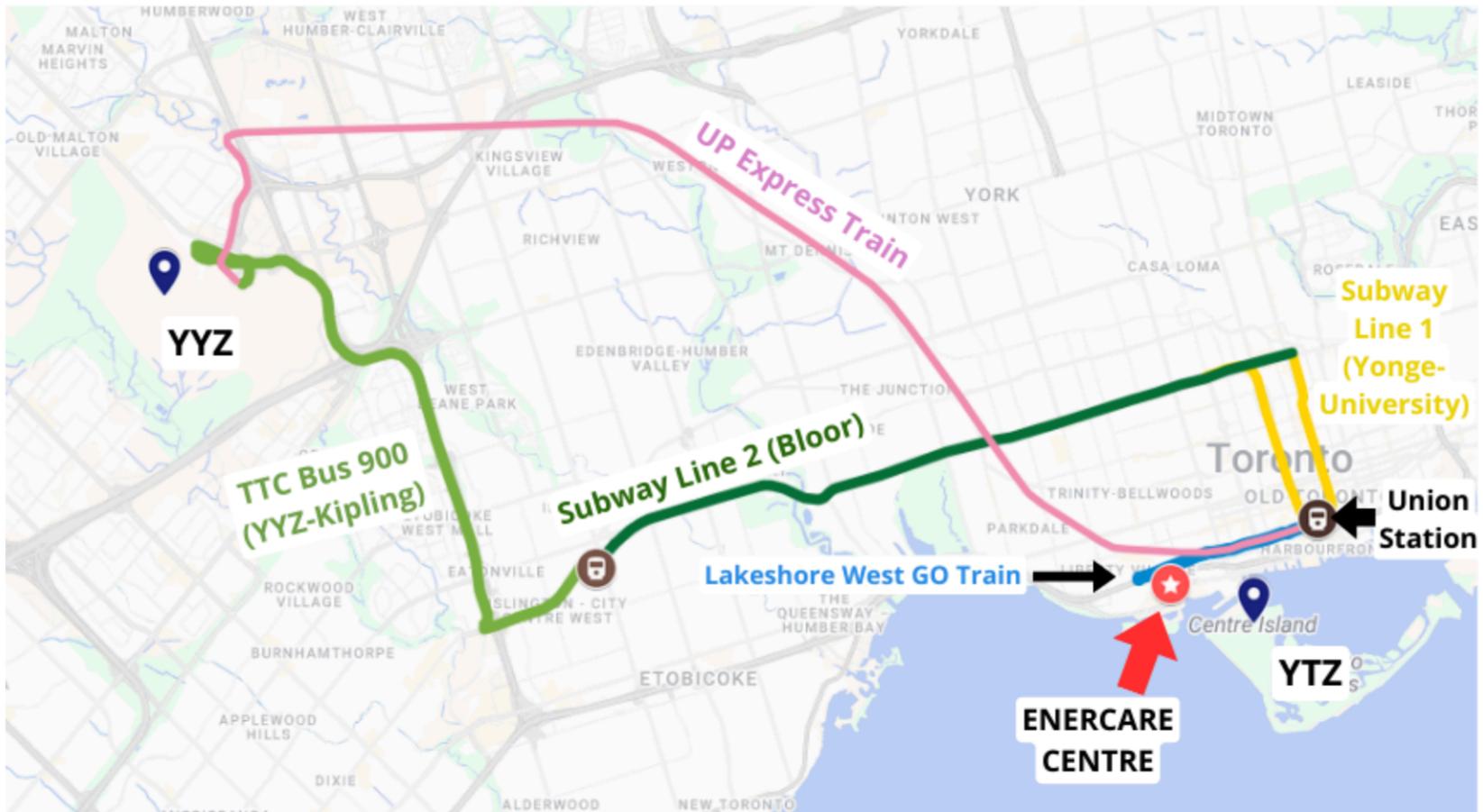
Payment for public transit can be made through the **PRESTO app** (can download the app here: [PRESTO](#)) or through simply tapping your **credit card**. Both methods support free transfers within the same system for a 2 hour window, but ***make sure you use the same payment method each time within this window.***

For those **under 19**, some **discounts** may be available when using PRESTO. For more information on public transit, see the [Transit](#) section.

[2] Transit 🚆 🚊 🚗

Getting to Toronto + Getting Downtown

Toronto is served by two international airports and is the hub of the regional GO Train network through Union Station. Most visitors will likely be flying into Pearson (YYZ).



Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ):

The largest airport in Canada, offering extensive domestic and international connections across 2 main terminals. Pearson is a major hub for Air Canada, Westjet, and Porter Airlines. It is located 15 miles northwest of downtown.

Getting Downtown:

- Connected to downtown through the **UP Express Train** from **Terminal 1**; 25-30 minute ride into **Union Station** ([\\$12.35 per ride](#), but you can save money by travelling as a group) ★
- Connected to Kipling Subway Station through the **TTC Express Bus** (TTC 900), where one can then transfer to the **Line 2 Subway**, followed by the **Line 1 Subway** (\$3.30 per ride)
 - While cheap, this route does take up more time and navigation effort: TTC Bus to Kipling Subway (Line 2), then Line 2 onto Line 1 into Union Station (maybe 1hr to 1:15hr total)
- **Ubers** are plentiful, with low typical wait times ~5 minutes (\$45-50 per ride, excluding tip)
- Taxis are plentiful, and should have a flat rate into downtown (\$55-60 flat rate, excluding tip)

Our recommendation: **UP Express** is fast and cheap; **Uber** otherwise or if you have multiple people. Timewise, **Uber** will generally match the **UP Express** to **Union Station** under clear traffic conditions, but it can be significantly slower if traffic is heavy. Of course, if you're not going to Union Station or one of the subway stations, **Uber** is likely faster.

Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ):

A smaller airport located on Toronto's waterfront, primarily serving short-haul and U.S. flights. Billy Bishop is known for its quick security lines, short walking distances, and convenient access to the city. It is located 2 miles south of downtown, and only a mile away from the venue!

Getting Downtown:

1. Take either the ferry or the pedestrian tunnel to get to the mainland.
2. Walk to the nearest TTC 509 streetcar stop (near Queens Quay West or Lakeshore Blvd. West), and get off when needed. The **Union Station** is ~11min by streetcar or ~20min by walk.

What is the Union Station?

Right in the heart of downtown, the Union Station is the central hub for most transit services (TTC subways, buses, streetcars, GO transit, VIA Rail, etc.). Opened in 1927, it is also a National Historic Site known for its Great Hall and the Beaux-Arts style architecture. If you are travelling downtown, chances are that it's one of the stops in your route.

If you are driving:

- Try comparing Waze vs Google Maps to find the best routes
- Traffic downtown is hectic and parking is expensive!
- 30 minutes to go a city block is *not uncommon* around Union Station or on game nights.

Our Recommendation: Park your car wherever you're staying and use transit. *Driving downtown is unpleasant.*

[3] Where to Stay? 🏠

You can either book a hotel, or you can find a reputable AirBnB. We've curated a general list below with details. It's **highly recommended** to **travel in a group** and split the costs.

All hotel/AirBnB **prices are in CAD**, from the dates **March 27 - March 30, 2026** (4 days, 3 nights). All options have free WiFi and are smoke-free.

Hotels Near the Venue

These options have better transportation options (usually closer to TTC subway stations), and are generally more car-friendly.

Check-ins are after 3:00 - 4:00 PM, and check-outs are before 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

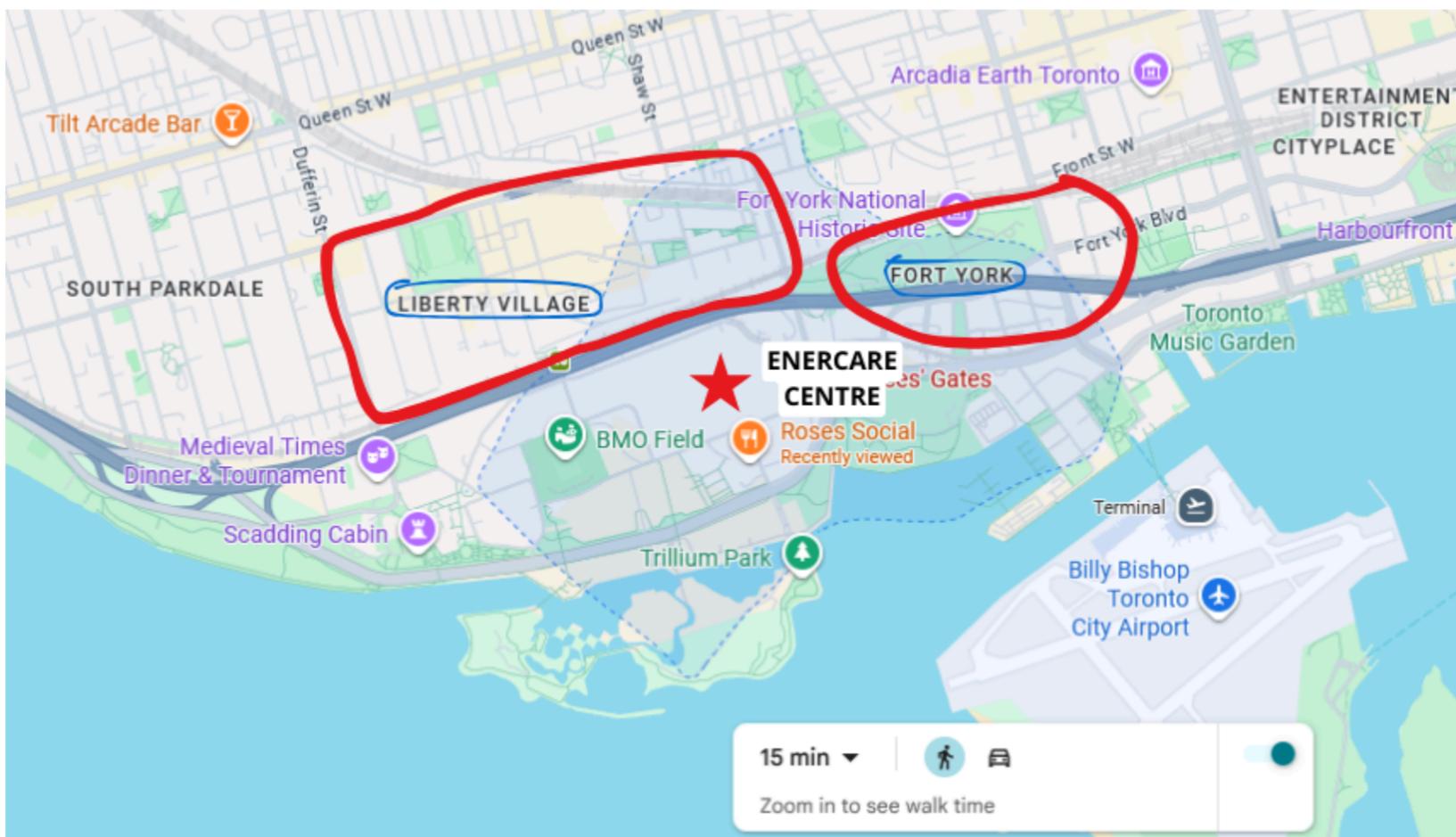
Prices last checked February 4, 2026.

Chelsea Hotel, Toronto ↪ Super.com Sleeps up to 4 people	5.1 km from venue (3.2 mi) Close to College Station	\$246/night, \$906 after fees Refundable till March 22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor pool, hot tub, fitness centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arcade/game room Breakfast for \$27-\$33
Holiday Inn Toronto Downtown Centre by IHG ↪ Trivago.com Sleeps up to 4 people	5.3 km from venue (3.3 mi) Close to College Station	\$253/night, \$920 after fees Refundable till March 20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor pool & Fitness centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convenience store in hotel Bar and Restaurant
Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Downtown ↪ Expedia.ca Sleeps up to 4 people	5.2 km from venue (3.2 mi) Close to College Station	\$234/night, \$860 after fees Refundable till March 23
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cafe, deli, and restaurant Fitness centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valet parking available, \$54/night
Cambridge Suites Toronto ↪ Trivago.com Sleeps up to 4 people	5.1 km from venue (3.5 mi) Close to TTC 511 Line	\$289/night, \$1,064 after fees Refundable till March 23
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free breakfast Self parking \$35/day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rollaway bed option Fitness centre
Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton ↪ Hilton.com Sleeps up to 4 people	5.6 km from venue (3.3 mi) Close to TTC 29 Line	\$290/night, \$1,066 after fees No Cancellations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free breakfast Fitness centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/7 coffee & tea Convenience store in hotel
Novotel Toronto Centre ↪ all.accor.com (official site) Sleeps up to 4 people	4.4 km from venue (2.7 mi) Close to TTC 509 Line	TGE Room Block rate: \$292/night after fees
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor pool, hot tub, fitness centre, sauna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast \$28.95+tax On-site parking \$40/night

AirBnB considerations

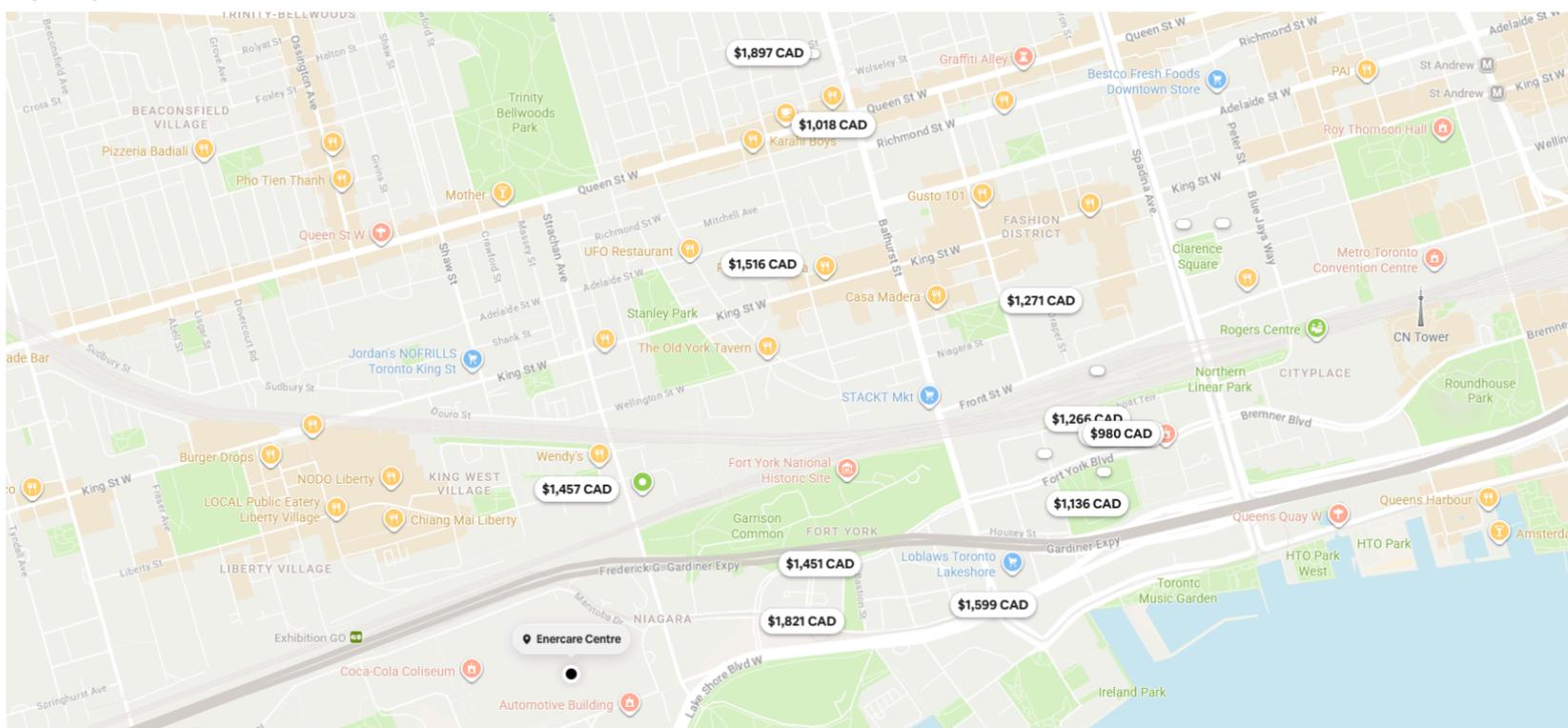
Since downtown hotels from major chains are generally quite expensive, most visitors will likely opt to split an AirBnB or room. Preferences will vary between individuals and prices will fluctuate, but some general thoughts:

- Try to find a place within **easy transit to the venue** (example: walk to a subway station, take subway to Union Station, take train to Exhibition GO)
- If you want to stay **walking distance from the venue**, look into the **Fort York** and **Liberty Village** neighbourhoods, outlined in **red** below. A 15 minute walk radius from the Enercare Centre is also shown (shaded **light blue**)

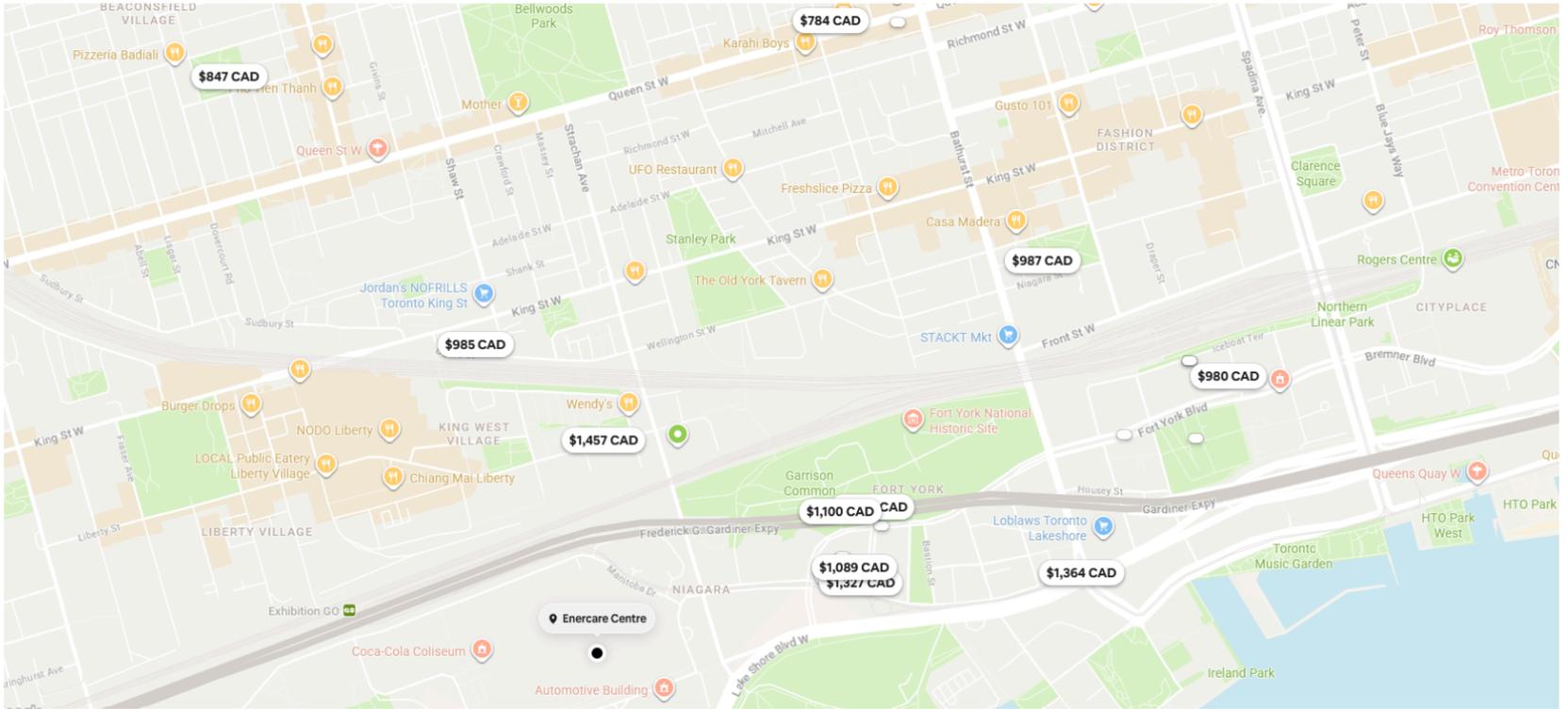


Below are some options from AirBnB, taken February 2, 2026.

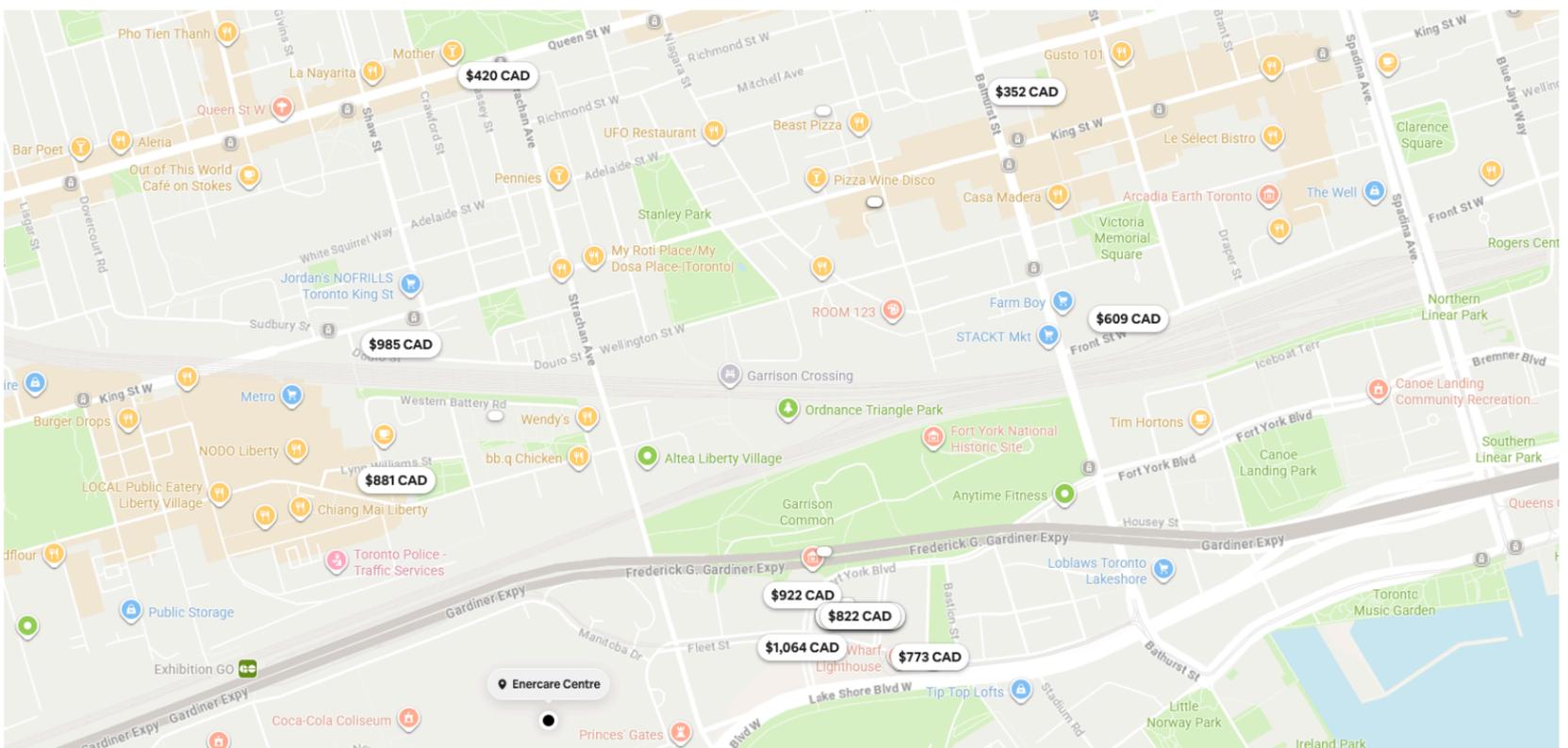
6 people:



4 people:



2 people:



Summary ranges (for 3 nights March 27-30):

People	Price Range (CAD)	Price Range (USD @ \$1.36)	Price/Person (USD)
2	\$600 - \$1100	\$440 - \$809	\$220 - \$405
4	\$1000 - \$1500	\$733 - \$1100	\$183 - \$275
6	\$1200 - \$1800	\$880 - \$1324	\$147 - \$221

Please note that the above is intended to give a ballpark range for planning purposes. Your own costs will depend on the accommodation you choose, the location, the time you book, and how many people share the cost.

Recommendation: If you're able to book in a group, that would be the most cost-effective. **Try to stay near transit**, preferably near a streetcar that goes to Enercare Centre (Harbourfront or Bathurst), or near Union Station. Staying near another subway station works too, but you'd have to walk to the station, subway to Union, and then GO Train / streetcar to Enercare Centre. Not the end of the world, but maybe 40 minutes to an hour with all the transfers.

One smaller consideration may be **if you plan on touring/shopping/partying in the city**. In those cases, it'd be best to be near transit (streetcars or subways). The **TTC runs until about 1:00am**, although Uber is always an option. Staying outside of downtown isn't recommended unless you're near a subway line or have a car; too many transfers to get to the event and you'll miss the downtown Toronto vibe. Stay downtown with your other friends who are coming!

[4] Food Options 😊

Toronto is a very multicultural city, and the food options reflect that! While there are plenty of “North American-food” options, you might want to take the opportunity to try something new. **Please note** that most mainstream places will take credit cards (Visa or MC at least), but some more “ethnic” places may be debit and cash only.

Prices are typically higher than what you’re used to in the US from an absolute number basis, but keep in mind the 1.36 to 1.40 **exchange rate** that evens it out. **Tax is 13%** and tipping culture is the same as in the US. **For tipping**, the automatic percentages the machine calculates for you are **after tax** - a sneaky little omission restaurants never mention!

Note: All prices in the options below are before taxes and tips.

Near-Venue options:

Toronto Game Expo Food Trucks	If you don’t want to go far, Curbside Dogs and 6 Spice Rack is there for you. Food prices vary from \$12 - \$20 , more info on the TGE website	
	Hours may vary	Right next to the venue!
	Website	
Hotel X Restaurants (Valerie, Cafe X, Playbook Commons, ROSES Social) 111 Princes' Blvd, Toronto, ON M6K 3C3	The hotel across the street from the venue has a few restaurants. However, these look to be higher-end eateries that may be overkill for a quick convention meal. Paying for convenience!	
	Hours may vary	Across the street from the venue
	Website	

Otherwise, we recommend the [Liberty Village](#) neighbourhood, which has several food options, all within a 15-20 minute walk. Below is a short list of the food diversity.

- North American-food → burgers, fries, fried chicken
- Italian → Pad Thai, curries, Khao Soi
- Mediterranean/Seafood → share plates, grilled fish
- Cafe & brunch → crêpes, pastries, paninis, espresso
- Bars & craft drinks → cocktails, local beer, pub food

UberEats may be an option too, but will be a bit expensive.

Other amazing options (a bit further away):

WVRST 609 King St W, Toronto, ON M5V 1M5	Styled like a German beer hall. Mostly sausages and beer. A bit expensive for what you get though (\$30-40 per person)	
	Friday - Saturday: 11:30 AM - 12:00 AM	1.1 miles from venue (24 mins walk) Nearest Transit: King St. Streetcar (504)
	https://wvrst.com/	

Gyubee Japanese Grill 157 Dundas St W, Toronto, ON M5E 1B4	Japanese BBQ; very similar to Korean BBQ except less emphasis on marinade and more on meat. Debit/cash only. (\$40-50 per person)	
	All-day: 12:00 PM - 11:00 PM	2.5 miles from venue Nearest Subways: St Patrick / TMU on Line 1
	https://www.gyubeejapanesegrill.com/locations	
Salad King 340 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M5B 1R8	Simple Thai food near TMU. Popular with students; simple and affordable. (\$20-30 per person)	
	Friday: 11:30 PM - 9:00 PM Saturday: 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM	2.9 miles from venue Nearest Subway: TMU on Line 1
	https://saladking.com/	
Liuyishou Hotpot 254 Spadina Ave., Toronto, ON M5T 2C2	Popular place for all-you-can-eat Chinese hotpot. Warning though: your clothes will smell of spices afterwards. Might not be suitable for those with more "North American" palates. (\$50 per person)	
	Friday - Saturday: 10:00 PM - 2:00 AM	1.9 miles from venue Nearest Transit: Spadina Streetcar (511)
	https://www.liuyishouna.com/torontodt	
Alforat Iraqi Street Food 271 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M5B 1N8	Middle-Eastern kebabs and shawarma with different types of bread. (\$20-30 per person)	
	Friday - Saturday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 AM	2.7 miles from venue Nearest Subway: TMU on Line 1
	https://alforat.ca/	
Terroni 57 Adelaide St E, Toronto, ON M5C 1K6	Italian food in an interesting venue (former court house). (\$30-40 per person)	
	All-day: 11:30 AM - 10:00 PM	2.5 miles from venue Nearest subway: King on Line 1
	https://www.terrioni.com/locations/terrioni-adelaide	
California Sandwiches 244 Claremont St, Toronto, ON M6J 2N2	Enormous Italian sandwiches. One of Tachnyrus' favorites since coming to this city. (\$20-\$25 per person)	
	Friday - Saturday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM	1.4 miles from venue Nearest Transit: Dundas Streetcar (505)
	https://eatcalifornia.ca/	

[5] Where to Visit? 🤩

Toronto is one of North America's largest cities for a good reason. It's friendly for internationals, the harbourfront is rich with tourist life and thrilling buildings, and it's almost impossible to leave empty-handed. If you plan to do some tourism while visiting Toronto, you'll find the table below quite helpful!

Major Attractions

CN Tower 📍 CN Tower 290 Bremner Blvd, Toronto, ON M5V 3L9	Tallest building in Canada and very popular tourist attraction, you can't miss it! <i>There is a revolving restaurant at the tower. If you spend \$75/person on food, the lift ticket and tower admission is included (\$47 value). Honestly, the food is alright, but it's also effectively \$30 if you include the tower admission. The view can't be beat either!</i>	
	All-day: 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM (Last entry at 9:00 PM)	1.4 mi from venue (2.3 km) Closest Subway: Union Station
	Buy Tickets Here	
Ripley's Aquarium of Canada 📍 Ripley's Aquarium... 288 Bremner Blvd, Toronto, ON M5V 3L9	Aquatic awesomeness with 20,000 exquisite animal species and the silliest of sharks!	
	All-day: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	1.4 mi from venue (2.3 km) Closest Subway: Union Station
	Buy Tickets Here	Sharks After Dark
You can also get the Sea The Sky package to visit both the Aquarium and the CN Tower!		
Rogers Centre 📍 Rogers Centre 1 Blue Jays Way, Toronto, ON M5V 1J3	The largest stadium in Ontario, and home to the Blue Jays . Don't miss them while you're there - they're coming home this weekend!	
	March 27: 7:07 PM vs. Athletics March 30: 7:07 PM vs. Athletics March 31: 7:07 PM vs. Rockies	1.4 mi from venue (2.2 km) Closest Subway: Union Station
	Blue Jays Schedule	
Nathan Phillips Square 📍 Nathan Phillips Sq... 100 Queen St W, Toronto, ON M5H 2N3	A lively public space with the iconic Toronto sign! Skating there might be available if the weather is cold enough. Also in close proximity to the Eaton Centre and the City Hall.	
	Open all-day Skate rentals: All-day, 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM	3.7 km from venue (2.3 mi)
	City of Toronto Website	

Entertainment

Dundas/Sankofa Square 1 Dundas St E, Toronto, ON M5B 2R8	Toronto's version of "Times Square": a plaza, but it's surrounded by billboards and the Eaton Shopping Centre. Not a bad picture spot though!	Closest Subway: TMU on Line 1
Entertainment District King Street W between University and Bathurst	Lively area for nightlife: nightclubs, theaters, bars, restaurants.	Closest Subway: St Andrew on Line 1

Shopping/Neighborhoods

Eaton Centre 1 Dundas St E, Toronto, ON M5B 2R8	Toronto's largest mall, located right next to Dundas Square.	Closest Subways: TMU / Queen on Line 1
Distillery District Mill Street between Parliament and Cherry	Historical distillery turned into mixed-use residential/commercial. Shopping and dining, and a nice walk.	Closest Subway: King on Line 1 (1.1 miles from station)
Kensington Market In between Dundas St W and Nassau, Augusta Ave and Spadina	Busy "artsie" neighborhood known for indie shops, vintage boutiques, and arts spaces.	Closest Subway: St Patrick on Line 1 (0.8 miles from station)
St. Lawrence Market 📍 St. Lawrence Mark... 92-95 Front St E, Toronto, ON M5E 1C3	Toronto's two-century-old supermarket with artisanal goods, locally made spices and incredible food finds! The south building is more historic (hours listed below), while the north building is brand new (different hours, only open on Saturdays 5:00 AM - 3:00 PM). Website	Closest Subway: King on Line 1 (0.4 miles from station)
PATH Network Everywhere Map	Underground connections between most of the financial district downtown, connecting the Eaton Centre to Union Station and to a few condos to the south. A bit corporate in feel (it is the financial district after all), but it's fun getting lost underground.	Included Subways (Line 1): TMU, Queen, King, Union, St Andrew

Cultural

Royal Ontario Museum 📍 Royal Ontario Mu... 100 Queens Park, Toronto, ON M5S 2C6	Art museum with dinosaurs and more historical emphasis (and SHARKS)	
	Tuesday - Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM Closed Monday	3.2 mi from venue (5.1 km) Closest Subway: Museum on Line 1
	Book Tickets	
Art Gallery of Ontario 📍 Art Gallery of Ont... 317 Dundas St W, Toronto, ON M5T 1G4	Art gallery with contemporary exhibitions and ship models *Only Ontarians between ages 14-24 receive free, unlimited admission*	
	Friday: 10:30 AM - 9:00 PM Saturday - Sunday: 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM Closed Monday	2.2 mi from venue (3.5 km) Closest Subway: St Patrick on Line 1
	Book Tickets	

Day Trip (outside Toronto)

Niagara Falls Niagara Falls, ON	If you have a car and are looking to get out of the city, go to Niagara Falls and go see the falls! The view from the Canadian side is unmatched. The boats aren't running in March, but there's a nice promenade along the river. For the kids (at heart): lots of haunted houses, arcade, Ripley's Believe it or Not , and wax museum at Clifton Hill. For the not-kids, there's a casino. Parking is abundant, but beware of the cheap rural "\$5" ones.		
	Open all-day 24/7, although most hotspots close a little after midnight		80 mi from Union GO (130 km) Driving times vary with traffic but could be 1:15 hrs. to 1:45 hrs.
	Official Website	Skylon Tower	Great Wolf Lodge
	Great Canadian Midway	Adventure City	Niagara Skywheel

Additional Links

CTWC Toronto Discord Invite Link: <https://tinyurl.com/TorontoDiscord>

Official CTWC Website: <https://thectwc.com/>

Toronto Game Expo Website: <https://www.torontogameexpo.ca/>