



The Drake, Toronto, Canada

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Boho rock star hipsters sit comfortably next to 40-something businesswomen in The Drake, a retro/industrial-chic-look little hotel with a big personality.



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Not only are The Drake's hip bunk-ups fantastically priced but there's every entertainment or eating and drinking requirement on your lap. Enjoy home-baked

scones in the café, earmark sushi and live jazz from the Raw Bar in the Lounge, or plump for a mean steak frites in the Dining Room, then head up to the Sky Yard for cocktails on the roof or down to the Underground for live bands or a cutting-edge clubnight.

Packing tips

No need to take a new paperback; thanks to their Book of the Month arrangement with Harper Collins, there's a novel for you to keep on your bedside table.

Hotel restaurants

Beloved-by-locals Corner Café is legendary for its melt-in-your-mouth scones and bistro fare. For a mean steak frites, plump for a banquette in The Dining Room. For oysters and sushi thrills, pull up a bar stool in the Lounge at the Raw Bar.

Hotel bars

Drinks and good times roll in the Lounge and on the roof terrace bar, Sky Yard, until 2am. For some serious choons with your cocktails, the Underground is the basement club that has seen the Killers through to MIA perform. They do a mean Caipirinha.

Activities

This is a hotel heavensent for cutting-edge culture vultures. As well as all the museum grand dames uptown, for a tour of more contemporary and buyable works, take a trip down Queen Street West, right here in the heart of the Art and Design Design District. Or escape all things urban and go for a great walk through the formal gardens or wooded thickets of High Park, just west of the city. 84 miles south of the city flows the ultimate in natural watery spectacles, Niagara Falls (www.niagarafallstourism.com). Closer to home, on the other side of town are the cobbled lanes of North America's largest Victorian industrial complex, the historic Distillery District, (www.thedistillerydistrict.com) are now a delightful pedestrianised area of warehouses converted into cute cafés, galleries, craft shops.