



One of the most exciting things about condo shopping today is the choice. You'll find something to accommodate any lifestyle. Most of the new condos available in the GTA today are in downtown Toronto, and for many, the way of life these buildings offer is perfect.

Toronto is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world, and has the interesting combination of being both exciting and safe compared to many other major urban centres of its size. Downtown offers a wealth of benefits, like the ability to walk or take public transit to an assortment of amenities. And when you can walk or TTC to your destination, there are no worries of traffic or parking.

That freedom includes being able to attend a play, a concert or movie, or dance the night away at a club. And if you're into culture, Toronto is packed with inspiring venues, from the internationally renowned Royal Ontario Museum, to the Textile Museum of Canada, the Museum of Canadian Contemporary Art, the Redpath Sugar Museum and the Toronto Aerospace Museum. Art lovers too are in their glory. The Art Gallery of Ontario was recently transformed by internationally celebrated architect Frank Gehry. In addition to this fabulous art environment, Torontonians and visitors with a passion for the arts can visit the Power Plant

Contemporary Art Gallery, and many more. Book lovers revel in the kaleidoscope of libraries and bookstores they find across the city.

Into sports? Many new condominiums are within walking distance to Air Canada Centre. Those who love water sports can choose to live in an alluring condo along the lake. Toronto's waterfront beckons with numerous marinas, boardwalks and historical Queen's Quay, and offers unlimited outdoor opportunities, from strolling along the scenic Martin Goodman Trail to yachting. Throughout Toronto there are also dozens of parks with both passive and active recreational possibilities.

My favourite sport is shopping, and I love being able to access so many incredible stores and shops right in the city. Pick up treasures at Honest Ed's Bargain Shopping Centre; pop to Yorkville for a Rodeo Drive/Fifth Avenue-style haute-couture experience with exclusive shops from internationally coveted designers such as Chanel, Cartier and Gucci; or have some fun poking around the trendy shops and vintage boutiques along King and Queen Streets. And talk about convenience! How wonderful it is to live in this city with its PATH system – the world's largest underground shopping complex with more than 1,200 shops and services. We can access 27 kilometres of

underground pathways in weatherproof comfort. Now, that's a shopper's dream!

For those who consider lessening their carbon footprint critical today (and that's most everyone), living downtown is great. Many condo dwellers choose not to own a vehicle because public transit is so easily accessible. There are also Zipcars and AutoShare, so transportation options are flexible. And those who do own vehicles find access to major highways handy throughout the city.

It's easy to understand why Toronto has ranked high in surveys about the best places to buy real estate, and the best places to live across the globe. If the urban lifestyle is your thing, Toronto is the city for you!



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