

MIDTESOL Gathering 2015

Crossing Borders - Exploring Toronto- MIDTESOL Gathering

We welcome all MIDTESOL members who'd like to participate in our annual gathering at the 2015 TESOL Convention. Crossing Borders- Building Bridges is the theme for this year's convention; as an affiliate comprised of 4 states, we seek opportunities to cross borders to strengthen our organization. Join us on Thursday evening, March 26, 2015 for a MIDAmerica TESOL gathering.

TESOL Reminders:

Visit us at the MIDTESOL booth, Thursday, March 26th from 11:30-12:30, Exhibition Hall. We'll have MIDTESOL give-aways and our team will be ready to assist if you have questions.

MIDTESOL Gathering:

We asked for your opinion and you answered! The consensus was for a casual evening exploring historic Old Town and the Distillery District. A walk-about might seem daunting to some, but we're from a region famous for exploration. To make the most of our time together, it might help to have a sense of the area. A great way to do this is by exploring websites which are provided within this document.

In reviewing options, we realized that it would be impossible to visit both locations in two hours. We've developed a tour of famous locations in Old Town with time for conversation over drinks near one of the most photographed locations in the area - the Flatiron building.

OLD TOWN

Our plan is to meet at the convention center at 3:45 pm (north front entrance on Front Street), walk to the first public transit stop (intersection of Wellington St W. at York) for the 4:01 bus; take public transport (East trolley 503) to the St. Lawrence Market, stroll to St. James Anglican Church, then walk a couple of blocks to the Flatiron building, ending at a venue, at about 5:15, that offers options for refreshments. MIDTESOL will cover costs of first round & appetizers.

Note: if you are interested in Old Town historic sites, you should explore during the daytime. Many historic sites close at 4:00, St. Lawrence Market opens early on Saturday morning - 5 am!

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Option 1

No transfers



Walk to the first stop: Depart and head East on FRONT ST W (0.15 km), turn left at SIMCOE ST (0.15 km), turn right at WELLINGTON ST W (0.23 km). Total walking distance: 0.53 km. Total walking time: 7 minutes.

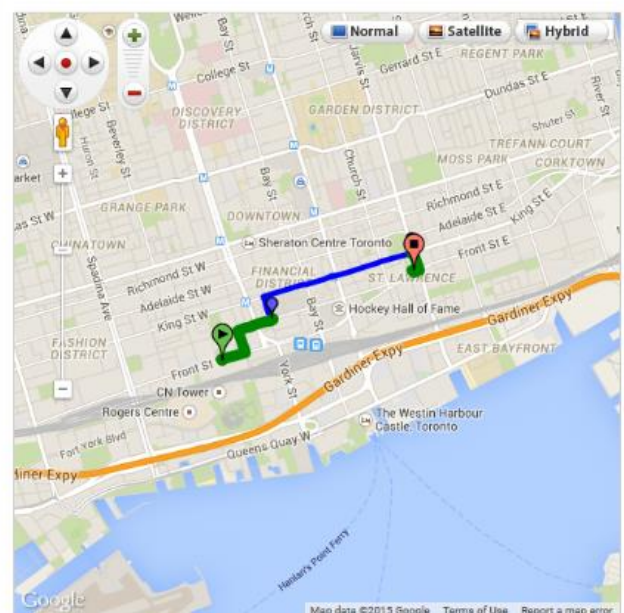


EAST - 503 KINGSTON RD towards VICTORIA PARK

Leaving at 4:01pm from WELLINGTON ST WEST AT YORK ST
Arriving at 4:05pm at KING ST EAST AT JARVIS ST



Walk to your destination: Depart and head East on KING ST E (0.01 km), turn right at JARVIS ST (0.12 km), turn right at FRONT ST E (0.04 km). Total walking distance: 0.17 km. Total walking time: 2 minutes.



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Walkabout Itinerary, March 26:

- 4:10 pm **St Lawrence Market** 92-95 Front E. Toronto (closes at 5:00 p.m.) - meet at the front door
<http://www.stlawrencemarket.com/>
- 4:40 pm **St. James Anglican Cathedral**, 65 Church Street, meet at the church at 4:40
<http://www.stjamescathedral.on.ca/HistorybrArchitecture/tabid/63/Default.aspx>
- 5:00 pm **The Gooderham Building** “Flatiron building” 49 Wellington St. E, Toronto, Look for MIDTESOLers taking snaps like happy tourists.
<http://www.aviewoncities.com/toronto/flatiron.htm>
- 5:10 pm **C’est What?** 67 Front St E, for appetizers featuring pub-style food with vegetarian options; variety of local wines, beers & non-alcoholic beverages; close to Flatiron building
<http://www.cestwhat.com/> . MIDTESOL will cover costs of first round & appetizers.

Toronto Preparation:

Toronto Tourism website:

- Guides: <http://www.seetorontonow.com/maps-and-guides/>
- Online magazine: Canadian Urbanism Uncovered: Spacing <http://spacing.ca/toronto/>
Provides great information about Toronto history, culture, current events

Getting around: <http://www.seetorontonow.com/getting-around/>

- Toronto Transit Commission: <http://ttc.ca/index.jsp>
- Check out PATH - an underground walkway that links locations in downtown Toronto
 - http://www.seetorontonow.com/content/pdf/path_brochure.pdf
- The Portland conference provided transit passes; Toronto might have a similar option for conference attendees: http://ttc.ca/Fares_and_passes/Passes/Convention_pass.jsp

Weather: Average weather at the end of March has temperatures ranging between 20-43° F, with potential for rain, snow and sun. Check this website for recommendations on packing:

http://gocanada.about.com/od/monthbymonthtoront1/p/march_toronto.htm

Money: Lonely Planet has good advice on tipping, taxes, money (loonie) denominations:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/canada/practical-information/money-costs>

Oanda Currency converter: <http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>

Top locations in Toronto:

Casa Loma: <http://www.casaloma.org/> Hours: 9:30-5:00 pm, entrance fee: \$24.00

CN Tower (next to the Convention Center): <http://www.cntower.ca/en-ca/home.html>

Hours: 10:00 am to 10:30 pm, entrance fee: \$29 or \$32 (must purchase online 24 hours in advance)

The Distillery District - you might recognize locations from scenes in recent movies. There are many eateries, shops, boutiques and galleries. <http://www.thedistillerydistrict.com/>

Hockey Hall of Fame- If you like hockey, this is the place! <http://www.hhof.com/index.html> Hours: 10 am - 5 pm, admission 18.00

Shopping venues close to the Convention Center:

- Eaton Centre: (available by PATH and public transit systems)
<http://www.torontoeatoncentre.com/EN/centreinfo/Pages/default.aspx>

There are many other venues of interest - the art & history museums, zoo, aquarium, walks along the waterfront, ferry rides to the islands, but in all honesty, TESOL is our primary reason for traveling. Good luck in managing your time!
Enjoy the TESOL Conference!