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CULTURE AND SPIRITUALITY

MEDIA

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) is a publicly funded national broadcaster. The CBC provides local and national news coverage and cultural programming on TV, radio and online. Learn more at www.cbc.ca.

There are many ethno-cultural newspapers published in Canada. The National Ethnic Press and Media Council provides a list of publications on their website. www.nationalethnicpress.com.

Many television and radio stations broadcast in multiple languages. For example, OMNI TV is a multicultural network that has programming in Mandarin, Cantonese, Italian, Punjabi and other South Asian languages. For more information, visit www.omnitv.ca.

FOOD

There are ethnic markets and major supermarkets that sell imported products and produce from all over the world. The best way to learn about local markets and restaurants is through "word of mouth," so talk to people in your community, at your place of worship and search online.

All major supermarkets carry many foods used in international cuisines. Some supermarkets have 1-2 aisles devoted to international food ingredients.

- To find a listing of ethnic stores, visit yellowpages.ca.
- Apps are available that will guide you to ethnic grocery stores and restaurants. To find these, go to the appropriate apps store depending on your platform.
- Restaurant review websites organize their lists by cuisine type, including vegetarian.
- Farmers' markets allow vendors to sell produce and other products throughout the year.

- These markets are held in buildings, parking lots or parks on specific days. You can find a market in your area at farmersmarketsontario.com.
- Seasonal foods – to learn more about when fruits and vegetables are in season, visit Ontario Foodland at ontario.ca or findlink.at/foodland.

FESTIVALS AND CULTURAL CENTRES

There are many museums, theatres and cultural centres in large and small communities across the province.

- **Museums:** visit museumsontario.ca to get a listing of museums.
- **Film:** look online or in your local newspaper for film festivals in your community.
- **Theatre:** visit Theatre Ontario at theatreontario.org for a listing in your community. There are Francophone theatre companies and theatrical productions in French in many towns and cities in Ontario.
- **Art:** for a listing of art centres/galleries, search online for one in your community.
- **Music and Dance:** look online or in your local newspapers for local events.
- **Canada Day:** celebrations are held across Ontario on July 1.
- **Aboriginal events:** to see Ontario's listing of National Aboriginal Day events, visit the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada at aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/Eng.
- **Francophone festivals:** for a listing of festivals and other events, visit voyagesontario.com.

For many more events, visit festivalsandeventsOntario.ca or summerfunguide.ca.



To learn about festivals and cultural events happening in your community, visit ontariotravel.net/en/home .

Cultural and multicultural festivals including art, film, food and music are held throughout the year.

Community centres and libraries often have information about local festivals. Local and ethno- cultural media will promote cultural events. Some examples of festivals include:

- DesiFest, a South Asian music festival desifest.ca .
- DiverCine Film Festival of La Francophonie in Canada and worldwide, held in Ottawa www.divercine.com .
- Caribana, a celebration of Caribbean cultures www.caribanatoronto.com .
- Haiti celebrates, a Caribbean festival in Ottawa www.haitienfete.ca .
- The International Dragon Boat Race Festival in Toronto <http://dragonboats.com> .
- Winterlude, the Capital's winter celebration, in Ottawa, www.canada.pch.gc.ca/ng/1416239267950 .
- Oktoberfest in Kitchener, www.oktoberfest.ca .
- Toronto African Film & Music Festival, www.torontoafricanfilmmusicfest.com .
- Doors Open Ontario, free events to discover firsthand Ontario's hidden heritage treasures, some of which have never been open to the public www.doorsopenontario.on.ca .
- Fiesta London Mexican Festival, in London www.fiestalondon.ca .
- Latin Arts Festival in Toronto, <http://ontariolatinartsfestival.ca> .
- Brantford International Villages Cultural Festival, www.brantfordvillages.ca .
- Belleville Waterfront and Ethnic Festival, www.bellevillewaterfrontfestival.com .

SPIRITUALITY

Ontario is a secular society, but people of all faiths are free to worship as they choose. You can find churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship in the local phone directory or online at www.yellowpages.ca .

Among others, the following resources are available:

- Mosques and Islamic Centres in the Greater Toronto Area <http://muslimcanada.org> .
- Synagogues - www.cjccc.ca/en .
- Hindu Temples - www.shaivam.org .
- Sikh Temples - www.gurdwaras.com/ontario.html .
- Buddhist Centres - www.buddhist.ca .
- Anglican Churches - www.anglican.ca .
- Roman Catholic Churches - www.catholiclinks.org .
- United Church of Canada - <http://locator.united-church.ca> .
- Baptist Churches in Canada - <http://baptist.ca> .

DID YOU KNOW?

Ontario is the most multicultural province in Canada. Half of all newcomers to Canada settle in Ontario. Over 100 languages are spoken here.

There are many ways to enjoy diversity and celebrate your own heritage.