

NNAC 2017 Conference & AGM -- TOURS

All of the tours will start at the Doubletree Hilton, meeting in the lobby. You will be met by a volunteer who will accompany you to the venue. Meeting times, length and difficulty are listed with each tour. If you wish to stay on at the area you certainly may do so, but you would be on your own to return to the hotel or your accommodation.

We will also provide information at the conference for other places you may wish to visit, and we'll also provide information about these tours in case you want to do one on your own at a different time.

All tours are free, except for contributing to the travel costs. All are subject to demand and dependent on weather



Tour A - Distillery District

The pedestrian only historic Distillery District, set in quaint 19th century buildings that once housed a large whiskey distillery, draws crowds to its cobblestone streets lined with hip indie restaurants, bars and boutiques. Art lovers come for the galleries, outdoor sculptures and dance, music and stage performances at the area's several theatres.

What you will find is a dramatic fusion of old and new. An inspired blend of Victorian Industrial architecture and stunning 21st century design and creativity. The result is an internationally acclaimed village of one-of-a-kind stores, shops, galleries, studios, restaurants, cafes, theatres and more.

This tour will be led by a volunteer experienced guide with knowledge of the interesting history and architecture of the area.

Length: About 1 hour at the district, travel time approximately 10 minutes by taxi, easiest by taxi.

Participants: Maximum of 10, a second tour can be arranged

Time: Meet in the Doubletree Lobby at 10:45 First tour will start at 11:00 at the district

Walking: Easy, flat surface full facilities, lots of restaurants, coffee shops etc.



Tour B- Visit a lovely Rosedale home for a light brunch and a walk in the area

One of our gracious members has offered to host a light Brunch with Mimosas, in the beautiful historic Rosedale area. For those who wish we could have a walk in the neighbourhood. If there are enough adventurous souls, and weather permitting, we could also take a walk through the ravine down to the historic Brickworks by the shores of the Don river.

Length: 1-2 hours, longer if the Brickworks are included

Participants: Maximum 20

Time: 10:30 at the home, meet in the lobby at 10:00 transportation easiest by taxi, transit also a possibility

Walking: Easy in the neighbourhood, more challenging to the Brickworks, it's a ravine trail, facilities available at the destination.



Tour C- Kensington Market

Come and visit the funky, fiercely independent Kensington Market, a walkable bohemian area that draws artists and tourists to its indie shops, vintage boutiques, and arts spaces. The successive waves of new immigrants to this area over the last 100 years have created a dynamic, vibrant area with

amazing ethnic foods and products. Hipsters frequent trendy bars, cafes and international restaurants that range from casual to fine dining. Students and families populate Victorian houses along tree-lined streets. Walking over to Kensington will take us past the Art Gallery of Ontario, the funky stilted Ontario College of Design (OCAD) and through “Old Chinatown”

Length: 1-2 hours

Participants: No limit

Time: Meet in the lobby at 10:30 this is a walking only tour, no need for transit.

Walking: Easy; this is a street area, some uneven pavement, facilities available in coffee houses



Tour D- The Queen's Quay

Once home to railway tracks, factories and warehouses, the Quay has been transformed into a vibrant area of condos, art spaces, and walkways along the shores of Lake Ontario. With views of Toronto Islands, we will walk west along the shore, and depending on time we may make it to the music garden designed by Yo Yo Ma and Julie Moir Messervy.

Length: 1-2 hours

Participants: No limit

Time: Meet in the lobby at 10:00 am, we can either taxi or take transit to the quay, it's quite close to the hotel.

Walking: Easy; this is largely a pedestrian area