A free guide to the top experiences, venues, and group activities available in the GTA





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Team Building in Toronto, Ontario

Why settle for an ordinary group activity when you can plan something truly special for your team in Toronto? From exciting scavenger hunts through the downtown core, to building cardboard boats in Lake Ontario – there are a lot of choices for your next team building event!

That's why our event solutions experts put together this guide for team building in Toronto. It's perfect for...

- Meetingplanners looking for ideas to help make their next corporate event more exciting.
- Corporate groups who want to celebrate and get out of the office with something fun and different.
- Visiting teams looking to experience Toronto for the first time.

Inside this guide, you'll find our event solutions experts' top picks for group activities, scavenger hunts, and venue locations in Toronto. If you'd like a <u>free consultation</u> to learn more about which activity is right for your group, you can give our team a call at 1-800-565-8735.







Top Outdoor Activities in Toronto

#1. The Amazing Chase

Recommended Location: Downtown Toronto

Based on the popular TV show, The Amazing Chase will take your group on an interactive adventure to explore downtown Toronto. Your group will use their smartphones to navigate the streets, and complete challenges around landmarks like the Hockey Hall of Fame, St. Lawrence Market, and the CN Tower. Which team will be the first to cross the finish line?



Recommended Location: Woodbine Beach

Make a splash with a fun team building activity that doubles as a business project simulation. In Cardboard Boat Building Challenge, teammates try to build fully-functioning boats out of nothing but cardboard and tape. Once complete, everyone will get a chance to test out their creations at Woodbine Beach. Will your group sink – or swim?

#3. Corporate Castaways

Recommended Location: Toronto Island

What better place to try a Survivor-inspired team building activity than marooned on Toronto Island? Split into tribes, your group will compete in a series of challenges that will test their brains, brawns, and ability to work together under pressure!

#4. CI: The Crime Investigators

Recommended Location: Exhibition Place

Someone has committed a crime, and the Toronto Police have asked for your team's help to solve the mystery! In CI: The Crime Investigators, your group will take on different detective roles to examine different crime scenes in the area, interrogate suspects, and try to discover exactly what happened at Exhibition Place!







"We can't thank you enough for the FANTASTIC event put on by your team yesterday. The entire company was raving about how much fun it was for the rest of the afternoon. I look forward to working with you again!"

-Allergan Canada



Top Scavenger Hunts in Toronto

#1. Wild Goose Chase

Recommended Location: Downtown Toronto

Challenge your team to go on a modern-day scavenger hunt through downtown Toronto with Wild Goose Chase. Teams will need to take photos or videos of different people, places, and things in order to earn the most points before time runs out. Be warned though – things might get a bit wild!



Recommended Location: Kensington Market

Inspire your team to explore the Kensington Market with a charity scavenger hunt, like as Random Acts Of Kindness. In this activity, your group will start a frenzy of giving back as they try to complete as many good deeds as possible. Teams will be surprised at how even something as simple as a high-five can make a stranger's day!

#3. Urban Fear Factor

Recommended Location: Toronto PATH

Have your team face their fears in the scariest location of all – the Toronto PATH. In Urban Fear Factor, teams take on "scary" challenges that will have them laughing as they cringe, and is sure to get everyone a little bit outof their comfort zones. Just try not to get lost in the notoriously confusing underground walkway!

#4. Play It Forward

Recommended Location: Chinatown

Give back to those in need with a philanthropic scavenger hunt like Play It Forward. In this activity, each team is given a small budget and instructed to use it as best they can to make an impact. Areas like Chinatown are perfect for teams to get started, and make a real difference in the lives of others.







"We LOVED IT! So far all the feedback I've heard has been really positive and I've even received requests for more information from leaders who participated - so you may hear from us again soon."

-Capital One



Top Indoor Activities in Toronto

#1. The Apprentice

Recommended Location: Any indoor venue

Creativity and collaboration are the foundations of teamwork in this interactive community or charity focused event. Teams work together to complete the special task of constructing a quality build item for a deserving boy or girl.



Recommended Location: Any indoor venue

Based on the popular TV game show, in Minute To Win It teams work together in a race to beat the clock. The activity is broken down into a series of 60-second challenges, where employees face off against other teams in seemingly simple challenges. It's fast-paced, it's energetic, and it's the perfect way to break up long meetings or conferences!



Recommended Location: Any indoor venue

Team Pursuit is a high energy team building activity that has groups working together to complete mental and physical challenges. Teams will need to play to their strengths and work against the clock as they earn points and climb the live leaderboard.

#5. Clue Murder Mystery

Recommended Location: Any indoor venue

In Clue Murder Mystery, your group will try and figure out who had the means, motive, and opportunity to commit a deadly crime. Teams will use their smartphones to analyze crime scene clues, examine all the evidence, earn points by solving challenges, and try to crack the case by figuring out whodunit. If you're looking for a cerebral teamwork challenge, this is the perfect activity for your group.







"Every aspect of this event was very well organized. This activity was part of a two-and-a-half-day conference with many moving pieces, and this was one part that I didn't have to worry about. Your team took care of everything."

-Royal Bank of Canada



Top Event Venues in Toronto

#1. Sunnyside Pavilion

An old bathhouse with a rustic pavilion feel, private beach, front water access, green park space, BBQ catering teams, and a bar set up for a social corporate environment. Suitable for a fun beachside activities, such as Cardboard Boat Building Challenge.

Why we like it? Creates a social and interactive setting, private venue, and allows alcohol on-site.

Address: 1755 Lake Shore Boulevard West, Toronto Ontario, M6S

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Phone: 416-531-2233

#2. Polson Pier

Unique location minutes away from the downtown core of Toronto. Accommodates corporate events and entertainment shows, equipped with stage, excellent sound, and full AV hook ups. Great breakout rooms, large upstairs private patio and bar. Suitable for large-scale, entertaining events, like **Team Pursuit**.

Why we like it? Lots of space to accommodates indoor activities, amazing upstairs patio, parking on-site and has a trendy feeling and atmosphere.

Address: 11 Polson Street, Toronto Ontario, M5A 1A4

Phone: 416-469-5655

#3. Mariposa Cruises

On-the-water cruise line hosts events on board, leaving from Queens Quay downtown. Customizable cruise length based on the group, entertainment options and excellent bar and menu selection. Would be a great location for something cerebral, like <u>CI: The Crime</u> Investigators.

Why we like it? Open options for entertainment to be brought on board, and creates a unique feel for a corporation event with great views looking back on the city from the water.

Address: 207 Queen's Quay West, Toronto Ontario, M5J 1A7

Phone: 416-203-0178







"A fun time was had by all.

Everyone enjoyed the nature of the activities and the idea that they had the opportunity to work with colleagues in a competitive environment. Planning for the event was effortless."

-McCain Foods



Top Event Venues in Toronto

#4. Berkeley Church

A hidden gem in Toronto, an old church converted into a beautiful, versatile event venue. Two main areas can accommodate up to 200 people inside and 100 people in the covered courtyard. Excellent inhouse catering team can create memorable menu options. Suitable for any team building event, and is flexible for other occasions.

Why we like it? Unique brick building creates a rustic feel, accessible to the city and provides dynamic, functional spaces.

Address: 315 Queen Street East, Toronto Ontario, M5A 1S7

Phone: 416-361-9666



Great, familiar hotel brand with dynamic meeting rooms and conference spaces. Includes a restaurant and grand foyer. Close to waterfront with great views of the city. Suitable for most indoor team building activities, such as The Apprentice, or serves as the starting and stopping point for a sightseeing style The Amazing Chase. Why we like it? Transit friendly, close to downtown attractions, and great hotel partner that welcomes our corporate groups on-site.

Address: 1 Harbour Square, Toronto Ontario, M5J 1A6

Phone: 416-869-1600

#6. The Carlu

Multiple different meeting spaces inside can accommodate different styles of events. Four main rooms including a concert hall, round room, sky room, and grand foyer can hold a variety of events. Great architecture and classy style works well with an indoor team building event, such as Clue Murder Mystery.

Why we like it? This space offers ambience, access to different décor, is accessible to downtown, and transit friendly.

Address: 444 Yonge Street, Toronto Ontario, M5B 2H4

Phone: 416-597-1931







"Our activity was a hit! Your team did a great job. They were very professional and provided thorough planning. You were energetic and worked the crowd sufficiently. It was just right for our group."

-CPP Investment Board



Popular Locations to Start& End Your Event

Location	Type of Venue
SPiN Toronto 461 King St. W	Casual, rec-room themed ping-pong bar Price Estimate: \$\$\$
The Ballroom 145 John St.	Large entertainment venue with 10-pin bowling Price Estimate: \$\$\$
The Drake One Fifty 150York St.	Upscale Canadian dishes, served in a stylish space Price Estimate: \$\$
El Catrin 18 Tank House Lane	Trendy space, with elevated Mexican small plates Price Estimate: \$\$
Valdez 606 King St. W	Latin American street food in a hip, casual space Price Estimate: \$\$
Copacabana 230 Adelaide St. W	Brazilian steakhouse, with a chic modern atmosphere Price Estimate: \$\$\$
Barsa Taberna 26 Market St.	Bright, artsy Spanish eatery Price Estimate: \$
Skin + Bones 980 Queen St. E	Seasonal dishes, in a converted industrial space Price Estimate: \$\$
Carbon Bar 99 Queen St. E	BBQ, Southern-inspired fare in a casual, artsy space Price Estimate: \$\$
Steam Whistle Brewing 255 Bremner Blvd.	Iconic brewery, centrally located Price Estimate: \$



What's Next?

If you'd like to plan a team building activity in Toronto, our team would love to talk to you about your individual requirements and provide expert advice and guidance.

Talk to one of our dedicated event solutions experts today, by calling us at 1-800-565-8735, emailing info@outbackteambuilding.com or visiting us online at www.outbackteambuilding.com.







