



2026
GATHER IN
Guelph
Guide



WELCOME

Welcome to Guelph – we’re so glad you’re here! Whether you’re visiting to experience our farm to table local cuisine, wander down a trail or through downtown, enjoy the vitality of a music festival, or see where the day takes you, Guelph has a contagious vibe and incredible energy and it’s best enjoyed together. So check it out, gather in Guelph, and create some memories.

Plan your trip



Connect with us

For visitor information, you can reach us by phone or email. Open Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4pm

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Find us online **GatherInGuelph.com**

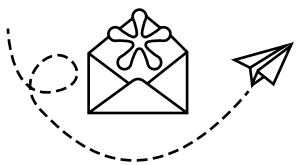
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Guelph Tourism Ambassadors

Looking for local tips on hidden gems and a map to guide your way? Our Tourism Ambassadors are ready to help! Each location listed below has team members trained to answer your questions, share local tips, and help you make the most of your time in Guelph. You'll also find a Visitor Information Kiosk at each spot and a dedicated stand stocked with brochures, guides, and maps to help you explore with confidence.

Find a visitor information kiosk:

- **Guelph Civic Museum** (52 Norfolk St.)
- **Borealis Grille & Bar** (1388 Gordon St.)
- **Fixed Gear Brewing Co. Canteen** (5 Edinburgh Rd. S.)
- **Fixed Gear Brewing Co. Tasting Room** (20 Alma St. S.)
- **KANOO Coffee** (82 Yarmouth St.)
- **Market Fresh** (10 Paisley St.)
- **Miijidaa Café + Bistro** (37 Quebec St.)
- **Park Eatery** (294 Woolwich St.)
- **Royal City Brewing Company** (199 Victoria Rd. S.)
- **Sleeman Breweries** (551 Clair Rd. W.)
- **Smitten Apparel** (259 Grange Rd.)
- **Spring Mill Distillery** (43 Arthur St. S.)
- **The Wooly Pub** (176 Woolwich. St.)
- **Wellington Brewery** (950 Woodlawn Rd. W.)



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



📍 Riverside Park

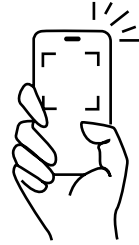


2 📍 Exhibition Park

As we gather, let us take time to reflect on our privilege to be in Guelph. This is a city built over rich Indigenous histories. We are guests here, and we should reflect upon the responsibility to care for this land, the people who live here today, the generations to come, and how we invite others to this land as well. If our actions today can move us towards reconciliation, we should take pause and make those decisions with intention and gratitude. This place we call Guelph has served as traditional lands and a place of refuge for many peoples over time, but more specifically, the Attiwonderonk, and the Haudenosaunee. This land is held as the treaty lands and territory with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Guelph also lies directly adjacent to the Haldimand Tract and is part of a long-established traditional hunting ground for the Six Nations of the Grand River. Many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples who have come from across Turtle Island call Guelph home today.

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Spring Mill Distillery

HOW TO SPEND

a Weekend in Guelph

Gather in Guelph for a weekend full of flavour, creativity, and connection. Explore local bites, scenic spots, and hidden gems that make this city special.



Red Brick Café

Friday Night

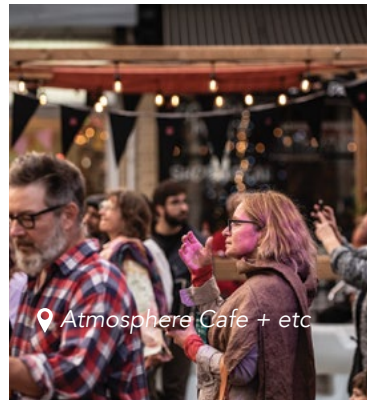
Kick off your Guelph adventure with dinner at The Ward Bar at Spring Mill Distillery. Pre-book a distillery tour and feel what it's like to step back in time, beginning with a restored mill that captures the enduring spirit of the Sleeman family.



Guelph Farmers' Market

Saturday

Fuel your morning with a coffee and breakfast at Red Brick Café, then stroll through the lively Guelph Farmers' Market to meet local vendors and sample fresh finds. Grab lunch at Atmosphere Cafe + etc., then spend the afternoon exploring some of Guelph's



Atmosphere Cafe + etc

landmarks, starting with the stunning **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate**. Learn about Guelph's history at the **Guelph Civic Museum** and visit the birthplace of John McCrae, doctor, soldier and author of "In Flanders Fields" at the **McCrae House**. Later on, stop by **The Grotto's** coffee bar for a pre-climb pick-me-up, then tackle a few routes on the climbing walls. When you're ready to refuel, take just a few steps next door to **Royal City Brewing** for dinner and a well-earned pint.

Sunday

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at **Uptown Grill**, a local favourite to fuel up for a morning outdoors. Then head to **Riverside Park**, one of Guelph's most loved green spaces. Wander the scenic trails, check out the disc golf course, and don't miss the accessible playground or the charming carousel. It's the perfect spot to slow down and soak up the weekend vibes. For lunch, enjoy wood-fired pizza and Italian classics at **Buon Gusto**, then wrap up your getaway with some relaxed shopping along **Quebec Street**, where local boutiques and unique finds make for the perfect souvenir stop.



📍 Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

📷 @teunesia



📍 McCrae House



📍 Riverside Park



RIDE, REST, AND REPEAT

Exploring Guelph By Bike

Discover Guelph on two wheels! Whether you're cruising through scenic trails or pedalling through historic neighbourhoods, biking is the perfect way to experience the city's charm. After a day of exploring, take time to relax and refuel at the amazing local businesses below. Your next unforgettable ride starts here!

Visit an Ontario by Bike certified business today:

- 📍 Bardo Guelph
- 📍 Bar Mason
- 📍 Cox Creek Cellars
- 📍 Delta Hotels by Marriott Guelph Conference Centre
- 📍 Fixed Gear Brewing Co.
- 📍 Flow State Bike Co
- 📍 Grounded Getaway
- 📍 Royal City Brewing Company
- 📍 Sleeman Retail Store and Taproom
- 📍 Speed River Bicycle
- 📍 Staybridge Suites Guelph

Find a cycle-friendly trail:



Plan your trip with Ontario by Bike:





Get into your Flow State



Rent a bike from Flow State Bike Co. and feel that “in the zone” flow where you’re totally focused, senses are heightened, and chatter is quieted. Pedal straight from the friendly boutique bike shop along Guelph’s river paths, mixed-use trails, and leafy parks; the shop provides bikes, gear, and a welcoming meeting place to get you moving. Everyone’s invited! Whether you’re a beginner, family, or an experienced rider, Flow State is ready to welcome you. Flow State is voted a top 10 bike shop in Canada by Canadian Cycling Magazine, so you’ll be in great hands for a day of easy adventuring and joyful exploration.



Rent a bike today:







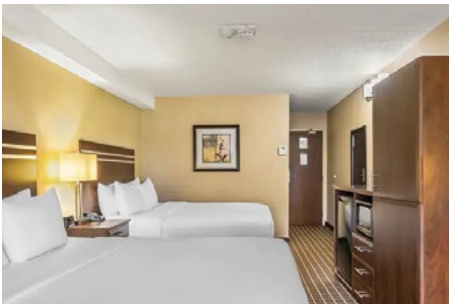


ACCOMMODATION

Let Guelph's unique, upscale, and charming accommodations welcome you with comfort and style. After a full day exploring all that Guelph has to offer, unwind in a cozy bed at one of our inviting hotels or guest houses.

Legend

-  Fitness area
-  Kitchenette
-  On-Site Dining
-  Pet Friendly
-  Pool
-  Meeting Space



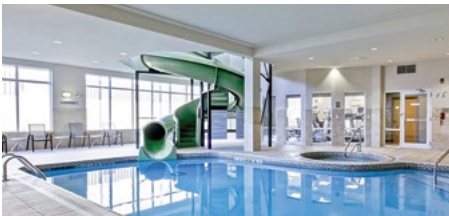
Comfort Inn Guelph

📍 480 Silvercreek Pkwy N
Choicehotels.com



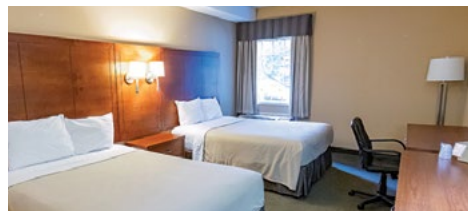
Delta Hotels & Conference Centre

📍 50 Stone Rd W
Deltaguelph.ca



Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

📍 35 Cowan Pl
Marriott.com



Gordon Hall

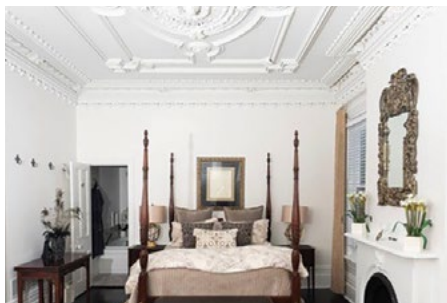
📍 785 Gordon St
accommodations@uoguelph.ca



Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton

📍 725 Imperial Rd N

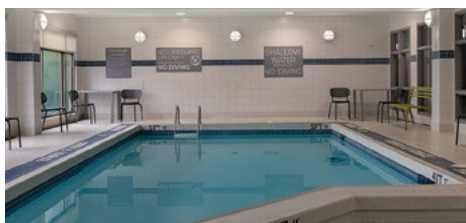
Hilton.com



Norfolk Guest House

📍 102 Eramosa Rd

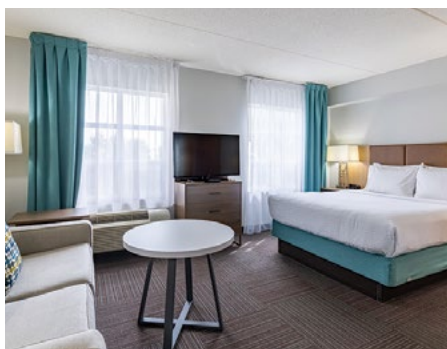
Norfolkguesthouse.ca



Spark by Hilton Guelph

📍 540 Silvercreek Pkwy N

Hilton.com



Staybridge Suites

📍 11 Corporate Ct

lhg.com/staybridge



Western Hotel & Executive Suites

📍 72 Macdonell St

Westernhotelsuites.com



University of Guelph Summer Accommodation

📍 50 Stone Rd E

Housing.uoguelph.ca/summerhostel





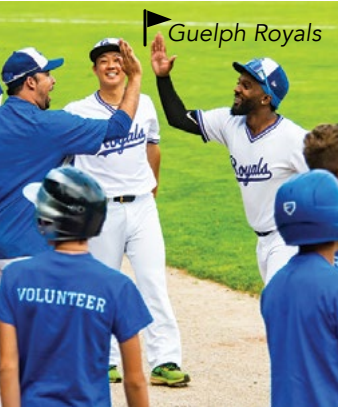
GAME NIGHT IN GUELPH



Feel the buzz. Guelph turns every match into a hometown celebration with energy, team colours, and an unmistakable local spirit. Whether you're here in the winter, spring, summer or fall, Guelph is host and home to fan favourites like hockey, baseball, soccer, varsity pride, or even roller derby, there's a game night here with your name on it!

The home teams:

- ▶ Guelph Storm
- ▶ Guelph Royals
- ▶ Guelph United FC
- ▶ University of Guelph Gryphons
- ▶ Guelph Roller Derby



Guelph Royals



Guelph Storm

Game Day Checklist:



- Wear the team colours
- Try a stadium snack
- Learn a chant and cheer loud
- Capture the moments and tag [@GatherInGuelph](#)
- Give a high five (after a big goal)
- Extend the fun at a local restaurant

GOLF



Tee off in Guelph! From crisp morning rounds to golden hour finishes, these courses welcome players of every level. Play the opening drive, set up for the perfect approach, and feel the thrill when the ball finds the cup and your friends erupt in cheers, because great golf moments happen here.

Where to play:

- 📍 Ariss Valley Golf and Country Club
- 📍 The Guelph Country Club
- 📍 Springfield Golf & Country Club
- 📍 Guelph Lakes Golf & Country Club
- 📍 Victoria Park East Golf Club
- 📍 Victoria Park Valley Golf Club

Don't let weather or season stop you, try one of Guelph's indoor golf simulators for year-round play and practice:

- 📍 The Golf House & Sports Bar
- 📍 Next Golf Guelph
- 📍 DBLCRS Sim Lounge
- 📍 TARGET Indoor Golf



SPRING: Sights, Bites, and Delights



Sights: Walk along Cherry Blossom Lane on South Ring Road E at the University of Guelph this spring and discover a breathtaking canopy of blossoms.

📍 Dirty Soda Girls



Bites: Sip sparkling creations in the fresh air at Dirty Soda Girls then savour Sinalove's vibrant Mexican flavours, perfect for fresh spring afternoons.



Delights: Wander through The Arboretum to see nature come alive.

📍 The Arboretum



SPRING EVENTS

@watermkmissing

April
24-26

Gain Fest

facebook.com/gainmusicfest/



April
25

Doors Open

guelph.ca/living/arts-and-culture/doors-open-guelph/

May
29

Toronto Argonauts Preseason Game at the University of Guelph

argonauts.ca/schedule/2026/

June
5-7

Guelph Dance Fest

guelphdance.ca



June
5-14

Summer Pride

guelphpride.com/summer-pride

June
6

Special Saturday at Aberfoyle Antique Market

aberfoyleantiquemarket.com/saturday-special-shows/

June
6-7

Guelph Potters Market

guelphpottersmarket.com



June
12-14

Guelph and District Multicultural Festival

gdmf.ca

June
19-20

Junction Craft Beer Festival

fixedgearbrewing.com

June
20

Art on the Street

guelpharts.ca/programs/art-on-the-street/



SUMMER: Sights, Bites, and Delights



Sights: Stroll across Guelph's Covered Bridge this summer and take in the serene river view that invites quiet reflection and timeless charm.



Bites: Cool off with a refreshing hibiscus lemonade from Laza Food & Beverages then linger over high tea or a scoop of ice cream at The Boathouse.

 Speed River Paddle



Delights: Row along the River with Speed River Paddle and let the gentle current carry your laughter downstream.

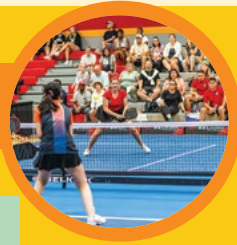
SUMMER EVENTS

June
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National Celebration of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis
Guelph.ca/ National-Celebration

June
26-28

The Good Games
thegood.games/guelph



July
1

Canada Day
sonicunyon.com/events

July
17-19

Hillside Festival
hillsidefestival.ca



July 31-
Aug 3

The Ontario Pirate Festival
thepiratefestival.com

August
6-9

Guelph Fringe Festival
guelphfringe.ca

August
21-23

Guelph Ribfest
ribfestguelph.com

Sept
10-13

Eden Mills Writer's Festival
edenmillswritersfestival.ca

Sept
11

Downtown Vintage Market
downtownguelph.com

Sept
11-13

Guelph Jazz Festival
guelphjazzfestival.com



FALL: Sights, Bites, and Delights



Sights: Take a peaceful walk through Preservation Park and soak in the dazzling display of autumn colours.



Bites: Raise a craft cocktail at Standing Room Only, Canada's smallest bar, then cozy up to comfort classics and a warm, welcoming atmosphere at The Fat Duck.



Standing Room Only

Strom's Farm



Delights: Visit Strom's Farm's pumpkin patch and celebrate the simple joys of harvest time.

FALL EVENTS

Sept 18
- Oct 4

Culture Days

onculturedays.ca/festival-hubs/guelph/

Sept
25-27

Oktoberfest

royalcitybrew.ca



Sept
26

Downtown Dog Promenade

downtownguelph.com

Sept
26

Rural Romp

tastereal.ca



Oct
2-3

Because Beer Craft Beer Festival

becausebeer.ca

Oct
16

Spring Mill Distillery Festival of Spirits

johnsleemanandsons.com

Oct
17-18

Guelph Studio Tour

guelphstudiotour.ca



Oct
17, 21-24, 28

Strom's Farm Mazing in the Moonlight

strom.ca

WINTER: Sights, Bites, and Delights

📍 Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate



Sights: Gaze upon the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and admire its majestic silhouette framed by crisp snow and serene seasonal beauty.



Bites: Warm up with a delicious and steaming cup of hot cocoa from Eric the Baker, then settle into Bardo Guelph for comforting fare that melts away the cold.

📍 Eric the Baker



📍 Market Square



Delights: Skate in Market Square and glide through a winter wonderland. No skates? Don't worry, Source for Sports across the street has you covered with rentals!

📍 Old Quebec Street Mall

WINTER EVENTS

Nov
4-8

U SPORT 2026 Women's Rugby Championship
gryphons.ca

Nov
6-14

Guelph Film Festival
guelphfilmfestival.ca



Nov
12-15

Fair November
fairnovember.ca

Nov
14

Guelph Beer Day
guelph.beer

First 3
Weekends in
December

Spirit of the Season
spiritoftheseasonguelph.com



Dec
12-31

Sparkles in the Park
rotaryguelph.ca

Feb 5-6
2027

Hillside Inside
hillsidefestival.ca



Feb 11-13
2027

Winter Pride
guelphpride.com

Mar 20-21
2027

College Royal
collegeroyalsocty.com





GUELPH BEER BUS

In Guelph, beer isn't just brewed, it's shared. Five local breweries have teamed up to create the award-winning Guelph.Beer Bus, a free shuttle that connects their taprooms on one Saturday a month from April to November. It's more than a ride - it's a celebration of community, collaboration, and craft. Each stop offers a unique flavour of Guelph, whether you're chasing live music, pet-friendly patios, or the perfect pint, you'll find it here.

2026 Dates & Themes:

- April 18** **Ugly Sweater Day**
- May 23** **80s**
- June 13** **Dress Like Dad**
- July 11** **Tropical Luau**
- August 22** **Summer Camp**
- September 19** **Oktoberfest**
- October 17** **Halloween**
- November 14** **Guelph**





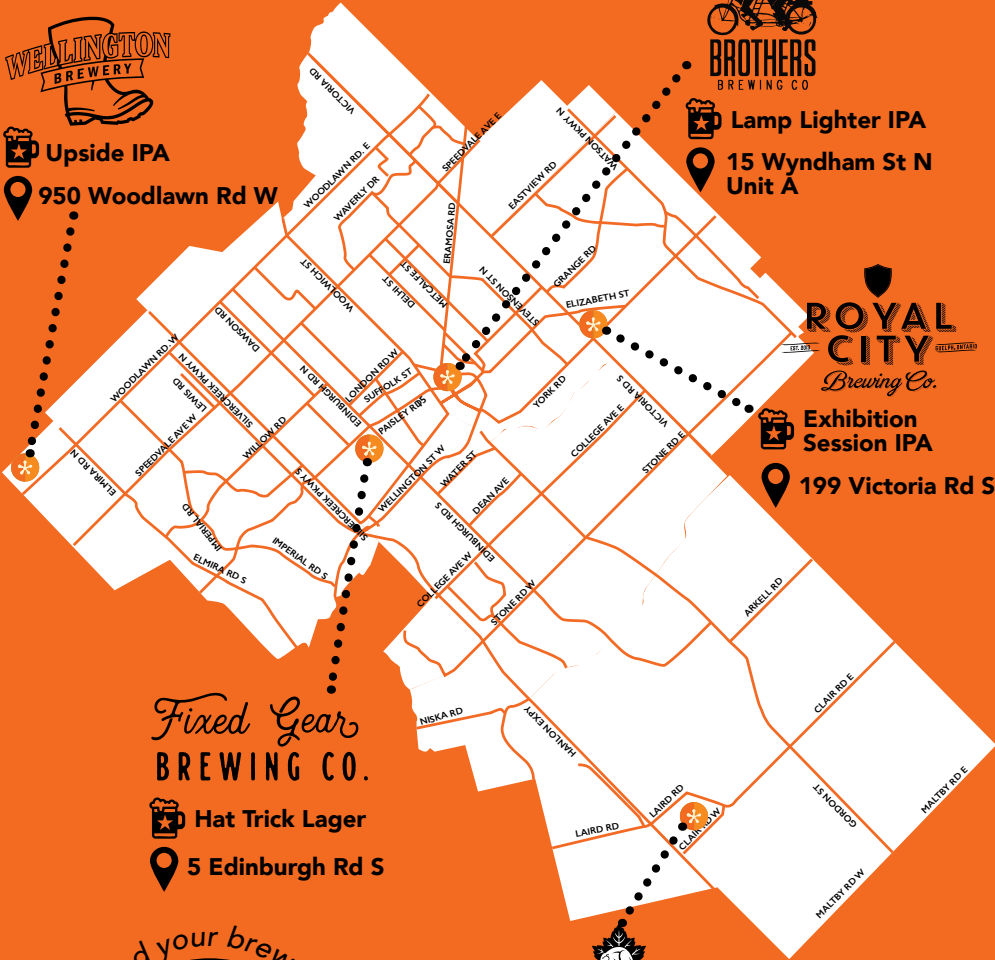
**Raise a glass to local flavour,
Guelph's brewing community is
waiting to welcome you. Please
drink responsibly.**



 **Upside IPA**
📍 950 Woodlawn Rd W



 **Lamp Lighter IPA**
📍 15 Wyndham St N Unit A



 **Exhibition Session IPA**
📍 199 Victoria Rd S

Fixed Gear
BREWING CO.

 **Hat Trick Lager**
📍 5 Edinburgh Rd S

Find your brew:



 **Silver Creek Lager**
(Retail store is the only place in Ontario where it's on tap)
📍 551 Clair Rd W

 **Recommended Brew**



FLAVOUR FIRST



Guelph is a city where flavour takes centre stage, inviting food lovers to indulge in a culinary adventure that's as bold as it is thoughtful. Independent eateries thrive here, serving dishes that are plentiful, flavourful, and crafted with fresh local ingredients. From the first sip to the last bite, Guelph's food scene promises an experience that makes every visit unforgettable.

Don't miss these five foodie delights:

Baker Street Station

Step through the doors and you'll find yourself in a lively yet refined pub where craft brews flow and familiar comfort foods are reimaged with creative flair, inviting you to linger longer than you planned.



Bar Mason

Tucked inside the Delta Guelph Hotel, Bar Mason feels like a hidden gem where wood-fired pizzas and elevated home-style classics are made from local, sustainable ingredients, creating a chic dining experience you'll be glad you didn't miss.

Centurian Coffee

From the moment the aroma greets you, every sip feels like a journey. The beans are carefully chosen, roasted to perfection, and brewed into cups that transform coffee into an artful experience.



La Cucina Pizzeria

Watch Italian chefs at work with their custom Malagutti oven, blending tradition, skill, and the freshest ingredients into pizzas so authentic and irresistible you'll already be planning your next visit.

Na-ha Thai

Here, the vibrant spices, herbs, and regional flavors of Thailand come alive in dishes crafted by Thai chefs, each plate a harmonious story of authenticity that welcomes you to taste the soul of their cuisine.





THE CRAFTY CIRCUIT

📍 Play with Clay

Looking to roll up your sleeves and dive into creativity? Guelph is home to a thriving arts community where visitors can learn, play, and make something beautiful. Find a workshop to unleash your creative spirit!

Crock A Doodle

Pottery Painting
crockadoodle.com

Dragonfly Art Studio

Painting & Mixed Media
dragonflyartstudio.ca

Lucent Glass

Stained Glass & Glass Fusing
lucentglassandart.com

Otherwise Studios

Printmaking & Screenprinting
otherwisestudios.com

Play with Clay

Pottery Painting & Clay Building
playwithclayguelph.com

The Wheel Works

Pottery Wheel & Ceramics
thewheelworks.ca

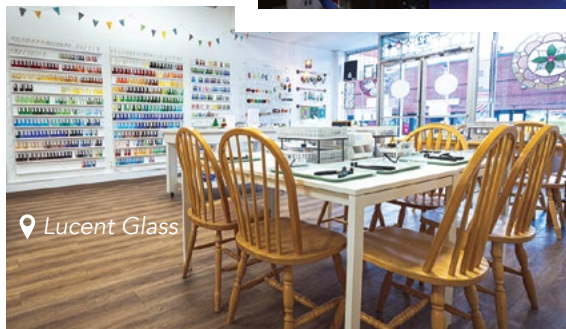
📷 Dilettante Hospitality



📍 Lucent Glass



📍 Play with Clay



📍 Lucent Glass



GUELPH TOURS

Basilica Tours

Select dates by appointment
Marvel at stained glass, grand architecture and centuries of community history.
basilicaofourlady.com

Ghost Walk of Guelph


Select dates and private bookings
Go on an eerie evening stroll through downtown streets under lantern lights – goosebumps possible!
ghostwalkofguelph.com

Guelph Urbex Walking Tours

Year-round and private bookings
Step into Guelph's secret past with adventurous walking tours that explore abandoned sites, bootlegging history, and quirky local legends.
guelphurbex.com

Historical Walking Tours by the Guelph Arts Council

Select dates (April - October)
Join lively, art-infused walks that connect Guelph's creative scene with its historical streetscapes.
guelpharts.ca

 [Guelph Urbex Walking Tours](#)



 [University of Guelph](#)

Taste Detours

Year-round and private bookings
Savour Guelph through guided food-and-drink walks that pair local stories with tastings from bakeries, breweries, and hidden culinary gems.
tastedetours.ca

University of Guelph Historical Tour

Self-guided
Explore the campus at your own pace with a richly layered route that highlights landmark buildings, stories, and scenic spots.
uoguelph.ca

Woodlawn Memorial Park Tours

Self-guided
Wander the 80-acre cemetery where public art, memorials and notable graves tell moving stories of the city.
woodlawnmemorialpark.ca



FAMILY FUN

Looking for ways to keep the whole family entertained? Guelph is packed with playful adventures, hands-on learning, and sweet treats that make every visit memorable.

Riverside Park: A local favourite with something for everyone. Kids can climb, slide, and swing at the incredible playground, or even ride the charming antique carousel for nostalgic spin through the park.

Guelph Civic Museum: Step into history at The Royal City Families Gallery. This is an interactive space designed for all ages, where the whole family can explore Guelph's story and its place in the wider world.

Children's Art Factory: Where art meets play! This creative hub invites kids to experiment, imagine, and make masterpieces in a space designed to spark curiosity and joy.



📍 Riverside Park

Funvilla: A vibrant indoor playground bursting with adventure. From climbing structures to obstacle courses, it's the perfect spot for kids of all ages to burn off energy while having a blast.



The Arboretum: Escape into nature with trails, gardens, and family-friendly workshops. It's a peaceful retreat where kids can explore the outdoors and parents can enjoy a breath of fresh air.

Bonus: Grab a treat! Check out **Chocolats Favoris** for a specialty ice cream cone or head downtown to Sweet! to find your one-of-a-kind candies from around the world.



COUPLE'S ESCAPE

Spark some romance and enjoy quality time with your partner. Guelph is the perfect spot for a date night out! Whether you're looking to relax, seek adventure, or share a new experience, there's something for every couple.

The Wellness enthusiasts: Step into serenity at Nature's Salt Cave, then savour a delicious meal at The Fork on York.

The Thrill-Seekers: Challenge yourselves with a climb at The Grotto, then unwind next door with craft brews at Royal City Brewing.

The Game Night Duo: Head to The Roundtable for board games, activities, and dinner all in one spot.

The Cocktail Lovers: Tour Spring Mill Distillery and finish with a delicious dinner at The Ward Bar right on site.

The Show-Goers: Catch a performance at the River Run Centre, then dine nearby at the warm and welcoming Miijidaa Café + Bistro.

With so much to explore, why not extend your stay in Guelph with a hotel getaway? Turn your date night into a romantic weekend escape and enjoy everything the city has to offer.



SHOP DOWNTOWN

Downtown Guelph is full of charm, creativity, and one-of-a-kind finds. While you're here, be sure to wander, discover, and enjoy the many local businesses that make the heart of Guelph shine.

Here are **10 must-stop shops** to explore on your next visit:

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- 📍 **Bule Iris Studios**
- 📍 **Creative Edge**
- 📍 **Old Quebec Street Shoppes**
- 📍 **Grit and Grace**
- 📍 **Janus Books**
- 📍 **Old Pal Vintage**
- 📍 **Royal Cat Records**
- 📍 **Secret Garden Boutique**
- 📍 **Rug & Weave**
- 📍 **Three Pieces**



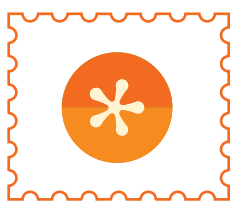
Find a downtown event!
@downtownguelph





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HERE

*Come celebrate Guelph's
200th birthday with us in 2027!*



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Greetings from...

GUELPH

Ontario, Canada

