

# The Bulls Go International!

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12:00 NOON

THE ROGERS CENTRE  
TORONTO, CANADA



*Treat yourself to a holiday experience in one of the greatest cities in the world and be part of the fifth consecutive Bowl Game appearance for your USF Bulls. Book your travel package at <http://www.BullsSportsTravel.com>*

## Air Travel

Because of international restrictions, and the difficulty of finding suitable charter planes on the busiest team travel weekend of the year, we recommend commercial air travel to Toronto.

## Bulls Fans Travel Packages

### TEAM PACKAGE: WESTIN HARBOUR CASTLE

Spend two nights at the Westin Harbour Castle, the official Bowl hotel of the Bulls, situated on beautiful Lake Ontario. Package includes options for the Bulls pre-game tailgate party and game tickets. Additional nights available.

**Two night stay (includes all taxes and service charge): \$359**

**Additional nights (includes all taxes and service charge): \$180 per night**

**Optional Tailgate Tickets\*: \$50.00 per person**

**Optional Game Tickets: \$40.00 per person**

(\*please note that there will be a \$2 credit card processing fee when you book this option on <http://www.BullsSportsTravel.com>)



### EXCURSION PACKAGE: FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK

Make the luxurious and historic Fairmont Royal York hotel your home for your trip to the International Bowl and enjoy a tour of some of Toronto's finest attractions. With direct access to Toronto's underground tunnel system, you can walk to many of the area's attractions and to the Rogers Centre on game day. The three-day tour cost shown below includes your hotel (including all taxes and service charge), a New Year's Day dinner at the Harbour 60 Restaurant, an outing to the Royal Ontario Museum (currently featuring the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit), and tailgate tickets. Select from hundreds of exclusive New Year's Eve parties (prices and options TBA) and ring in the New Year with the Bulls! Game tickets (\$40) may be purchased separately.

**Three-Night Excursion Tour from December 31-January 3: \$1180 per couple/  
double occupancy or \$874 single occupancy**

**Additional Nights (includes all taxes and service charge): \$190 per night.**



**VISIT [WWW.BullsSportsTravel.com](http://WWW.BullsSportsTravel.com) to secure your travel arrangements!**

For Bulls Club staff assistance, please contact Amabel McCormick at (813) 974-4223 or [Amabel@admin.usf.edu](mailto:Amabel@admin.usf.edu).

## *Important Travel Information*

You must have a valid passport or other approved credentials to travel between Canada and the United States, and special travel authorization requirements may apply to children under age 18. In addition, persons with drunk driving or other criminal records may not be permitted to enter Canada. We strongly recommend visiting [http://www.consular.canada.usembassy.gov/enter\\_canada.asp](http://www.consular.canada.usembassy.gov/enter_canada.asp) for more information.

## *Bringing Children Over the Border*

Visitors of all ages require passport or passport equivalent. Divorced parents who share custody of their children should carry copies of the legal custody documents with them. If a child is traveling with only one parent, it is advisable to bring the written permission of the other parent to transport the child into Canada, along with contact information of the non-traveling spouse. Children traveling with non-parental adults or guardians should have the written permission from parents or legal guardians, including contact information.

## *Personalize Your Visit*

Toronto offers a wide array of attractions, shopping, entertainment, and cultural and historical sites. Following are just a few that may be of interest to you.

### **THEATRE**

Playing during the period of December 30 through January 3:

- The Sound of Music** (Princess of Wales Theater, 300 King St. W)
- The Toxic Avenger** (Music Hall, 147 Danforth Ave, Toronto)
- Robin Hood: The Environmental Family Musical** (Elgin Theatre , 189 Yonge Street)
- Fiddler on the Roof** (244 Victoria Street, Toronto)
- Cinderella** (4950 Yonge Street, Madison Centre)
- Courageous** (Tarragon Theatre, 30, Bridgman Ave)
- The Wizard of Oz** (Living Arts Centre, 4141 Living Arts Drive)
- Jersey Boys** (Toronto Centre for Arts (5040 Yonge Street)
- My Mother's Lesbian Jewish Wiccan Wedding** (Panasonic Theatre, 651 Yonge St.)

### **THE NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA** ([www.national.ballet.ca](http://www.national.ballet.ca))

Performing *The Nutcracker* through January 3

### **ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM** ([www.rom.on.ca/](http://www.rom.on.ca/))

Exhibits December 30 through January 3:

- Wedgwood: Artistry and Innovation**
- Dead Sea Scrolls: Words that Changed the World**
- Joshua Neustein: Margins**
- Coffee & Smokes in Medieval Yemen**
- Hamra Abbas: Read (contemporary artist's response to the Scrolls)**
- Vanity Fair Portraits: Photographs 1913-2008**
- East Asian Paintings & Prints: Recent Acquisitions**

# *Personalize Your Visit (continued)*

## AREA ATTRACTIONS

### **Casa Loma ([www.casaloma.org](http://www.casaloma.org))**

Toronto's Majestic Castle with soaring battlements, secret passageways and underground tunnel, Casa Loma pays homage to the castles and knights of days gone by.

### **Niagara Falls**

This world-famous attraction is approximately 1.5 hours from Toronto by car.

### **Historic Fort York ([www.fortyork.ca](http://www.fortyork.ca))**

Garrison built in 1793, a historic 1812 battle site. Rebuilt by the British in 1813, today Fort York is open year-round and is home to Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings.

### **Hockey Hall of Fame ([www.hhof.com](http://www.hhof.com))**

The Hockey Hall of Fame is fun for everyone. Located inside Brookfield Place at 30 Yonge St. You will find interactive exhibits, life size statues, a replica dressing room, theatres, gift shop, broadcasting booth, a net for target practice and many precious artifacts. It's home to the Stanley Cup!

## SHOPPING

### **[Toronto Eaton Centre](#)**

The Toronto Eaton Centre is a bright and airy shopping mall in the heart of Toronto's downtown that houses more than 250 stores—the third largest mall in Canada as measured by visitors, Toronto's biggest tourist attraction. The stores will appeal to the budget conscious and spendthrifts alike.

### **[Bloor-Yorkville](#)**

Yorkville is a delightful anomaly in the midst of Toronto high-rises and shopping malls. Tucked into a pocket of downtown, the quaint Victorian architecture in Yorkville houses dozens of restaurants, boutiques and art galleries. Bloor Avenue runs adjacent to Yorkville and features shopping that is upscale and includes Holt Renfrew, Prada, Hermes, Gucci and Hazelton Lanes.

### **[Winners - Various Locations](#)**

Winners is much like TJ Maxx and Filene's Basement in the US. Winners sells designer labels at up to 60% off regular prices.

### **[The Hudson's Bay Company](#)**

Canada's oldest corporation has several different store chains in Toronto and thousands across Canada. The flagship store is right across from the Toronto Eaton Centre on the corner of Bay and Queen. The Bay is a good old-fashioned department store with everything from clothes to household items, and a place to have a little lunch. The Bay is particularly famous for its Hudson's Bay Blanket, sold for more than two centuries!

### **[Chinatown](#)**

Toronto has the second largest Chinatown in North America. People will find bargains on exotic trinkets, jewelry, clothing and household items. Plus, of course, where there's a bustling Chinatown, there's delicious food, and Toronto's Chinatown is no exception. There are dozens, maybe hundreds, of restaurants serving not just authentic Chinese, but also Vietnamese and other Asian fare. Chinatown runs along Spadina from King Street to College.

### **[Queen Street](#)**

Queen Street cuts east/west through Toronto and morphs from funky retro to chic shops and restaurants to antique shopping to the Beach district at the far east end. Especially famous for attracting shoppers is Queen Street West (University to Spadina): edgy, hip and trendy all describe this area of Toronto that also boasts some of the best known clubs and cafes. The Queen Street West area has, in fact, become so popular that the truly bohemian have moved even further west to what is now known as West Queen West (between Bathurst Ave. and Niagara St.)

## *Personalize Your Visit (continued)*

### [Kensington Market](#)

Kensington Market is great for those who want to get away from high-rises and department stores. If you don't want to shop at The Gap or drink coffee at Starbucks, Kensington Market offers a nice respite from the usual big commercial trappings. Adjacent to Chinatown, Kensington Market has a plethora of retro shops, cheap and used clothing stores, cool cafes, furniture shops, great restaurants, and a variety of ethnic and organic produce stores.

### [St Lawrence Market](#)

Close to downtown and central to the historic St. Lawrence neighborhood. The St Lawrence Market includes the South Market, which has over 50 mostly food specialty vendors and a gallery on the second floor, and the North Market, which today carries on an over century old tradition of hosting a Saturday Farmers' Market. On Sundays, more than 80 antique dealers fill the St Lawrence's North Market building.

### [Honest Ed's in the Annex](#)

Honest Ed's is a Toronto landmark. Neon and garish, the giant bargain centre that Ed Mirvish opened in 1948 sells "everything from wine to twine." The store may just be a novelty to you or you may pick up a bargain (a great place to pick up something you forgot to pack). Either way, you will find yourself in a very cool neighborhood of Toronto called the Annex, which boasts many fashionable boutiques and restaurants, including those of Little Korea or Korea Town.

## *Official International Bowl and USF Events*

### **December 31**

[New Year's Eve at Nathan Phillips Square](#)—City TV's traditional Toronto New Year's Eve Bash at Nathan Phillips Square is one of the highlights of Toronto's New Year celebrations. Some of the hottest pop artists perform live at this alcohol-free event. CityTV's personalities will host this year's Toronto New Year's Eve which will be broadcast live. Free admission.

### **January 1**

[International Bowl Kick-off Luncheon at the Westin Harbour](#)—Starwood Hotels & Resorts is the host sponsor, and the two Head Coaches will share the spotlight at the Westin Harbour Castle. Limited ticket availability. Price TBD.

[Battle of the Marching Bands](#)—Without question one of the most popular of the Bowl Week special events! On Friday evening the marching bands from each school will battle it out at Metro Hall Square. Each band will perform their school fight song and then alternate with selected numbers to stir the crowd. The battle begins at 5:30 pm and wrap up around 7:00 pm.

### **January 2**

[Stadium Pep Rally](#)—the 2010 International Bowl gets off to a rousing start as each school hosts a pre-game pep rally at Rogers Centre. Join the marching bands and cheerleaders for a pre-game performance and rally on the stadium plaza prior to entering the stadium.

[USF Tailgate](#)—Join other Bulls fans at the traditional Pre-game tailgate party. Location TBD. Tickets are \$50 per person.

[USF vs. Northern Illinois, noon](#)—GO BULLS!

# *Other Things You Should Know*

## **Money**

All of Canada uses the Canadian Dollar. Most places, especially those near the Canada / U.S. border, will also accept U.S. dollars, but exchange rates may vary or be unfavorable.

Bills are commonly available in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 dollar. The \$1 and \$2 bills have been replaced with coins (the loonie and the toonie). Other coins come in the denominations of 1 cent, 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents.

Canadian bills are brightly colored, making them easy to distinguish from one another.

## **Tipping**

Tipping works much as it does in the U.S. A 15% - 20% gratuity is standard at most restaurants. Taxi drivers, baggage porters, valet drivers, and salon employees, such as hair stylists, also appreciate tips.

## **Sales Tax**

Visitors to Canada may give their restaurant or shopping receipts a double take if unfamiliar with the Canadian tax rate for goods and services. For example, in Toronto a \$100Cdn shopping spree becomes \$115Cdn after tax. The good news is that visitors may apply to get a refund on the taxes they have paid while in Canada. [Learn how to get your visitor tax refund.](#) The tax that consumers pay for goods and services (except those considered exempt) varies across Canada. In Toronto, visitors will pay 8% .