Pacific Language Institute

Welcome to Toronto!

Welcome to PLI Toronto, a fabulous waterfront city. Lying on the north shore of Lake Ontario, Toronto is Canada's largest and most cosmopolitan city. Its breathtaking architecture, world class theater, international sports, and beautiful waterfront setting make this a popular city to study in. Stroll around Harbourfront Park with new international friends, watch the Blue Jays play baseball at Rogers Centre or take in the view from the top of the tallest free-standing tower in the world, the CN Tower.

Toronto is a great choice for you if you like the excitement of a big city. It is well-known for its nightlife, music, festivals, professional sports, great shopping and restaurants. From Toronto you can take weekend trips to Niagara Falls, Montreal, Ottawa, Boston and New York. Being such an international city means it is easy to reach, with flights in from everywhere from Abu Dhabi to Zurich. Our campus offers students the very best of locations in the downtown city centre.

School facilities

Classrooms

There are 20 bright and spacious classrooms. Each classroom is fully equipped with quality learning materials, comfortable study seating and state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment.

Multimedia and IT Centre

Our computer lab has been planned to create an ideal learning environment with the latest software and free Wi-Fi access.

Library

The community room has a library with textbooks, self study materials and magazines for students' use. There is also a library of videos which students can watch. The room is also used for afternoon activities.

Student Lounge

The lounge at the PLI is a great meeting place between classes and at lunchtime. Enjoy free Wi-Fi on your laptop, have a coffee with your new friends , or check out the e-bulletin boards for excursions and current events. It is also a great place to catch a movie or the latest sports events on our student cinema system. Microwaves are available if you bring your own food, or feel free to use the vending machines.

Sports Facilities

There are no gym facilities at the school. Students can join the local gym which has weights, a basketball court, indoor hockey and an exercise room.

Activities/Social Program

From the school, students can easily explore all attractions in Toronto on foot or by subway. PLI Toronto arranges a full schedule of excursions and activities including weekend trips to Montreal and Niagara Falls. There are also visits to the Toronto Zoo and the Art Gallery. Toronto has a lot of professional sports teams so students can purchase tickets to see games as well.

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to reception at the school at 8:30am. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a national holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be Tuesday.

Your course will begin with an all-day introduction, which will include:

- Welcome talk by the School Director
- Placement test and an interview with a teacher to determine your English level and the courses you require
- Information about your classes
- Information about courses
- Information about the school and surrounding area
- Overview of school activities and excursions
- Tour of the school facilities
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport
- Proof of Health Insurance
- Pen and paper for note-taking purposes

Following the intake, you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level and elective courses. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English. Your class times will be assigned after your test and you may be assigned morning classes or afternoon classes. This will depend on your level of English, your choice of classes, and class availability.

Local information

Transport - Buses and Trains

The school is near the two main subway stations in the heart of the city. The train station is 30 minutes away by subway.

Banks and Post Office

There are banks located within 3 minutes of the school. A Post Office is 5 minutes away by foot.

Restaurants and Cafés

There are many restaurants and cafés located within minutes of the school.

Department Stores and Supermarkets

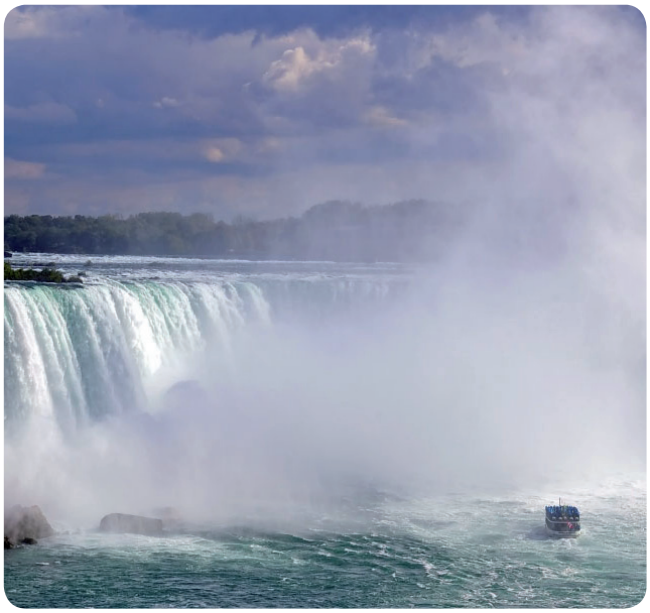
Supermarkets, department stores, clothing shops, boutiques, hair salons and major shops are located within a 5-minute walk of the school.

Telephone and Internet Café

There are two public pay phones close to the school. An Internet Café is located a 5-minute walk from the school.

Church / Mosque

There are numerous places of worship in the surrounding areas of the school.



Cost of Living

Approximate prices in CAD

Sandwiches: $6.00
Salad bowl: $8.00
Hot meal: $8.00
Drinks: $2.00
Tickets Cinema: $12.00

TTC (Bus, Streetcar or Subway):

One-way trip: $2.75
30 tickets: $22.50
Weekly pass $32.25
1-month pass: $109.00

Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample program and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: www.mypli.ca

Week one

Monday	Orientation day for new students
Tuesday	Visit the CN Tower
Wednesday	Watch a basketball game
Thursday	Movie night
Friday	Go to a concert
Saturday	Visit Niagara falls

Week two

Monday	Trip to Riverdale Farm
Tuesday	Visit Casa Loma (Toronto's castle)
Wednesday	See a Musical
Thursday	Visit the Art Gallery of Ontario
Friday	2-3 day trip to New York City

Transfers

PLI Toronto Transfers

Students should fly to Toronto Pearson International Airport. If the student has paid for the Transfer Service, a greeter holding a PLI Toronto sign will meet them outside Customs to help with transportation, or to drive them to their homestay. If the student has any flight changes, misses a connecting flight, or needs help meeting the Transfer Service, they should call the school's emergency number at 416-364-0989 for help, and be prepared to tell them their name, school name (PLI Toronto) and location. Students should only accept a transfer from a Greeter with the official PLI Toronto emblem.

Independent Transfers

Airport Express is a bus that costs approximately $45.00 to get downtown.
Visit www.torontoairportexpress.com
Taxi service costs approximately $40 - 60 (add 10-15% tip) to get to your homestay or downtown. The drive averages about 45 minutes depending on where you live.