# ABAC II

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Information Circular



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# I. Introduction

ABAC Canada is pleased to welcome you to Toronto for the Second ABAC Meeting, taking place from April 23-26, 2025, at the Delta Hotels Toronto.

We acknowledge that the land on which we will convene is the traditional territory of numerous Indigenous nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. Today, it is home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities. The city's name, Toronto, is derived from the Mohawk word 'Tkaronto.'

This document contains information regarding your arrival and stay in Downtown Toronto.



Vicinity of Delta Hotels, UP Express Station and Union Station highlighted

For any questions or concerns, please contact the ABAC Canada Secretariat.

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#### II. General Information

#### Weather

Toronto in late April is usually sunny and at around 12 degrees Celsius on average. Layers are recommended. <u>Up to date Toronto weather</u>.

# **Electricity**

In Canada, the standard power plugs and sockets are Type A and Type B. Type A has two flat parallel pins, while Type B has two flat parallel pins and a round grounding pin. Standard supply voltage is 120V at a frequency of 60 Hz.



# Sales tax and Tipping

A 13% tax on all goods and services applies in Toronto.

While tipping is optional in Canada, it is customary for many services, including dining and taxis/rideshares. Standard tips typically range from 15-20% of the pre-tax subtotal of your bill. Many restaurants automatically add a gratuity of 15-18% for tables of six or more. In such cases, there is no expectation to tip additionally. Please note that the exact percentage may vary by restaurant.

#### **Smoking**

Indoor smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public areas and within 9m of public building exits and entrances. Additionally, smoking is not allowed on restaurant patios, regardless of whether the space is enclosed.

#### **Emergency Calls**

For any medical or other physical emergencies, call **911**. You will be asked if the emergency is for police, ambulance or fire. For mental health emergencies, please call **211** to be connected with a non-police crisis worker.

#### **Health Insurance Coverage**

It is recommended that delegates obtain travel health insurance before travelling to Canada to cover any medical costs. This insurance will cover the costs associated with medical care provided by health facilities in the community such as hospitals and clinics.

For anyone who has prescribed medications, it is also recommended to have a copy of the prescription during their stay in Canada.

#### **French**

Canada's official languages are English and French. However, Toronto is not a bilingual city and use English as the standard language. Official buildings and signage will feature titles in both English and French.

# III. Venue and Official Accommodation

Delta Hotels is located at:

75 Lower Simcoe St Toronto, Ontario M5J 3A6

To learn more about the hotel, please visit their <u>website</u> (https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yyzdl-delta-hotels-toronto/overview/). For inquiries about your stay, please contact Delta Hotels directly at (+1) 416-849-1200.

#### Relevant rooms

ABAC Secretariat Office	Annex Meeting Room
ABAC Chair's Office	Riverdale Meeting Room
Common Delegation Room	Distillery Meeting Room
Plenary Room	SOCO Ballroom
Drafting Room	Harbourfront Meeting Room
Meeting Room 1	Beaches Meeting Room
Meeting Room 2	Junction Meeting Room
Luncheon Room	Kensington Ballroom
Gala Dinner	Kensington Ballroom

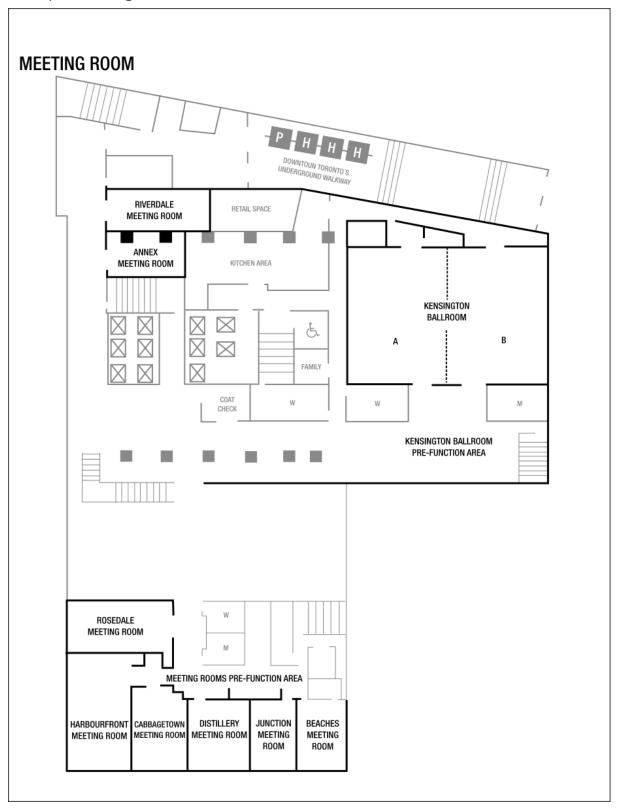
# **Private Meeting Rooms**

To book a meeting room please contact the below ABAC Canada Secretariat contact:

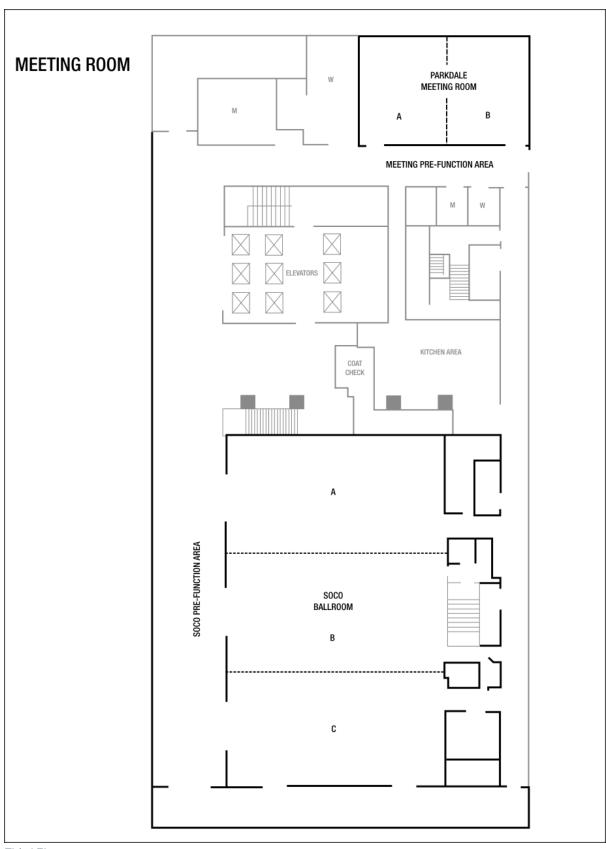
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# Map of Meeting Rooms



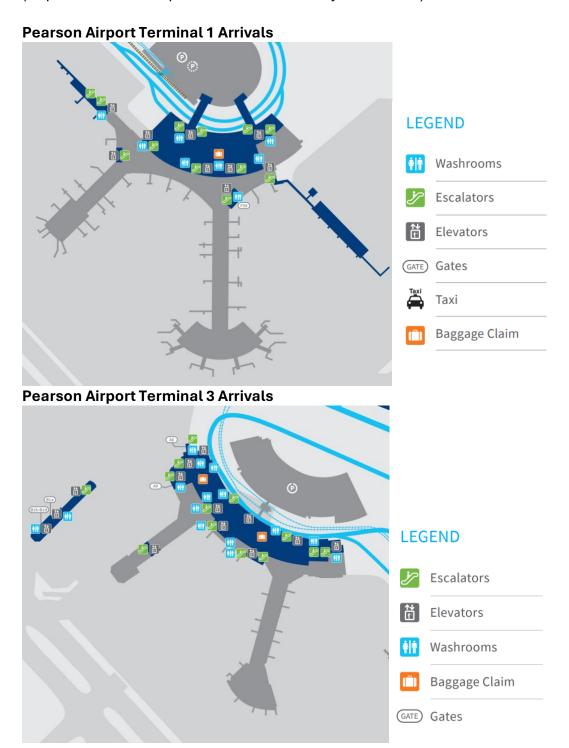
Second Floor



Third Floor

# IV. Lester B. Pearson International Airport

An <u>interactive map of the airport</u> is available online. For more information on airport services and lounges, please visit the airport <u>website</u> (https://www.torontopearson.com/en/while-you-are-here).



# APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC)

ABTC holders can enter Canada using the special service line at Canada's eight major international airports in the following cities: Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montréal and Halifax.

When using the special service line to enter Canada, foreign ABTC holders will continue to be required to show the following travel documents to border services officers:

- a valid ABTC;
- a valid passport; and
- a visa if they are from one of the following economies: Chile, China, Chinese Taipei (unless holding an ordinary passport issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan that includes the personal identification number of the individual), Indonesia, Malaysia, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam.
- Work permits may also be required depending on the nature of the business to be conducted in Canada.

<u>Find out here</u> if you require a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to enter Canada. If you require a visa letter, please contact the ABAC Canada secretariat.

#### Private Airport Transfers, Taxis, and Rideshare

You can pre-book a private transportation service to pick you up at Pearson and drop you off at your desired destination.

#### Toronto Car Service

To request a quote, please submit an online form through their <u>website</u> (https://torontocarservice.ca/toronto-airport-car-service/).

Tel: 866-382-7311

info@torontocarservice.ca

Toronto Airport Limo Service- A Celebrity Limousine Service Inc.
To request a quote, please submit an online form through their website (https://www.acelebritylimousine.com/airport) or contact Rob Iafrate.

Tel: 416 410-2226

info@acelebritylimousine.com

# Pick-Up Areas

For private transfers, pre-scheduled taxis, and rideshare services, Pearson Airport has designated pick-up areas. Upon arrival at Terminal 1 or Terminal 3, please proceed to Door A for pre-arranged transportation services.

For taxi or limousine services, please refer to the information below. Note that these services **do not** pick up passengers inside the terminals or at parking garages.

#### Terminal 1

Rideshare: Door Q

Non-reserved taxis: Door DNon-reserved limos: Door C

#### Terminal 3

Rideshare: Door D

Non-reserved taxis and limos: Door F

# Train from Pearson Airport to Downtown: Union-Pearson Express

The UP Express provides a direct connection between Union Station in downtown Toronto and Pearson Airport, with a travel time of just 25 minutes. Train cars are equipped with designated areas for luggage, and services run every 15 minutes.



The one-way adult fare is \$12.35CAD. Debit/ Credit card

payments are accepted at the UP Express stations, as well as PRESTO e-Tickets. For more information, please visit the UP Express <u>website</u> (https://www.upexpress.com/en?tab=departures).

From Pearson Airport to Union Station, the first train departs at 5:27 a.m. on weekdays and at 6:27 a.m. on weekends and holidays. Trains run every 15 minutes, with the last train departing at 00:57 a.m.

- At Pearson Airport, the UP Express station is attached to Terminal 1. Please follow "Train to City" signs.
- From Terminal 3, please follow signs to the Terminal Link train and hop on the 'Terminal 1 & UP Express' train. The inter-terminal train runs 24 hours a day.

From Union Station to Pearson Airport, the first train departs at 4:55 a.m. on weekdays and at 6:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays. The last train departs at 1:00 a.m.

• To find the UP Express station at Union Station downtown, follow 'UP Express' signs towards the west end of the station, in the Sky Walk.

Full train schedule can be found here

(https://assets.metrolinx.com/image/upload/v1720924612/Images/UP/Schedules/UP\_Express\_Schedules\_Jan2024\_EN\_-\_ORIGINAL\_SCHEDULE\_-\_EN.pdf).

# Billy Bishop Airport

If you are arriving in Toronto through Billy Bishop, please find more information on their <u>website</u> (https://www.billybishopairport.com/).

# V. City Transportation

#### Uber, LYFT, and Taxis

Rideshare services Uber and LYFT operate in Toronto. Please note that legitimate taxi services have clear branding on their vehicles, such as company signage on the roof and doors of the vehicle. It is not required, but customary, to tip drivers anywhere between 10-15%.

- Beck Taxi (416-751-5555)
- Co-Op Cabs (416-504-2667)
- Diamond Taxi (416-366-6868)

#### **Public Transit**

Toronto is connected by subway and trains, bus, and by streetcars. Stations and stops are marked by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) logo.

# **TTC Day Pass**

For CAD 13.50, the Day Pass provides unlimited travel on all TTC services for a 24-hour period. You can get a day pass at most subway stations through the ticket vending machines or online.



# **Other Accepted Payment Types**

# Credit/ Debit Card

Mobile wallets on your smartphone or smartwatch are also accepted. Make sure you use the same card when transferring to benefit from the 2-hour free transfer window.

#### Presto E-Ticket

For those taking infrequent trips, Presto E-Tickets

(https://www.prestocard.ca/en/about/presto-etickets) are also available. Purchase etickets on the website or Presto E-Tickets app. Up to 20 e-Tickets can be activated at a time for group travel.

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Alternatively, <u>Virtual Presto cards for your smartphone wallet</u> (https://prestocard.ca/en/about/presto-in-mobile-wallet/apple#using-apple-wallet) can be bought online for immediate use through the Presto app.

# Subway & Streetcars - the TTC

There are two major subway lines running through Downtown Toronto, North-South (Line 1 in yellow) and East-West (Line 2 in Green). Toronto is also connected by above-ground streetcars taking you East-West.

To find information about routes and fares, visit TTC.ca.

Union Station is the central hub for transit systems throughout the downtown area. It also houses various shops and restaurants. From Delta Hotels, it is a 5-minute walk away. The two locations are also connected underground through The Path.

#### VI. Attractions and Entertainment

Toronto is undeniably the ultimate destination for Canadian and international arts, culture, and entertainment, offering a vibrant mix of diverse experiences.

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Transit Downtown. Subway:
Yellow/ Green. Streetcars: Red.

To arrange tours, recommended tour providers are <u>Tour Guys</u> or <u>Go Tours Canada</u>.

#### **Around Delta Hotels**

#### **CN Tower**

At 447 meters, the CN Tower's Top observation deck is the highest observation platform in the Western Hemisphere. On a clear day, visitors can observe much of the Greater Toronto Area, as well as Niagara Falls and part of the state of New York. <u>Tickets required</u> (https://www.cntower.ca/).

#### Roy Thomson Hall

Home of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and offering regular evening performances. Tickets can be purchased <u>online</u> (https://roythomsonhall.mhrth.com/) or at the box office.

# St. Lawrence Market & Distillery District

Find here a wide variety of vendors selling local and global flavours. Set in the Distillery District, the neighbouring boutiques, galleries and restaurants also foster a vibrant atmosphere. Observe nearby one of Toronto's most historical buildings, the flatiron Gooderham Building.

#### Within 10-20min Car/Transit Distance

#### Toronto Islands

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See stunning views of the city skyline from the Toronto Islands, which is only a shorty ferry ride away from the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal at 9 Queens Quay W.

# Nathan Phillips Square & Toronto City Hall, Eaton Centre

See the iconic 'TORONTO' sign at Nathan Phillips Square in front of the unique Toronto City Hall and Old City Hall. Stop by Eaton Centre across the street for shopping.

# Queen's Park/ Ontario Legislature

The Ontario Legislative Building is a prominent landmark set in front of Queen's Park, where you can find various statues and gardens commemorating the city's history.

#### Royal Ontario Museum

Founded in 1912, the ROM features exhibits ranging from ancient civilizations and world cultures to dinosaurs, gemstones, and contemporary art. Tickets available <u>online</u> (https://www.rom.on.ca/) or at the door.

#### **Art Gallery of Ontario**

With a collection of more than 90000 works of art, the Art Gallery of Ontario is among the most distinguished art museums in North America. Tickets available <a href="https://ago.ca/">online</a> (<a href="https://ago.ca/">https://ago.ca/</a>)

# Toronto Football Club (TFC)

The TFC will be playing New York City on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. More information and tickets can be found here.

#### More

#### Casa Loma

This Gothic Revival-style mansion is recognized for its grand architecture, including turrets, towers, and beautifully landscaped gardens. <u>Tickets</u> (https://casaloma.ca/) required, tours also available.

# Kensington Market

This eclectic neighbourhood is known for its diverse culture and unique mix of shops, restaurants, and markets. With influences from various immigrant communities, it offers a wide range of global cuisines and independent boutiques found only in Toronto.

# **City Tours**

Explore the neighbourhoods and attractions of Toronto any way you want with these fun tours — by boat, bike, bus, on foot or in the air. To see tours offered throughout the City of Toronto visit the Destination Toronto <a href="website">website</a> (<a href="https://www.destinationtoronto.com/things-to-do/tours-and-day-trips/city-tours/">https://www.destinationtoronto.com/things-to-do/tours-and-day-trips/city-tours/</a>).

# Niagara Falls

The Niagara Region is also a daytrip away from Toronto, with the iconic Niagara Falls, and Ontario's premier wineries. More information on sites and tours can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.">https://example.com/here.</a>

#### VII. Restaurants

Toronto is globally renowned for its multiethnic culinary culture, reflecting the area's distinction as one of the most diverse cities in the world. **Reservations are required or strongly recommended for the restaurants below.** Please inquire with the restaurant directly for more information.

For more restaurants, explore the MICHELIN Guide Toronto 2024 <a href="https://guide.michelin.com/us/en/article/michelin-guide-ceremony/michelin-guide-toronto-all-the-stars">https://guide.michelin.com/us/en/article/michelin-guide-ceremony/michelin-guide-toronto-all-the-stars</a>).

The guide features 30 cuisine types, including one restaurant with two MICHELIN Stars, 15 with one MICHELIN Star, 23 Bib Gourmands, 61 Recommended restaurants, and one with a Green Star, awarded for a commitment to sustainable practices. Read More.

Many restaurants can also be booked through <u>Tock</u> or <u>OpenTable</u>.

#### Around the Hotel

Don Alfonso 1890 Italian   One Michelin Star "Somewhere you can rely on to offer an unforgettable experience[.] The Italian menu offers sophistication at every turn."	38/F - 1 Harbour Square, The Westin Tuesday – Sunday 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (416) 214-5888 https://www.donalfonsotoronto.com/
<b>Canoe</b> Canadian	54/F - 66 Wellington Street, The Toronto Dominion Centre Monday – Friday 11:45 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. (416) 364-0054 https://www.canoerestaurant.com/
Jacob's and Co. Steakhouse	12 Brant Street M5V 2M1 Monday – Saturday 5:00 p.m 10:00 p.m. (416) 366-0200 https://www.jacobssteakhouse.com/
Byblos Downtown Middle Eastern	11 Duncan Street 5-10/11 p.m.

647-660-0909
https://byblosdowntown.com/#contact

# **Distillery District**

The Networking Reception on Thursday, April 24 (6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.) will be held at the Distillery District. Below are several restaurants in the area for your consideration, should you wish to dine afterwards.

Restaurant 20 Victoria Toronto Local   One Michelin Star "Top-notch local produce, pristine seafood and refined sauce work make for a delicious trifecta on a seasonal tasting menu that boasts originality in spades."	20 Victoria Street M5C 2A1 Wednesday – Saturday 5:30 p.m 10:00 p.m. (416) 804-6066
GEORGE Restaurant Toronto Local	111C Queen Street East M5C 1S2 Tuesday – Saturday 5:30 p.m 12:00 a.m. (416) 863-6006 https://www.georgeonqueen.com/
<b>Carisma</b> Italian	15 Toronto Street M5C 2EC Monday – Saturday 5:00 p.m 10:00 p.m. (416) 864-7373 https://www.carismarestaurant.com/
El Catrin Mexican	18 Tank House Lane 416-203-2121 https://elcatrin.ca/reserve

# Yorkville

The Welcome Reception on Thursday, April 24 (6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) will be hosted at the Manulife Center at 55 Bloor St, near the Yorkville neighbourhood. Below are several restaurants in the area for your consideration, should you wish to dine afterwards. Its also known for its shopping.

Sushi Masaki Saito Omakase   Two Michelin Stars "Fish comes exclusively from Japan, and for the nigiri, [] his prized rice from Niigata prefecture, warm and tinged with his special blend of vinegars."	88 Avenue Road M5R 2H2 Monday – Friday 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (416) 924-0888 https://www.masakisaito.ca/
Enigma Contemporary   One Michelin Star "Dishes are delicate, poised and detailed creations[.]"	23 St. Thomas Street M5S 3E7 Tuesday – Saturday 5:00 p.m 11:00 p.m. (416) 323-3332 https://www.enigmayorkville.com/
<b>Amal</b> Lebanese	131 Bloor Street West M5S 1R1 Sunday – Wednesday 5:00 p.m 10:00 p.m. Thursday – Saturday 5:00 p.m 11:00 p.m. (416) 551-9929 https://amaltoronto.com/
<b>Mimi Chinese</b> Upscale Chinese	265 Davenport Rd, Toronto, ON M5R 1J9 Tuesday-Saturday 5:00pm – 10:00pm (416) 505-0799 https://mimichinese.com/toronto/