



Companion Program

Moderator(s): Roni Feldman

DATE: Monday, October 5th, 2015 TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION: Simcoe/Dufferin,

GUEST SPEAKERS: Ms. Roni Feldman - Feldman & Associates Inc.

DESCRIPTION: Neighbourhood Tour - Shopping Extravaganza - McMichael Gallery.
Exit at York Street from hotel for all Bus transportation to events.

Meet & Greet with the Companion Chair and other companions - Sunday Ice Breaker Reception. (Upper Osgoode Foyer)
Sunday, October 4, 2015 - Meet & Greet with the Companion Chair and other companions.

Monday, October 5, 2015 (Companion Breakfast 7:30am - 8:30am Simcoe/Dufferin Room)- Neighbourhood Tour: The Danforth, The Distillery District, Little Portugal, Cabbagetown, Yorkville and Forest Hill

The Danforth-to the area known by its residents as Greektown. This area is filled with lively Greek restaurants and shops and is enjoyed by thousands who stroll its sidewalks sampling the cuisine and music of this lively culture.

Little Portugal- Portuguese immigration to Toronto began in the early 1950's, and peaked in the late 1960's and early 1970s. Toronto is home to the largest concentration of Portuguese (171,545) in the country. The majority of this group (96,815) lives in the City of Toronto, of which 12,075 reside in Little Portugal, the historical core of Portuguese settlement in Toronto. Little Portugal is located in the downtown west end of Toronto.

Cabbagetown-an area named because the early inhabitants actually grew cabbages in their front gardens! The gentrification of the homes over the past decade has provided unique dwellings for the avant-garde. You will enjoy the unbroken streetscapes of attractive 19th century houses, tall budding trees and the atmosphere of real neighbourhoods in the heart of a large metropolis.

Yorkville and Forest Hill-where the elite live and shop. Drive along to one of Toronto's original streets, Spadina Road. Now known as the Fashion "rag trade" District, this area is home to many clothing discount stores. Surrounding this area is also North America's second largest Chinatown that is continuing to grow and expand at a rapid pace. Experience the beehive of activity and industry in this ever-changing and always exciting neighbourhood.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 (Companion Breakfast 7:30am - 8:30am Simcoe/Dufferin Room)- Shopping Extravaganza - Shoes, Sapphires and More!

Tuesday's tour includes a visit to one of Toronto's unique museums that houses a selection of Sonja Bata's personal collection of over 1,000 artefacts. This exclusive collection spans 4,500 years and represents cultures from around the world.

Next, guests will visit the Royal Ontario Museum's spectacular Gallery of Gems and Gold. Nearly 600 beautiful and rare gems, gem crystals, jewellery and gold specimens are on display representing the wide diversity and colour of precious stones, and some of the finest gems and jewellery in Canada. Highlighted in the gallery is the famed 900-carat Light of the Desert, the largest faceted cerussite gem in the world.

Wednesday, October 07, 2015 (Companion Breakfast 7:00am - 8:00am Simcoe/Dufferin Room)- McMichael Gallery

Nestled amidst 100 acres of serene woodland in the charming village of Kleinburg, Ontario, the McMichael Gallery is home to an unparalleled collection of Canadian artworks by Tom Thomson and the famous Group of Seven, as well as First Nations, Inuit and contemporary artists.

Discover the rich diversity of Ontario through the eyes of some of its most famous artists and artisans. Today's journey will take guests to the picturesque town of Kleinburg to the McMichael Canadian Art Collection.

BIOGRAPHY: Ms. Roni Feldman

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