

The best ways to spend a very special Canada Day

## Party Planner

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IT'S NOT EVERY DAY you get to attend a 150th birthday party. A country that's been around that long deserves to be celebrated. Here are some suggestions for the big day.

### BE PART OF THE ACTION

The nation's capital is known for its Canada Day festivities. This year, the city will get the royal treatment as the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall tour the Ottawa region on July 1. That same day, the Canadian Museum of History is offering free admission as it opens its Canadian History Hall exhibition. There, 250 custom illustrations and 1,800

artifacts take visitors through 15,000 years of history. The city will also showcase musical performances by contemporary acts at Parliament Hill, Major's Hill Park and the Canadian Museum of History. For fans of classical music, the National Arts Centre crowd will offer an afternoon and evening performance on July 1—free of charge. And at day's end, the beloved annual pyromusical fireworks display will make its return to Parliament Hill.

**THINK OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL**  
There might not be a more patriotic place in which to feed the nation

than Charlottetown—the birthplace of Confederation. On July 1, Port Charlottetown will host nine tall ships, including the *Oriole*, Canada's longest-serving navy vessel, as well as HMCS *Charlottetown* and *Canada C3*. These tall ships—a throwback to Canada's trading, colonial and exploration days—are part of a 40-strong flotilla that departed from the U.K. in April and will traverse Canadian waters in a race of over 7,000 nautical miles. Visitors can climb aboard for deck tours of these historic sailing craft.

In Toronto, the Ontario Science Centre's year-round installation,

*Canada 150: Discovery Way*, features Canadian inventors and innovators such as Montreal's Marcellus Gilmore Edson, who dreamed up peanut butter, and Susan Olivia Poole, an Anishinaabe woman who created the Jolly Jumper. Nearby, *Billy Bishop Goes to War* opens on July 1 at Toronto's Young Centre for the Performing Arts. This much-beloved musical dramatizes the life of the Ontario-born First World War military aviator.

In Winnipeg, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights presents its *Points of View* exhibition, from late June to early 2018 and features



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### HOME SWEET HOME

Just because you *can* get outside this Canada Day doesn't mean you have to. If you prefer to spend the holiday indoors, get some family or friends together for the breakfast of Canadian champions: eggs and (lots and lots of) bacon. Then park yourselves on the couch and marathon 150 minutes' worth of Canadian content from the National Film Board's free online collection, which features



Photo from the *Points of View* exhibition titled *The Next Generation*.

13,000 films, documentaries and animations produced between 1939 and the present. You can also snuggle up and watch classic home-grown flicks like *The Grand Seduction* and *It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time*.

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