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## **Peaches**

1554 Queen St W, Toronto, ON M6R 1A6,  
Canada, Toronto, Canada

Nearest station: Wellesley

### *Bars & Clubs*

Recently opening its doors in trendy Parkdale, Peaches is the latest addition to Toronto's fabulously alternative LGBTQ+ scene. With hot dogs, pitchers of beer, and flat screens on every wall, Peaches has everything you could want from a sports bar and then some. A proudly queer-friendly venue that combines community and cuisine, Peaches has created waves with its inclusive take on the traditional sports bar.

*Features:BarDancingdragMusic*

## **Buddies In Bad Times**

12 Alexander St, Toronto, ON M4Y 1B4,  
Canada, Toronto, Canada

Nearest station: Wellesley

### *Bars & Clubs*

The world's largest queer theatre by day, on Saturday nights, Buddies' cavernous interior is transformed into one of the city's most exciting LGBTQ+ dance clubs. A classic mix of top 40 classics and disco anthems, the club has a reputation for creating unforgettably hedonistic experiences. Buddies In Bad Times is a high-camp affair, so grab your brightest and tightest and have a look for yourself.

*Features:BarDancingdragMusic*

## **The Drink**

459 Church St 2nd floor, Toronto, ON M4Y 2C5, Canada, Toronto, Canada

Nearest station: Wellesley

### *Bars & Clubs*

Gay-owned, gay-run, and proudly independent; The Drink is a community favorite in Toronto and well-known for its fantastic offerings of LGBTQ+ entertainment. From drag shows to video dance parties, whatever your tastes are, you're guaranteed a lively night at The Drink. The venue also hosts arts and culture events in their upstairs space and during the day a range of espresso-based coffees and pastries can be enjoyed.

*Features:BarFood*

## **The Lodge**

518a Church St, Toronto, ON M4Y 2C8,  
Canada, Toronto, Canada

Nearest station: Wellesley

### *Bars & Clubs*

Conveniently located above the immensely popular O'Grady's restaurant, The Lodge is a much-loved gay bar that is renowned for its drag and after-dinner drinks. Regularly hosting RuPaul's Drag Race viewing parties, the venue is popular across Toronto's LGBTQ+ scene, attracting a diverse, mixed crowd. If unforgettable drag performances aren't enough, The Lodge also boasts a mouth-watering selection of comfort food and light bites.

*Features: Bar Music Strippers*

## Hair of the Dog

425 Church St, Toronto, ON M4Y 2C3,  
Canada, Toronto, Canada

Nearest station: Ossington

### *Bars & Clubs*

Don't be fooled by the name, Hair Of The Dog is one of Toronto's decidedly more upmarket queer venues. A gay bar and restaurant with extensive outdoor space, it's the perfect spot for intimate dinners and al-fresco dining. With a plethora of colorful cocktails, an impressively international collection of spirits, and an all-day license, it's the ideal place to spend the night; or the morning after.

*Features: Bar Music Pool tables*

## Sweaty Betty's

13 Ossington Ave, Toronto, ON M6J 2Y8,  
Canada, Toronto, Canada

### *Bars & Clubs*

Widely considered to be one of Toronto's most beloved LGBTQ+ bars, Sweaty Betty's is a neighborhood institution that has been serving the people of Queen West for over 18 years. Serving classic cocktails in an unpretentious environment of mismatched furniture and local art, it's consistently lively throughout the week. Sweaty Betty's heated outdoor patio is the perfect place to see out a Saturday night or enjoy delicious vegan dishes during the day.

*Features: Bar Dancing drag Music Strippers*

## Storm Crow Manor

580 Church St, Toronto, ON M4Y 2E5,  
Canada, Toronto, Canada

### *Bars & Clubs*

Whilst not gay-owned or run, the Storm Crow has long been a favorite amongst Toronto's LGBTQ+ population for its inclusive and unashamedly nerdy attitude. Drawing on pop-culture influences from throughout the decades, the venue attracts a super diverse crowd who flock to sample the impressive selection of themed drinks, comic-book cuisine, and ever-changing evening entertainment. Storm Crow is a fantastic choice for vegan diners, who will find an amazing range of plant-based culinary concoctions.

*Features: Bar Live music Music*

## Melody Bar

1214 Queen St W, Toronto, ON M6J 1J6,  
Canada, Toronto, Canada

### *Bars & Clubs*

The Gladstone House Hotel has long been a safe haven for members of Toronto's LGBTQ+ community, and with its stylish interior and evolving roster of live performers, the hotel's Melody Bar is a local favorite when it comes to queer nightlife. Newly renovated, the bar is now home to the immensely popular Sunday drag brunch, hosted by the likes of

Canada's Drag Race's Miss Moco. Melody Bar is a very versatile venue, and depending on the day, you'll find a diverse range of cabaret, drag, and art-focused events.

## O'Grady's Restaurant On Church

518 Church St, Toronto, ON M4Y 2C8,  
Canada, Toronto, Canada

### *Bars & Clubs*

O'Grady's is a wonderful spot to enjoy the joys of Toronto's buzzing gay village. Located on the corner of Maitland and Church Street, O'Grady's has a patio that is perfect for enjoying drinks in the sun. The venue is well-loved for its drag shows, brunches, and late-night food service, all of which has cemented its reputation as one of Toronto's landmark gay haunts. Inclusively welcoming, all members of the LGBTQ+ community can enjoy the charm of O'Grady's.

## Church Street Garage

477 Church St, Toronto, ON M4Y 2C6,  
Canada, Toronto, Canada

### *Bars & Clubs*

Since 2013, the Church Street Garage has provided a warm and friendly atmosphere for Toronto's LGBTQ+ community. Doubling as an equally great restaurant and bar, you can enjoy delicious food at

fantastic prices before spending the evening enjoying the bar's karaoke and drag entertainment. If you're looking for live music, be sure to visit the Church Street Garage, where the sound spills out into the vibrant gay neighborhood.

## Woody's

467 Church St, Toronto, Canada

### *Bars & Clubs*

Made famous by the USA's version of the hit TV show, 'Queer as Folk', Woody's has become a gay institution in Toronto. This huge, multi-level bar and club in the heart of the Church and Wellesley Gay Village boasts 5 bars. Woody's hosts some great drag shows featuring its resident queens, and also competitions like 'Best Legs', 'Best Chest' and 'Best Ass'. The crowd is as diverse as its shows and you'll find a mixture of young, old, muscles, bears, twinks and more.

## Crews And Tangos

508 Church St, Toronto, Canada

### *Bars & Clubs*

Popular drag bar with two dance floors, regular live performances and karaoke. Located in the heart of Toronto's gay village, this is a high camp and fun establishment. It can get crowded and the dancefloor isn't that big. This is very much a drag establishment and the shows can

get pretty raucous. Crews And Tangos is definitely a fun place to party.

## The Church Mouse

475 Church St, Toronto, Canada

### Bars & Clubs

British style pub in Toronto's gay village. Good spot to grab a late night burger and a pint. The vibe is laid back and unpretentious. You can dine on a range of hangover-friendly pub grub like burgers and mac and cheese. You'll find a union jack coloured sofa and even Monty Python art on the walls. The patio on the second floor is good for people watching.

## Flash

463 Church St, Toronto, Canada

### Bars & Clubs

Gay strip club on Church Street in Toronto's Gay Village. This is a member's club but you can pay a one-off "daily membership" fee of around 5 bucks. There are two floors and three bars. You'll find a selection of dancers stripping - you can pay for a private dance. This is a strip club so don't expect Breakfast At The Wolseley. Men only.

## Pegasus Bar Toronto

489B Church St, Toronto, Canada

### Bars & Clubs

A local friendly gay bar that sits in the heart of the Gay Village. The two floors host a variety of characters and Pegasus claims to be the second oldest bar in Toronto. Upstairs you'll find a variety of activities and games like pool tables, dart boards, pinball machines and slots. There's weekly queer open mic comedy nights, quizzes and drag bingo, so check out their Facebook or below to see what's on.

## El Convento Rico

750 College St, Toronto, Canada

### Bars & Clubs

Gay-friendly Latino bar near Bickford Park hosting regular drag shows. El Convento Rico has been drawing a big gay crowd since 1992. You'll hear a mix of Latin music along with the latest Billboard hits. As well as sashaying drag queens you'll see strutting strippers grinding on the dance floor and getting their kit off. Check the website to see what's on day by day.

## Bovine Sex Club

542 Queen St W, Toronto, Canada

### Bars & Clubs

Described as the legendary rock 'n' roll dive bar, and an all-time favourite, Bovine Sex Club is a club that hosts music events; local artists play here and mix cutting edge

rock, retro 80s, metal and punk. Although it is not a bar specifically for LGBTQIA+ people, it is very welcoming to the community.

## Black Eagle

457 Church St, Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Nearest station: Wellesley

### Cruise Clubs

Leather/fetish/cruise bar located in Toronto's gay village. Dark industrial decor. There are multiple levels including a patio upstairs, a dark room and a downstairs bar. You can chill here with a drink and also make the most of the cruise-y vibe in the evenings. There are regular themed nights. If you're into the leather scene and daddies then this bar is worth checking out.

*Features: Bar Dark Room fetish Music*

## Splash Steam and Sauna

1610 Dundas St W, Toronto, Canada

Nearest station: Wellesley

### Saunas

Splash Steam and Sauna offers a welcoming, friendly, and relaxed atmosphere for gay sauna enthusiasts in Toronto. This venue is located at 1610 Dundas Street West, in the heart of one of city's up-and-coming neighbourhoods, open seven days a week. This gay sauna also offers student discount so can attract a younger crowd.

*Features: Adults-only Sauna Steam room Sun terrace*

## Steamworks Toronto

540 Church St, Toronto, Canada

### Saunas

High-quality private gay sauna with well-maintained gym and hot tubs. Located in heart of Toronto's gay district, this sauna is open 24-hours a day. Oh, and it's huge. You can get lost in here and you're likely to find a lot of cruising action. Over the weekend it can get very busy - particularly in the early-morning hours. If you need to get pumped you can do your workout here. This may get you in the mood for other things. There are glory holes, private rooms, douching stations and plenty of debauched shenanigans to keep you amused.

*Features: Cabins Cruise Dark Room Sauna*

## Spa Excess

105 Carlton Street, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1M1, Canada, Toronto, Canada

### Saunas

Located in the heart of Toronto's Village, Spa Excess is the largest bathhouse for men in the city. The space aims to provide a safe and welcoming space for gay and bisexual men to meet, relax, and engage in healthy, consensual sexual activities. Locker rooms with free towels and access to the sauna's services start at \$20 on

weekdays and \$25 on weekends. Spa Excess also has other private spaces, including suites and sling rooms.

## Buzz Tours Toronto

218 Queens Quay West, Toronto, Canada

### Tours

Buzz Tours offers immersive and intimate walking tours of Toronto, led by premium guides with deep local knowledge. Recognized for excellence with a 5-star rating on Tripadvisor, Airbnb, and Google. Buzz Tours invites you to discover Toronto's vibrant neighbourhoods, incredible restaurants, nightlife, and cultural activities.

### Tour Details:

Tour Duration: 2-3 hours of walking tours.

Group Size: Small groups with a maximum of 10 guests for a personalized experience.

Tour Type: Both PRIVATE and GUIDED GROUP walking tours are available.

Customization: Private/Corporate Walking Tours offer customizable routes and schedules.

### Experience:

Engage in a two-way conversation with knowledgeable guides and explore Toronto's diverse and multicultural essence. Buzz Tours takes pride in offering an exceptional guest experience, aiming to exceed expectations for walking tours.

### Location:

Toronto, exploring various vibrant neighbourhoods and iconic sites.

*Features:tour operator*

## Buddies in Bad Times Theatre

12 Alexander St, Toronto, Canada

### Culture

Buddies in Bad is the world's biggest and longest-running queer Theatre. It's one of the major hubs of Toronto's alternative theatre scene. It's been running since 1979 and it's located in the heart of Toronto's gay village. This is a great place to experience gay culture in Toronto. From cutting-edge plays to drag performances and comedy, there's always something interesting going on. There are also parties such as Dyke Night and After Werk. Check their website to see what's on.

*Features:Bardragqueer performanceTheatre*

## Hanlan's Point - Toronto's gay beach

Lakeshore Ave, Toronto, Toronto, Canada

### Beaches

A short ferry ride away on the Toronto Islands you'll find Hanlan's Point. On the shores of Lake Ontario, it's a nudist beach so feel free to let it all hang out. Photography is forbidden for obvious reasons. Although Hanlan's Point isn't a

gay beach as such, it is very gay-friendly and it attracts a gay crowd. On a warm day you'll find plenty of people here. It's one of the most famous clothing-optional beaches in all of North America and known as being the best gay beach in Canada. To get there take the Hanlan's Point ferry from Toronto's Queen's Quay and follow signs to the beach upon arrival. Don't forget to bring your own food and drink for the day as there is very little around, though the rest of the island does have some kiosks and shops.