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## Toronto

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## The best Hotels

## For island breezes

**Swan's End Guesthouse** (see p41) has an idyllic location on the peaceful Toronto Islands.

## For yoga fanatics

The **Cosmopolitan Toronto** (see p47) or **Pantages Suites Hotel** (see p43) come with incense menus, a meditation channel and yoga mats.

## For culture vultures

At the hip **Gladstone** (see p46), every bedroom is a work of art.

## For families

The **Delta Chelsea** (see p44) comes with a water slide, family pool and childcare centre.

## For pomp and ceremony

The luxurious **Windsor Arms** (see p43) specialises in old-fashioned finery and top-notch service.

## For a home away from home

With its communal rooms and garden, the cosy **Baldwin Village Inn** (see p46) makes every guest feel like part of the family.

## For a sensational spa

At the **Park Hyatt** (see p51), the Stillwater Spa is a beautiful place to relax and rejuvenate.

## Budget

## Baldwin Village Inn

9 Baldwin Street, at McCaul Street, Kensington, ON M5T 1L1 (416 591 5359/www.baldwininn.com). Streetcar 506, 505/subway St Patrick. Rates \$85-\$105 single/double. Credit AmEx, MC, V. Map p271 E6

In the heart of quaint Baldwin Street and steps from Kensington's cafés and the university campus, this pretty, six-room inn offers a good location – and good value. In a converted house, it is occupied by a retired couple who pay great attention to detail. The rooms are clean and spacious (especially on the second floor), with views over the street life or the little garden in the back. A homely eat-in kitchen and second-floor lounge encourage convivial gatherings. Bathrooms are shared.

Bar. Internet (high-speed). Non-smoking property.

## Bay Street Motel

650 Bay Street, at Elm Street, Chinatown, ON M5G 1M8 (1-800 695 8284/416 971 8383/fax 416 971 8527/www.baystreetmotel.com). Bus 6/ streetcar 505/subway College or Dundas. Rates \$50 single; \$65-\$95 double. Credit AmEx, MC, V. Map p271 F6

innovations, this low-end to 'pleasant'. Across the street, and close to the Eaton Centre, there are more affordable ways to sleep. The staff are friendly, and you can stay longer – commit to a rate by more than a third; it's not as bad as it seems. As it tends to vary.

Parking (\$15)

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Street, Financial District, 350 2000/new. Rates \$504/subway King. Rates \$2500. Map p272 G8

in downtown street, this new hotel is serene seriously – and the menu, yoga mats and a spa. The Cosmo is all about relaxation. There are five suites per floor, each with a kitchen. So you don't want to: the rooms have flat-screen TVs and Egyptian cotton linens, plus floor-to-ceiling windows that open and balconies with lake views. The Shizen Spa and Doku 15 resto-lounge will get you in a Zen state, as will the gemstone on your pillow. Photo p50.

