



Kalachakra for World Peace 2004 Toronto, Canada April 25-May 5

Kalachakra 2004 Newsletter

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Toronto Average Temperatures

	°C	°F
Jan	-4.9	23.2
Feb	-4.9	23.2
Mar	-0.5	31.1
Apr	6.2	43.2
May	12.4	54.3
Jun	17.9	64.2
Jul	21.0	69.8
Aug	20.1	68.2
Sep	16.0	60.8
Oct	9.5	49.1
Nov	3.4	38.1
Dec	-2.4	27.7

“The Power of Compassion” - Public Talk for Toronto

His Holiness the Dalai Lama will deliver a public talk at SkyDome on Sunday, April 25, 2004 - 3:30 pm. Justin Trudeau will introduce His Holiness and Bill Cameron will be the Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are priced at \$10, \$20 and \$30 (plus applicable service charges) and are available online at www.ticketmaster.ca or by phone (416) 872-1111.

For groups of 20 or more, please call (416) 341-2255 or contact lparker@skydome.com. While the event starts at 3:30 pm, please be

advised that the doors will open at 2 pm and we ask everyone to arrive early to allow ample time to get through security.

This event has a strict *no bags, no cameras, and no recorders* policy. All bags are subject to search. Only small purses will be permitted into the SkyDome. Ticket holders are encouraged to leave all unnecessary bags and other items at home or in their vehicle to expedite entrance into the building. For more information visit <http://www.kalachakra2004.com/publictalk>



"Compassion brings us an inner strength. Once it is developed, it naturally opens an inner door, through which we can communicate with fellow human beings, and even other sentient beings, with ease, and from heart to heart."
~His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet~

Message from the Chairman

Dear Dharma Friends:

Tashi Delek! It is with much excitement and anticipation that we enter the Tibetan New Year of the Wood Monkey, 2131. Without a doubt, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's visit to Toronto is creating a buzz around the world as local preparations run at full speed.

H.H. the Dalai Lama last visited Toronto in 1990, over 14 years ago. It is a great privilege for me to welcome His Holiness to Toronto once again. This visit is truly a remarkable one as His Holiness will be writing some new pages in the history books of Canada when he confers the most sacred and principal of Buddhist teachings, the *Kalachakra Initiation for World Peace*. It is expected that more than 5,000

dharma friends from over 44 countries will gather in Toronto to participate in this blessed and wonderful event.

We welcome our global dharma friends from April 25 to May 5, 2004. Surely, this *Kalachakra Initiation for World Peace* will be an opportunity to meet new and old friends alike. For those of you who have never visited Toronto before, we trust your memories will last a life time. If you're familiar with the city, we hope your return here is unforgettable this time around.

The Kalachakra Organizing Committee joins me in welcoming you become a part of Canadian history as His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama bestows the first ever Kalachakra Initiation.



Norbu Tsering Dothang Baro
Chairman,
Kalachakra Organizing Committee

In peace and harmony,
Norbu Tsering Dothang Baro
President-The Canadian Tibetan Association of Ontario
Chairman-Kalachakra Organizing Committee

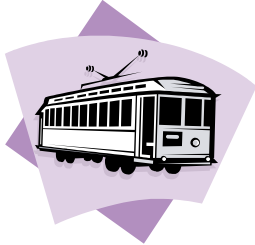


Local Transit Fares (TTC)

As at March 31, 2004

	Cash (One Way)	Tickets/ Tokens For 10	Day Pass
Adult	\$2.25	\$19.00	\$7.75
Student	\$1.50	\$12.50	\$7.75
Child	\$.50	\$4.25	\$7.75

For more info visit www.ttc.ca



Tickets for all package types are still available for the Kalachakra Initiation.

Daily tickets will be available online from April 5 through April 18, 2004

Public Talk Shuttle Service

Shuttle service will be available for participants from the NTC to the SkyDome on the day of the public talk - April 25, 2004. Presentation of your ticket is mandatory in order to board the bus. Further details will be available at the Kalachakra information booth.

Useful Weblinks:

- www.ttc.ca
- www.ntc.on.ca
- www.toronto.com
- www.deltahotels.com
- www.weatheroffice.com
- www.torontotourism.com

Traveling to Toronto - Getting around the city

By air: 40 airlines connect Toronto's two airports – Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Toronto City Centre Airport (YTZ) – to the rest of the world. Pearson Airport is located 27 kms (16 miles) from downtown and is accessible by public transit. The City Centre Airport is located on the Toronto Island and links to the city by shuttle.

By rail: VIA Rail and AMTRAK bring visitors into the heart of the city each day. Toronto's Union Station is located centrally downtown and connects to the underground subway.

By road: Several highways, including 2, 401, 407 and the

Queen Elizabeth Way, link surrounding cities to Toronto. Nearest Canada-U.S. border crossings are at Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Windsor.

Public Transit: Explore Toronto on one of North America's finest transportation systems – the TTC. With easy to navigate subways, buses and "red rocket" streetcars, getting around the city is a snap.

When using the TTC (public transit), a single fare will take you anywhere in the city on a one way trip. You can freely transfer between subway, streetcar and bus, but make sure you obtain a

transfer (a slip of paper) when and where you pay your fare. On buses and streetcars, exact change is required. TTC day passes are also available.

Shuttle Service: Daily bus services from the Delta Chelsea Hotel to the event site will be available from April 25 to May 5, 2004. This service is available only to Kalachakra attendees staying at the Delta Chelsea Hotel. The service provides pickup from the hotel in the morning and drop off to the hotel in the afternoon. A complete schedule and shuttle tickets will be available at the Kalachakra hospitality desk located within the hotel.

Registration/Ticketing Information

Ticketing

All participants from North America who registered on or before March 25, 2004 will receive their tickets in the mail. All participants residing outside of North America and those who registered after March 25th may pick up their tickets at the onsite registration desk (NTC) on April 24 for early ticket pick up or on the first day of attendance (April 25) at the onsite

registration desk. If possible, we encourage you to pick up your ticket(s) on April 24 to avoid line-ups during the days of the event.

Please note that all online registrations for new registrants will close on Saturday, April 18, 2004. You will not be able to register online after this date and therefore will have to purchase your ticket(s) at the event site.

Onsite Registration Desk Hours

Day	Date	Time
Sat	April 24	10 am - 3 pm
Sun	April 25	6 am - 2 pm
Mon-Thu	Apr 26-29	6 am - 2 pm
Fri	April 30	6 am - 6 pm
Sat-Wed	May 1-5	6 am - 2 pm

Venue : National Trade Centre - Halls C & D

Travel by car to the Event Site

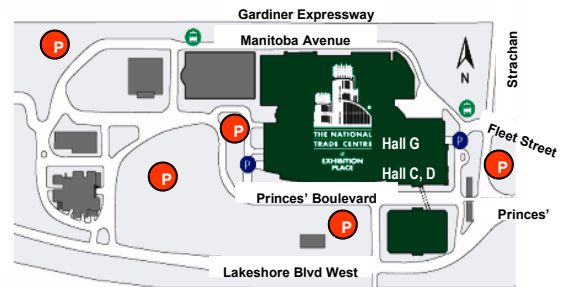
There are more than 7,000 parking spaces available. The NTC is adjacent to one of Toronto's main highways, the Gardiner Expressway.

Parking Rates:
Surface: \$9.00
\$7.00 after 6 pm

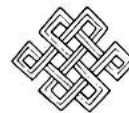
Underground:
\$11.00
\$9.00 after 6 pm

Public Transit

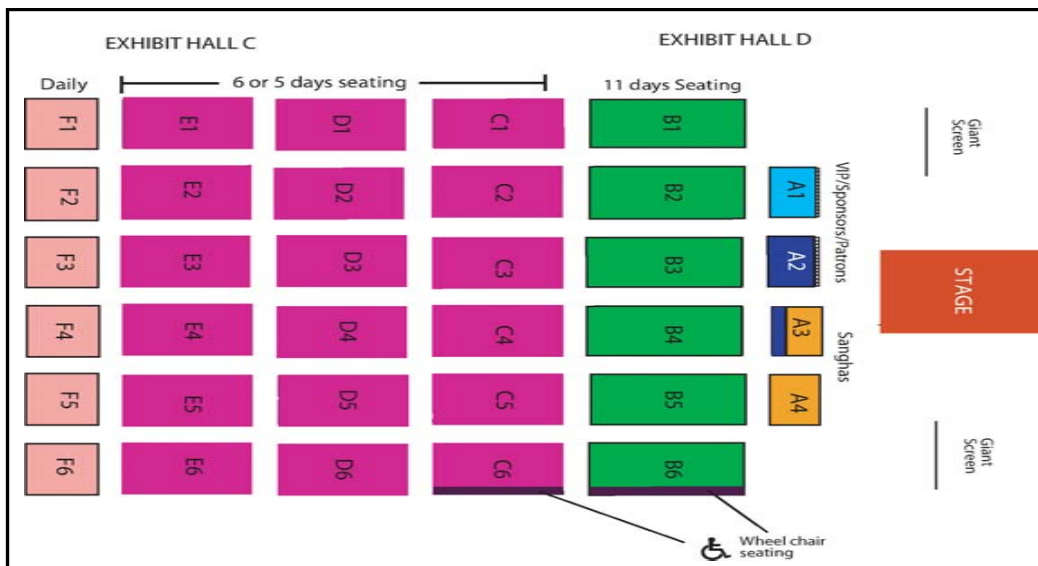
The National Trade Centre is readily accessible via the TTC and **GO Transit**.



National Trade Centre 100 Princes' Blvd, Toronto, ON M6K 3C3



Seating Layout



What to bring to the event site:

1. Registration confirmation number
2. Passport or Photo ID
3. Your ticket
4. Patience and a good mood

What NOT to bring to the event site:

1. Cameras
2. Large bags and knapsacks (small purses acceptable)
3. Cell phones, radios, walkmans
4. Weapons, sharp objects
5. Pets and

Anything you don't absolutely require at the event site. The more items the participants bring, the more time is needed for security checks.

Attention: for security reasons, metal objects such as radios, walkmans, photographic equipment, video cameras, mobile telephones, knives, thermos flasks, lighters and so on, are NOT permitted into the NTC.

Interfaith Service at the National Trade Centre

On Saturday May 1, 2004 from 4:30 pm—5:30 pm His Holiness will be joined by representatives from the major spiritual traditions in a service dedicated to celebrating the world religions.

The Interfaith service will be held in Hall C and D at the National Trade Centre. This is the only interfaith service scheduled during His Holiness' visit to Toronto. For further information please check our website or contact the Interfaith Service Coordinator @ dtulotsang@kalachakra2004.com

Kalachakra Market Place & Food Area in Hall G

With over 50 vendors, you'll be sure to find the perfect gift for that special someone. Please be sure to visit the Kalachakra Boutique for great souvenirs and Kalachakra 2004 memorabilia.

Tibet Kitchen at the Kalachakra site will be offering a mouth watering menu of authentic Tibetan dishes.

Tibet Week: A Celebration of Tibetan Culture

From April 25 to 30, 2004 the KOC is organizing a week long festival commemorating Tibetan culture, religion and medicine at the Harbourfront Centre.

Among the variety of scheduled events are numerous free documentary films and movie screenings.

In addition, the official national organization for the preservation of Tibetan culture—the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts, (TIPA) from India—will be

showcasing a selection of traditional Tibetan dances.*

For a glimpse into Tibetan religion, the monks from Tashi Lhunpo Monastery will be creating a Sand Mandala for public viewing.

Tibet Week is also for kids! We welcome you to bring your kids to Harbourfront to be creative with Tibetan butter sculpting or to try their hands at Tibetan calligraphy.

For those interested in learning

more about the art of Tibetan medicine, Dr. Tenzin Kyizom will be available on Sunday April 25, 2004 from 11 am to noon.

Please be sure to enjoy and participate in one of the largest exhibitions of Tibetan culture and heritage ever held in North America.....an event not to be missed!

All details and schedule information is posted on our website. www.kalachakra2004.com/culturalevents

*ticketed event

Letter from the Editors:

It is our pleasure to welcome all of you to the first Kalachakra Initiation ever held in Canada. Thank you for participating in this historic event. We are sure it is with much anticipation that you are looking forward to being in the presence of one of the world's most revered and admired human beings, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

We hope the information provided here will be helpful to you in planning your days in Toronto. While you are in Toronto, we hope you will enjoy and partake of the largest exhibition of Tibetan culture and heritage ever held in North America.

It is our sincere hope that your visit here this year will leave you with unforgettable memories and revitalized, uplifted spirits that will carry you in peace and joy throughout your lives.

Tashi Delek and thank you.

*The Editors,
 Tsering Wangyal Gashon
 Pemma Tseyung Mentuh*





Tibet Culture Week - Harbourfront Centre: April 25 - April 30, 2004

~Please note: times and dates are subject to change. Visit www.kalachakra2004.com for updates~

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His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Visit to Toronto, Canada Schedule: April 24 - May 6, 2004

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