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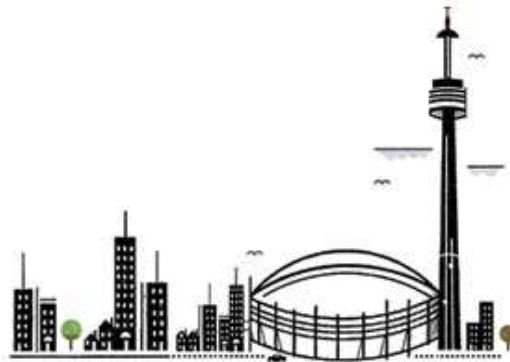
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### Roncesvalles Village, Toronto

Boho-chic Roncesvalles Village mixes an Eastern European vibe – picture moustaches and Polish grandmothers – with young parents, pampered dogs and local literati.

By Jowita Bydlowska

**9:00** Cherry Bomb offers a first taste of Roncy's authenticity with a killer Americano, proudly served in an eco-friendly takeout cup.

**12:00** Politically conscious pram pushers stop at the spacious red brick and wood eatery and gallery Tinto for a fair-trade snack.

**14:00** The afternoon to-do list: Drop off junior at Cookerydoo, the brightly enthusiastic cooking and crafts school for children; shop with dog at the Kennel Cafe; pick up party dress at Frock, where Canadian designers take up much of the hanger space.

**18:00** At Granowska's, borscht is the word. Since there's no menu, regulars like writer Michael Winter watch what the local grandfathers order for clues. Roncy's Polish beat continues with fragrant, drool-worthy sausages, cheese and pastries at Benna's Bakery & Deli and inventive salads, pickled wild mushrooms and cukes at Super Kolbasa & Deli.

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**21:00** The Inter Steer bar proudly boasts a jukebox that plays both contemporary and classics and a sign outside that reads, “The Romantic Place.” Plus where else would you drink Żywiec? The Local tavern hosts the best bluegrass musicians – Chris Quinn, Marc Roy, Tony Allen and Kristine Schmitt – in the city. Closing time is 11 p.m. or the people who live upstairs will have a cow.

“Sometimes there’s the whiff of chocolate in the air from the big Nestlé factory, and everywhere there’s still that old Polish feeling to the place; it gives the ‘hood a European postwar feel.”

– *Katerina Cizek, independent documentary maker*



### Hintonbourg, Ottawa

Named after Joseph Hinton – the guy who secured the first post office here in the mid-1800s – this former down-market district has gotten an upmarket comb-over.

By Fateema Sayani

**7:00** With heirloom tomatoes, purple beans and micro-greens from the Bryson Farms stall at the Ottawa Parkdale Market in hand, early birds head north to Remic Rapids Park to watch the sun rise over John-Félice Ceprano’s freestanding rock sculptures. Mind the joggers and dog walkers.

**10:00** Shoppers drop the best friend at Dogz, a place for pup pampering and daycare, then head over to Ravensara for collectible tin toys. A Fine Thing has antiques galore, including mid-century favourite Fiestaware.

**12:00** The back of the Melrose Groceteria houses Helen’s Cuisine, a lunch counter serving shawarma, tabouli, delicious baklava – and pot roast.

**15:00** Upstart galleries abound. Cube Gallery is home to locally established modern artists. The space – an old soda factory – is perfect for lingering. James Robinson, the owner of nearby Parkdale Gallery, paints on-site, while the one-room Pukka Gallery, housed inside artist co-op the Engine Room, changes exhibitions monthly.

**17:00** While occasionally reclaimed as a hipster hovel for rock shows, the Carleton Tavern is a good old dive with decor to match.

**18:00** Visiting cookbook authors teach the fundamentals of Slow Food or molecular gastronomy at the Urban Element, a retrofitted fire hall with an industrial kitchen. Bonus: Eat your work with your new pals and take recipes home. Don’t want to do the work? Sail over to Hino Restaurant for fine Asian-fusion cuisine.

“If Hintonburg were a person, it would be someone who’s a lot of fun and a great laugh but goes to

bed early.”

– *Don Monet, curator of Cube Gallery*

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