

Escape Artistry

The best weekend getaways for sybarites, skinflints, foodies and families



Toronto's soon-to-arrive summer heat, smog and stifling streetcars are enough to make even the most dedicated city slicker fantasize about getting the hell out of Dodge. And we're happy to help. Here, from most extravagant to least wallet-busting, insider picks for the best places to get away from it all without going too far (three-and-a-half-hours, max). Plus, the most stylish gear to tote along the way.



Outdoors



Theatre



Wine



Gourmet



Spa



Kids

Rundles Morris House



Location: Stratford

Driving time: 2 hours

Price: \$595

This gem-like guest house in Stratford, attached to the famed Rundles Restaurant, begs for a spread in *Architectural Digest*. A stunning retreat created by Toronto design stars Shim-Sutcliffe, it's the ultimate in privacy: one tricked-out suite, accommodating one or two couples at a time, with massive floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the Avon, a fireplace, a three-storey atrium topped with a skylight, and a double-height demonstration kitchen. If you don't care to hop next door, dinner can be delivered directly to you. And if you tire of the contemporary surroundings, there's always the period plays down the street. 7 Cobourg St., Stratford, 519-271-6442, www.rundlesrestaurant.com.