



The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and AgriTours North America - A Great Partnership

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October 29 - November 10, 2024

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR EXHIBITORS' /COMPETITORS' HOTELS

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AgriTours North America Inc. is pleased to again, be able to offer discounted hotel rates for Exhibitors, Competitors and International Guests to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Rooms at these rates, are limited for the 2024 Royal. Book as early as possible.

Some hotels are no longer allowing multiple room bookings with 1 name covering the booking. Cancellation penalties are higher this year – **BE SURE TO CHECK THE CANCELLATION POLICY WITH THE HOTEL – BEFORE YOU BOOK THE ROOMS!** Cancellation penalties usually require 1 night full payment!

1. **Hotel Rooms are limited for many reasons in 2024** – We have started rebuilding our relationships with hotels, but at this time we have fewer hotels and rooms available for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Please be aware of when rooms rates expire.

2. **Booking procedures for 2024:**

- Contact the Hotel Directly. Mention the Royal Winter Fair "**Exhibitor or Competitor Royal Rates**" and/or GIVE THEM the **CODE indicated in the CODE COLUMN on the following page of rates.**
- On-line bookings – some hotels have web-links and rooms can be booked through these links directly.
- Group bookings of 3 rooms or more may need to be booked through AgriTours Canada in some cases.
- Some hotels now have non-refundable cancellation policies. Before booking, be sure to confirm cancellation penalties.
- Credit card guarantees must be provided at time of booking at most hotels.
- If you are a 4H Club leader, and you don't know the names of the competitors at the time of your booking,** use one of your 4H Leaders names or family names, and you can reserve in their names and change names when actual participants names are known. Credit cards will be needed to hold the rooms.

3. **NEW:** Ontario Hotel Lodging Tax is effective in most major cities in Ontario – 13% HST + 4.5% Municipal Transient Sales Tax = 17.5%

4. **SOME HOTELS MAY REQUIRE YOU TO BOOK THROUGH AGRITOURS** – the reason for this is to avoid competing companies from using up our special rates at these hotels that are contracted for our clients. This is normally only for 5 rooms or more.

5. **CALL AGRITOURS FOR GROUP BOOKINGS OR LARGER ROOM BLOCKS of more than 5 rooms.**

6. Unless otherwise specified, room rates are based on 1 or 2 guests per room. More than 2 guests/room will require add-on pricing of between \$15 and \$45/person depending on the hotel. Fold-up cots are not available in many cases due to fire code restrictions.

7. You can go on each of these hotels regular web-sites or hotel booking sites such as Trivago, to compare, but none have all the same options that we have, and many are in US dollars. So be careful if you see a rate that is the same or a little lower, and be sure they are in Canadian dollars NOT US Dollars and read the fine print for cancellation policies.

A Note about On-Line Booking Web-sites.

There are 2 companies now that control over 90% of the travel booking web-sites in the United States and they control about 72% of the world's web-sites for travel booking – excluding the hotel chains themselves. As such beware of this and be aware that some things are 'not as they seem' when it comes to hotel bookings on-line. Most of the time, booking directly with hotel chains is your best option with the most flexibility in terms of cancellations and updating your booking.

This is NOT to say that Expedia owned booking agencies are not legitimate or that they do not offer good deals, just be cautious and **ALWAYS** check the hotels home site first, as well as any of the Internet booking services owned by Expedia-like travel booking services.



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<http://www.cbc.ca/news/thenational/expedia-challenged-by-a-small-b-c-inn-1.4664864>







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Hotels – click each hotel name for web-links	Details	Phone and booking links for on-line self service	Price Plus, taxes S/D = Single or double	BOOKING CODE
 <p>4-H preferred hotel Chelsea Hotel 33 Gerrard St. W., Toronto, ON M5G 1Z4 MAP LOCATION</p>	<p>Please note that to get this great rate, the hotel has initiated a one night non-refundable deposit upon booking.</p>	<p>1-800-243-5732 416-595-1975 Web Link OR CALL HOTEL DIRECTLY</p>	<p>\$215 S/D (2 beds) Plus taxes \$245 Triple (4H) \$275 Quad (4H) Rooms available from Oct. 29 – Nov. 10, 2024</p>	<p>Callers must identify themselves as being with Group “AGR102924” to qualify for our group rate and ensure availability CUT-OFF DATE OCT.8</p>
<p>DoubleTree by Hilton Toronto Downtown 108 Chestnut Street Toronto, Ontario M5G 1R3 MAP LOCATION</p>	<p>This hotel is close to Exhibition Grounds, Restaurant district, Queen St. Shopping, China Town. Check out amenities on their web-site.</p>	<p>Individual bookings 1-800-445-8667 or the hotel at 416-977-5000 GROUP BOOKINGS CONTACT AGRITOURS North America rbuck@agritoursna.com Web link</p>	<p>\$235 SGL/DBL Plus taxes Rooms with 1 King or 2 doubles available Oct. 31 – Nov. 8, 2024</p>	<p>CODE for booking ROYAL WINTER FAIR CDT92L Web-Link CUT-OFF DATE OCT.10</p>
 <p>45 The Esplanade Toronto, ON M5E 1W2 MAP LOCATION</p>	<p>Located close to Union Station, St. Lawrence Market and major roads leading to the Exhibition Grounds. Near restaurant district.</p>	<p>Individual bookings CALL 1-416-367-8900 Email: h0931@accor.com NO Web-Link MUST CALL HOTEL DIRECTLY</p>	<p>\$255.00 SGL/DBLE Plus taxes Rooms available from Oct. 30 – Nov. 9, 2024</p>	<p>CODE for booking ROYAL WINTER FAIR AGRITOURS Web-Link CUT-OFF DATE SEPTEMBER 30</p>
<p>The Hyatt Regency Downtown 370 King St. W., Toronto, M5V 1J9 MAP LOCATION</p>	<p>One of the closest hotels to Exhibition Grounds and located in the middle of Toronto’s Restaurant and Entertainment District.</p>	<p>Individual bookings 888-421-1442 416-343-1234 Web Link</p>	<p>\$285 S/D Plus taxes \$310 Triple \$335 Quad October 31 – November 12, 2024</p>	<p>CODE for booking ROYAL WINTER FAIR 24 IN 317892 CUT-OFF DATE OCT.4</p>

**Hotel Bookings are set up so clients can book and hold the rooms DIRECTLY without contacting AgriTours North America Inc. Should you have problems with a CODE or online bookings, contact AgriTours Canada for assistance-1-519-241-4900 or rbuck@agritoursna.com. AgriTours North America is now affiliated with Ellison Travel and Tours, London.
 S = single, D =double, Trpl – Triple, Quad = 4 persons / room ** prices do not include taxes (HST or city taxes)**

or [email us](mailto:email.us) at rbuck@agritourscanada.com. Hotel categories are Superior (3-4 star), Deluxe Superior (4 star plus) in order of value and quality.

AgriTours North America Inc. is the owner of AgriTours Canada. AgriTours North America is now doing all bookings, and is also owned by Richard Buck. I will be doing consulting, limited tour planning, some conference work and the hotels for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Due to the passing of my wife from cancer in April of 2023, my long-term partner in AgriTours Canada, and my present fight with cancer, I am limiting what I do with tour planning and hotel bookings, staying in the business, but at my own pace.