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The Summer Issue



Oh Canada! – This article presents a travel bucket list for some of the most scenic and charming destinations from coast to coast to coast. Quttinirpaaq National Park in Nunavut offers a midnight sun, glaciers, and Arctic wildlife. Far south of the Arctic, head to Stratford, Ontario, named after the hometown of the great English bard himself, where the annual Shakespeare Festival features some of the best theatre in the world. While Newfoundland and Labrador boasts views of whales and puffins splashing in the Atlantic Ocean, the beaches and old-growth rainforests in Tofino, British Columbia welcome warm breezes from the Pacific Ocean, *CBC*. Read [the article](#).

G7 2025 Kananaskis – This year marks the 50th anniversary of the first G7 Summit, and Canada is proud to host the 2025 G7 Presidency. This online portal contains information about events and official statements by Foreign Ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, and the US, as well as the High Representative of the EU. This year, Canada will work with partners on common priorities such as economic resilience, digital governance, climate action, and democratic values, *G7 Canada*. Access [the site](#).

Italy divided over new pineapple pizza; A pizza topping that divides the world – Given a resurgent Canadian nationalism, these articles offer a refreshed opportunity to engage with one of the more troubling discoveries of Canadian gustatory history: the invention of pineapple pizza in southern Ontario. In Napoli, Italy, Neopolitan pizza is a Platonic ideal composed of simple dough, San Marzano tomatoes, mozzarella, and fresh basil. The introduction of a "Hawaiian" pizza with pineapple has caused controversy among traditionalist pizzaiolos. The genealogy of Hawaiian pizza to a Canadian restaurateur of Greek heritage in Chatham, Ontario is a story of the diversity, innovation, and divisiveness over pineapples that continue to define Canadian society, *CNN Travel* and *BBC*. Read [here](#) and [here](#).

Podcasts of Note



Threshold

A Peabody Award-winning documentary podcast about the natural world, from the sound of a frozen lake on a sunny day to the acoustic landscape of a coral reef.



Thief at the British Museum

A scandalous tale about how hundreds of the museum's precious gems and artefacts went missing and were sold on eBay. No one from the British Museum noticed for 10 years, and it took a charismatic Dutch antiquities dealer to assess that it was an inside job all the while dealing with a terminal cancer diagnosis.



How this ‘off-putting’ color shaded the internet and beyond – Summer 2024 was defined by the warmer climate patterns of El Niño and the jubilant and rebellious individualism of British singer-songwriter Charli xcx, who declared a worldwide “Brat Summer” that captured the aesthetics and mood of youth globally. “Brat” was accordingly Collins Dictionary’s 2024 word the year given its impact and ubiquity. As the cooler breezes of La Niña return for Summer 2025, cultural critics are asking who or what might follow Brat. While no successors have been anointed, this article analyzes the Brat phenomenon of 2024 and the chartreuse colour that dominated its advertisement. One can little understand the future without first understanding the past, *CNN Style*. Read [the article](#).

Upcoming Events



Spock Days

Event in Vulcan, Alberta
Click [here](#) for more information.

13-15 June, 2025

Pride Toronto Festival 2025

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Event in Toronto, Ontario
Click [here](#) for more information.

27-29 June, 2025

St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival

Event in Prescott, Ontario
Click [here](#) for more information.

July-August, 2025

Festival acadien de Caraquet

Event in Caraquet, New Brunswick
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3-15 August, 2025

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– from the AOSE team.

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