



# The WindsorEssex Peninsula

## Comfortable. Convenient. Connected.

**Location:**

- Southernmost region of Ontario and Canada, across the river from Detroit and Michigan
- On the same latitude with northern California and Rome in southern Italy
- Bounded by Lake Erie, the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair

**Area:** 715 sq. mi.

**Population:** 393,402

**Density:** 212.5 per sq. mi.

**Climate:**

- Ontario's warmest!
- Average daily temperature is above (10° C ) 50° F, 223 days per year
- 7 months of short sleeve weather
- Extended growing season, April – October
- Over 2,000 hours of sunshine annually



**Entertainment & Recreation:** Windsor-Essex is second only to Vancouver in cultural diversity with **175 ethnic groups, 75 annual county fairs and festivals**, a feast of ethnic and American restaurants plus Via Italia, the region's popular Little Italy.

**14 award-winning wineries** with lakefront, country and island settings, catering facilities and retail outlets.

All new **Caesars Windsor**, Canada's largest casino resort featuring The Colosseum, a 5,000-seat entertainment venue highlighting the biggest and best names in entertainment.

**Windsor Raceway and Slots** with live harness racing action and 750 slots.

**Windsor Family Credit Union Centre**, a new state-of-the-art sports, recreation and entertainment facility, home of the OHL's Windsor Spitfires.

**Major Events:** **The Red Bull Air Race World Championship** – Windsor hosts 15 of the world's best race pilots battling over the Detroit River at high speeds and low altitudes between downtown Windsor and Detroit skylines.

**The International Freedom Festival** attracts over one million spectators on both sides of the Windsor and Detroit riverfront for one of North America's largest fireworks displays.

**Shores of Erie International Wine Festival** - named one of Canada's top 100 festivals by Festival & Events Ontario.

**Festival Epicure** - a festival of food and wine at the downtown waterfront.

**Bluesfest International** - Canada's premier Blues festival founded in 1995.

**Carrousel of The Nations** - a celebration and fusion of cultures has grown since 1974 into one of Canada's top festivals.

**Art in the Park and the Classic and Antique Car Show** - on the stately grounds of Willistead Manor.

**Windsor International Film Festival** - features world-class films over a ten-day period.

**Green Space:** 3,000 acres of green space, 20 conservation areas, world-renowned bird watching at Point Pelee National Park and Pelee Island, 22 marinas, 35 golf courses.

50 miles of **public trails** including the Trans Canada Trail's 30-mile southern portion.

185 municipal parks including miles of waterfront parks and botanical gardens.

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- Arts & Culture:**
- Art Gallery of Windsor
  - Windsor Symphony Orchestra
  - The Windsor Light Opera
  - St. Clair Centre for the Arts
  - Odette Sculpture Park
  - Plus 15 museums and galleries

**Housing:** **Windsor-Essex is Ontario's most affordable housing market!**

The average home in Windsor-Essex can be purchased for 30%-60% less than the average home in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).\*

Housing choices range from condos and apartments along waterfront parks, historic neighbourhoods, country acreage and lakeside towns to island retreats that range from luxury residences on Bob-Lo Island across from the historic town of Amherstburg to year-round residences on Pelee Island, 14 nautical miles from Leamington in Lake Erie.

The region offers a wide range of retirement properties, including luxury rentals, independent and assisted living seniors housing, long-term care residences and nursing homes.

(\*2010 MLS Data)

**Health Care:** Windsor Regional Hospital, Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital and Leamington District Memorial Hospital, along with the Windsor Regional Cancer Centre, have recently undergone \$200 million in capital improvements.

The \$24 million Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry opened Fall 2008 at the University of Windsor.

60 new family physicians added since 2003.

20 long-term care facilities.

Expedient access to world-class hospitals in Detroit, the University of Michigan Health Center in Ann Arbor and London Health Sciences Centre, London, Ontario.

**Education:** **The University of Windsor** offers 9 faculties of study and **St. Clair College of Applied Arts & Technologies** has 8 schools of specialization.

**Transportation:** **Windsor International Airport** offers easy access to scheduled airlines, private and executive charters, medi-vac and freight services.

**Detroit Metro International Airport**, 45-minutes from downtown Windsor offers frequent flights daily to southern U.S. and international destinations.

**Via Rail** is located close to downtown Windsor and offers quick access to frequent daily departures.

**Amtrak** has 2 Detroit stations within a 45 minute drive.

**The U.S. Effect:** Our Metro Detroit and Michigan neighbours, one mile away, provide a wonderful bonus for sports, entertainment and recreation:

- 4 major-league teams
- The Fox and Fisher Theatres
- Detroit Opera House
- Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts
- Palace of Auburn Hills
- Detroit International Jazz Festival
- Greektown
- The Detroit Zoo
- Detroit Science Center
- Detroit Institute of Arts
- The Henry Ford Museum
- Greenfield Village

**50/50 Tour:** Special tours are available for persons interested in purchasing real estate with a REALTOR® designated by The Windsor-Essex County Real Estate Board. Discounts on accommodations, dining, golf, events and services are provided to visitors age 50 plus by our promotional partners, when registering through our website [RetireHere.ca](http://RetireHere.ca) and Call Centre. Some restrictions may apply.

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