

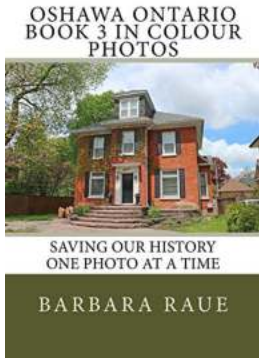
# The Vibrant City of Oshawa, Ontario In Colour Photos: A Visual Journey



When it comes to exploring the diverse landscapes and cultural gems of Ontario, the city of Oshawa stands out as a true gem. This captivating city has so much to offer, from its rich history to its vibrant arts scene. In this article, we invite you to embark on a visual journey through Oshawa, Ontario, as we showcase some of the most breathtaking colour photos capturing the essence of this extraordinary city.

## **The History Unveiled in Brilliant Hues**

Oshawa, often referred to as the "Automotive Capital of Canada," has a fascinating history that is brought to life in these vibrant colour photos. Explore the city's roots as a major hub for the automotive industry, and witness the sites that have shaped Oshawa into the thriving city it is today.



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## The Legendary McLaughlin Estate



One of the most iconic landmarks in Oshawa is the famous McLaughlin Estate. With its stunning architecture and beautifully landscaped gardens, this historic site is a colorful testament to the city's rich past. These colour photos capture the grandeur and charm of the estate, inviting you to step back in time and immerse yourself in Oshawa's history.

## **Exploring the Automotive Heritage**



No photo collection of Oshawa would be complete without a tribute to the city's automotive heritage. These colour photos take you behind the scenes of the renowned automotive plant, where generations of Canadian vehicles have been lovingly brought to life. Whether you're a car enthusiast or simply interested in Oshawa's industrial legacy, these images tell a vivid story that cannot be missed.

## **A Cultural Kaleidoscope**

Beyond its rich history, Oshawa is a culturally diverse city that is bursting with artistic flair and creativity. Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of arts and culture with these stunning colour photos that showcase the city's eclectic mix of galleries, festivals, and public art.

## **Artistic Marvels in Full Splendor**





Step into the Oshawa Art Gallery, where creativity knows no bounds. These colour photos bring to life the incredible artistry and innovation that is on display within the gallery's walls. From captivating sculptures to awe-inspiring paintings, these images will leave you in awe of Oshawa's incredible artistic scene.

## **Festivals That Paint the Town**



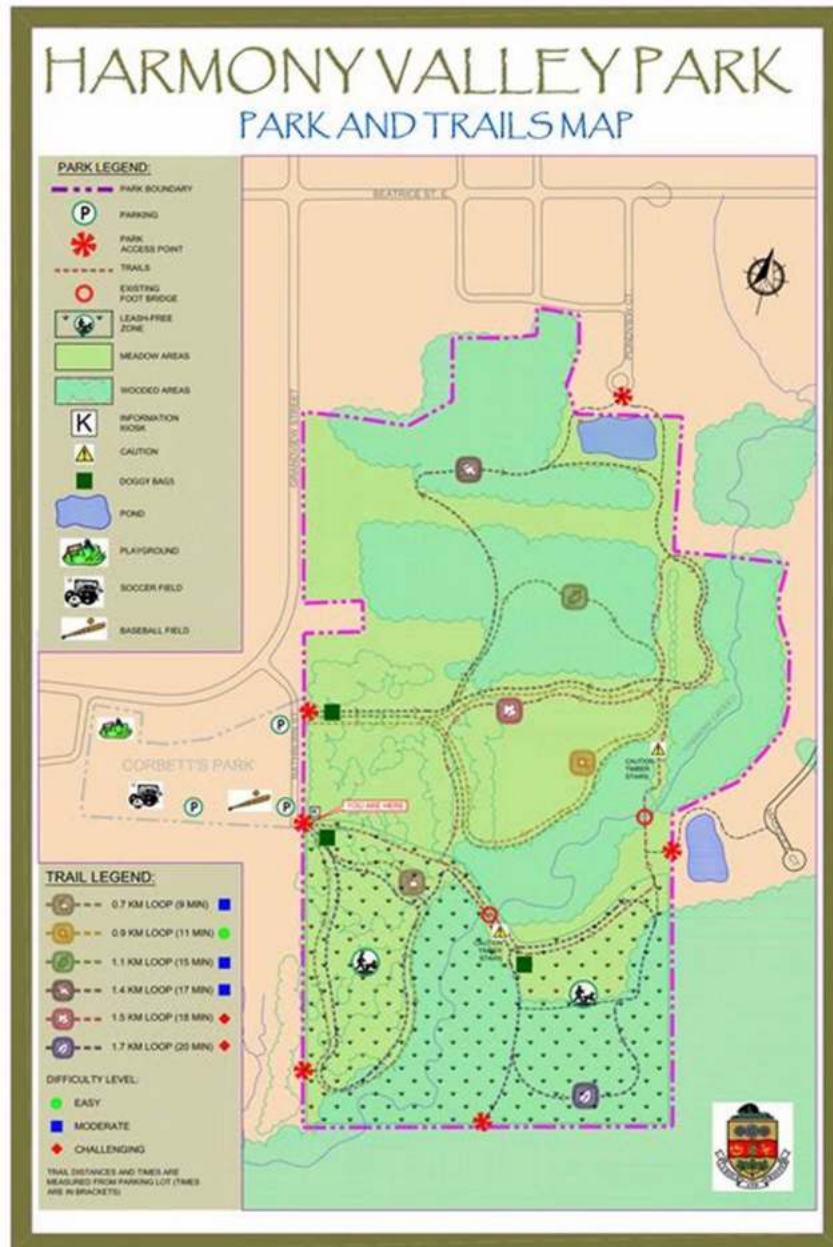
Oshawa is known for its lively street festivals that bring the city to life with music, food, and entertainment. These colour photos capture the energy and excitement of these vibrant gatherings, showcasing the true spirit of Oshawa's community. From cultural celebrations to lively parades, these images are a testament to the city's rich cultural heritage.

### **Natural Beauty in Every Shade**



Oshawa is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty, from its pristine parks to its breathtaking waterfront. These colour photos depict the city's stunning landscapes, inviting you to connect with nature and discover the hidden gems that Oshawa has to offer.

## Escape to Harmony Valley Conservation Area



For nature lovers, Harmony Valley Conservation Area is a place of tranquility and beauty. These colour photos capture the serenity of this stunning park, showcasing its lush greenery, picturesque trails, and peaceful rivers. Whether you're looking for a peaceful retreat or an outdoor adventure, the Harmony Valley Conservation Area is a must-visit destination in Oshawa.

## **Lakefront Serenade**



Indulge in the scenic beauty of Lake Ontario with these stunning colour photos. Whether you prefer a leisurely stroll along the waterfront or a captivating sunset view, Oshawa's lakefront offers a multitude of breathtaking experiences. Immerse yourself in the tranquility and serenade offered by the picturesque shores of Lake Ontario.



## Exploring Oshawa: A Visual Feast

Oshawa, Ontario, is a city that captivates the senses with its rich history, cultural diversity, and breathtaking landscapes. Through these stunning colour photos, we have just scratched the surface of the visual feast that awaits you in this remarkable city. Embrace the vibrant hues, immerse yourself in the artistic scenes, and connect with the natural beauty of Oshawa as you embark on your own journey through this extraordinary destination.



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Oshawa is a city in Southern Ontario on the Lake Ontario shoreline. It is about sixty kilometers east of Downtown Toronto. The name Oshawa comes from the Ojibwa word meaning “the crossing place” or “where we must leave our canoes”. More than 5,000 people work and more than 2,400 university students study in the downtown core. Oshawa’s roots are tied to the automobile industry with the Canadian division of General Motors located here. It was founded in 1876 as the McLaughlin Carriage Company. The lavish home of the carriage company's founder, Parkwood Estate, is a National Historic Site of Canada. Historians

believe that Oshawa began as a transfer point for the fur trade. Beaver and other animals trapped for their pelts by local natives were traded with the Coureurs des bois (voyagers). Furs were loaded onto canoes by the Mississauga Indians at the Oshawa harbor and transported to the trading posts located to the west at the mouth of the Credit River. Around 1760, the French constructed a trading post near the harbor location; this was abandoned after a few years, but its ruins provided shelter for the first residents of what later became Oshawa. In the late eighteenth century a local resident, Roger Conant, started an export business shipping salmon to the United States. His success attracted further migration into the region. A large number of the founding immigrants were United Empire Loyalists, who left the United States to live under British rule. Later Irish and then French Canadian immigration increased as did industrialization. Oshawa and the surrounding Ontario County were the settling grounds of a large number of nineteenth century Cornish immigrants. The surveys ordered by Governor John Graves Simcoe, and subsequent land grants, helped populate the area. When Col. Asa Danforth laid out his York-to-Kingston road, it passed through the Oshawa area. In 1822, a "colonization road" (a north-south road to facilitate settlement) known as Simcoe Street was constructed. It ran from the harbor to the area of Lake Scugog. It intersected the "Kingston Road: at what became Oshawa's "Four Corners." In 1846 there were about 1,000 people in a community surrounded by farms. There were three churches, a post office, tradesmen of various types, a foundry, a grist mill and a fulling mill, a brewery, two distilleries, a machine shop and four cabinet makers. The newly established village became an industrial center, and implement works, tanneries, asheries and wagon factories opened. In 1876, Robert Samuel McLaughlin, Sr. moved his carriage works to Oshawa from Enniskillen to take advantage of its harbor and of the availability of a rail link not too far away. He constructed a two-storey building, which was soon added to. This building was heavily remodeled in 1929, receiving a new facade and being extended to the north. Around 1890, the carriage works relocated from

its Simcoe Street address to an unused furniture factory a couple of blocks to the northeast, and this remained its site until the building burnt in 1899. Offered assistance by the town, McLaughlin chose to stay in Oshawa, building a new factory across Mary Street from the old site. Rail service had been provided in 1890 by the Oshawa Railway; this was originally set up as a streetcar line, but by about 1910 a second freight line was built slightly to the east of Simcoe Street which provided streetcar and freight service, connected central Oshawa with the Grand Trunk (now Canadian National) Railway, and with the Canadian Northern (which ran through the very north of Oshawa) and the Canadian Pacific, built in 1912-13.



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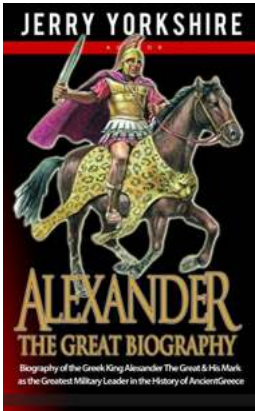
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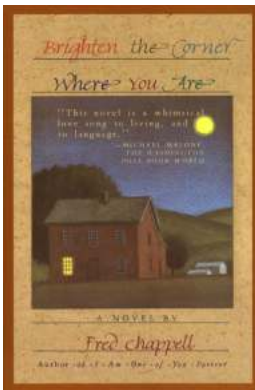
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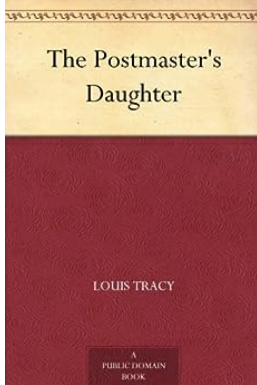
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