

# Are life's distractions keeping you from finishing your novel?

## WRITERS' STUDIOS FOR RENT ON TORONTO ISLAND



IDEAL FOR ARTISTS WHO NEED UNINTERRUPTED TIME TO THINK AND WRITE

- \* Private studios located in the "Writers Wing" overlooking beautiful park
- \* Spectacular natural setting, steps away from sandy beach
- \* Short term rentals only – 1 to 3 months
- \* Available immediately

**JUST \$175 per month**

Gibraltar Point Centre for the Arts was founded in 1999 by Toronto Artscape. A unique retreat on the Toronto Islands, it was conceived as a centre for creative thinking — a refuge outside the bustle of the city where artists can go to work or receive professional training in an environment which is highly conducive to creativity. It is a multi-faceted workplace which has private and semi-private work studios which house a dynamic mix of painters, sculptors, writers, potters, photographers, musicians, and theatre artists.

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There are times when a **change of scenery** makes a world of difference

from **\$100\***



Spacious Rooms

Daily Room Rentals

Healthy and Hearty Food and Beverage Options

Sandwich platters from \$10 per person

Great selection of vegetarian soups and salads

Coffee, tea and assorted beverages with cookies from \$3 per person

Snacks and fresh fruit available on request

Hot meals including chili and assorted pastas made to order

Bring your own food option – some restrictions may apply



Great Afters



Gibraltar Point



The Beacon Room



The Fireplace Room



Secluded Beaches

Leaders and community activists have long realized the value in negotiating change in remote environments away from distractions and where all parties are on neutral ground. Now, non-profit and charitable groups, and education and government departments have affordable access to a welcoming environment which is highly conducive to creative thinking.

Warm Laid-back Environment

Flexible room configurations

Projection equipment and sound system available

Access to fax, phone, internet

Spectacular Toronto Islands Setting

Comfortable woodsy feeling

Beachfront location in City Park

10 minute ferry ride to downtown Toronto

On-island shuttle service available

Operated by a non-profit organization



*"Our all-staff meeting was a resounding success for two reasons: the high quality and personal nature of the service that we received and the beauty and serenity of the surroundings. Both added real value to our event!"*  
Ontario Trillium Foundation

**Call Now!**

Call our staff for help planning your off-site meeting or event. They are trained to help work through the details to ensure your event is a success.

**416-392-7834**

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Toronto Artscape would like to acknowledge the generous support of the City of Toronto, The Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Laidlaw Foundation and the Ontario Arts Council. Artscape's work – creating and sustaining vibrant arts facilities within the City of Toronto communities and neighbourhoods – is made possible by many creative partnerships with individuals, organizations and businesses.  
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\* Food and beverages not included. Rental rates vary depending on the size of your group, the rooms you rent, length of your stay, as well as staff, equipment, and transit required. Rates subject to change without notice. Food rates and menu subject to change without notice. Minimum orders of 10 may apply.

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A few words from our  
satisfied customers...

"Definitely beautiful. The staff were wonderful; they were *very prompt* and *very courteous*. Everyone was definitely very friendly. We really liked the fireplace."

Scadding Court Community Centre

"A country retreat in the city. A source of natural inspiration. Wonderful beachfront access."

Toronto Renewable Energy Co-op

"We felt that the experience of the ferry crossing, the comfortable bus ride, the welcoming fire in the hearth on our arrival and the hearty lunch contributed enormously to our sense of accomplishment over the day. It's *so convenient* to the city and yet gives that feeling of freedom of getting away from it all."

The Arts Leadership Network Pilot Project

"Gibraltar Point Centre for the Arts is definitely one of the very best venues we have held our training events in the City of Toronto. We are particularly impressed by the *gourmet foods* it provides."

Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter

"It was grand. It gave us the opportunity to think about environmental issues in a *unique environmental space*. Some of us even went swimming!"

Sierra Legal Defence Fund

"Gibraltar Point was an ideal location to rehearse creatively without the distractions of the city. Even the boat ride to the island and the bus ride to the arts centre helped the performers to re-focus on their art. It was a *positive experience* for all musicians involved."

University of Toronto Faculty of Music

## Getting to Gibraltar Point

A ten minute voyage on a vintage ferry boat is an integral part of the Gibraltar Point experience. The Ferry Terminal, located at Bay Street and Queen's Quay West, is a ten minute walk from Union Station.

Bicycles can be taken on the ferry, although some restrictions may apply during peak periods. Ferries run on seasonal schedules. In colder weather, the Ongiara offers cozy heated cabins. Ferry fares are \$5 for adults (group discounts also available). For ferry schedules and information call (416) 392-8193.



Once on the Islands, you can walk, cycle, rollerblade or take the Gibraltar Point shuttle bus. The Gibraltar Point Centre is approximately a twenty minute walk from the Centre Island docks, or thirty minutes from Ward's or Hanlan's docks. Shuttle bus service for arrivals and departures can be arranged at the time of your booking.

Toronto Islands offer a wide range of arts and cultural exhibitions, events, and festivals as well as recreational pursuits including canoeing, sailing, tennis, volleyball, frisbee golf, an amusement park, restaurants and cafes, swimming including a nude beach, bird watching, rollerblading, cycling, and cross country skiing.

Visit the Retreat Centre webpage for a complete orientation package

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