



## LESLIEVILLE, TORONTO

# **QUEEN STREET GEMS**

Its hip factor makes Leslieville a great place to spend an afternoon browsing its boutiques and bookstores, supping in its breweries and cafés, or beautifying in its salons and brow bars.





#### **BROWSE**

For those who like to get lost in that newbook smell, Queen **Books** has a finely tuned selection in various genres from memoirs to graphic novels and cookbooks. Check the event schedule to line up your visit with one of the store's book launches, panels or readings, including story time for kids. (queenbooks.ca)



### **TASTE**

Local hangout Eastside Social is part cocktail parlour and part oyster bar and seafood restaurant. Rollicking and, at times, raucous, it's always delicious. The culinary team turns out fresh, seasonal hits such as grilled octopus, house-cured sardine crostinis, lobster gnudi and fish tacos. (eastsidesocial.ca)



### **FURNISH**

Newly expanded Black Rooster **Decor** carries a well-curated collection of chic, often whimsical, but always statement-making furnishings. (black roosterdecor.com)



#### **EQUIP**

Kit yourself out at Varsity Brown Leather Goods, where Matt Boston handcrafts backpacks and duffle bags, belts, wallets, billfolds and more. (varsitybrown.ca)

**GETTING THERE** 

WestJet flies to Toronto 114

times a day from 17 Canadian, 12

U.S. and 29 international cities.



#### GROOM

With **BSIDE** Beauty and the adjacent JustB Salon, owners Rom Diaz and Ben Barkworth run a head-to-toe aesthetics and hair emporium with a soothing, cup-of-tea vibe. Make an appointment for a manicure or pedicure, or get a blowout and quick makeup touchup before that event. (bsidebeautyca, justbsalon.ca)



**TREAT** Generous cappuccinos, heavenly hot chocolate, cute cupcakes and dainty macarons in all the flavours of the rainbow make the inviting, shabby-chic Bobbette & Belle a Paris-inspired café. Settle into the window ledge, tuck into a sticky toffee pudding and watch the world go by. (bobbetteandbell.com) —Doug Wallace