

The Battle of Neighborhoods

Venues comparison – financial hubs of Canada and New York Boroughs

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Analyzing Venues of two boroughs of world financial hubs – Toronto Downtown and Manhattan for Immigrants, student and businessmen

Project Description:

Both the boroughs of Toronto and New York, Toronto Downtown and Manhattan respectively are very big financial hubs of their countries and also fascinating to people from different countries outside.

Students, immigrants, Businessmen from different countries have been targeting these regularly. This case study and Report is to provide the readers required information around the culture and venues which might help them prepare for their decision to pursue career or start of a new life in. Having known to venue and traffic information will help make an informed decision in picking right place to travel, stay and begin a new life.

Foursquare API:

This project will use Four-square API as its prime data gathering source as it is one of the rich collection of location info provide for many fortune 500 companies world wide. it has a database of millions of places, especially their places API which provides the ability to perform location search, location sharing and details about a business.

Work Flows:

API data is used to analyze and cluster the venue info from Downtown Toronto and Manhattan boroughs. Basically, this includes -

- Data acquisition and cleansing
- Data preparation
- Feature selection and verification thru visualization
- Clustering

Data acquisition and wrangling –

For Downtown Toronto case, we have extracted table of Toronto's Borough from Wikipedia page. Then we arrange the data according to our requirements. In the arrangement phase, which applied multiple steps including but not limited to, eliminating "Not assigned" values, combine neighborhoods which have same geographical coordinates at each borough and sorted against the concerned borough. For data verification and further exploration, we use Foursquare API to get the coordinates of Downtown Toronto and explore its neighborhoods. The neighborhoods are further characterized as venues and venue categories.

We pulled Downtown Toronto data from the wiki page - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_postal_codes_of_Canada:_M. And then added long and latitude using Geospatial_Coordinates.csv. Data wrangling to - eliminate 'not assigned' and merging neighborhoods having same geo space and finally sort them according to their boroughs. used geocoders for long and lat computation for Downtown Toronto. Foursquare API data used for venue location data.

We pulled Manhattan detail using https://cocl.us/new_york_dataset which has all boroughs and then filtered for only Manhattan.

Data preparation–

Taken the venue information of 2 boroughs cities, explore the data, analyze them and visualize them in a separate section. Then a final conclusion of data analysis in last sections.

Downtown Toronto data is pulled from website and has postal code, neighbourhood info. The Geospace info has been fed from the file. And then a data frame has been created for further processing of data. Manhattan data is used from file which is a straight forward readily available info.

Preparation of "Downtown Toronto" data

- Extract data from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_postal_codes_of_Canada:_M
- Add location data from Geospatial_Coordinates.csv
- Cleansing -
- Eliminate neighborhood column (Nan). Throughout the project, Neighbourhood used for clarity
- Drop the postal code column
- Filter for Downtown Toronto borough and set it as index

Preparation of "Manhattan" data

- Extract data from https://cocl.us/new_york_dataset

Geopy is used for location latitude and longitude calculations for both Downtown Toronto and Manhattan.

Feature selection and verification thru visualization –

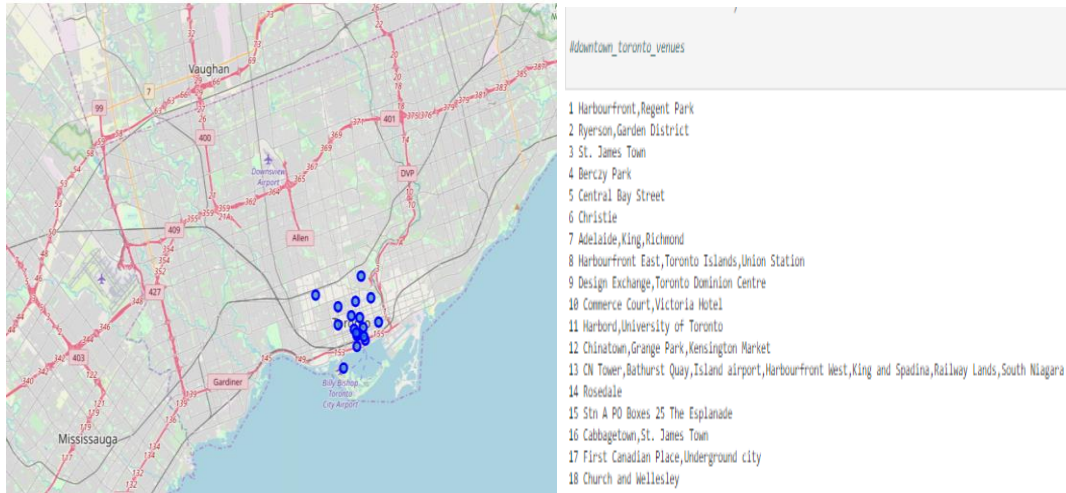
	Borough	Neighbourhood	Latitude	Longitude
0	Downtown Toronto	Harbourfront, Regent Park	43.654260	-79.360636
1	Downtown Toronto	Ryerson, Garden District	43.657162	-79.378937
2	Downtown Toronto	St. James Town	43.651494	-79.375418
3	Downtown Toronto	Berczy Park	43.644771	-79.373306
4	Downtown Toronto	Central Bay Street	43.657952	-79.387383

	Borough	Neighbourhood	Latitude	Longitude
0	Manhattan	Marble Hill	40.876551	-73.910660
1	Manhattan	Chinatown	40.715618	-73.994279
2	Manhattan	Washington Heights	40.851903	-73.936900
3	Manhattan	Inwood	40.867684	-73.921210
4	Manhattan	Hamilton Heights	40.823604	-73.949688

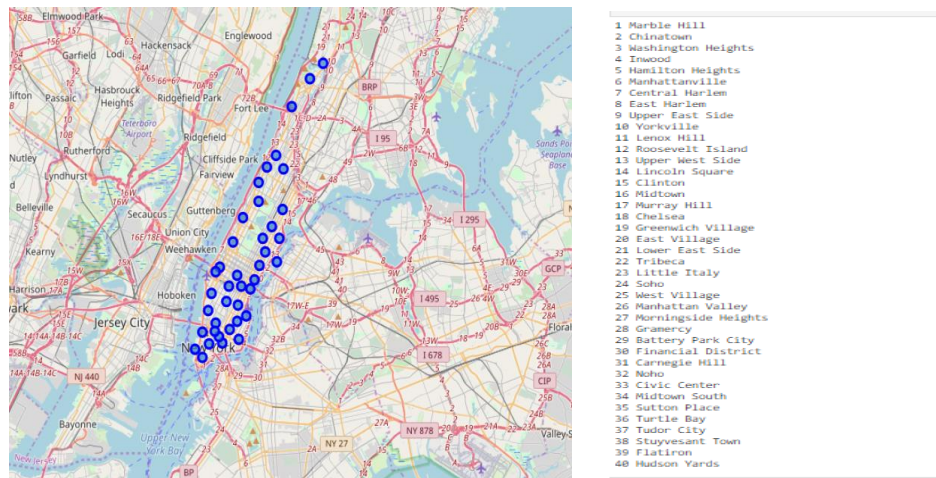
Visualization –

Before clustering to validate the data on graph for its appearance

Downtown Toronto - Borough



Manhattan – Borough



After clustering using KMeans to cluster and segment the neoghbourhoods

Downtown Toronto : cluster and segmentation

Cluster 1 - Airport Lounge, Coffee shops, Cafe, Restaurants & Grocery Store

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downtown_toronto_merged.loc[downtown_toronto_merged['Cluster_Labels'] == 0, downtown_toronto_merged.columns[[1] + list(range(5, downtown_toronto_merged.shape[1]))]]
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0 Harbourfront,Regent Park	Coffee Shop	Park	Gym / Fitness Center	Breakfast Spot	Performing Arts Venue	Bakery	Chocolate Shop	Restaurant	Farmers Market	Historic Site
1 Ryerson,Garden District	Cafe	Movie Theater	Music Venue	Burrito Place	Burger Joint	Pizza Place	Clothing Store	Plaza	Coffee Shop	Ramen Restaurant
2 St James Town	Gastropub	Restaurant	Japanese Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Church	BBQ Joint	Cosmetics Shop	Creperie	Middle Eastern Restaurant	Italian Restaurant
17 Church and Wellesley	Park	Hobby Shop	Mexican Restaurant	Burger Joint	Bubble Tea Shop	Pizza Place	Breakfast Spot	Juice Bar	Bookstore	Pub

Cluster 2 - Gastropubs

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8 Design Exchange,Toronto Dominion Centre	Cafe	Coffee Shop	Deli / Bodega	Restaurant	Bakery	Gym	Gym / Fitness Center	Hotel	Japanese Restaurant	Gastropub
9 Commerce Court,Victoria Hotel	Cafe	Gastropub	Coffee Shop	Deli / Bodega	Bakery	Gym	Gym / Fitness Center	Beer Bar	American Restaurant	Museum
10 Harbord,University of Toronto	Bookstore	Bakery	Japanese Restaurant	Restaurant	Dessert Shop	Sandwich Place	Beer Bar	Chinese Restaurant	Italian Restaurant	Comfort Food Restaurant
16 First Canadian Place,Underground city	Cafe	Coffee Shop	Restaurant	Steakhouse	Gastropub	Pub	Deli / Bodega	Bakery	Pizza Place	Seafood Restaurant

Cluster 3 - Cafes

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4 Central Bay Street	Coffee Shop	Italian Restaurant	Bubble Tea Shop	Park	Japanese Restaurant	Seafood Restaurant	Spa	Ramen Restaurant	Sushi Restaurant	Sandwich Place
13 Rosedale	Park	Trail	Playground	Building	Wine Bar	Convenience Store	Chinese Restaurant	Chocolate Shop	Church	Clothing Store

Cluster 4 - Coffee Shops, Cafe, Park & Japanese Restaurants

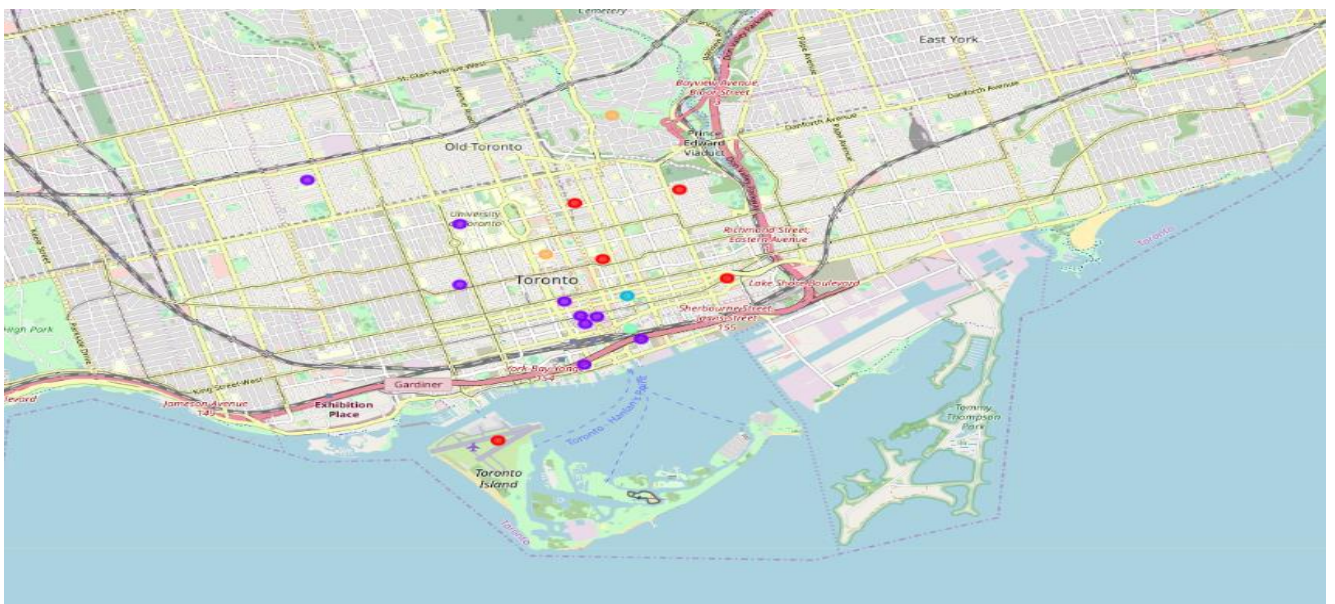
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14 Stn A PO Boxes 25 The Esplanade	Cocktail Bar	Beer Bar	Farmers Market	French Restaurant	Steakhouse	Park	Museum	Clothing Store	Jazz Club	Concert Hall

Cluster 5 - Seafood, steakhouse, Hotel & Cafe

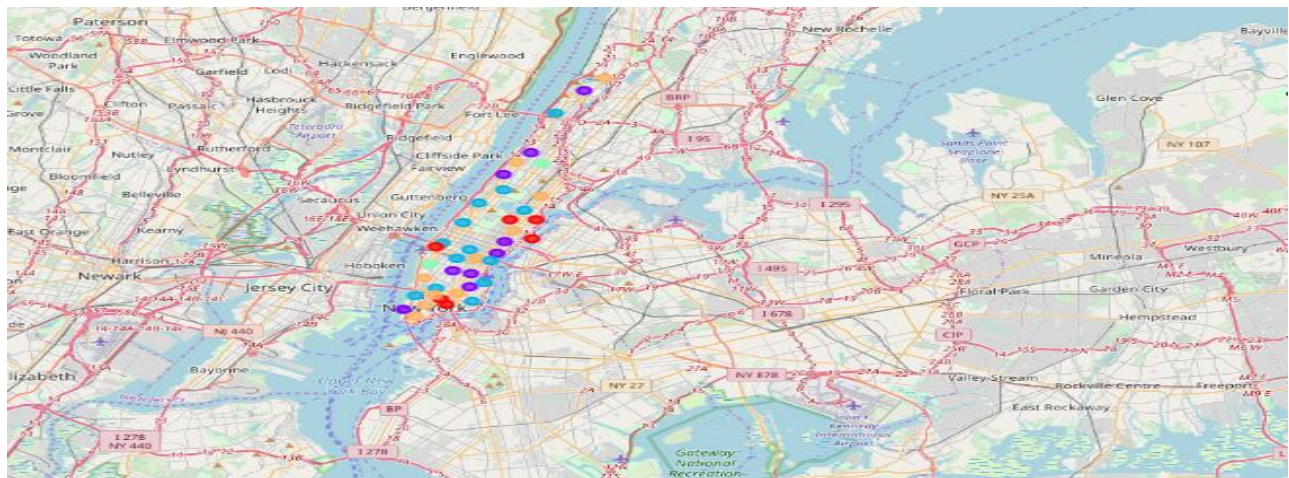
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3 Berczy Park	Seafood Restaurant	Farmers Market	Steakhouse	Museum	Park	Cocktail Bar	Liquor Store	Coffee Shop	Bistro	Beer Bar
5 Christie	Grocery Store	Cafe	Park	Coffee Shop	Baby Store	Italian Restaurant	Athletics & Sports	Restaurant	Diner	Nightclub
6 Adelaide,King,Richmond	Asian Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Steakhouse	Seafood Restaurant	Lounge	Pizza Place	Plaza	Concert Hall	Bar	Hotel
7 Harbourfront East,Toronto Islands,Union Station	Park	Plaza	Cafe	Sporting Goods Shop	New American Restaurant	Performing Arts Venue	Bubble Tea Shop	Lake	Salad Place	Italian Restaurant
11 Chinatown,Grange Park,Kensington Market	Cafe	Caribbean Restaurant	Vietnamese Restaurant	Mexican Restaurant	Bakery	Farmers Market	Dessert Shop	Coffee Shop	Cocktail Bar	Organic Grocery
12 CN Tower,Bathurst Quay,Island airport,Harbourfront	Airport Lounge	Airport Service	Airport	Airport Food Court	Airport Gate	Airport Terminal	Boat or Ferry	Coffee Shop	Sculpture Garden	Harbor / Marina
15 Cabbagetown,St James Town	Cafe	Restaurant	Park	Bakery	Caribbean Restaurant	Butcher	Pet Store	Pub	Jewelry Store	Italian Restaurant



Manhaatan : cluster and segmentation

Cluster 1 - Residential											
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1 Chinatown	Chinese Restaurant	Noodle House	Sandwich Place	Spa	Greek Restaurant	Museum	English Restaurant	Bike Shop	Garden Center	Salon / Barbershop	
8 Upper East Side	Hotel	Jazz Club	Optical Shop	Coffee Shop	Chocolate Shop	French Restaurant	Burrito Place	Spa	Bookstore	Gym / Fitness Center	
9 Yorkville	Wine Shop	Coffee Shop	Hobby Shop	Beer Store	Sandwich Place	Liquor Store	Dog Run	Bagel Shop	Pub	Asian Restaurant	
11 Roosevelt Island	Sandwich Place	Coffee Shop	Farmers Market	Gym	Scenic Lookout	Baseball Field	Residential Building (Apartment / Condo)	School	Greek Restaurant	Japanese Restaurant	
22 Little Italy	Cafe	Wine Bar	Sandwich Place	Snack Place	Salon / Barbershop	Newsstand	Clothing Store	Gourmet Shop	Coffee Shop	Bakery	
29 Hudson Yards	American Restaurant	Hotel	Gym / Fitness Center	Music School	Furniture / Home Store	Supermarket	Cocktail Bar	Residential Building (Apartment / Condo)	Greek Restaurant	Theater	
Cluster 2 - Commercial Places											
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3 Inwood	Cafe	Park	Wine Bar	Yoga Studio	Bakery	Deli / Bodega	Diner	Farmers Market	Mexican Restaurant	Spanish Restaurant	
4 Hamilton Heights	Yoga Studio	Caribbean Restaurant	Cocktail Bar	Mexican Restaurant	Historic Site	Pub	Cafe	Wine Bar	Mediterranean Restaurant	Coffee Shop	
19 East Village	Pizza Place	Bagel Shop	Park	Coffee Shop	Ramen Restaurant	Dog Run	Moroccan Restaurant	Scandinavian Restaurant	Korean Restaurant	Beer Store	
26 Morningside Heights	American Restaurant	Bookstore	Food Truck	Park	Farmers Market	Coffee Shop	Sandwich Place	Liquor Store	Greek Restaurant	Cafe	
27 Greenway	Pizza Place	Coffee Shop	Yoga Studio	Beer Bar	Ice Cream Shop	Italian Restaurant	Gourmet Shop	Liquor Store	Mexican Restaurant	Food Truck	
28 Battery Park City	Park	Food Court	Memorial Site	Smoke Shop	Scenic Lookout	Coffee Shop	BBQ Joint	Shopping Mall	Sandwich Place	Gym	
34 Sutton Place	Gym	Indian Restaurant	Grocery Store	Steakhouse	Adult Boutique	American Restaurant	Beer Garden	Beer Store	Dessert Shop	Gym / Fitness Center	
35 Turtle Bay	Karaoke Bar	Sushi Restaurant	Greek Restaurant	Museum	Lounge	Residential Building (Apartment / Condo)	Seniors Court	Farmers Market	Gift Shop	Duty-Free Shop	
38 Hellgram	Japanese Restaurant	Gym	Cycle Studio	Furniture / Home Store	Donut Shop	Spa	Bookstore	Sports Club	Cafe	Cheese Shop	
Cluster 3 - Tourist Areas & Hubs											
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2 Washington Heights	Wine Shop	Park	Cafe	Frozen Yogurt Shop	Pool	Spa Restaurant	Market	Restaurant	Burger Joint	Ramen Restaurant	
12 Upper West Side	Italian Restaurant	Bar	Bagel Shop	Southern / Soul Food Restaurant	Peruvian Restaurant	Bookstore	Movie Theater	Chinese Restaurant	Gift Shop	Juice Bar	
13 Lincoln Square	Theater	Concert Hall	Indian Movie Theater	Performing Arts Venue	Opera House	School	Library	Gift Shop	Park	Fountain	
14 Clinton	Theater	Gym / Fitness Center	Pizza Place	Pie Shop	Peruvian Restaurant	Comedy Club	Cafe	Movie Theater	Building	Sporting Goods Shop	
15 Midtown	Hotel	Cuban Restaurant	Bakery	Miscellaneous Shop	Spa	Sporting Goods Shop	Mediterranean Restaurant	Steakhouse	French Restaurant	Sandwich Place	
16 Greenwich Village	Cafe	French Restaurant	Italian Restaurant	Yoga Studio	Optical Shop	Caribbean Restaurant	Sushi Restaurant	Beer Bar	Gourmet Shop	Clothing Store	
20 Lower East Side	Coffee Shop	Art Gallery	Japanese Restaurant	Yoga Studio	Community Center	French Restaurant	Filipino Restaurant	Cafe	Mediterranean Restaurant	Chinese Restaurant	
21 Inwood	Wine Shop	Park	Yoga Studio	Sandwich Place	Sushi Restaurant	Dog Run	Cafe	Poke Place	Coffee Shop	Italian Restaurant	
25 Manhattan Valley	Bar	Deli / Bodega	Yoga Studio	Italian Restaurant	Hawaiian Restaurant	Grocery Store	Korean Restaurant	Mexican Restaurant	Fried Chicken Joint	Ethiopian Restaurant	
30 Carnegie Hill	Gym	Italian Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Gym / Fitness Center	Spa	Pizza Place	Community Center	Cafe	Wine Shop	Bagel Shop	
33 Midtown South	Korean Restaurant	Cosmetics Shop	Coffee Shop	Lingerie Store	Food Truck	Boutique	Golf Course	Clothing Store	Grocery Store	Hotel	
36 Tudor City	Park	Yoga Studio	Asian Restaurant	Convenience Store	Pizza Place	Deli / Bodega	Cafe	Bridge	Spanish Restaurant	Sushi Restaurant	
37 Stuyvesant Town	Bar	Playground	Boat or Ferry	Park	Coffee Shop	Farmers Market	Bistro	Gas Station	Garden Restaurant	Basketball Court	
Cluster 4 - Center Activity											
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6 Central Harlem	African Restaurant	American Restaurant	Boutique	Bagel Shop	Ethiopian Restaurant	Library	Beer Bar	French Restaurant	Bar	Juice Bar	
17 Chelsea	Theater	Italian Restaurant	Nightclub	Indian Restaurant	Ice Cream Shop	French Restaurant	Cupcake Shop	Coffee Shop	Chinese Restaurant	Cafe	
Cluster 5 - Cultural & Going Out Places											
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0 Marble Hill	Discount Store	Coffee Shop	Yoga Studio	Gym	Seafood Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Steakhouse	Supplement Shop	Donut Shop	Diner	
5 Manhattanville	Italian Restaurant	Indian Restaurant	Ramen Restaurant	Mexican Restaurant	Cafe	Seafood Restaurant	Lounge	Bike Trail	Supermarket	Climbing Gym	
7 East Harlem	Mexican Restaurant	Pet Store	Donut Shop	Beer Bar	Latin American Restaurant	Thai Restaurant	Steakhouse	Clothing Store	French Restaurant	Coffee Shop	
10 Lenox Hill	Gym	Thai Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Taco Place	Gift Shop	Smoke Shop	Gourmet Shop	Dessert Shop	College Academic Building	Liquor Store	
16 Murray Hill	Hotel	Spa/Sauna	Jazz Club	Shanghai Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Lounge	Chinese Restaurant	Restaurant	Ramen Restaurant		
23 SoHo	Women's Store	Salon / Barbershop	Men's Store	Clothing Store	Yoga Studio	Arts & Crafts Store	Tea Room	Miscellaneous Shop	Optical Shop	Art Museum	
24 West Village	Cosmetics Shop	Italian Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Cocktail Bar	Chinese Restaurant	Bakery	Gourmet Shop	Mediterranean Restaurant	Gastropub	Candy Store	
29 Financial District	Coffee Shop	Pizza Place	Gym / Fitness Center	Doctor's Office	Food Truck	Falafel Restaurant	Event Space	Steakhouse	Cafe	New American Restaurant	
31 NoHo	Coffee Shop	Cocktail Bar	Rock Club	French Restaurant	Italian Restaurant	Hotel	Gym	Deli / Bodega	Sandwich Place	Southern / Soul Food Restaurant	
32 Civic Center	Spa	Falafel Restaurant	Yoga Studio	Gym	Monument / Landmark	French Restaurant	Sushi Restaurant	General Entertainment	Molecular Gastronomy Restaurant	Bar	



Observations & Recommendations

Historical places are situated in Downtown Toronto neighborhoods and monument venues are in Manhattan neighborhoods. Venues like Airport lounges, Harbor, Gym, museums and night clubs are available for tourists in Downtown Toronto.

At first sight we can primarily recommend, Downtown Toronto neighborhoods as they have easy access to Airports to save time and save some money. Easy access to traveling always leads to convenience for tourists, students and emigrants.

Conclusion

The downtown Toronto and Manhattan neighborhoods have more like similar venues. Most of the times choices and needs also drive the tourists so Asian might more incline towards the Toronto while European may towards Manhattan due to some cultural background and immigration benefits.