

## Going to a Hockey Game

Hockey is the official sport of Canada and it's a must activity if you wish to experience authentic Canadian culture. The home team for Toronto is the Maple Leafs. This team plays at the Scotiabank Arena and it has an impressive fan base. Tickets for the regular season are really expensive, so they recommended us to book pre-season tickets instead. I had the chance to watch the game against the Detroit Red Wings.

Before going to watch the game, I decided to visit the Hockey Hall of Fame, which is kind of a museum of hockey. They have the uniforms, equipment and history of all famous hockey players from Canada and the world. They also have the original Stanley Cup, which is the trophy awarded to the winner team of the hockey league. I've only watched hockey in the movies, so this museum was really helpful to understand why this sport is so important to Canada. After the visit, I stopped at Tim Hortons, the famous Canadian coffee shop founded by the hockey player. This location has a special exhibition to commemorate hockey as well.

I walked then to the Scotiabank Arena to watch the game. I was prepared with my Maple Leafs t-shirt, which I bought at the store. I didn't know where the stadium was, but I didn't have to use Google maps, all I had to do was follow the hundreds of hundreds of fans walking with the blue sweaters, t-shirts and caps. Once in our seats, I was able to experience the excitement of a hockey game and euphoria of the fans. The game lasted about two hours with non-stop music, people singing the cheers, blue lights, the polar bear mascot and drums. Every time the Maple Leafs scored, a special song played and they showed on the screens how the fans were dancing or jumping. Fans were so engaged that you could feel excited even if you didn't understand the rules of the game.

The Maple Leafs won the game that night and the players greeted the fans after. We ate hot dogs and fries after the game, a popular night snack. On the way back to home, we saw the fans wearing the blue colors and a smile in everyone's face. It was a lifetime experience and we all have fun!

