NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls are considered by many to be the eighth wonder of the world. While not exceptionally high (50 metres), the falls are among the most powerful waterfalls in North America. Be prepared to share the experience with the hordes of tourists who flock here to admire the awe-inspiring beauty of the falls.
WHAT TO DO

NIAGARA FALLS ★★★
Niagara Falls are the most-visited falls in the world, welcoming some 12 million visitors each year. While not exceptionally high (50 metres), the Niagara Falls are remarkable for their width, power and beauty. You are sure to be impressed!

TOUR SKYLON ★★
Season: Open year round, 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Skylyn Tower, which resembles a smaller version of Toronto’s CN Tower, is one of the best spots from which to admire the falls, and offers spectacular views of the surrounding area, up to a distance of 100 kilometres on a clear day. The tower features three glass-walled elevators to transport visitors the 236 metres to the top in under a minute.
5200 Robinson Street, Niagara Falls / 905-356-2651
www.skylon.com

WALK FROM RAINBOW BRIDGE TO TABLE ROCK ★★
This 1.6 km walk follows the river from Rainbow Bridge to Queen Victoria Park ★★ across from the majestic American Falls and then on to Table Rock ★★, right beside the Canadian falls. In Table Rock House, elevators descend to a short tunnel leading to two outdoor observation decks directly behind the Falls.

WHITE WATER WALK ★★
At White Water Walk, an elevator will take you down 70 metres to the bottom of Niagara Gorge, where you can enjoy a walk along the boardwalk at the very edge of the mighty rapids of the Niagara River, one of the world’s wildest stretches of whitewater.

BOAT RIDE TO THE BASE OF THE FALLS ★★★
Season: May-November from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (reduced schedule in low season).
If there is one Niagara Falls attraction that you simply mustn’t miss, it’s the legendary boat ride to the base of the mighty falls in all their glory. You will be glad of the complementary raincoat before the ride is over! www.niagaracruises.com

WHIRLPOOL AERO CAR ★★
Season: May to October, daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
You’ll be transported through the air in an antique cable car, while far below the torrent of water abruptly changes direction and creates one of the world’s most mesmerizing natural phenomena – the Niagara Whirlpool. Note: not accessible for people with reduced mobility.
3850 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls / 1-877-642-7275
www.niagaraparks.com

THE FALLS BY NIGHT ★★★
Every evening, the Falls are lit in the colours of the rainbow from 8:30 p.m. to midnight in summer (earlier in low season). In addition, between May 17 and October 14, you can enjoy a spectacular firework display over the falls starting at 10 p.m., every night from June 17 to September 2 and Wednesday, Friday and Sunday nights in low season.

HELIÇOPTER FLIGHT OVER THE FALLS ★★★
Season: Available year-round, daily from 9 a.m. to sunset (weather permitting).
The ultimate Niagara Falls experience is, without a doubt, a scenic helicopter ride over the falls! What better vantage point could there be for admiring the natural and man-made beauty of the town of Niagara? After a vertiginous ascent, you will soar over the majestic falls for breathtaking views of the mighty wonder of nature. A unique and unforgettable experience that will be etched in your memory forever!
Niagara Helicopters Limited
905-357-5672
www.niagarahelicopters.com

QUEEN STREET ★
Queen Street, commonly known as "The Q", has been the heart of downtown Niagara Falls since the 1900s. This is a quaint and dynamic district that offers something for everyone, with a wide variety of boutiques, restaurants, bars, cafés, theatre and much more.
NEARBY

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
Just twenty kilometres from Niagara Falls, Niagara-On-The-Lake is a charming small town on Lake Ontario at the mouth of the Niagara River. A well-preserved 19th-century village, Niagara-on-the-Lake is often described as the prettiest town in Ontario with its tree-lined streets, lush parks and impeccably restored houses. Take a walk along its main street, Queen Street★ which is lined with charming boutiques, restaurants, hotels, tea rooms and even a pharmacy dating back to 1866 (Niagara Apothecary). The region enjoys a unique microclimate similar to that of northern California, making it an excellent wine growing region and home to some of the best vineyards in Canada. A vineyard tour is a pleasure you won’t want to miss.

FESTIVAL

Niagara Wine Festival
Dates: September 14 to 29, 2019 (weekends only)
Canada’s largest celebration of wineries and vineyards has been in existence for over sixty years. The festival offers more than one hundred events, including winery tours and tastings, concerts, Niagara cuisine, wine seminars, family entertainment and one of Canada’s largest street parades, and attracts some 200,000 people to the Niagara region each year. www.niagarawinefestival.com

WHERE TO EAT

1. TIDE & VINE OYSTER HOUSE ($-$-$$)
   Everything is made from scratch at the Tide & Vine! Don’t miss the sesame-crusted albacore tuna, the lobster profiteroles, the Belgian-style brined mussels, Kat’s seafood chowder and, of course, the fresh oysters. Open Monday-Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays from noon to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
   3491 PORTAGE ROAD
   NIAGARA FALLS / 905-356-5782
   WWW.TIDEANDVINE.COM

2. CASA MIA RISTORANTE ($$$-$$$$$)
   This iconic Niagara restaurant has been owned and operated by the Mollica family for the past 25 years. Mother-son team Luciana and Claudio work together to create exciting and fun Italian dishes using quality ingredients. Open for lunch Tuesday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and for dinner Monday-Saturday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
   3518 PORTAGE ROAD
   NIAGARA FALLS / 905-356-5410
   WWW.CASAMIARISTORANTE.COM

3. BRASA BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE ($$$)
   The formula is simple: A selection of 12 Brazilian-style roasted meats served directly to your table, and an all-you-can-eat gourmet buffet featuring over 70 hot and cold items to accompany your meal including salads, grilled vegetables, salmon, rice, Brazilian-style potatoes, polenta, fried bananas and Brazilian cheese bread. A must-try for meat lovers but expensive for small appetites! Open Sunday-Thursday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.
   6361 FALLSVIEW BOULEVARD
   NIAGARA FALLS / 905-353-7187
   WWW.BRASANIAGARA.COM

4. AG INSPIRED CUISINE (STERLING INN & SPA) ($$$$$)
   Inspired by the growers and producers of Niagara, AG Inspired Cuisine utilizes regional and seasonal ingredients, brought together by the inventive hand of our executive chef, Cory Linkson. Beautifully designed, unique and delicious dishes are crafted to satisfy the palate, while remaining true to the very essence of the ingredients. A combination of French, American and contemporary cuisine. Open Tuesday-Sunday from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
   5195 MAGDALEN AVENUE
   NIAGARA FALLS / 289-292-0005
   WWW.AGCUISINE.COM

5. ANTICA PIZZERIA ($-$)
   The Mascia family has been offering quality fresh home-cooked Italian cuisine for over forty years. The warm welcome will make you feel like a member of the family. House specialty: Wood-fired pizza. Open Sunday-Thursday from noon to 10 p.m. and weekends until 11 p.m.
   5735 VICTORIA AVENUE
   NIAGARA FALLS / 905-356-3844
   WWW.ANTICAPIZZERIA.CA

6. WEINKELLER ($$$)
   This little gem in the heart of a tourist jungle offers a casual upscale dining experience, where even the wine is made in-house (3 reds and 3 whites)! The menu offers reinvented Canadian cuisine and an intriguing culinary concept: the ability to customize the way your entrée is prepared (3 or 4 options). For example, if you order the Pacific salmon, you have the choice of having it cedar plank, Blackened, poached with seasonal hollandaise, or with lemon and herbs. What could be better than having the choice! Open Sunday-Thursday from 5 p.m. to midnight and Friday-Saturday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.
   5633 VICTORIA AVENUE
   NIAGARA FALLS / 289-296-8000
   WWW.WEINKELLER.CA

★ Noteworthy  ★★ Worth the detour  ★★★ Must see