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Niagara Falls and Wine Country Guide

Niagara On The Lake, Niagara Falls (ON), 4 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: A visit to Niagara Falls is on the list of most travelers, - which explains why more than 7 million people visited last year alone. But a first time visitor can be overwhelmed by the variety of activities available, and may be unaware of the natural beauty of the broader area, or the fact that Canada's most famous wine growing country and culinary hotspot is just a short drive, or bike ride, away.

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Niagara Falls

Spectacular Natural Wonder



Watermark Restaurant (The)

Dine with a View

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Journey Behind The Falls

Thundering Great Fun



Ripley's Believe It Or Not! Museum

You Gotta Believe



Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory

Free-Flying Butterflies



Floral Clock

See it in Time



Screamers House Of Horrors

Get Ready to Scream



Konica Minolta Tower

For that Breathtaking View



Cham Shan Temple

Enjoy the Buddhist way of life



Niagara Falls IMAX Theatre

Presenting Niagara's Myth & Magic

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Vineland Estates Winery - Restaurant
Exquisite Vineyard Dining



PRINCE OF WALES
Lavish Accommodations



Apple Tree Historic B&B



QUEENS LANDING



Laura Secord Homestead
A Canadian Heroine's Historic Home



Fort George National Historic Site



Harbour House, an Ontario's Finest Inn
Charming award winning inn close to the theatre and downtown

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Niagara Parkway

1 Niagara Falls

DESCRIPTION: It all began 12,000 years ago when a huge trench was carved to create Niagara Falls, spectacular natural wonder. At the time, the Falls were about 11 kilometers (seven miles) down river in the Lewiston-Queenston area. In their present position, the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side and the American Bridal Veil Falls are eroding at a fast rate. Together, they pour about 60,000 cubic meters (200,000 cubic feet) of water every second over the brink. Come the winter



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Niagara Falls ON L2E 6T2

holiday season, the Falls are beguilingly decked out for the annual Winter Festival of Lights. © wcities.com

MY NOTE: See the Falls early in the morning. Crowds get heavier as the day goes on and the walkway along the river becomes pretty crazy. If you want a good unobstructed view, especially for photography, get down to the Falls before 9 am. Also, try to catch the first sailing of the Maid of the Mist, so you can get a good viewing position, or else wait until late in the afternoon.

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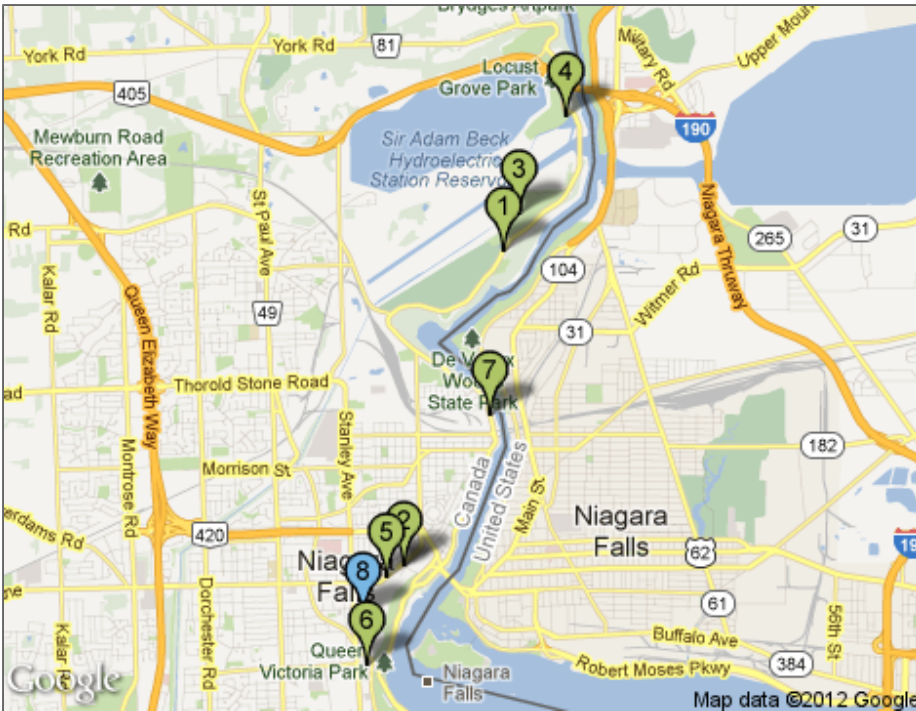
2 Watermark Restaurant (The)

DESCRIPTION: Have a wonderful dining experience at The Watermark Restaurant. Housed in Hilton Niagara Falls Fallsview. This restaurant serves meals that suit the varied taste buds of international guests it attracts. Prepared with choicest of ingredients and well presented, every meal is a treat. Enjoy all this along with a fantastic view this place flaunts. Must visit for its panoramic views. © wcities.com



Photo courtesy of Watermark Restaurant (The)

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nfgg/behindthefalls.php

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6650 Niagara Parkway
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1 Journey Behind The Falls

DESCRIPTION: This thundering adventure literally brings visitors beneath and behind the Canadian Horseshoe Falls, for a wild and wet time up close and personal with one of the world's natural wonders. Protected by rain gear included in the price of admission, visitors are taken through various man-made tunnels. They come out at an observation area where the noise is deafening, the mist all-surrounding, and the view awe-inspiring. Open hours vary seasonally. © wcities.com

MY NOTE: You'll never get closer to the Falls than this!



Photo courtesy of Journey Behind The Falls

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location:

4960 Clifton Hill
Niagara Falls ON L2G 3N4

2 Ripley's Believe It Or Not! Museum

DESCRIPTION: Now you can put a face and a place to all those Believe It or Not cartoon figures when you visit this gallery of the unusual. Located a block from Casino Niagara and a walk away from the Falls, this is one of two Believe It or Not museums in Canada and of 28 worldwide. It features exhibits and interactive displays inspired by the work of Robert Ripley, who worked as a cartoonist for The New York Globe in the early 1900s. Open hours vary seasonally, check website for details. © wcities.com

MY NOTE: A worthwhile visit, but heavy on reading material. Each display has a story. Could be a bit tedious for younger ones.



Photo courtesy of Ripley's Believe It Or Not! Museum

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http://www.niagaraparks.com/
garden-trail/butterfly-conservatory.html

location:

2405 Niagara Parkway
Niagara Falls ON L2E 6T2

3 Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Don't forget your camera. And be prepared to shed a few layers of clothes. It is very warm in here, just the way the butterflies like it.

DESCRIPTION: This attraction is perhaps better for achieving a state of tranquility than meditating at the Buddhist temple down the road. In a glassed in conservatory, with a damp and warm atmosphere, tropical flowers and dense greenery, there are few sounds - some bird songs, and occasional gasps from visitors who have spied a beautiful butterfly. But otherwise a tranquil silence. The Butterfly Conservatory is paradise for photographers, nature lovers and anyone who loves colour. It's a good activity for kids, and there are child-based activities that will keep them happy and amused. Just spotting the exotic butterfly species in the bushes and trees is exciting - there are more than 2000 butterflies, flying free, from 65 different species. The curing pathways and waterfall take you around the space, and are wheelchair and stroller accessible. Audio tours are available in six languages. © NileGuide



Photo courtesy of Barbara Ramsay Orr

MY NOTE: This is a wonderful place, calm, beautiful and relaxing. Children love it and the butterflies are spectacular. Great for photography.

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<http://www.niagaraparks.com/garden-trail/floral-clock.html>

location:

14004 Niagara Parkway
Niagara Falls ON L2G 7K3

4 Floral Clock

DESCRIPTION: Administered and cared for by the Niagara Parks Commission, this clock presents an ever-changing display April to October and attracts visitors like bees to honey. Located close to the shores of the Niagara River and directly across from the city power reservoir about ten kilometers (six miles) north of the Falls, the clock was first set up by Ontario Hydro in 1950. More than 16,000 plants make up the display and there's a three-meter wide (ten-foot-wide) oval pool at its front. This is the perfect photo op for the family album. © wcities.com

MY NOTE: I've never really seen the point of this attraction, but there is no denying its popularity. There is always a crowd around the clock, taking photos and posing. IF you're a gardener or a photographer, this could be a stop for you. Otherwise it is just worth a quick look.

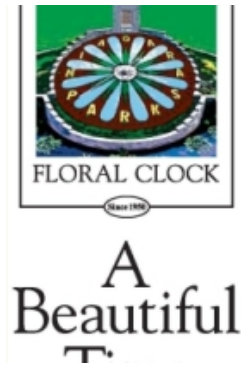


Photo courtesy of Floral Clock

contact:

tel: +1 905 357 7656
<http://www.screamersniagara.com/>

location:

5930 Victoria Avenue
Niagara Falls ON L2G 3N7

5 Screamers House Of Horrors

DESCRIPTION: If you're tired of the sunshine and the roar of the Falls, why not try walking in total darkness while scary monsters leap out at you? That's the gist of this haunted house, where you never know what will come at you next and what will send you screaming towards the exit. But don't worry, you simply yell out "screamers" and the ordeal is over; you'll simply join thousands of others on the Chicken List. © wcities.com

MY NOTE: A little too scary for young ones.



Photo courtesy of Screamers House Of Horrors

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Niagara Falls ON L2G 3W6

6 Konica Minolta Tower

DESCRIPTION: Konica Minolta Tower ranks as one of the oldest in town, a landmark since 1962. More than 150 meters (500 feet) above the Niagara Gorge, the tower features a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside from its indoor and outdoor observation decks and top-notch dining room in the Pinnacle Restaurant. © wcities.com

MY NOTE: There's a new hotel in the tower, done in a kind of Op-Art style, that is for those who like excitement. The floor to ceiling windows look right out over the Falls, and the distance to the ground is vertiginous.



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4303 River Road
Niagara Falls ON L2E 3E8

7 Cham Shan Temple

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

There are free guided tours during those hot summer weekends from June to October.

DESCRIPTION: The Cham Shan Temple name means "Ten Thousand Buddhas" and is a perfect site to take in all that the Buddhist culture has to offer. Located just minutes from the wonders of Niagara Falls this is a must to see as the seven level Chinese temple offers a peaceful oasis for tourists and locals alike. As this is a place of worship for members of the Buddhist religion tourists are reminded to treat the temple with respect. The temple is built of three wondrous acres of land that await the interested tourist.

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MY NOTE: This is such a bizarre thing to find on a main street near the Falls. But it is a cool place to visit and a real change from the other places you will visit here. The White Water Walk is just across the street, so you can do both activities at one stop.



Photo courtesy of Cham Shan Temple- Ten Thousand

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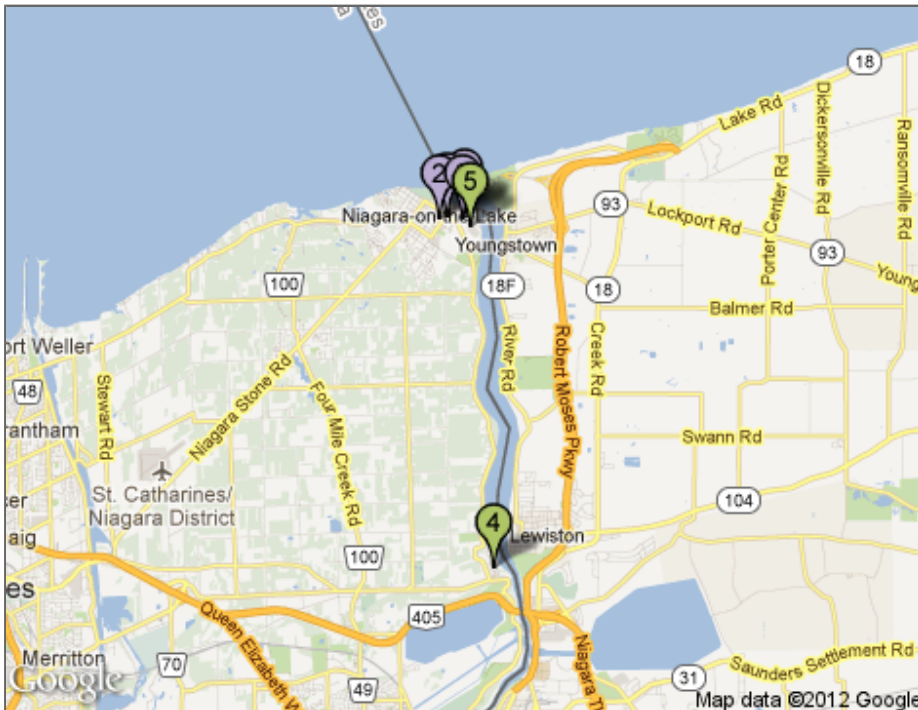
8 Niagara Falls IMAX Theatre

DESCRIPTION: Apart from standing before them, there is no better way to see the Falls than through the wonder of IMAX. Presented daily, Niagara: Miracles, Myths and Magic is a thrilling ride into the roaring waters without leaving your seat. The film by Academy-award winner Keith Merrill takes you to the very beginnings some 12,000 years ago when the Falls were first formed. The story moves on to the daredevils who have defied its majesty. Accompanying the viewing is the Daredevil Adventure, featuring props from the stunts. © wcities.com



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location:
6 Picton Street

1 PRINCE OF WALES

DESCRIPTION: This is Niagara-on-the-Lake's most luxurious hotel, and it has it all: a central location across from the lovely gardens of Simcoe Park; recreational facilities, including an indoor pool; a luxurious spa; lounges, bars, and restaurants; and attractive, beautifully decorated rooms. It has a lively atmosphere yet retains the elegance and charm of a Victorian



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inn. Bathrooms have bidets, and most rooms have minibars. All rooms are nonsmoking. © Frommer's

location:
263 Regent Street
Niagara-on-the-Lake ON L0S
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2 Apple Tree Historic B&B

DESCRIPTION: Location.

This bed & breakfast is located in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Horseshoe Falls and Skylon Tower are local points of interest. Another local attraction is Fallsview Indoor Waterpark. Features.

A complimentary breakfast is served daily. Apple Tree Historic B&B features a fireplace in the lobby. Guestrooms. There are 3 guestrooms at Apple Tree Historic B&B. Furnishings include fireplaces and desks. Bathrooms feature jetted tubs. Wireless Internet access is complimentary. Air-conditioned rooms also include irons/ironing boards.

Notifications:

Additional fees and deposits may be charged by the property at time of service, check-in, or check-out.

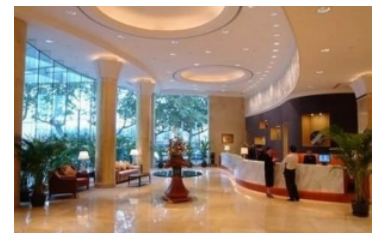


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location:
155 Byron Street
Niagara on the Lake ON L0S
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3 QUEENS LANDING

DESCRIPTION: EXPERIENCE STATELY GEORGIAN STYLE ELEGANCE AND GRACIOUS SERVICE IN A SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT SETTING. QUEENS LANDING IS AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR A ROMANTIC LEISURE GETAWAY OR A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MEETING. NATURAL LIGHT POURS IN THE FLOOR TO CEILING WINDOWS. THE SWEEPING STAIRCASE INVITES AN ENTRANCE WORTHY OF SCARLETT O-HARA. MARBLE FLOORS AND A STAINED GLASS CEILING DEFINE QUEENS LANDING AS A MANSION WITH STYLE. IN TIARA DINING ROOM ENJOY A PANORAMIC VIEW OF HISTORIC NIAGARA ON THE LAKE HARBOUR. CHEF ANDREW DYMOND WILL DELIGHT YOU WITH HIS ORIGINAL CUISINE CREATED FROM ORGANIC INGREDIENTS GROWN ON LOCAL FARMS. COMPLEMENT YOUR MEAL WITH AWARD WINNING WINES FROM THE NIAGARA REGION OR THOUGHTFULLY SELECTED VINTAGES FROM AROUND THE WORLD. FOR A LESS FORMAL MEAL VISIT BACCHUS LOUNGE WHICH OFFERS CASUAL DINING DAY AND NIGHT. AND IN THE SUMMER ENJOY CLASSIC BARBECUE ON THE WATERFRONT PATIO. QUEENS LANDING PROVIDES EXECUTIVE QUALITY MEETING FACILITIES RANGING FROM OUR MAGNIFICENT GRAND GEORGIAN BALLROOM TO MORE THAN A DOZEN SMALLER ROOMS FOR BREAK OUTS AND MORE INTIMATE GATHERINGS. OUR CONCIERGE TEAM MEMBERS OF THE EXCLUSIVE LES CLEFS D-OR SOCIETY ARE HIGHLY SKILLED PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL PERSONAL SERVICE TO OUR GUESTS.



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<http://www.niagaraparks.com/heritage/laurasecord.php>

location:

29 Queenston Street
Niagara Falls ON L0S 1J0

4 Laura Secord Homestead

DESCRIPTION: Home of Canadian heroine Laura Secord, who warned the British of an impending American attack during the War of 1812, this museum features genuine furnishings from the era. Costumed guides relate the story of how Laura risked death in uncharted woods through enemy lines to reach British command after overhearing an American plan to ambush the British. © wcities.com



Photo courtesy of Laura Secord Homestead

contact:

tel: 905/468-6614
www.parkscanada.ca

location:

Niagara-on-the-Lake ON

hours:

Apr 1-Oct 31 daily 10am-5pm
(open on weekends during the rest of the year)

5 Fort George National Historic Site

DESCRIPTION: The fort played a central role in the War of 1812: It was headquarters for the British Army's Centre Division. The division was comprised of British regulars, local militia, Runchey's corps of former slaves, and aboriginal forces. The fort was destroyed by American artillery fire in May 1813. After the war it was partially rebuilt, but it was abandoned in 1828 and not reconstructed until the 1930s. You can view the guardroom (with its hard plank beds), the officers' quarters, the enlisted men's quarters, and the sentry posts. The self-guided tour includes interpretive films. Those who believe in ghosts take note: The fort is one of Ontario's favorite "haunted" sites (ghost-hunting tours are available throughout the summer and in October). © Frommer's

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<http://www.harbourhousehotel.com>

location:

85 Melville St
Niagara-on-the-Lake ON L0S 1J0

6 Harbour House, an Ontario's Finest Inn

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

ASK for a room on the river side - it will be quieter, and the views are nice.

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Located just a short walk from the heart of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the thirty-one room Harbour House is a perfect home base for exploring the pleasures of Niagara, from the wineries, to the theatres, to the biking and walking trails along the Niagara parkway. Fort George is a short walk away. Decorated in warm shades of Tuscan yellow, the lobby has a cozy fireplace, overstuffed sofas and chairs, and wireless internet access. That same blend of comfort and convenience is obvious in the rooms. There are Frette robes in the closet and the king sized beds have fluffy duvets and feather beds layered on top of the mattresses, but the fireplace is gas and the flames spring to life with the turn of a dial. There is also high speed internet access in all of the rooms. The Conservatory, where breakfast is served, is large and cheery, and breakfast is a selection of warm and cold dishes. There's often a selection of good Canadian cheeses, cold meat, and fresh fruit, as well as a warm dish like warm blueberry French toast , home made jams and bread, muffins and cereal. In summer, guests can take their coffee out to the patio. At four o'clock each day, there is a wine tasting, featuring a different area winery. The Harbour House is a sister property to the lovingly restored Charles Inn, and guests can arrange to have lunch or dinner there. A complimentary shuttle will take guests back and forth.

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MY NOTE: At four each afternoon, there's a complimentary wine tasting, with snacks. Nice touch. And the breakfast is really fresh and healthy. The hotel has arrangements with the Charles Inn so you can make reservations to have dinner there.

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hours:

Mo to Su from 11:30 AM to
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1 Vineland Estates Winery - Restaurant

DESCRIPTION: A magnificent view of the Vineland Estates vineyards graces almost every diner at this memorable restaurant. Whether you're in the warmly appointed interior, or on the restaurant's outdoor deck, you'll be as delighted with the view as you'll be with the food. Executive Chef Jan Willem Stulp creates dishes using the freshest seasonal products from the area. Helpful staff can help select one of many fine wines from the surrounding vineyard to accompany your meal. The Vidal and the Riesling Icewines enhance just about any dessert. © wcities.com

MY NOTE: This is one of the iconic wineries of Niagara. Their patio restaurant serves excellent meals, and the views are lovely.

Niagara On The Lake Snapshot

Local Info

Niagara on the Lake is a small town in the Niagara Region of Ontario, Canada.

It sits on the shore of Lake Ontario at the mouth of the Niagara River. It is a frequent destination daytrippers from Niagara Falls and a destination in its own right.

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Niagara Falls (ON) Snapshot

Local Info

It's huge, it's noisy and it makes your heart race.

Standing on the edge of Niagara Falls are unique travel experiences awaiting you, where you will be thrilled over and over again when you venture on back to this beautiful city. This hands down explains why a visit to Niagara topples the To See list of world travelers. Deemed Often as one the Seven Wonders of the World, Niagara Falls has been attracting attention since Father Louis Hennepin first published his description of the Falls in 1678. By the time the first Maid of the Mist was launched in 1846, Niagara was welcoming over 50,000 summer visitors. It is estimated that 13 million tourists visit Niagara Falls yearly.

Niagara Falls is something special as you don't just get the one main attraction that is Niagara Falls but you get three Falls in one- the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side, and the American and Bridal Veil Falls on the U.S. side. Together they conduct water from the four Upper Great Lakes into Lake Ontario and then on out into the ocean. Over 20% of the world's fresh water flows over these Falls and is compressed through the Niagara Gorge. The resulting power and speed of 600,000 gallons of water per second tearing through this conduit is astounding.

Locals refer to them simply as The Falls, and most people acknowledge that the

view from the Canadian side, as well as the compelling array of attractions that are clustered around the Canadian Horseshoe Falls, provide the quintessential Falls experience. In Niagara Falls its not just about The Falls itself, it is all about the whole package deal of bright lights and long nights while in the city.

The rich and famous frequently flee to Niagara Falls and always gain a warm Canadian welcome. The likes of Royalty, politicians, presidents, writers and movie stars have all wander over the border to see what all the hype is all about. Many members of the Royal Family have come to visit, such as King George VI, Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth, and Princess Diana, Prince William and Harry. Various movies have also been filmed here, Marilyn Monroe with her Niagara, and Christopher Reeve in Superman. Celebrities to visit Niagara Falls include John Lennon and Yoko Ono spent their honeymoon here, Regis and Kelly and Brad Pitt.

A tourism playground is what many call Niagara Falls and its surrounding areas. With everything from wine tours to Clifton Hill there really isn't anything short of fun-filled activities to partake in for the whole family. With lush vegetation and walking trails throughout the Niagara Region, Niagara Falls is a perfect spot to gain some rest and relaxation you have been waiting for all those days being cramped up in an office. In 1885, the Niagara Parks

Commission was created to act as steward for the green spaces in Niagara Falls and the Niagara River corridor from Niagara Falls to Niagara-on-the-Lake. This area has been kept as parkland and it is maintained primarily by students of the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. The park-lands of Niagara remain lush and green and provide many with a sense of solitude around all the hustle and bustle of Clifton Hill and the tourists spots in Niagara Falls.

Over the years Niagara Falls continues to prosper and expand. With Marineland, The Fallsview Casino, The SkyWheel, restaurants galore and much, much more you really will succumb to the perfection and growth that the city has mastered over the years. The newest addition to Niagara Falls is the \$100 million Convention Centre. With an abundance of shows and what not to partake in at the convention centre this just as to the wondrous list of adventures to go on while in Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls brings wonder and excitement to anyone and everyone who visit this perfect tourist destination. It has something for everyone- from the natural wonder of the world to history lessons, arts and theatre, attractions and walking trails Niagara Falls is really the perfect spot to gain insight into the Niagara Regions world of tourism.

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