

NIAGARA FALLS STORY IDEAS – FAMILY ADVENTURES

EXPLORING NIAGARA FALLS AND BEYOND

The following information has been prepared to inspire future visits to Niagara Falls and we look forward to welcoming visitors back safely in keeping with any health and safety restrictions. Due to fluctuating COVID-19 restrictions, we recommend visitors contact businesses directly to confirm availability.

Home of the legendary Canadian Horseshoe, American and Bridal Veil waterfalls, Niagara Falls is a four-season destination renowned for its awe-inspiring natural wonders combined with world-class accommodation, thrilling entertainment and a burgeoning culinary scene. Visitors from Ontario, across North America and around the world who come to experience adventure, discover family fun, feel the romance and create unique and memorable experiences have made it Canada's #1 leisure destination.

There's a reason Niagara Falls is a popular four-season destination for multi-generational family vacations and getaways. When it comes to creating special memories, there are endless options and something to entertain family members and children of all ages. Explore the Falls then stroll along to discover four unique neighbourhoods boasting dining, live entertainment, attractions and shopping including Clifton Hill – renowned as the 'Street of Fun'. Spend time outdoors where there's 56 km (35 miles) of parks, a designated nature reserve, trails, historic landmarks and landscaped gardens with plenty of unique and memorable outdoor adventures to explore along the way.

Epic Views and Iconic Experiences

Experience the breathtaking views of Niagara Falls from every angle with these recommendations for the best vantage points from top to bottom. Hover 457 metres above the falls with [Niagara Helicopters](#), get up close to the base with [Niagara City Cruises](#), tower 236 metres above the mighty falls at the [Skylon Tower](#) or while dining at the award-winning [Revolving Dining Room](#).

Explore the breathtaking views at [WildPlay Whirlpool Adventure Course](#) (ages 5+). Ride the rapids of the Niagara River with Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours (wet and dry boats available). The [Whirlpool Aero car](#), a cable car offers incredible views of the Niagara Whirlpool high above the racing Niagara River. [Zipline to the Falls](#) for a thrilling panoramic 70 km/h ride, 67 metres above the natural marvel; enjoy a leisurely gondola ride 53 metres above the falls on the [Niagara SkyWheel](#); head to Table Rock to get up close – a mere 3 metres away or while dining at [Table Rock House Restaurant](#); descend 38 metres below the brink of the Falls with [Journey Behind the Falls](#).

Book a Fallsview category [Room with a View](#) to enjoy the majesty of the Falls from the comfort of your bed, any time of the day. End the day with a stroll along the parkway to see the nightly [Falls Illumination](#) where every evening at dusk Niagara Falls is transformed into an incredible multi-coloured water and light masterpiece. Don't miss Canada's longest-running spectacular [Fireworks](#) series throughout the summer and during the Winter Festival of Lights and select other holidays throughout the year.

Theme Parks

Each Niagara Falls waterpark has thousands of square feet of water slides, kiddie pools, and unique features like the aquaplay center with a giant tipping bucket or the full-size wave pool with 3-foot white caps. Winter or summer, [Waves Indoor Waterpark](#) and [Fallsview Indoor Waterpark](#) offer hours of entertainment.

Get outside for a day of exploring and learning about animals at [Safari Niagara](#), a 150-acre theme park with a ropes course to explore, paddle boats, carousel and giant splash pad plus lions, giraffes, hippos, monkeys, reptiles and birds. [Marineland](#) features a theme park plus educational presentations and encounters with marine mammals, land animal displays and NEW Penguin Palace™. Newest rides include one of the world's largest steel roller coasters, one of the world's highest triple tower rides, and the new Zierer Star Shape ride - the only one in North America.

The 'Street of Fun' - Clifton Hill

Clifton Hill, dubbed the 'Street of Fun', is a promenade with an endless variety of attractions, restaurants, museums, live entertainment and more. A must-visit for families. Clifton Hill is where you will find museums to midways and everything in between including these landmark experiences:

[Dinosaur Adventure Golf](#) is one of the nation's largest miniature golf courses, a massive 70,000 square foot playing surface with two 18-hole courses, and populated by 50 astonishingly realistic and life-sized dinosaurs, many looming over 30 feet high. [Niagara Speedway](#) is North America's largest elevated go-kart track .

[The Niagara SkyWheel](#) is Canada's largest observation wheel towering 53 m (175 feet) over the city and offering spectacular views of the Falls and other landmarks.

Museums

[Niagara Falls History Museum](#) houses a vast collection of Niagara Falls history and important artefacts related to the War of 1812, from geological creation of its most famous landmark, the daredevils that dared mother nature, to the stories of the people who helped develop the city. The museum is located within steps of the Drummond Hill Cemetery, the focal point for the Battle of Lundy's Lane, the 'bloodiest battle of the War of 1812. Learn about Black History in Niagara Falls and the heroes who helped enslaved people from the United States follow the "Underground Railroad" to find freedom in Canada. Approximately 30,000 escaped into Canada along this Underground Railroad. [Ripley's Believe it or Not](#) features 11,000 square feet of unique one-of-a-kind exhibits including a 2,000-pound piece of Redwood tree, more than 2,500 years old. Snap a selfie and strike a pose with your favorite celebrity at [Louis Tussaud's Waxworks](#). Fifteen themed galleries feature over 200 life-like wax figures crafted by wax artists from around the world, actors, musicians, historical figures, politicians, heroes. Newest additions include Drake, Ryan Reynolds and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. [Movieland Wax Museum](#) features top celebrities up close and personal, including Johnny Depp as Captain Jack Sparrow, Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones and Tom Hanks as Forest Gump, as well as Justin Bieber, Hannah Montana, Harry Potter, The Terminator, Marilyn Monroe and Lara Croft to name a few. Take in the optional "House of Horrors" at the end of your Museum tour...if you dare!

Get Up Close with Nature

Get up close with nature at the Niagara Parks [Botanical Gardens](#) with 40 hectares (99 acres) of beautifully maintained gardens to explore and home to the [Butterfly Conservatory](#), one of the largest in North America. Walk the green spaces and smell the flowers at the [Floral Showcase](#). Niagara Falls is home to [Bird Kingdom](#), the largest free flying indoor bird aviary in North America.

Bring History to Life

Bring the history of the Niagara Region to life with a visit to its many historic sites. After a visit to the Niagara History Museum, take a guided tour of Lundy's Lane Battlefield and step back in time with a visit to Fort George or Old Fort Erie, the first fort built in Ontario by the British in 1764. Explore the major crossing point into Canada of the Underground Railroad (1793-1865). Enjoy the open parkland spaces as you explore the various historic sites. It was from this Queenston [Homestead](#) that Laura Secord began the journey that has earned her a place in Canadian history. Laura Secord is a heroine due to her journey along a 32km (20 mile) treacherous route to warn Canadian troops of an impending attack by the invading Americans. [Brock's Monument](#) is a tribute to Sir General Isaac Brock, commander of the British forces in Upper Canada. A self-guided tour of the Battle of Queenston Heights starts at the foot of the monument and includes a climb to the top for a magnificent view. Canada and the United States today share the longest peaceful border in the world. Over two hundred years ago, however, control of the Niagara River section of this international border was in constant dispute.

Family Friendly Fare

Satisfy your cravings and refuel your energy with lunch or dinner at kid-approved [restaurants](#), including these cool picks: [My Cousin Vinny's](#), [Milestones](#), [Mick & Angelo's Kitchen + Bar](#) or [T.G.I. Friday's](#), [Boston Pizza](#). For an out-of-this-world dining experience, head to [The Flying Saucer Restaurant or feel](#) like you're on wild safari at [Rainforest Cafe](#).

Sweet Treats

[Il Gelato di Carlotta \(Fallsview Casino\)](#) is where Master gelato makers from Florence, Il Gelato di Carlotta embodies the essence of real Italian gelato - Florentine gelato craftsmanship, combined with top quality ingredients, creativity and genuine love for gelato.

[Sweet Jesus](#) offers clever creations with cotton candy to the ultimate treat for the chocolate obsessed. Using high quality ingredients, this shop creates next level soft serve ice cream cones with unique flavours and toppings. Try: Bangin Brownie or Rocky Road Rage.

[Fudge Factory](#) offers first-hand view as fudge, candy apples, sponge toffee, brittle and beernuts are being made by the Candy Cooks using traditional recipes. Browse the candy bar featuring over 50 types of candy and chocolate.

[Maple Leaf Place](#) offers The Maple Trail, the world's only indoor Maple Sugar Bush Experience. Enjoy free sampling and tastings in this state-of-the-art facility. Enjoy free admission to an immersive audio/video tour of Canada's maple syrup heritage, Maple Taffy experience, samples of handmade Artisan Chocolates and Homemade Fudge along with state-of-the-art onsite Maple Syrup bottling, capping and labeling.

[Hersey's Chocolate World](#) is a beacon to chocolate lovers who enter through a 4-story high HERSHEY'S Bar, into a 7,000 sq. ft. retail space filled with sweets and fresh baked treats made in-store. Excellent selection of gourmet fudge, fresh dipped strawberries, milkshakes. Life-sized Hershey Kiss characters roam the store for photo opps.

Where to Stay

Book a Fallsview [Room with a View](#) to enjoy the majesty of the Falls from the comfort of your bed, any time of the day and a great way to take in the nightly Falls Illumination in the comfort of your pjs. Niagara Falls [campgrounds and cottages](#) afford visitors a special way of getting a little closer to nature.

Save with Attraction Packages

Explore attraction packages to save on admission and make the most of your visit.