

# NIAGARA FALLS CULINARY ADVENTURES

Overlooking the legendary Canadian Horseshoe, American and Bridal Veil waterfalls, Niagara Falls is a fourseason 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 have made it Canada's #1 leisure destination.

The emerging culinary scene in Niagara Falls has evolved into one of the primary draws for the destination. Sip and savour your way through critically acclaimed locally inspired FeastON certified farm-to-table dining options, award-winning wines, craft brews and spirits to experience the best that Niagara Falls has to offer. The dining experiences are some of the best in the country.

# **FeastON<sup>™</sup>** Certified Restaurants

Committed to sourcing Ontario grown and made food and drinks, a restaurant with the FeastON designation ensures you will enjoy the Niagara terroir of a locally sourced and inspired meal.

All five full-service, Niagara Parks restaurants on the Niagara Parkway are FeastON certified featuring local produce, highlighting craft brewers, Niagara VQA wines and distillers. <u>Table Rock House Restaurant</u>, <u>Queen</u> <u>Victoria Place Restaurant</u>, <u>Queenston Heights Restaurant</u>, <u>Legends on the Niagara Restaurant</u> and <u>Whirlpool Restaurant</u>.

Flour Mill Scratch Kitchen Restaurant offers dining in the only historic restaurant in Niagara Falls dating back to 1904. Famous patrons include Princess Diana and Prime Minister Trudeau among others.

<u>AG Inspired Cuisine</u> is a recipient of CAA/AAA 4 Diamonds Award, OpenTable top 100 restaurants in Canada and TripAdvisor's 10 Best Restaurants in Canada. This acclaimed dining experience showcases ingredients grown and harvested daily including honey from the new AG Busy Bee Honey Factory.

**Ravine Vineyard** (Niagara-on-the-Lake) is considered one of the top 20 winery restaurants in the world. Located on a 100+ year-old farm, Ravine has been owned and operated for five generations by the Lowrey family who craft small-batch organic VQA wines, bake their own bread, raise their own pigs, and grow their own certified organic vegetables.

<u>Vineland Estates</u> (Vineland) dates back to the 1800s and rests on the fertile Niagara Escarpment, located on a former Mennonite Homestead painstakingly restored. With sweeping views of lush vineyards, the farmhouse is the perfect place for an enjoyable and customizable dining sensation.

<u>Peller Estates</u> (Niagara-on-the-Lake) is the ultimate wine and food lover's playground. Partake in a barrel cellar dinner, fine dining in the Winery Restaurant with Executive Chef Jason Parsons, or casual dining on the patio's Barrel House Grill. Party in the Vineyard at the annual food truck event in spring and country music festival in summer.

### **Restaurants with A View**

Enjoy a leisurely meal while overlooking the unmatched views of the most famous waterfall in the world. Spectacular during the day or enjoy sunset and the sparkling evening views along with the nightly Illumination of Niagara Falls to create a memorable ambiance.



<u>Skylon Tower</u> features award-winning continental cuisine, lunch or dinner, presented in an elegant revolving dining room 775 ft. above the Falls. Admission to the Ride-to-the-Top and Indoor/Outdoor Observation Decks is complimentary when dining.

<u>Table Rock House Restaurant</u> overlooks the thundering Falls with Niagara inspired cuisine expertly prepared by award-winning Chef Elbert Wiersema, and a wide selection of world-class VQA wines from the vineyards of Niagara.

Massimo's Italian Fallsview Restaurant offers a modern and refreshing take on authentic Italian cuisine with an excellent wine selection, quality locally sourced ingredients and spectacular views of Niagara Falls. Massimo Capra is one of Canada's most prominent and celebrated chefs, an acclaimed author and television personality. Prime Steakhouse showcases the talents of Niagara-born Executive Chef John Casciato who features an inspired menu of prime steaks, fresh seafood, and other classic favourites along with hand-crafted cocktails and an extensive menu of local and international wines.

<u>Morton's Grille</u> offers a casual yet elegant place to enjoy fresh seafood, succulent steaks, burgers, and salads, alongside hand-crafted cocktails and an impressive wine list.

<u>The Watermark</u> is led by Executive Chef Tim O'Donnell and his team who expertly prepare fresh farm-to-table continental cuisine. The refined menu includes everything from fresh PEI mussels to succulent Ontario Lamb. Each dish is dressed with sides of local produce.

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## **Most Romantic Restaurants**

Visited by romantics from all over the world, plan to experience Niagara Falls 'most romantic dining experiences. Flour Mill Restaurant (Old Stone Inn) offers dining in the only historic restaurant in Niagara Falls dating back to 1904. Famous patrons include Princess Diana, Prime Minister Trudeau among others.

**Trius Winery** (Niagara-on-the-Lake) has been crafting wine for 40 years. In the Trius Winery Restaurant, savour locally inspired cuisine by Executive Chef Frank Dodd. Don't miss a visit to Canada's largest underground sparkling wine cellar, discover the iconic story of Trius Red in the barrel cellar, and sip bubbly at the Trius Brut Bar patio.

<u>Kitchen 76 (Two Sisters Vineyards)</u> (Niagara-on-the-Lake) is located at the Two Sisters Vineyards Estate and features classic Italian cuisine, seasonally inspired dishes with exquisite vineyard views.

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## **Fine Dining**

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<u>Casa Mia Ristorante</u> is an award-winning restaurant, dedicated to providing a quiet, intimate dining experience. Owned and operated by the Mollica family for over 25 years, it serves as a gathering place for authentic Italian food lovers who pay homage to the creativity and culinary expression of matriarch and chef Luciana Mollica.



<u>Ponte Vecchio</u> is a CAA/AAA Four Diamond award-winning restaurant inspired by the Ponte Vecchio Bridge that spans the Arno River in Florence, Italy. Featuring fine Italian dining, surrounded by old world atmosphere, Ponte Vecchio's fine Italian dining is complemented by an award-winning wine list.

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<u>Buchanans Steak and Seafood</u> is a blend of modern steakhouse and chic lounge with a menu offering a selection of hand-cut steaks charbroiled, seafood, pasta and fresh salads.

## **International Culinary Experiences**

One of the top 10 Best Irish Pubs in North America, <u>Doc Magilligans's</u> serves up authentic Irish dishes, beer and a great time.

<u>Brasa Brazilian Steakhouse</u> showcases the flavours of South America and cultural flair of Brazil. Following centuries-old tradition of cooking on an open fire, diners can experience endless cuts of succulent beef, pork, lamb, and chicken carved tableside in the style of authentic Brazilian gauchos. A sophisticated wine bar and two-storey wine room containing an extensive selection of world-renowned wines.

The Kasbah Mediterranean features homemade farm to table Mediterranean delights from Greece, Lebanon, Armenia, Italy and France. An extensive menu includes vegetarian and vegan options plus a vast wine selection. Yukiguni Japanese Restaurant has been offering authentic and traditional Japanese food for over 30 years, prepared by Japanese Chefs. Popular among Niagara locals and served in a modest setting, Yukiguni offers the freshest selections of sushi and sashimi and other specialties.

# **Ease into Patio Life**

Sunny days call for <u>patio season</u> with many options for cold drinks and breathtaking views. Here are just a few: <u>The Niagara Distillery</u> featuring award-winning BBQ and six signature spirits that result in perfect pours either on their own or when mixed as a cocktail.

<u>The Niagara Brewing Company</u> proudly represents Canada's brewing heritage and today's innovative craft beer scene with unique beers skillfully weaved with local ingredients.

<u>Queen Victoria Place Restaurant</u> offers panoramic views of the Falls in this casual pub-style patio (perfect for enjoying free concerts and fireworks throughout the summer).

Taco N' Tequila features lively Latin beats, delicious Mexican fare, refreshing Margaritas or Sangria.

Just a short drive away in wine region enjoy refreshments and culinary experiences overlooking sweeping views of lush vineyards at <u>Ravine Vineyard, Vineland Estates, Peller Estates</u>, <u>Trius Winery</u> and <u>Two Sisters Vineyards</u>

## Italian

Niagara Falls is an Italian cuisine lover's paradise, with a variety of authentic formal and casual experiences. <u>Casa Mia Ristorante</u> is an award-winning restaurant, dedicated to providing a quiet, intimate dining experience. Owned and operated by the Mollica family for over 25 years, it serves as a gathering place for authentic Italian food lovers who pay homage to the creativity and culinary expression of matriarch and chef Luciana Mollica. <u>Massimo's Italian Fallsview Restaurant</u> offers a modern and refreshing take on authentic Italian cuisine with an excellent wine selection, quality locally sourced ingredients and spectacular views of Niagara Falls. Massimo Capra is one of Canada's most prominent and celebrated chefs, an acclaimed author and television personality. <u>Kitchen 76</u> (Niagara-on-the-Lake) is located at the Two Sisters Vineyards Estate and features classic Italian cuisine, seasonally inspired dishes with exquisite vineyard views.



<u>Carpaccio Italian Ristorante & Bar</u> offers award-winning dining featuring traditional dishes with modern appeal with an emphasis on freshness using seasonal ingredients.

<u>Four Brothers</u> is family owned and operated and celebrates 50 years of delicious Italian fare, served generously and at reasonable prices.

<u>Corso Italian</u> offers a culinary journey with unlimited authentic Italian food from all over Italy; from the Northern Alps to the southern parts of Sicily.

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# **Quintessentially Canadian in Niagara Falls**

**Maple Syrup at** <u>Maple Leaf Place</u>. Experience the world's only indoor Maple Sugar Bush Experience. Enjoy free sampling and tastings in this state-of-the-art facility.

**Butter Tarts** are a genuine Canadian recipe that has been around as long as Canada. A filling of butter, sugar, syrup and egg baked to gooey caramel perfection in a flaky pastry. Sample some of the legendary butter tarts at <u>13<sup>th</sup> Street Winery</u> (Jordan).

<u>Beavertail</u> is an artisanal Canadian whole wheat pastry, shaped in a beaver tail, served piping-hot, with endless flavour combination toppings and is both crispy and chewy at the same time.

**Poutine** is French fries topped with cheese curds melted by warm gravy. It was created in the 1950s in the Canadian province of Quebec. Try the classic or inventive flavours like Butter Chicken Poutine. <u>Flying Saucer</u> <u>Restaurant</u> serves poutine inside a restaurant shaped like a flying saucer, a favourite for all ages. Their take on the classic features fresh, shredded mozzarella. Head to <u>Maple Leaf Place</u> with authentic poutine with cheese curds.

Ketchup Chips, is a unique and popular tangy flavour that can be found in any hotel shop.

## **Sweet Treats**

<u>CFX Niagara</u> Carefully crafted using artisanal chocolate panning and molding techniques, CFX provides an incredible assortment of products that can delight even the most discriminating palate. Offering daily guided tours and samples of their many chocolate creations, plus a large retail store so you can take some treats with you. Chocolate covered sponge toffee sells out quickly. Don't miss chocolate covered cherries and toffee almonds.

<u>Il Gelato di Carlotta</u> (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.

<u>Sweet Jesus</u> 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.

<u>Maple Leaf Place</u> 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.



<u>Hersey's Chocolate World</u> 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.

# **Drink Local**

### **Niagara Wineries**

Sprawling vineyards, award-winning wines and a remarkable microclimate make Niagara's wine country one of the most visited wine regions in the world. From rustic wineries to grand estates, you'll find sociable tasting bars, underground barrel cellars and unique experiences, including the Instagram-worthy tour at <u>Trius Winery</u>. Discover the art gallery at <u>13<sup>th</sup> Street Winery</u>, sip the sweet signature taste of Icewine at <u>Lailey Winery</u>, savour a love affair with wine and food at <u>Two Sisters Vineyards</u> and visit <u>Monastery Cellars</u> – the first vineyard adjacent to the Falls. The entire Niagara wine region along the shores of Lake Ontario-is home to over 50 wineries. Discover the best of the region's vineyards by following the Wine Route of Ontario through the countryside by car, bike or guided tour.

The Niagara Wine Festival, which occurs annually in autumn, includes tours and tastings at Niagara vineyards, concerts, Niagara cuisine, artisan shows, and family entertainment. The Niagara Icewine Festival in January celebrates Ontario's most famous wine in a winter wonderland setting, and the Niagara New Vintage Festival in summer gives visitors a chance to be the first to try the year's wines.

### **Niagara Distilleries**

For spirit enthusiasts, check out <u>The Niagara Distillery</u> on Clifton Hill, featuring six signature spirits that result in perfect pours either on their own or when mixed as a cocktail. At in Niagara-on-the-Lake you'll find tasting bars, tours, cocktail seminars and a VIP tasting room. Outside, relax at The Whisky Bar patio and Beer Garden for cold drinks.

### **Craft Brews**

Niagara is home to craft breweries that are passionate about showcasing the best hops and fresh fruit grown here. Taste the delicious difference homemade brews made from locally sourced ingredients makes. A short walk from the Falls, <u>The Niagara Brewing Company</u> proudly represents Canada's brewing heritage and today's innovative craft beer scene with unique beers skillfully weaved with local ingredients. It occupies the former site of Niagara's first luxury hotel, the Foxhead Inn, which was wiped out in a fire in 1932. The Niagara Brewing Company honours the spirit of the Foxhead with fine food and excellent beer, expertly crafted onsite by veteran brewer Gord Slater. <u>Oast House Brewers</u> (Niagara-on-the-Lake) housed in a refurbished red barn takes pride in working with local ingredients. Enjoy delicious BBQ style cuisines that complements the range of craft beer and live entertainment on their two-tiered patio. Or, explore <u>Niagara Region's Ale Trial</u> to discover small-batch beers, ciders and spirits you won't find anywhere else.

#### **Tasting and Tours**

Visit the <u>wineries</u>, <u>breweries</u> and <u>distilleries</u> in the Niagara Falls area responsibly by booking a private guide or group tour. Half-day and full-day tours available with hotel pick-ups.

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### PLAN YOUR VISIT

To plan your getaway to Niagara Falls, please visit <u>www.niagarafallstourism.com</u> and these helpful resources:

### WHERE TO STAY

Book a room in <u>nearby hotels</u> within walking distance of the Falls or a Fallsview room to enjoy a <u>Room with a</u> <u>View</u>, the majesty of the Falls from the comfort of your bed, any time of the day. Niagara Falls <u>campgrounds and</u> <u>cottages</u> afford visitors a special way of getting a little closer to nature.

### RESOURCES

- Niagara Falls Illumination: Niagarafallstourism.com/Illumination/
- Niagara Falls Itinerary Ideas: Niagarafallstourism.com/blog/itinerary/
- Attraction Packages: <u>Niagarafallstourism.com/attraction-packages/</u>
- Niagara Falls 24/7 Live Cam: <u>Niagara Falls Live Stream</u>

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