

NIAGARA FALLS STORY IDEAS - WHAT'S NEW

(Spring 2021)

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.

NEW IN 2021

NEW SHERATON FALLSVIEW – COMING JUNE 21

Sheraton on the Falls will soon change its name to Sheraton Fallsview and reveal an impressive \$50 million renovation, which includes a full-scale renovation of its guest rooms, lobby, and public spaces. The Fallsview is among many Sheraton hotels to undergo a larger brand revitalization.

Also relaunching will be a refreshed and revitalized Christienne Fallsview Spa.

Coming Summer 2021

A new Outdoor Sheraton Fallsview Rooftop Pool & Bar will also be unveiled with a sleek and contemporary design that matches the modern image of the hotel.

Click [here](#) for more information.

INDIGENOUS NIAGARA: LIVING MUSEUM TOURS (premiering September 2021)

Landscape of Nations 360° (LON 360°) proudly presents Indigenous Niagara Living Museum Tours, the Niagara Region's first guided Indigenous tour operation, scheduled to premiere September 2021 in Niagara Falls. Featuring animated encounters and engagements with Indigenous peoples, cultural interpreters, historians, food specialists and artisans. The deep and compelling Indigenous history and culture of the Niagara Region serves as the foundation for authentic tours of important Indigenous destinations known for their historical and cultural significance to Indigenous peoples, including Niagara Falls itself!

Click [here](#) for a list of Indigenous tours, events and programs in Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA GOLF LOUNGE – OPENING SOON

Best Western Plus Cairn Croft Hotel

The new Niagara Golf Lounge offers an enhanced golf experience with indoor simulators and a sports entertainment bar. Eat, drink and swing the day away! Located in the lobby of the Best Western Plus Cairn Croft Hotel, guests and the public alike can enjoy a round of golf at one of 80+ of the world's top courses, regardless of the weather. Click [here](#) for more information.

Niagara Falls is a world-class [golf destination](#) with 8 top golf courses designed by famed architects including [Legends on the Niagara](#), Canada's premier public golf course, and the [Whirlpool Golf Course](#), one of Canada's most highly rated and renowned public golf courses located in a spectacular setting against the backdrop of the Niagara River Whirlpool and Gorge.

NIAGARA CITY CRUISES (FORMERLY HORNBLOWER)

Providing Canada's only Niagara Falls boat tour experience, one of the most iconic experiences in Niagara Falls has rebranded. Niagara City Cruises Mory DiMaurizio, Chief Operating Officer, said that: "When we hit the water for our 2021 season, we will be sporting a new name and a new look, but the breathtaking experience aboard our boats will not change. The rebrand will also allow us to better integrate with other City Experiences properties, bringing more technology into play for an improved guest experience."

NIAGARA PARKS ANNUAL PARKING PASS

The 2021 Niagara Parks Annual Parking Pass is available and includes one full year of unlimited parking at most Niagara Parks lots for up to two vehicles for only \$40 CAD. Get it [here](#).

COMING UP SPRING 2021

AN INTERNATIONAL FOUR-SEASON BIRDWATCHING DESTINATION

With its proximity to the Niagara River corridor, one of the world's most biodiverse places, Niagara Falls is an untapped four-season international destination for bird lovers, adventure travelers and ecotourists alike. More than 280 bird species can be found in the Niagara River Corridor. Over 27 species of gulls, many of them rare, have been found here making it the best gull watching location in the world and a top destination for birders from all over the world hoping to add them to their list. In 1996, the entire Niagara River corridor, stretching 56 km from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, became the first site in North America to receive international recognition as an **Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA)** by major conservation groups in Canada and the United States. The IBA program aims to identify, monitor, and protect the world's most important sites for birds.

Numbers from eBird show that birdwatching, already considered the fastest growing recreational activity prior to the pandemic, has increased 30% from March 2020 to March 2021. According to eBird 170 species can be sighted at Dufferin Islands alone in Niagara Falls.

Click [here](#) to see a full list of birds and birdwatching locations.

NIAGARA FALLS IS BLOOMING

Niagara Falls is surrounded by some of the most spectacular gardens that are ranked among the most beautiful public gardens in Canada and around the world. The gardens and landscaped spaces are open year around and the flowers vary each season offering a backdrop of thousands of changing blooms. Niagara Falls is the Daffodil Capital of North America and also boasts an impressive tulip display, Canada's largest rose garden, a Magnolia Allee, the fragrant Centennial Lilac Garden, the iconic Floral Clock (16,000+ plants), one of Canada's largest Botanical gardens, plus a serene Japanese-style garden that is often referred to as the Secret Garden!

Click [here](#) for the top 5 Gardens to visit in Niagara Falls.

Coming soon: Calendar of year-round Blooms in Niagara Falls, Sustainable Gardens in Niagara Falls.

WORLD BICYCLE DAY (June 3, 2021)

Celebrate World Bicycle Day in Niagara Falls, one of Ontario's premier cycling destinations with over 300km of exceptional cycling routes and trails for beginners and pros alike. Whether you rent a bike or bring your own, there are great trails, bike friendly restaurants and self-guided tours to suit every level of cyclist in Niagara Falls Canada. Begin a cycling tour in the Falls and travel along the **Niagara River Recreation Trail**, which offers over 56



kilometers of breathtaking views, including the Niagara Glen and Whirlpool, finishing in historic Niagara-on-the-Lake. Cycle through the **Greater Niagara Circle Route**, a 140 km picturesque route along the Niagara Parkway beside Niagara Falls leading you through the lush greenery of the Niagara Escarpment. **Niagara River Bike Tours** offer two- and half-hour cycling tours showcase the hidden gems along the Niagara River.

Click [here](#) for more information including Transit for You and Your Bike, Bike Friendly Accommodations and Bike Rentals.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN CANADA (June 21, 2021)

NIAGARA FALLS ILLUMINATION FOR NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

On the evening of June 21, 2021, Niagara Falls will be illuminated in celebration National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada. Please see the [illumination calendar](#) for further details.

INDIGENOUS TOURS, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Click [here](#) for a list of Indigenous tours, events and programs in Niagara Falls.

CELEBRATING PRIDE IN NIAGARA FALLS (June 28, 2021)

NIAGARA FALLS ILLUMINATION FOR PRIDE

Niagara Falls will be illuminated in rainbow colours in celebration of LGBT+ pride and inclusivity on June 28th. Please see the [illumination calendar](#) for further details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19, 2021 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (online)

13,000 YEARS OF INDIGENOUS SETTLEMENT IN THE NIAGARA REGION

Niagara Parks Speaker Series: Dr. Rob Macdonald and Dr. Martin Cooper

Archaeological evidence suggests that as the Laurentide Ice Sheet receded 13,000 years ago, Indigenous peoples adapted to a new landscape in the Great Lakes area. The location of their settlements and the technology they created demonstrate a transition that evolved for thousands of years. In this seminar, discover how Indigenous peoples responded to drastic landscape changes in the Niagara region, and shifted from a hunter-gatherer economy to an agricultural economy over the course of 2000 years.

June 23, 2021 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (online)

1764 FORT ERIE

Niagara Parks Speaker Series: Dr. John Triggs

In 2019, a group of archaeology students led by professor Dr. John Triggs made a stunning discovery when they found the remains of Ontario's oldest British military fort. Hear the story of how modern archaeology pieced together the history of the first Fort Erie constructed in 1764. Join Dr. Triggs as he shares some of his team's incredible findings and learn what life was like for the British and Indigenous inhabitants of this early Ontario community.

VINELAND ESTATES "TREK AND TASTE OF TERROIR"

Trek and Taste with noted naturalist Owen Bjorgan, from Owen's Hiking and Adventures!



NIAGARA FALLS TOURISM

Hike, Taste and Explore along the Bruce Trail that stretches along our iconic St. Urban Vineyard and witness first hand, our vineyards coming to life as you taste the wines standing on the soil from which they came. Owen will unlock some of the natural mysteries of our terroir and surrounding landscape explaining the unique “escarpment affect”. Vineland Estates is over 40 years old with roots that go back to the Mosel in Germany and renowned for their Cabernet Franc and Riesling that are very highly regarded around the globe. Receive a new insight into our special place and how the land influences the wines we make! This is an extraordinary experience you won’t want to miss!

\$80.00 – minimum charge for up to 2 people

Duration: approx. 60 minutes

EXPLORE NIAGARA FALLS VIRTUALLY

Enjoy some armchair travel courtesy of these engaging virtual programs. You're sure to be entertained and inspired to visit Niagara Falls in future, when the time is right. Look forward to feeling the mist from Niagara Falls and hearing the roar of the water as it crests the Falls.

EXPLORE NIAGARA FALLS (VR)

While we all do our part in staying safe at home to stop the spread of COVID-19, Niagara Falls is bringing its iconic experiences to life in your living room. Whether you've visited the Falls before, are planning to visit in the future, or you call Niagara Falls home, the World Wonder will be ready to welcome you again when travel resumes. Get cozy and enjoy our collection of family-friendly videos, stories and activities to entertain and educate – from virtual tours to magic shows. Plus, view the majestic wonder from home 24/7 with the Niagara Falls Live Web Cam, including the nightly Falls Illumination.

BIRD KINGDOM (Virtual)

Bird Kingdom is bringing the wonder of birds to you! Their Virtual Field Trip is a mix of live animal interaction and prerecorded footage of the animals at Bird Kingdom, showing the most amazing and educational experiences you can see at the world's largest indoor free-flying aviary. Each class runs 35 minutes and costs \$95 for up to 50 participants. Their presentation involves audience interaction, so be ready to type your answers and ask questions during the live presentation. Learn something new about birds and why we should care about protecting the natural environment. It may be hard or impossible for groups to travel, but Bird Kingdom is bringing education and inspiration direct to your screen. During lockdown classes can be booked 7 days a week from 9am to 4pm.

NIAGARA'S INDIGENOUS LEGACY (Virtual)

The Niagara Region was a place of awe and wonder for the Indigenous peoples who first walked this land. Their ancestors' footsteps arrived approximately 13,000 years ago as the melting glaciers retreated northward, revealing the Great Lakes of Erie and Ontario and the mighty Niagara River. Explore the collection featuring objects that reveal the presence of Indigenous peoples, their art and history in the Niagara region, extending back hundreds of generations up to the present day. Explore videos created by curators Rob MacDonald, Rick Hill and Dave Labbe as they explain the source materials, uses and beauty of the Indigenous artifacts in the collections. Solve the mystery of the bannerstones!

Presented by: Landscape of Nations 360° and Niagara Falls Museum of History

SAFARI NIAGARA (Virtual)

Safari Niagara is showcasing programming on the [Safari Niagara YouTube](#) channel that can be viewed at leisure including: Keeper Cams/Keeper Talks, Get Closer Series, Animal Enrichment footage and Zooniversity videos.

ADVENTURE ROOMS CANADA (Virtual)

Adventure Rooms Canada takes its thrilling experiences online including two popular games with [Hosted Remote Play](#). Your group has 60 minutes to find its way out of a mysterious room using logic, searching for clues to get through obstacles. Make it through the puzzles to find the key and unlock yourself to freedom. Family friendly games are appropriate for ages 8 years and up.