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Niagara Falls - One Culinary Wonder After Another September 13-16, 2020

Theme

Experience the wonder of Niagara Falls with memorable culinary related food and drink.

Description

Canada's Niagara Region is home to the world's most stunning wonders – beautiful, powerful and awe-inspiring Niagara Falls. In this iconic setting is an ever-growing tapestry of experiences and among some of the most sensational are those of the culinary type.

Nestled in Southern Ontario, the Niagara Peninsula boasts an abundance of local suppliers and growers of fresh produce that inspires the menus and dishes of restaurateurs and chefs. The dramatic seasonality, micro-climate and terroir have all contributed to an ideal culinary destination.

Niagara's true wonder is the ability to provide genuine, authentic, transformative and shareable experiences, creating a sense of emotional connectivity with friends, family and loved ones. All of this delivered by a cast of professional, businesses, craftsmen, artisans and entrepreneurs who bring this great region to life.

Considerations

- While this tour is not overly strenuous, participants should be of "fair" physical fitness.
- Participants should advise if they have any dietary restrictions or food allergies.
- A credit card will be taken at the hotel to cover personal incidentals such as movies, laundry, long distance phone calls, etc.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Sunday, September 13

- 9:10 am Flights depart Victoria, BC (YYJ) via Vancouver International Airport (YVR) to Toronto Pearson (YYZ) (6 hours 17 minutes) on WestJet De Havilland Dash8 Q400, Boeing 737-700]
- 6:27 pm Arrive in Toronto, ON
- 8:30 pm Transfer by van to Niagara Falls. Check-in at hotel.
- 9:00 pm Optional: Experience the [nightly illumination](#) and [fireworks](#) display and go behind the scenes to see the illumination control room where you'll have an opportunity to sequence your favourite colours and paint the Falls with light.
- Overnight Niagara Falls

Day 2 – Monday, September 14

- 8:15 am Head to breakfast at the [Whirlpool Restaurant](#) (Drive time: 15 minutes). Offers panoramic views of the tree-lined Niagara Parkway and the 18th hole at the Whirlpool Golf Course.
- 10:00 am Visit a fruit farm at [Wakers's Country Market](#), just one of the surprise benefits along the Niagara Parkway and the Recreational Trail. The farm market has been in business since the 1930's and is still family owned and operated. Along with their own farm-grown fruit, there are tasty gourmet gift items.
- 11:00 am Get a real feel for the Icewine grape harvest conditions at [Peller Estates](#) in their "10below Icewine Lounge". Brrr.
- Niagara is the undisputed world leader when it comes to ice wine. Handpicked at night only after the temperatures dip below -10 degrees, each frozen grape yields just one drop of intensely frozen juice.
- 12:00 pm Lunch at [Oast House Brewers'](#) "The Patio". Sustainably constructed from old shipping containers you might find on a farm's back forty, the new, two-storey beer patio has introduced a total new level of chill to Niagara with endless panoramic vineyard vistas.
- 2:00 pm A short walk between them is the [Trius Winery](#) and the [Wayne Gretzky Estates](#) a perfect combination for wine and spirits with selfie back-drops on a large scale.
- 4:00 pm Return to the hotel. Free time.
- 6:00 pm Dinner at [Niagara Parks'](#) Table Rock House Restaurant.
- Only steps from the brink of Horseshoe waterfalls (Niagara Falls), the restaurant offers locally sourced and internationally inspired menus with the Falls as your backdrop.
- Optional:
- You don't want to miss a [Hornblower Niagara Cruises](#) experience. This immersive up close and personal boat encounter with the mighty Niagara Falls will have you overwhelmed with emotions of awe and wonder.
- Overnight Niagara Falls

Day 3 – Tuesday, September 15

- 8:30 am Head out for Breakfast (Drive time: 20 minutes). If you like all your senses engaged, then fresh pastries for breakfast at the [13th Street Winery Bakery](#) + a catered meal from [Incoho](#) will be a perfect match while you take in the whole operation wine, food, art and gifts. Wander the expansive grounds and discover the sculptures and artwork that adorn the property, while you savour the delicious aromas of fresh baking and their legendary butter tarts!
- 10:00 am Learn about bees in our neck of the woods at the [Rosewood Estates Winery](#) for an Interactive Bee Activation. Honey, Wine & Mead will be on the menu to sample.
- 11:00 am Tour of [Dillon's Small Batch Distillers](#) for something special from a family of perfectionists.
- 12:00 pm Tour the [Bench Brewery Company](#) with food from renowned chef Erik Peacock. See how this great beer comes about with a brewery tour and is well matched by Erik at "[The Kitchen](#)" whose cuisine strikes a perfect balance by combining wholesome, local ingredients with an innovative, stylized approach.
- 1:00 pm Lunch at [Vineland Estates](#) with one of Niagara's first winery restaurants and a forerunner of Niagara's flourishing wine and culinary scene. Dine indoors in the renovated 1845 farmhouse or outdoors under the shade sails. Wherever you are seated, you will take in the views of rolling vineyards, the forests of the Niagara Escarpment and Lake Ontario and Toronto in the distance.
- 4:00 pm Free time
- 5:00 pm A stop at [Dispatch](#) for a quick Taster Menu. Named one of Canada's Top-10 Best New Restaurants by [enRoute](#) magazine.
- 6:00 pm Dinner at [OddBird](#), this restaurant was founded in 2017 and is an ever changing, new-age Canadian bistro for Niagara Farm-to-Table dinners. The restaurant's family farm is located in Niagara-on-the-Lake and the daily chalkboard specials reflect what is in season - and just picked.
- Optional: Get geographically oriented atop the observation deck on the [Skylon Tower](#), the tallest tower in Niagara Falls.
- Overnight Niagara Falls

Day 4 – Wednesday, September 16

- 9:00 am Breakfast at hotel.
- 10:00 am Check-out of the hotel and transfer by van to the Toronto International Airport. (Drive time: 1 ½ - 2 hours)

Recommended items to bring

- Water bottle
- Sunscreen and sunglasses

- Light clothes for summer, early fall weather.
- Hat.
- Good walking shoes.
- Layers or raincoat in case of rain/cooler weather.