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24 AMAZING
Canadian Experiences
in The Heart of Ontario



LET'S TAKE YOU ON A TOUR!

COVER STORY AND WHERE TO FIND IT

COOTES PARADISE AT ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS: Established in 1927 for its significance as a migratory bird stopover, Cootes Paradise is Royal Botanical Garden's largest and most diverse sanctuary at over 600 hectares. The area features a 320-hectare river-mouth marsh, 16 creeks and 25 kilometres of shoreline. The surrounding forest is dominated by large oak trees while the marsh is part of a large scale Great Lakes restoration program. Explore more, <https://www.rbg.ca/gardens-trails/by-attraction/trails/trail-maps/cootes-paradise-trails/>



A FOUR SEASON DESTINATION OF UNIQUE LANDSCAPE AND CANADIAN SIGNIFICANCE

Nestled perfectly between Niagara and Toronto, come and explore a four season destination of unique landscapes and filled with Canadian stories of significance.

Nature's rugged rock formations that were 450 million years in the making and known as the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. Majestically peppered with a collection of waterfalls, easily discovered along Canada's longest and most renown footpath, the Bruce Trail.

Discover the painted shores of a Canadian Heritage River, the Grand River, and paddle the calm to rushing waters, gazing the Carolinian forests, as the eagle soars above.

Immerse in Indigenous story-telling of our First Nations. Stay in a 19th-Century replica pine cabin with 21st-Century amenities. Escape to the past where Alexander Graham Bell made his first telephone call, re-live the experiences of a family living during the famous War of 1812 battle, and learn about daily life of 19th-Century servants living in a castle.

Take a journey into the tapestry of what it means to be authentically Canadian. Be amazed by our unique up-close and thrill-seeking Ontario Signature Experiences. Stroll iconic Royal Botanical Gardens and learn about sustainable conservation in vibrant lush settings.

A destination for the family traveller, the adventure seekers, couple's luxury getaway, the solo journeyer, the exploring food, and those simply wanting to escape the shoulder-to-shoulder tourist sites and get back to open spaces – immersing in meaningful travel in Ontario.

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GETTING TO THE HEART OF ONTARIO

BY AIR

TORONTO'S LESTER B PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

(YYZ) Servicing over 13 million international inbound passengers from all corners of the globe by major carriers.

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25 minutes to our regional borders

HAMILTON'S JOHN C MUNRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (YHM)

Serving flights from Canada, USA, and Europe. This airport serves over a quarter of a million passengers each year. www.flyhamilton.ca

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BY COMMUTER RAIL

GO TRANSIT from Toronto's Downtown Union Station, Go Bus from YYZ. www.go transit.com

VIA RAIL from Toronto's Downtown Union Station. www.via rail.ca

BY CAR

Access by major highways from arrival in Toronto - 401, 403, QEW. Car Rental access from all airports

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Airways Transit

www.airwaystransit.com

GET PLANNING ALREADY!



A DESTINATION OF DISTINCTION

CULTURALLY AUTHENTIC

The Crawford Lake Conservation Area features spectacular natural and cultural heritage. As part of the UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve designated Niagara Escarpment, Crawford Lake features a rare meromictic lake and a 500 year-old Ontario Heritage-designated Iroquoian village site. It is an accurately dated First Nations archaeological site with three Iroquoian longhouses reconstructed on the exact footprint of the archaeological findings.

First Nations traditions of Indigenous cultures pass on centuries and generational traditions and learnings through stories, artisan works and art, food, music and dance. Along the shores of the Grand River watershed or in a First Nations longhouse, a campfire smolders and stories are heard. While on the water, hear the paddle dip and words of Haudenosaunee language brings teachings and ceremonies to life.

AUTHENTIC CANADIAN HERITAGE

Discover our Canadian Heritage landmarks that blend the story of our dynamic regional cultural experiences. Celebrate how Canada builds creative communities on the benchmark of our history. Learn how we work together to preserve our languages, especially of Indigenous languages spoken nationwide. Learn about the original inhabitants of Canada, found here in The Heart of Ontario, including a celebration of our founding fathers and their significant events of our country's creation.

Explore our National Historic Sites and gleam into each one's distinction of heritage and true contribution to not only Canada but significance to the world.

GREAT LAKES

Resting on the banks of Lake Ontario, one of the area's five Great Lakes, known for our special shorelines of trails, lookouts, beaches, scenic views, and recreation. The Great Lakes of North America are a series of large interconnected freshwater lakes in the mid-east of North America that connect to the Atlantic Ocean via the Saint Lawrence River. Lake Ontario is a playground to boating, sport fishing and cycle trails along its shores, visitors enjoy fish chartering from Bronte Marina for a day on the lake fishing for salmon and trout. Cyclists enjoy trail skimming the lake on bikes on the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, accessing both Toronto and Niagara Region.

ECO-NATURE LANDSCAPES

The Niagara Escarpment was formed about 450 million years ago and stretches across 725 kilometres, from Queenston on the Niagara River to Tobermory at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula on Lake Huron. Glaciers and water carved the rock formation, creating features like caves, cliffs, waterfalls and eroded shorelines. The Niagara Escarpment is recognized as one of the world's natural wonders and has been designated as a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Biosphere Reserve, for its special environment.

As a trail on the escarpment, the Bruce Trail is Canada's oldest and longest footpath spanning 885 km. The Bruce Trail Conservancy are a leading Canadian land trust, a conservation organization, and stewards of Canada's marked footpath. The trail meanders along UNESCO designated World Biosphere Reserve, the Niagara Escarpment, the oldest forest ecosystem and trees in eastern North America. Hikers will experience rock layers and formations from the caprock of dolomitic limestone or dolostone, cliff edges, talus slopes, wetlands, woodlands, oak savannahs, and swamps. Birdwatchers embark on the trail to see more than 300 species and wildlife seekers will can see mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Paddlers rejoice in such waters where the heritage and history of the water are carved into the Canadian landscapes along the Grand River. Designated a Canadian Heritage River, over half of the fish species in Canada are found thriving in this watershed – bringing fishing and paddling enthusiasts from all over the world here. Wildlife is evident as you journey along the valley, immersing in the rare Carolinian Forests, where deciduous trees like oak and hickory reign. Witness the eagle as it soars above or watch for the white-tailed deer gracing you with its presence as it skips along the shoreline.

SUSTAINABILITY, REGENERATIVE CONSERVATION SPOTLIGHT



ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS is part of sustainability efforts as they look to engage with other groups who share common goals. RBG is a member of Sustainable Hamilton Burlington's Sustainability Leadership Program and a participating member of the American Public Gardens Association's Public Garden Sustainability Index.

To understand its environmental impact, they track greenhouse gas emissions, water consumption and waste diversion. They believe that you can't manage what you don't measure and these metrics help them better understand the impact of its operations. As part of this process they want to share this data with its members and the public to be transparent with its efforts and progress.

AFRICAN LION SAFARI has been committed to the conservation of the world's wildlife and wild places since 1969. The park strives to promote best practices throughout its operations to help preserve the environment. With the introduction of its "Wild About Green" program, African Lion Safari has implemented several greening initiatives that involve efficient energy and water management systems, reduction of waste and emissions, the regulation of temperatures for indoor spaces, as well as the conservation of the Ultraviolet disinfection system for our waterpark facility. <https://lionsafari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/wild-about-green.pdf>



The Woodland Cultural Centre offers a variety of immersive tours, programs, and workshops that offer interested visitors the opportunity to learn about an assortment of topics covering the past, present, and future of the Hodinohsho:ni people.

ENGAGE WITH THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS

The Woodland Cultural Centre (WCC) was established in October 1972, under the direction of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians upon the closure of the Mohawk Institute Residential School (MI). WCC's focus began on collecting research and artifacts, to develop its library and museum collections, expanding to include the arts in 1975 and the language program in 1984.

With over 35,000 artifacts in the Museum's collection, the Centre is one of the largest facilities in Canada managed and administered by First Nations. WCC serves to preserve, promote and strengthen Indigenous languages, cultures, art and history; bringing the story of the Hodinohsho:ni people of the Eastern Woodlands to life through innovative exhibitions and programs. As an organization with historic expertise and strong community connections, WCC has a key role to play in knowledge and learning through its program offerings, including museum, language, education, library and arts.

WOODLAND CULTURAL CENTRE

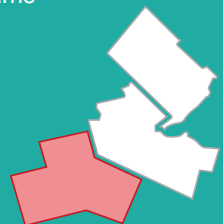
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LOCATION: 184 Mohawk Street,
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SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guided and Self-Guided
Tours, Events, Programs
and Workshops



ENJOY SOME CABIN FEVER

The People of the Six Nations the Haudenosaunee (Onondaga, Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Seneca, and Tuscarora) once lived in villages made up of dozens of longhouses. Linking each other by the rivers and lakes of the Eastern Woodlands in Ontario, the birch bark canoe was a vital tool for visit between the communities.

Relax and unwind in one of the rustic luxury cabins designed to transcend you to authentic local culture and First Nations history accommodating from 1 to 8 guests.

Nestled among the Carolinian Forest of Basswood, Oak, and Hickory trees, and the Grand River, these 19th-Century inspired log cabins will be the ultimate modern-amenity filled retreat. Guests enjoy the option of a small cabin to the grand cabins, including accessible cabins with an electrical wheelchair lift.

New to the accommodation programs are the unique glamping and riverside huts, sleeping 2 guests per suite offering a more authentic camping experience.

During your visit, ask about the exclusive Indigenous culinary Fireside Foods boxes for three meal packages, providing guests that the fixings and firesafe cookware for three meals for four people cultural tasting discovery, and especially enhances your stay experience.

SIX NATIONS TOURISM AND CHIEFSWOOD PARK CABINS

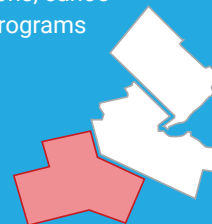
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SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Cabin and Glamping Huts Accommodations, canoe and kayak rentals, programs and events.



JOURNEY TO WHERE CULTURES MEET

Move through time as you explore rich, pre-contact history. Where Cultures Meet experience invite you to visit the Woodland Cultural Centre and take a guided tour of Chiefswood National Historic site. Each offer unique immersive tours and First Nations history.

SIX NATIONS TOURISM

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www.sixnationstourism.ca

LOCATION: 1037 Highway 54,
Ohsweken, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and Fi.T.

EXPERIENCE: Cultural Experiences on the River, Chiefswood Park Cabins, Dining, Kayanase Greenhouse, Woodland Cultural Centre, and more.

CHIEFSWOOD PARK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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LOCATION

1037 Highway 54 and Chiefswood Rd,
Ohsweken, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guided and Self-Guided Tours of a National Historic Site



Chiefswood National Historic Site expert-led guided tour explores, in-depth, the Johnson family's traditions and celebrations. Learn about Poet, E. Pauline Johnson's life and her enjoyment of the natural environment of Chiefswoods estate, canoeing and snowshoeing, and especially her creativity and gift of composing poems.

Six Nations Tourism give modern visitors a chance to experience a version of this, social side of canoeing with a three-hour guided river trip. Your journey will delve into the plants and animals of the Carolinian Forest, and offer a deeper understanding Haudenosaunee culture and history.

On the Water Package, a Grand River paddle experiences, begins at Chiefswood Park to meet your guide for a Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address. As an understanding of Haudenosaunee beliefs and traditions, guests will receive an intimate engagement. Taking to the water, embark on a paddle experience of the history and culture of First Nations people, including a stop to hear your creation story and Haudenosaunee beliefs around that most important story.



EMBARK ON A FIRST PREHISTORIC VILLAGE



In 1971, the Iroquoian Village of Crawford Lake, located in Milton, Ontario, was discovered and is the first prehistoric village in the eastern woodland area of North America to be accurately dated. Excavations during the 1970s and 1980s uncovered 11 longhouses on the site and over 10,000 artefacts from the Iroquoian people who once called Crawford Lake their home. Three of the longhouses have been reconstructed based on the archaeological findings.



Designation as part of a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO and part of the Niagara Escarpment is identified as a Natural Environment Park under the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System. This destination protects habitats for 14 species at risk as well as 3 globally rare 7 provincially rare habitat types, and 20 ancient Eastern White Cedars.

Experience a network of 18 kilometres of hiking and snow shoeing trails, featuring the Crawford Lake boardwalk, scenic canyon lookouts and trail connections to adjacent natural areas and Canada's oldest and longest footpath, the Bruce Trail.

Come and explore the archaeological site - the 500 year-old Ontario Heritage-designated Iroquoian Village known as the Longhouse Village by expert guide, visit the artefacts and the Three Sisters Garden. Take a hike on the trails that explore the protected species and ancient Eastern White Cedars and scenic canyon lookouts. Do the lake walk, circling the meromictic waters by boardwalk.

CONSERVATION HALTON - CRAWFORD LAKE CA

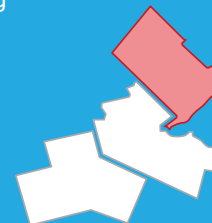
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LOCATION: 3115 Conservation Road,
Milton, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guided and Self-Guided
Tours of the Longhouse Village,
Hiking the Boardwalk circling the lake,
woodland trail hiking



GET A WORLD-CLASS AWAKENING

A place where people, plants and nature cultivate unforgettable experiences. See, smell, hear, learn, and taste await at Canada's largest botanical gardens.



Royal Botanical Gardens' 1,100 hectares is dominated by 900 hectares of nature sanctuaries enveloping the western end of Lake Ontario. These lands form a Nadal Park are within the Niagara Escarpment Ecopark System. With more than 750 native plant species, 277 types of migratory birds, 37 mammals species, 14 reptile species, 9 amphibian species and 68 species of Lake Ontario fish, the area is an important contributor to ecosystems that span international borders.

Choose from four distinct formal gardens - Hendrie Park, Rock Garden Laking Garden, and the Arboretum, while also exploring the RGB Centre, the nature sanctuaries of 27 km of nature trails.

Imagine planning your visit around what is blooming. The Royal Botanical Gardens website provides you this tool to help you give your clients the best information with the 'bloom watch' feature.

Plan to package a guided horticultural tour, self-guided activities, courses, classes, events, or events, and dine at one of the three unique eateries on the property.

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

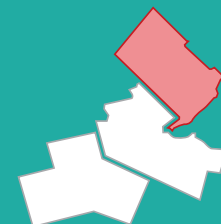
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SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guided and Self-Guided
Tours of 4 distinct gardens, visit the
Visitor Centre, events and workshops,
trail walks, waterfalls



HIKE THE ECO-SYSTEMS OF THE RARE CAROLINIAN FOREST



The Grand River Forest and Dundas Valley Forests are one of the few remaining Carolinian forests in Canada, containing species such as sycamore, sassafras, pignut hickory, and chinquapin oak. Explore an exclusive experience of wildlife viewing, calling home to the Blue Heron, Bald Eagle, and Osprey.

Grand River Outdoor Wilderness Education (GROWE) offers interpretive hikes and nature themed programs. Participants will learn about nature identification while hiking the Carolinian Forest of the Grand River Valley – Forest Wild Medicinal Teas, Hiking Classrooms and Indigenous Hiking Programs. Re-polishing the chain of friendship, Indigenous Learning Experiences are designed for the visitor to gain a spiritual connection.

Grand Experiences Outdoor Adventure Company offers interpretive hikes to discover one of Canada's most biodiverse landscape of rare Carolinian Forest & Tall-grass Prairie few know exist in Ontario. Discover the bald eagle nest, view a large Blue Heron Rookery or hear an Osprey scream in an unspoiled nature reserve. Learn stories of rich First Nations history and legends. In Dundas Valley, prepare to be captivated when you embark on Bruce Trail waterfall hiking adventures filled with stories of the settlers of its heritage and stumble upon legendary indicators of the past embedded into the Niagara Escarpment and the Bruce Trail.

GRAND RIVER OUTDOOR WILDERNESS EDUCATION

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LOCATION: One Bethel Road, Paris,
Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Immersive and Educational Outdoor Classroom Hikes, Interpretive hikes, Indigenous programs, and nature themed programs in Grand Valley. From half-day to multi-day excursions

GRAND EXPERIENCES OUTDOOR ADVENTURE COMPANY

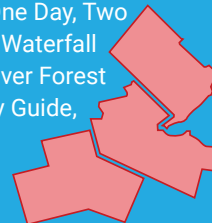
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LOCATION: 113 Grand River Street North,
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SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guided and Self-Guided Packages, Grand Valley and Bruce Trail Walking Holidays - One Day, Two Day, and Five Day to Waterfall destinations, With River Forest Hiking Experience by Guide, Pedal and Paddle Packages





CLIMB A UNESCO WORLD BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Climb a World Biosphere Reserve, the Niagara Escarpment, stretching 725 km from Niagara to Tobermory. Southern Ontario is home to the cultural epicentre of rock climbing at Conservation Halton's Rattlesnake Point.

ZEN CLIMB

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SEASONS: Spring, Summer, Fall

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Beginner to Avid Rock Climbing experiences at Rattlesnake Point (Niagara Escarpment) - including introductory courses on rock climbing and rappelling, solo climbing, lead climbing and more

ONE AXE PURSUITS

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LOCATION

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SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Beginner to David Rock Climbing and Ice Climbing, Rappelling, Introductory courses, lessons, and more



Offering great trails, incredible views of Lake Ontario and cliffs up to 80 feet, the main crag is a sought-after location especially due to its easy access to top rope and moderate sport climbs. Outfitters also prefer the second cliff - Buffalo Crag which offers numerous moderate top rope and traditional climbs.

Giving great encouragement and instruction in a professional manner, join expert and certified climbing outfitters with mandates of taking care of needs and respectful approach to learning for beginners and avids alike.

Zen Climb approaches rock climbing leadership through proper techniques and practices so the guest will not only challenge their climbing limits, but also increase their chance for confidence on the Niagara Escarpment at Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area in Milton.

One Axe Pursuits is a leader in recreational rock climbing and adventures in ice climbing on frozen waterfalls in Hamilton. Spelunking through caves and repelling down limestone cliffs atop the Niagara Escarpment in Milton, At Rattlesnake Point CA, with programs for complete beginners as well as intermediate climbers, they course cater to every level of participant.

HOLIDAY TO EPIC FALLS



Ontario's Waterfall Walking Holidays are experiences only found here, in The Heart of Ontario. Courtesy of its location along the Niagara Escarpment, a landmark ridge that runs through Southern Ontario, Hamilton and Halton and its environs are home to over 100 waterfalls. Hikers have endless options for single and multi-day hike that put these stunners front and centre. If you'd like to explore more of these natural works of art, we've got a series of Niagara Escarpment waterfall trip itineraries to guide you in your discovery.

Outdoor Outfitters are experts in ensuring you have the most exploratory and immersive adventure accessing Canada's oldest and longest footpath, the Bruce Trail. Keeping the scenic views plentiful, hikers will travel in and out of natural quiet places to rural to urban. Peppered along the route, come up upon falling waters of large or small magnitudes. Check out a horsetail, or a cascade, or tumbler with professional naturalists who make the trip inviting and worthy of your search for eco-discoveries.

HAMILTON CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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LOCATIONS: Flamborough/Waterdown, Dundas, Ancaster, Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Conservation Areas, Interpretive Nature Trails, Walking Tours, Birdwatching, Waterfall Sites, Recreation, Heritage Sites, Camping, Marina, Ice Climbing

GRAND EXPERIENCES OUTDOOR ADVENTURE COMPANY - BRUCE TRAIL WATERFALL WALKING HOLIDAYS

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SEASONS: Spring, Summer, Fall

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guide-led One, Two, and Five Day Bruce Trail Walking Waterfall Holidays





We believe that the natural world teaches us much. As beekeepers and mead makers, we are always learning to improve our craft. Our journey takes us daily from the flowers in the field to the hives and bees that roam our urban and country acres - to the seasonal tastes we curate and the meads we create.

LEARN THE ART OF BEEKEEPING

Backed By Bees is your sustainable and regenerative rural farm experience in Burlington, Ontario. Believing in nature gifts, transforming and connecting all of us. As guides, our purpose is to create space for you to experience what nature has to offer.

Want to learn more about pollinators and biodiversity? Expert staff offer guided tours to allow you to walk through flower, to hive, to bottle, and the unique role of pollinators, including honey bees, in our ecosystem. For the inspiring beekeeper, take a tour with an expert beekeeper into the Backed By Bees main honey yard where we will open a honey bee colony, interact with the bees and see the internal workings of a colony.

If putting a couple thousand honey bees on your body sounds like a darn good time then there is something just for you. The Bee Beard Experience is an exclusive in the bee yard. Imagine 20,00 bees hanging off of your chest and chin, giving you that 5 o'clock shadow!

Then there is Mead! Enjoy Mead Explore Classes, sample Mead flights all while relaxing in a rural setting with view of the Niagara Escarpment.



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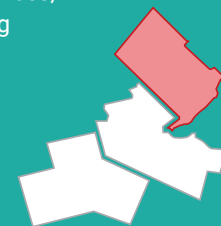
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SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Seasonal Guided and
Self-Guided Trail Tours,
Mead Flight Tasting, Exclusive
Beekeeping Experiences,
Interpretive Learning



PADDLE A CANADIAN HERITAGE RIVER BY STORYTELLING GUIDES

The Grand River flows 290 kilometres from Dundalk Highlands to Lake Erie, is aptly named for its valley and is the largest in Southern Ontario.

A mosaic of First Nations and European cultures combined to shape the valley's character. Fine examples of 19th-century architecture still remain in many rural and urban communities that reside on the watershed.

Winding its way through marshes, woods and Carolinian forests, the river provides the common thread that links a harmonious blend of natural and cultural landscapes. A tributary, the Nith River, yield incredible fast water rafting experiences, especially found in early Spring.

Come for a paddle with expert-led guides and outfitter gurus. Choose from day paddles to multi-day experiences, led by skilled professionals and river heritage teachers. From early Spring to late Fall, explore your options from fast-water rafting for avids to beginner level and calm water seekers.



GRAND EXPERIENCES OUTDOOR ADVENTURE COMPANY

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SEASONS: Spring, Summer, Fall

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guided and Self-Guided Paddling, Learn to Paddle by Paddle Canada Expert Instructor, 12-passenger Voyageur Canoe experiences, First Nations paddles, Early Spring Paddling on the Ninth River, Multi-Day paddle routes and experiences, Voyage of the Iroquois, With River Experiential Learning Adventure, Paddle and Camping Package, Rafting and Lazy River Tubing, SUP, Instructional Experiences and Paddle and Skills Certification Courses, and more.





Come ride on the Spirit Back of
the Mighty Grand River.

See what won the respect of the
Ancient Ones...

Discover a timelessness here...

And when the paddle is laid down,
and the shore is touched...

You are different.

Even if it is only for the moment
of being there.

CREATE YOUR OWN RIVER ADVENTURE



Grand River Rafting Company hosts over 50,000 paddlers and adventurers annually. Visitors arriving from all over the world, they are known for making the experience of the Canadian wilderness easy. A pride of their trademark is showing the valley the way one would show their best friends!

Located about one hour from Toronto, this expert outfitter offers guided and self-guided trips. Something for everyone, choose from nine different types of boats, offering a friendly-experience to all ages, sizes, and skill levels. With the ability to host intimate to large bus operations, their team of professionals will assist you getting you on your way, making you feel safe, comfortable, and ready to take on the river.

Grand River Rafting Company invites you to come and explore the Heart of Ontario's Canadian Heritage River nestled in the Grand Valley of beautiful Southern Ontario, Canada.

GRAND RIVER RAFTING COMPANY

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LOCATION: 181 Bethel Road, Brant,
Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: May to October

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Floating Classrooms,
Edible-Medicinal Plant Hikes,
Guided & Self-Guided Paddles,
Rafting Trips, Turbo Tubing,
Canoe & Kayak Trips, SUP &
Giant Sup (The Beast),
Indigenous Programs of
Singing, Drumming
and Dancing



The Grand River and its tributaries offer world-class recreational fishing. Whether you are fly fishing for trout, trolling for walleye or dropping a line in search of catfish, you can find what you want in the rivers, streams and reservoirs of the Grand.

COME FLY WITH ME



Located one hour south of Toronto, great fishing awaits. This watershed includes swift Goldwater trout streams, serene pastoral stretches filled with smallmouth, pike and walleye, and big river fishing for anything from rainbow trout to crappies. In fact, over half of the fish species in Canada are in the Grand River watershed.

Passionate in fly fishing in our region, discover expert-led guiding with local outfitters experienced in teaching fly casting and tying, each catering to small number of guests to gain that detailed attention.

Fly Water Guiding offers expert guiding, fishing and casting instructions, working with beginner and intermediate Dry Fly Techniques and Steelhead Techniques. swinging a fly with a two-handed rod.

Friends on the Fly is an expert-led fly fishing instructional experience with Grand River fly fishing outfitters. With the opportunity to learn the craft of fly casting and tying. Explore the preferred choice for chasing down the magnificent chrome rockets and swinging a fly with a two-handed rod!

FLY WATER GUIDING

Mr. Tyler Dunsmore
flywater.guiding@gmail.com
1-226-268-8397
www.flywaterguiding.com

LOCATION: Address: 17 Alexander Avenue, Paris, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Small Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Expert-led fly fishing instructional, fly fishing trips and packages

FRIENDS ON THE FLY

Mr. Larry Mellors
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www.facebook.com/larry.mellors

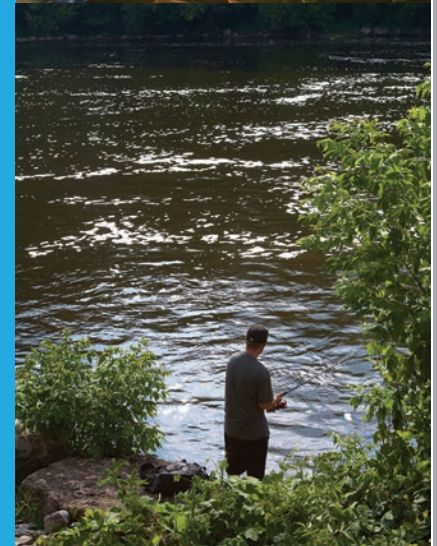
LOCATION

Brantford, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Small Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Expert-led fly fishing instructional, indoor and outdoor, fly fishing trips and packages





CATCH SOME BEACH WAVES

Visitors enjoy programs that are inspired from all corners of the world, including a big influence coming from the tropical islands of Asia and South America.



Join the team at Burlington Beach Rentals for season beach experiences indulging in relaxation of the shores of one of North America's Great Lakes - Lake Ontario.

Take on a guided and self-guided Stand Up Paddleboard, Paddle Boats and Kayaks on the lake, taking in scenic views of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, Burlington, Hamilton all the way to Toronto.

There are plenty of seasonal experiences for groups and private from Social and Full Moon Paddle events, Learn to SUP, SUP Yoga or Learn to Kayak classes.

Discover their exclusive wellness programs in the sand include Sound Bath Meditation Experience, Floating Meditations and more.

Meet Maria Gerow and her women-owned business. She is a passionate entrepreneur who prides herself on serving a niche clientele seeking fun and sun on this amazing Lake Ontario beach. Close to urban Burlington and a Marriott Autograph Hotel and Spa – Pearle Hotel & Spa, and the Waterfront Hotel Burlington, there are plenty of restaurants, culture and entertainment in a unique culture-filled downtown Burlington.

BURLINGTON BEACH RENTALS AND STAYCATION BEACH & BOAT RENTALS INC.

Ms. Maria Gerow, Owner/Operator
burlingtonbeachrentals@gmail.com
www.burlingtonbeachrentals.com

LOCATION: Burlington, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: Spring, Summer

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Lake Ontario Experts in Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) skills practice and lessons, Paddling and Yoga Programs SUP Yoga and Beach Yoga), Women on the Water, Full Moon Paddle Social, Floating Meditation, Social Paddles, Sound Bath Meditation, Beach Spot and Supplies Rentals and more



Bring your bike or rent one during your visit. The Heart of Ontario is home to numerous cycle road routes, trails, paths that are all cycle-friendly and truly inviting.

RIDE THE TRAILS



Don't let your level of expertise hinder you enjoy day on the path. All routes lead to stories, incredible views and landscapes, whether you choose the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, road rides on the Niagara Escarpment, a groomed hidden trail, or in rural small hamlet with some Upper Canada heritage.

Cycling lends to immersing yourself in a responsible way, in the place that opens chance discoveries for a local experience, supporting amazing small businesses and discovering the unique and special. Be sure to make farm stop local shops, and stay at cycle friendly accommodations along your journey a must. Check out our cycle itineraries on our regional website, www.theheartofontario.com or book a curated cycle tour with one of our cycle outfitters.

Grand Experiences Outdoor Adventure Company will rent you a bike, but for an more exclusive experience, explore their unique pedal packages offers in the Grand River Valley.

Heron Head Bikes, located in Brant offer cool bike rentals, include e-bikes to enjoy easy river skimming trails.

HERON HEAD BIKES

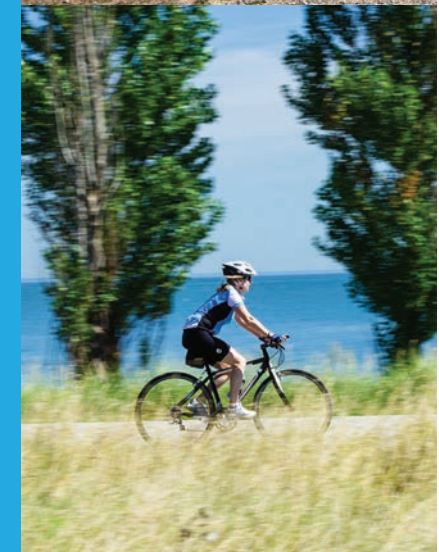
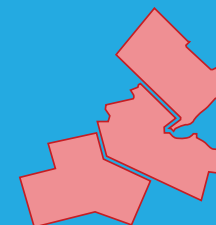
Mr. Stan Gorecki, Owner/Operator
stan@heronheads.com
1-519-752-0923
www.heronheads.com

LOCATION: 120 Morrell Street,
Brantford, ON Canada

SEASONS: Spring, Summer, Fall

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Bike rentals





FLY CANADIAN HISTORY ABOARD THE AVRO LANCASTER

Visit the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum and experience interactive displays, over 40 historic Canadian military aircraft, and exclusive exhibits, including virtual reality.

The mandate to document, preserve and maintain a collection of aircraft that were flown by Canadians and the Canadian military services from the beginning of World War II to the present is truly evident when you experience this one-of-a-kind museum. Discover related aviation artifacts and memorabilia of significant historic importance to this period in history.

As you walk through the collection, hear stories of incredible bravery, sacrifice and learn the many tributes to the thousands of men and women who built and flew these aircraft and in memory of those who did not return.

This extraordinary collection includes aircraft from vintage World War II biplanes through to modern jets and, of course, North America's only flying Avro Lancaster bomber.

Take a flight aboard the Avro Lancaster! This exclusive, Ontario Signature Experience is the only place in the world where you can fly in this rare aircraft. Fulfill your dreams of flying in a vintage warplane in the most famous allied bomber of the second world war.

Visiting the museum is an experience in itself. Explore by aircraft expert guides, most are pilots who know the aircrafts on a personal level. See first-hand the active restoration and protection, interpretation in their natural element, both aerial or static, with emphasis on all aspects of safety and care.

ONTARIO SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

CANADIAN WARPLANE HERITAGE MUSEUM

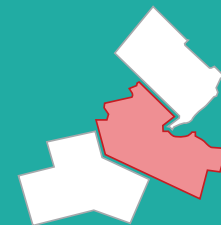
Mr. Al Mickeloff, Marketing Manager
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 1-905-679-4183
www.warplane.com

LOCATION: 9280 Airport Road, Mount Hope (Hamilton), Ontario, Canada

SEASON: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guided Aircraft Collection Tours, Flights on various war-era aircrafts, including flights on the rare Avro Lancaster, a Ontario Signature Experience, Shop, Runway Cafe



MAKE CANADIAN LANDMARK STOPS

Take a **step** back in time to explore Canadian history and significance of our founding fathers in Upper Canada heritage.

Hamilton Civic Museums offers guided tours and immersive experiences for groups and individuals of all ages. Each museum conducts a one-hour guided tour experience led by costumed interpreters.

Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology, NHS - Hamilton's first municipal Waterworks was built in 1859. Now a museum and National Historic Site, the building preserves two 45-foot-high steam engines, the oldest surviving Canadian made engines. A unique discovery of 19th-Century workplace comes to life through expect-led costume guide interpretation.

Dundurn NHS offers unique guided tour of a 40-room Italianate-style villa built in the 1830s on Burlington Heights; the former site of a fortified military encampment established by the British in 1813. Once home to Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Premier of the United Canadas and his family, the castle tells the story of the family who lived above the stairs and the servants who lived and worked below the stairs. Consider immersive encounters first the **MacNab's Kitchen** for Dundurn's Cook Demonstrators, where guests work together to make a traditional recipe or **The Heights: A War of 1812 Tour of Dundurn**, including a tour of The Hamilton Military Museum.

Battlefield House Museum & Park NHS, is a guided tour of this early 19th century homestead once home to the Gage family. During the War of 1812, the family retreated to their cellar as the Battle of Stoney Creek raged outside. Hear the personal tales of resilience and survival. Visit the 100 feet tall Battlefield Monument, a local landmark, unveiled during the centennial of the Battle of Stoney Creek in 1913 by Queen Mary in London by means of a transatlantic telegraph cable.

HAMILTON CIVIC MUSEUMS

Ms. Brenda Branch
museums@hamilton.ca
1-905-521-3168
www.hamiltoncivicmuseums.ca

LOCATIONS:

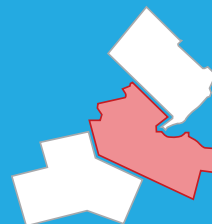
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

- 1) Dundurn National Historic Site
- 2) Battlefield House Museum & Park National Historic Site
- 3) Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology NHS
- 4) Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum

SEASON: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guided and Self-Guide
Tours at all sites, exclusive programs
and immersive touring





DISCOVER THE LEGENDS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Canadian history is vividly on display at Canada's wartime naval service. Permission to board is granted this legendary HMCS Haida, a Tribal class destroyer that served in the Second World War, the Korean Conflict and the Cold War.

Today, a museum is Canada's "most fightingest ship" and the last of the twenty-seven tribal class destroyers in the world. HMCS Haida is a National Historic Site serves as a place to remember, learn, explore, and connect.

Named after the Haida Nations on the west coast of Canada, HMCS Haida was designated the Flagship of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Hereditary Chiefs of the Haida Nation gave the ship a red and white flag bearing the two-headed Thunderbird.

A Parks Canada National Historic Site docked in Hamilton, Ontario's harbour, this remarkable story of world history serves as a reminder of the sacrifice, courage and tenacity of the Royal Canadian Navy and the crew to which they served.

Guests enjoy a self-guided or guided ship tour. Bring your sea legs and climb aboard to explore the decks of this legendary warship. Listen to uniformed interpreters and naval veterans share riveting stories of battle and of their lives onboard. Test your skills spotting imminent threats on the horizon from the open deck. During special events, you will even hear the ship bells' toll and the gun's mighty roar when fired.

PARKS CANADA - HMCS HAIDA

haida.info@pc.gc.ca

1-905-526-6742

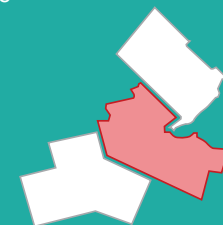
<https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/haida>

LOCATION: Pier 9-658 Catharine Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: May to September

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guided Tours, Visitor Guide available in 6 languages:
<https://www.parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/haida/visit/guide>



STEP INTO 1876 TELEPHONE LANDMARK HISTORY

We invite you to visit the Brantford home where Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone and see where history was made. Here you will see how the Bell family lived and worked. You will learn about how Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone and see how the telephone has changed since then. Designated a Canadian National Historic Site by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1997, the grounds are a place to wander and with a café on site, The Exchange, plan to stay and enjoy a sweet treat.

Alexander Graham Bell, his parents and sister-in-law came to Canada from Scotland and England in August of 1870 and settled on a small farm just outside Brantford, Ontario. This would be their first Canadian home. Alexander was then 23 years old and sick. His parents were afraid he had a lung infection known as Tuberculosis. His brothers had died from the same illness. The Bells hoped that the clean air of Canada would help him to get well. After eight months on the farm, Alexander was well again and offered a teaching job at the Boston School for the Deaf in the United States. He would come back to Brantford to spend summers and holidays with his family. On July 26, 1874, he invented the telephone here. The next summer, he wrote the first copy of his telephone patent plans. And, in August, 1876 he made the world's first successful long-distance telephone call between Brantford and Paris, Ontario.

After Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, his father, Melville, and a close friend, Reverend Henderson, started the Bell Telephone Company in Brantford in 1877. The first telephone office was in Reverend Henderson's home. The two men ran the company until 1880.

Today, the Henderson Home is next door to the Homestead, with the original telephone office and other telephone displays for visitors to experience.

BELL HOMESTEAD, NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Mr. Brian Wood, Curator
bwood@brantford.ca
1-519-756-6220

[www.brantford.ca/en/things-to-do/
visiting-bell-homestead.aspx](http://www.brantford.ca/en/things-to-do/visiting-bell-homestead.aspx)

LOCATION: 94 Tutela Heights Road,
Brantford, Ontario, Canada

SEASON: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Guided Tours,
Educational Programs, White Glove
Tour for small groups, The Exchange
Cafe for desserts, coffee and tea





Sprawling across Hamilton's core, discover street art that is captivating vibe seekers, making it one of the region's most vibrant urban experiences. Visitors are welcomed through this inspiring new generation of art that is simply elevating the visual landscape of the city.

STREET WALK THE URBAN ART



Take a self-guided tour exploring the legal art walls, meandering from districts and communities.

This experience lends to the story of the artist, bringing to life the talent and innovation of each muralist piece. Explore the reasons why use of colours breath a perspective, learn why mediums spark storytelling, discover the play with the canvas – the building and the neighbourhood connections – all engaging your desire for the next brushstroke story! Some provide meaning behind the contrast of self-natural elements and sharp edges, colourful aerosol pieces, where others take you on a whimsical journey.

Learn about the technology incorporated into some of the murals, where art flies off the wall through virtual reality masterminding.

Get the map and guide at www.concretecanvasfest.com or at Tourism Hamilton <https://tourismhamilton.com/street-art-guide/> , and go walk this urban hub.

CONCRETE CANVAS

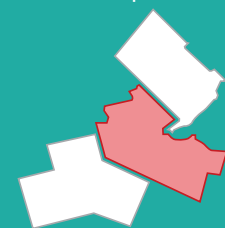
Mr. Leon Robinson, Visual Artist
info@concretecanvasfest.com
 1-519-752-3969
www.concretecanvasfest.com

LOCATION: Urban Downtown Hamilton
<https://tourismhamilton.com/street-art-guide/>

SEASON: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Self-Guiding Urban Walking Tour, inquire about exclusive Artist-led Walking Tours and Step-on Guiding.



LOVE THE ARTS

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is the oldest and largest art museum in the region with a permanent collection that is recognized as one of the finest in Canada. Embracing Canadian historical, international, and contemporary art, the collection consists of more than 10,000 works. You can see superb pieces by Alex Colville, Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven, Emily Car, James Tissot, just to name a few.

The AGH is renowned for presenting outstanding exhibitions programming for visitors of all ages. In addition to AGH Tours and AGH Talks, the Gallery offers studios for adults and kids, family activities, festival programming, performances, and more. The Canadian Collection is distinguished in part through a great number of iconic works. Current priorities for building the Canadian collection include Indigenous artists and artists from our region.

In Brant, explore the beautiful gardens and gallery at **Glenhyrst Art Gallery**. The gallery maintains a significant collection of more than 650 artworks and objects of historical importance. By collecting conserving, and exhibiting significant works of art, fulfilling an essential cultural role for the communities, as well as for visitors to the gallery. Stay longer by enjoying high and low tea at The Golden Teapot situated in the main house of the gallery. On the grounds, enjoy a stroll through the Sculpture Garden.

In Brantford, the **Grand Exhibit** is a collection comprises four main areas, historical paintings by Robert Reginald Whale and his descendants, contemporary works on paper, paintings and drawings by Doris Slater Titus, and modern outdoor sculpture. Take your art pursuits on the road and explore the outdoor walkable art experience in Brantford to compliment your visit to Glenhyrst Art Gallery. Visit <https://www.brantford.ca/en/things-to-do/resources/Documents/Arts-and-Culture/Public-Art/Grand-Exhibit-Brochure.pdf>

More galleries are featured at www.theheartofontario.com

Take a classic visual arts journey through the region, stopping at amazing galleries along the way as art is meant to inspire, intrigue, challenge, and engage you.

ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON

info@artgalleryofhamilton.com
1-905-527-6610
www.artgalleryofhamilton.com

LOCATION: 123 King Street West,
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

SEASON: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Interpretive Guided and Self-Guided Gallery Tours, Exhibition Tours, Programs, Classes, Events, Exclusive Experiences, including the Lawren Harris (Group of Seven) Collection

GLENHYRST ART GALLERY

Ms. Ana Olsen, Gallery Director
Ms. Michelle Madison, Gallery Coordinator
info@glenhyrst.ca
1-519-756-5932
www.glenhyrst.ca

LOCATION: 20 Ava Road, Brantford,
Ontario, Canada

SEASON: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Self-Guided and Guided Gallery Tours, Garden Sculpture Walks, Classes, Events, Tearoom



EXPLORE AND POUR



Explore our region's True Brew Path and pour yourself a taste of locally crafted and locally sourced goodness!

Home to 20+ wineries, ciders, breweries and distilleries, The Heart of Ontario boosts flavours and craftsmanship from farm taprooms and tasting rooms to still tours, vineyard tours, themes and stories that represent the entrepreneurial legacies showcased across our region.

Get to know our destination's rich agricultural bounty with farm visits, stays, tasting, and fruit picking. Farm wagon rides and delicious fruit wine tasting at a 165-acre Niagara Escarpment farm - **Andrews Farm and Winery** and visit Ontario's best flower fields, explore vineyards, cider houses, or a local distillery crafting some of the best spirits - exploring new tastes using a wide selection of botanicals - including plant roots, the leaves, the stems, the flowers, and the fruit at **Manns Botanical Spirits Distillery**.



MANNS BOTANICAL SPIRITS DISTILLERY

mannsdistillery@gmail.com
1-519-304-1900
www.mannsdistillery.com

LOCATION: 581 West Street, Brantford, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Mixology Classes and Instruction, Stills Tours, Tastings and Pairings, Culinary, Events

RIDGE ROAD ESTATE WINERY

Jayne and Sean Douglas, Owners
wine@ridgeroadwinery.ca
1-289-649-0353
www.ridgeroadwinery.ca

LOCATION: 1205 Ridge Road, Stoney Creek (Hamilton), Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Wine Tasting and Pairings, Winery Store, Culinary and Music Events, Outdoor Wine Tasting around a fire

TALL POST CRAFT CIDER

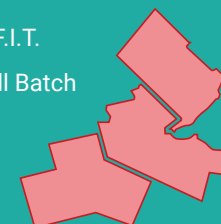
Mr. Aaron Post, Owner/Operator
aaron@tallpostcraftcider.com or
tallpostcraftcider@gmail.com
1-905-351-7611
www.tallpostcraftcider.ca

LOCATION: 1170 Hendershot Road, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: Spring, Summer, Fall

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Small Batch Cidery Tours, Farm Walks, Tastings, Private Tours





Whether you visit during spring blossom season or as the farm's fruit begin to ripen for that true hands-on experience as you get to working and picking your own fruit. Great rural in Southern Ontario's agricultural experiences from heritage apples grown in their own orchards, keeping the profile of traditional country flavours at **West Avenue Cider House**, and a cidery nestled in the heart of farmland and a product of passion always in search of new spices, flavours and Ontario-grown fruits to be integrated into each blend at **Tall Post Craft Cider**.

Visit a quaint and relaxing most westerly winery in the Niagara wine route and nestled on Niagara Escarpment, **Ridge Road Estate Winery** - a farm that has been in the family since 1875 and with that comes a sense of pride and tradition.

Get to **Shawn and Ed Brewing Co.** where friendship thrives in this story of authenticity and quality. Situated in the old Dundas Curling and Skating Rink, the character of the building and its history made the perfect craft brewery immersive visit.

Featuring just a handful of stops, consider this your exclusive invitation for you to plan a trip to discover our **True Brew Path**. Simply stated - discover all craft culinary treasures to explore and pour. <https://theheartofontario.com/true-brew-path/>

SHAWN AND ED BREWING CO.

Mr. Mark Bowden, Taproom Manager
taproom@lagershed.com
1-289-238-9979
www.lagershed.com

LOCATION: 65 Hatt Street, Dundas (Hamilton), Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Private Brewery Tours, Tasting in the Taproom, Culinary, Bottle Shop, Events

ANDREWS FARM & WINERY

Ms. Lorraine Fiset
farmstore@andrewsscenicacres.com
1-905-878-5807
www.AndrewsFarm.ca

LOCATION: 10 Side Road, Halton Hills, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: May to October

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Wine Tasting of award-winning fruit wines, Farm Tours to Flower Fields, Wagon Rides, Corn Maze, Farm Walking Trails, Farmstore, Seasonal Pumpkin Patch and Sunflower Fields and more

WEST AVENUE CIDER HOUSE

Ms. Amy Robson, Co-Founder
info@westavenue.ca
1-289-324-0312
www.westavenue.ca

LOCATION: 84 Concession Road 8 East, Freelon, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: Spring, Summer, Fall

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Voted the Best Cider in Ontario multiple times, Farm Store and Bakeshop at Somerset Orchards. Artisanal Cider Tasting, Culinary, Farm Stay, Walking Trail



BE A FOODIE



Meet local foodie expert and passionate storytellers on a unique journey through tantalizing tastings and discoveries of all things food.

From small town settings, of Ontario rural routes to custom behind the scenes tastings, Tasty Road Trips offers a delightful blend of city and country. Focused on sustainability, supporting small and local businesses, the itineraries are curated and made to keep your palate wanting more, while learning about the communities connecting heritage, people, places, food, and culture - inspires a desire to share and celebrate.

We believe walking through a hamlet, district or small downtown is the way to know and love it's simple and complex stories, sites, structures and landmarks. Our goal is to preserve and sustain small business owner businesses.

Explore Ontario's Paris Like a Local, A Taste of Paris, Ontario, on foot, or enjoy a Self-Guided Driving Tour, and Food and Art Tours, just to get you started on your taste journey.

TASTY ROAD TRIPS

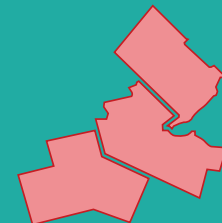
Ms. Jan Valica, Owner & Travel Host
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 1-226- 802-0486
www.tastyroadtrips.com

LOCATION: Urban and Rural
 Destinations – Region-wide

SEASON: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Walking Guided and
 Self-Guided Food Tours, Custom Food
 Tours





FEED A GIRAFFE

An Ontario Signature Experience gets you even closer at Canada's original safari adventure.

Experience this unrivaled access during a privately guided tour with an expert-led Game Warden to witness a pride of lions at their most active time of day and as they devour their morning meal.

Wake Up The Wild is an exclusively curated one-of-a-kind experience taking you on a discovery from the lion's den to an open-air truck to come within a metre of the endangered rhino, zebra, ostrich, as well as the opportunity to hand feed Canada's largest herd of giraffe.

Visitors can enjoy park admission to African Lion Safari's game reserve where wildlife conservation of endangered and threatened species meets appreciation and education. Recognized worldwide as a leader in the field of conservation programs for numerous endangered species as well as for its efforts to support conservation of wildlife; through protection of habitat, scientific research and education. Many ground breaking research projects in the fields of animal welfare, reproduction, behaviour, nutrition and conservation have been initiated at African Lion Safari.

ONTARIO SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

AFRICAN LION SAFARI

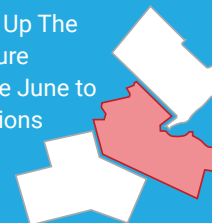
Ms. Katherine Bennett
marketing@lionsafari.com or
admin@lionsafari.com
 1-800-461-9453 or 1-519-623-2620
www.lionsafari.com

LOCATION: 1386 Cooper Road,
 Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: May to October

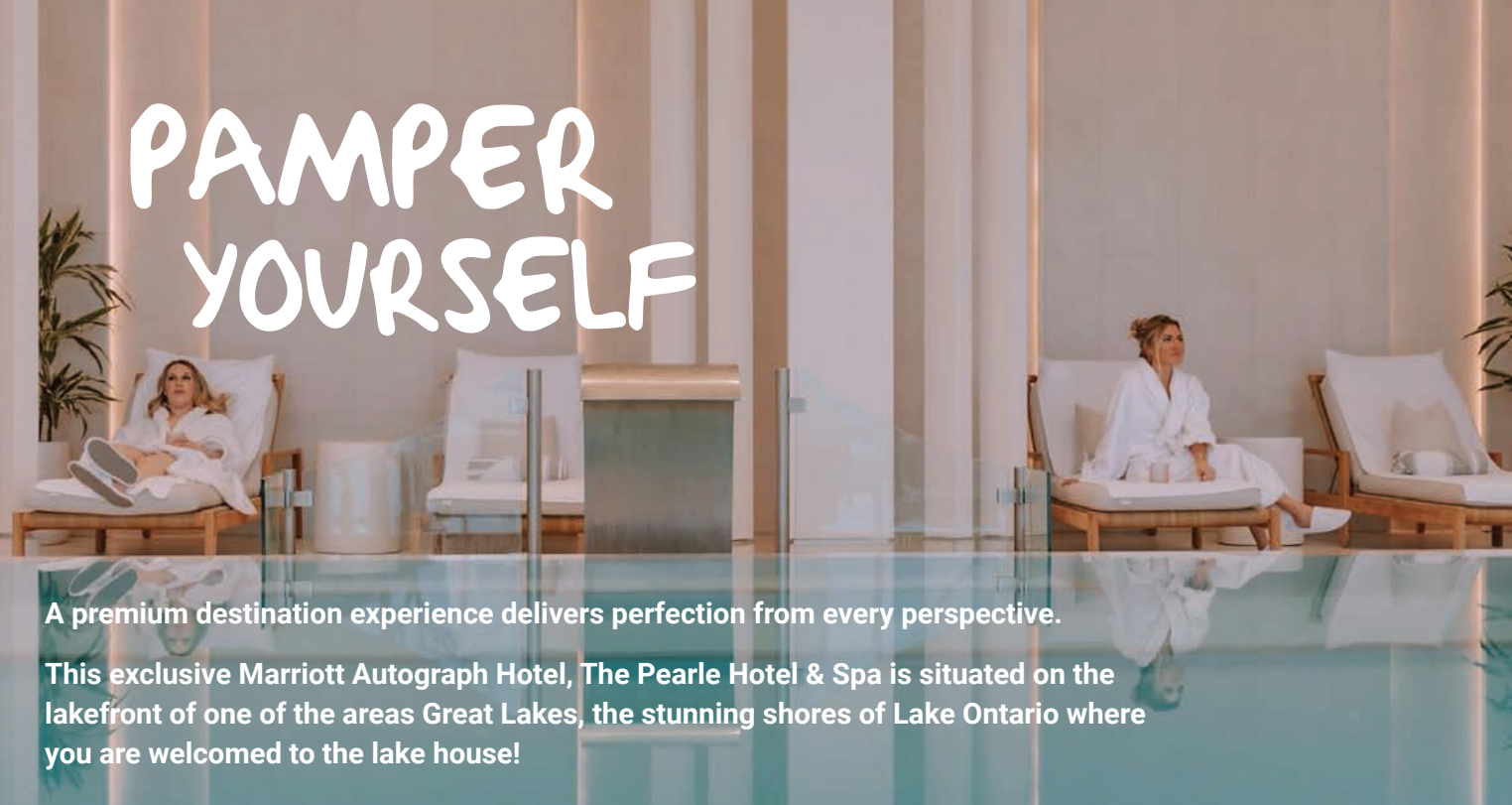
WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Wake Up The Wild, Ontario Signature Experience: Available June to September, reservations are required





PAMPER YOURSELF



A premium destination experience delivers perfection from every perspective.

This exclusive Marriott Autograph Hotel, The Pearle Hotel & Spa is situated on the lakefront of one of the areas Great Lakes, the stunning shores of Lake Ontario where you are welcomed to the lake house!

The luxury hotel and spa is a place to unwind, relax, celebrate or connect - featuring scenic guest rooms and suites, inspiring meeting and events spaces, luxurious day spa and lakeside dining.

Inspired by the Mediterranean and California coastal climates, Isabelle's Restaurant and Lounge, takes local ingredients and serves up exceptional dining right on Burlington's waterfront.

Escape and rejuvenate at The Pearle Spa - signature facials and body treatments offer the best in skincare and self-care, including a traditional Hammer steam room, lounge and pool, for a complete day-spa experience or one you can incorporate in you overnight stay.

Owned and operated by Pearle Hospitality, enjoy package dining options in and around our region - The Ancaster Mill, Spencer's at the Waterfront, and Bread Bar. Founded by the Ciancone family in 1936, Pearle Hospitality prides itself on providing guests with genuine and thoughtful experiences; created through extraordinary cuisine, gracious service, inspiring settings and a passion for delivering memorable moments.

THE PEARLE HOTEL & SPA, MARRIOTT AUTOGRAPH

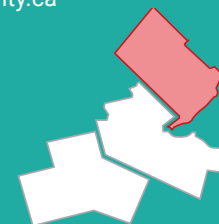
1-905-340-0590
www.thepearlehotel.ca

LOCATION: 3 Elizabeth Street,
Burlington, Ontario, Canada

SEASONS: All seasons

WHO: Groups and F.I.T.

EXPERIENCE: Luxury
Accommodations, Spa, Lakeview
Dining and Cafe. Explore more
experiences by Pearle Hospitality at
www.pearlehospitality.ca



WORK WITH US

TRADE TOOLKIT

We are committed to supporting our travel trade clients and making your planning experience easier.

Explore our destination and the unique experiences that we offer. Rest assured that we work closely with our tourism partners and business operators in the international and domestic inbound markets. We are excited to help you to build exciting and creative options for your clients, especially as they discover our distinction as a place to learn and escape.

This resource tool is developed to assist you, providing you the ideas, suggestions and connections to the suppliers, products, and locations, navigating you from place to place. We invite you on our journey of discovery and amazement into The Heart of Ontario's story.

Our brand is Hamilton Halton Brant.... find your way to The Heart of Ontario. Our spirit fires a welcomeness to come and stay longer, see more, learn plenty and transform yourself through the hearts and minds of our communities.

We are confident that it will awaken a response in your guests. Come see, embrace our moments and find yourself here.

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