

NIAGARA FALLS STORY IDEAS – HOLIDAY & WINTER SEASON

(November 2022)

Between December and March, Niagara Falls is transformed into a winter wonderland of sparkling snow and ice. Whether you bundle up and explore the outdoors or head inside to escape the cold, here are some activities and events that will make your holidays in Niagara Falls unforgettable.

Niagara Falls WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS Celebrates 40 Years of Winter Fun

- Canada's Largest and Longest Running Free Outdoor Light Festival presented by Niagara Falls Tourism returns November 12, 2022 – February 20, 2023
- New displays and themed illumination areas, including the Royal Promenade, Frosted Falls, Enchanted Forest, and Great Canadian North
- Special illumination of the Falls every night
- 40 nights of indoor family entertainment on weekends and throughout the December holiday period
- Free photos with Santa in December, sponsored by Ontario Power Generation (dates to be announced in October)

With over 3 million lights and 75+ spectacular displays providing colourful visuals, Niagara Falls will be transformed into a twinkling winter wonderland along the Niagara Parkway, Dufferin Islands and across the tourist districts. Visitors to this popular annual event can bundle up and walk or drive through the Festival route to explore the outdoor, self-guided experience and warm up indoors with 40 nights of free family entertainment options.

The Winter Tradition Continues for 40 Years! The Festival firmly established Niagara Falls as an unforgettable winter getaway destination with plenty to see and do for visitors who return to enjoy multiple visits throughout the year. Festival organizers are promising an extra special milestone year with even more to experience along the Festival routes.

See the full press release [here](#)

For more information on the Winter Festival of Lights, please visit www.WFOL.com

For Photos and Video Reel visit <https://media.niagarafallstourism.com>





NEW! [NIAGARA CITY CRUISES – NEW HOLIDAY SEASON CRUISE](#)

The start of a new holiday tradition – experience Winter Festival of Lights like never before aboard the boat tour rated one of the best tourism experiences in Canada. A special new Voyage to the Falls tour will operate from November 12 to 27 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm daily. The tours that depart after dusk — typically around 4:30 p.m. — will include the Winter Festival of Lights experience and illumination of the Falls.

NEW! [NIAGARA HELICOPTERS WINTER NIGHTS AND LIGHTS EXPERIENCE](#)

Just in time for Niagara Falls WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, beginning November 12th, 2022 to April 30th, 2023, from sunset to 8:00 pm daily, guests are invited to experience the very first and only night flightseeing tour over Niagara Falls. The Classic Niagara Helicopters Tour will for the first time be offering sunset tours daily – the perfect way to in the Festival’s twinkling lights from high above, weather permitting. Reservations are suggested but not required and walk-ins will be accepted until 7:30 pm each night.

[UNIQUE GIFTS FROM NIAGARA FALLS](#)

More than ever, we’re valuing opportunities to get out and create special memories. If you’re looking to surprise family and friends with an incredible experience, a weekend getaway or a locally produced item, we’ve rounded up our **top ten unique Niagara Falls gift ideas** for everyone on your list.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

- **[NIAGARA FALLS CHRISTMAS MARKET](#)**

November 12 - December 18, 2022

Queen St, Niagara Falls

The Niagara Falls Christmas Market will run every weekend, Friday-Sunday, beginning on Saturday, November 12th until Sunday, December 18th. The hours for each day are: Fridays 5pm - 10pm; Saturdays 1pm - 10pm; Sundays 12pm - 4pm. The Market features shopping from artisanal vendors and local businesses, light displays, live entertainment, photo-ops, glow swings, glow seesaws, and more! New Christmas-themed Street food and Canadian holiday treats and drinks to be enjoyed near the fire pits.

- **[THE HANDMADE MARKET](#)**

November 25, 26, 27, 2022

Niagara Falls Convention Centre

Tickets are on sale November 1st for the 12th annual event featuring 175 makers, wine, food, live music and art.

- **[FALLSVIEW CRAFTY CHRISTMAS MARKET](#)**

For Cultivating Hope Foundation

Sunday December 4, 2022

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

LIVE SHOWS

- **[CHRISTMAS ON ICE](#)**



NIAGARA FALLS TOURISM

November 24 – December 9, 2022

Fallsview Casino, Niagara Falls

A thrilling high-paced spectacle of world-class ice skating and holiday cheer, Fallsview Casino's Christmas on Ice features a winter wonderland of national championship skaters, dancers, and singers that will fill you with the magic of the season.

- [SHAW FESTIVAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING](#) – A CHRISTMAS CAROL and WHITE CHRISTMAS

November to December 23, 2022

Niagara on the Lake

The Shaw's 2022 season comes to a merry close with **Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*** and **Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*** – two classic holiday tales guaranteed to thaw the frostiest of hearts and make spirits bright in young and old alike.

- [DEAN Z'S ROCKIN CHRISTMAS](#)

December 14, 2022

Greg Frewin Theatre, Live

Award-winning internationally acclaimed entertainer Dean Z sings your favorite rockin' holiday hits! Featuring his high energy 12-piece band and the beautiful Deltatones! The best Rock'n'Roll, Rockabilly and Swing Christmas classics, guaranteed to rock you into the holiday spirit!

[ANNUAL POINSETTIA SHOW](#)

November 19, 2022 – January 8, 2023

Floral Showhouse, Niagara Parks

A family holiday tradition for over 65 years, the [Floral Showhouse Annual Poinsettia Show](#) features cyclamen, azaleas, Christmas cactus and paperwhite narcissus in addition to a spectacular display of festive poinsettias.

[NIAGARA SAFARI – SAFARI LIGHTS](#)

November 19 – January 8, 2023

A three km drive through event including immersive light tunnels, luminous motion lights, whimsical animal light displays. Tickets start at \$24.95+ HST per vehicle.

NEW YEAR'S EVE (DETAILS TBA)

A major annual tradition in Niagara Falls and one of the biggest NYE celebration destinations in Canada, further details about 2022 event programming to be announced shortly!

365 DAYS OF CULINARY OFFERINGS

Indulge in delicious offerings and spectacular settings in any of Niagara Falls' exclusive [restaurants](#) with many restaurants open 365 days a year welcoming diner on December 25th and January 1st. Visit [Monastery Cellars](#), the first vineyard adjacent to the Falls or [The Niagara Distillery](#) featuring six signature spirits that result in perfect pours either on their own or when mixed as a cocktail. A short walk from the Falls, [The Niagara Brewing Company](#) proudly represents Canada's brewing heritage and today's innovative craft beer scene. Or head to nearby [Niagara Wine Country](#). Enjoy responsibly by booking a private guide or group tour. Half-day and full-day [tours available](#) with hotel pick-ups.



FALLS ILLUMINATION

See the Canadian Horseshoe, American and Bridal Veil Falls brilliantly [illuminated](#) in a multi-coloured masterpiece. This stunning light display can be viewed 365 days a year from Queen Victoria Park, Fallsview hotels and restaurants, beginning at dusk. **Inspired by Nature:** watch nature come to life with a nightly [illumination display](#) featuring colour palettes and movements inspired by nature, including the sunrise, aurora borealis, rainbow and sunset.

WINTER EVENTS AND FOUR-SEASON ACTIVITIES IN NIAGARA FALLS

OUTDOORS

Skating (2021-22 dates TBC)

Cocktails, wine and beer and a fire pit at [Wayne Gretzky Estates](#) make for a fun skate alongside the vineyards of this hat trick winery, brewery and distillery. *Popular weekend events include Friday Date & Skate and Saturday DJ Night.*

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Niagara Falls Bucket List Experiences

Venture to the Falls at night to experience an icy cool [illumination](#) or get a new perspective of the great wonder by taking flight with [WildPlay Zipline to the Falls](#), soaring through the skies in a [helicopter](#), taking a [Journey Behind the Falls](#), going for a spin in the [Niagara SkyWheel](#), or elevating your view at [Skylon Tower](#).

INDOORS

When the [weather](#) gets chilly, head indoors to warm up. Escape to a tropical oasis at the [Butterfly Conservatory](#), [Bird Kingdom](#), [Floral Showhouse](#), or one of our [indoor waterparks](#).

OTHER EVENTS (2022-23)

Only during winter can you experience events such as [Niagara Icewine Festival 2023](#) from January 13-29, 2023.

February - Birds on the Niagara Festival

BIRDING IN NIAGARA FALLS

Every February in Niagara Falls, bird lovers and conservationists celebrate the vast diversity of northern birds that call the mighty Niagara River corridor their home each winter at [Birds on the Niagara International Bird Festival and Celebration](#), the only international bird festival in North America. With its proximity to the Niagara River corridor, one of the world's most biodiverse places, Niagara Falls is an [Important Bird and Biodiversity Area \(IBA\)](#) and four-season destination for bird lovers, adventure travellers and ecotourists alike. Over 280 bird species and 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 around the globe hoping to add them to their list. Click [here](#) for more information about Bird species that can be found in Niagara Falls each season and where to find them.

February is Black History Month

HONOURING BLACK CANADIAN HISTORY IN NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, Ontario holds a place in history as one of the final destinations of the renowned 'Underground Railroad', a secret network of routes from Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and on to Niagara-on-the-Lake that enslaved

people from the United States followed to find freedom in Canada. It is estimated that 30,000-40,000 enslaved people escaped into Canada from the US from 1800-1865. For those who wish to retrace the final steps of the thousands who found freedom in Canada and pay homage to the heroes and heroines who helped them, [here](#) are some ways to explore the region.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

By Canadian winter standards, the weather in Niagara Falls is considered mild. Typical winter temperatures in the region range from +2 to - 8 degrees Celsius. Layer on your cozy winter outfits and journey outside for an adventure. Be sure to take advantage of savings with winter iconic attraction [packages](#).

ABOUT NIAGARA FALLS CANADA

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

PLAN YOUR VISIT

For more information about unique and memorable experience in Niagara Falls, please visit www.niagarafallstourism.com and these helpful resources:

WHERE TO STAY

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

RESOURCES

- Niagara Falls' commitment to guests and employees: www.SafetoPlay.ca
- What's Open in Niagara Falls: www.niagarafallstourism.com/blog/whats-open-niagara-falls/
- Niagara Falls Illumination: www.niagarafallstourism.com/illumination/
- Niagara Falls Itinerary Ideas: www.niagarafallstourism.com/blog/itinerary/
- Attraction Packages: www.niagarafallstourism.com/attraction-packages/
- Niagara Falls 24/7 Live Cam from Fallsview Casino: [Niagara Falls Live Stream](#)

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