

## **Activities in and around Niagara Falls**

Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada and its vicinity offer opportunities to enjoy the eye catching wonders of nature. Its unique location also allows cross boarder adventure into the US side to enjoy a different view of the Falls.

The Conference hotel Crowne Plaza is located directly opposite to the Rainbow Bridge is less than a mile (1.6km) from the center of the Horseshoe Falls and is in walking distance. There is a sight seeing hop-on-hop-off shuttle bus operated by the city that goes around and stops at points of interest.

### **Maid of the Mist Ride**

Do not miss the thrill of the “Maid of the Mist” boat ride while at the Niagara Falls. During the boat ride water rushes around you as you soak in excitement and explore the roar of the world-famous “Maid of the Mist”. To catch the ride walk down 0.25 miles from Crowne Plaza hotel to the boat dock. You will need to purchase adult tickets at CD\$14.50, include Poncho rental. The ride leaves every 15 minutes 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Take your camera and a plastic cover for the camera. As you reach the bottom of the Falls it will be very misty. You will be provided with a rain coat still be prepared to get soaked in water. At the end of the boat tour, you will reach the Maid of the Mist Plaza which offers food, shop out lets, marketplace and live entertainments.

### **Niagara Falls “Cave of the Winds”**

Walk down or catch the hop-on-hop-off bus to the cave of the wind entrance. This trip will take you closer to the waters of Niagara Falls closer than you thought ever possible. You will first ride an elevator 175 feet into the Niagara Gorge. Then dress in a bright yellow poncho and special footwear. Follow the Guide to the “Hurricane Deck”. As you stand there you are merely 20 feet (6 meters) from the Roaring Mighty Niagara. The rushing waters loom above you, dousing you with enchanting falls water. Adult ticket price CD\$11.00, includes cost of she and Poncho rental.

### **“Journey behind the Falls”**

Walk down or hop-on-hop-off to the Table Rock Restaurant/ Welcome center at the Falls for an awesome journey behind the mighty Niagara falls. The trip will take you down to the bottom of the Falls to view the spectacular crashing down of millions of gallons of water traveling at 65 kilometers (40 miles) per second. As exciting as it is, the view behind the Falls will remind us of the infinitesimal place we occupy on earth. Adult ticket price CN\$12.75, includes Poncho rental.

## **Butterfly Conservatory**

Take the hop-on-hop-off bus to reach 2405 Niagara parkway, Niagara Falls Ontario. Inside the Niagara Falls Botanical Gardens is the Butterfly conservatory. The attraction features over 2000 colorful tropical butterflies flying freely among lush exotic tropical blues and greenery. The inside paths wind through a tropical rainforest setting past a pond and a waterfall. There the butterflies lay their eggs, hatch into caterpillar, then the pupae and the emergent new butterflies prepares for their first flights. Adult tickets CN\$ 11.75.

## **Ontario Hydro Beck Generating Station**

You can take a visit around the Ontario Hydro Beck Generating Station. Catch the hop-on-hop-off bus to the Queenston end direction. The tour takes you down to a lift, along a long tilted tunnel into a room where you are first shown the video installation, history etc. You are then invited to look down into the generating room to see the top of the mammoth turbine generators and the maintenance workshops. Adult tickets: CN\$10.00

## **Niagara Falls Casino**

For those of who would like to try your luck, there are two full pledged Casinos. One casino is adjacent to Crowne Plaza hotel and another 3 miles from the hotel.

## **IMAX Theatre Niagara Falls**

Experience the thunderous power of the Niagara Falls through this exciting IMAX production. The IMAX theatre features more than six-stories high Screen and over 12,000 watts of floor shaking digital sound that will make your experience real. The theatre is over a mile and is in walking distance.

## **Marine land**

Park features amusement rides, walrus and sea lion shows, splash and jump sessions showcasing killer whales. On the grounds of the marine land there are land animals such as deer, buffalos and bears.

## **The Skylon Tower**

The 755 feet (236 meters) high Skylon tower offers a great Observation deck. There is a revolving Dining Room on the top of Skylon. On a clear day one can see the city of Toronto, which is about 130 km or 80 miles away. For dinner reservation is required.