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NIAGARA FALLS HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

MAY 15-18, 2024

Join us on this exciting 4-day tour to see the spectacular beauty of Niagara Falls. We'll tour the area surrounding the magnificent falls on both the USA and Canadian sides and enjoy some of Niagara's greatest attractions, including the thrilling boat ride for an up close and personal look. Be sure not to miss out on this highlights tour of the Niagara region!

Departure/return times and pickup location are as follows:

	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	6:00 AM	10:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15: Today we will make breakfast, lunch and rest stops en route to Niagara Falls, Canada. After going through customs & arriving in Niagara Falls, we will have a delicious dinner in the revolving dining room of the world-famous **Skylon Tower**. Have the opportunity to ride to the top of the tower to the observation decks for an amazing view of the falls and a 360-degree view of the Niagara Falls area. We'll then check in to our **fallsview accommodations** for the next three nights at:

MARRIOTT NIAGARA FALLS FALLSVIEW HOTEL
 (905)357-7300
 6740 Fallsview Blvd.
 Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 3W6

Our hotel has the enviable distinction as being **the closest hotel to Niagara Falls** and each room provides a beautiful falls view. As Niagara Falls' premiere AAA Four Diamond, five-star luxury hotel, the Marriott overlooks the majestic falls and is within walking distance to many area attractions.



THURSDAY, MAY 16: Start your day off right with a bountiful buffet breakfast at the hotel in the award-winning **Terrapin Cafe Fallsview Restaurant**, before departing on a **guided tour** of the Niagara area with a local guide. We will visit points of interest in Niagara Falls including the world-famous **Floral Clock** and the **Niagara Whirlpool**, one of the world's most mesmerizing natural phenomena. Take a thrilling ride on the **Whirlpool Aero Car**, as you are transported through the air in an antique cable car, high above the racing Niagara River. The Aero Car was designed by a Spanish engineer, Leonardo Torres Quevedo and has been in operation since 1916. The cable car is suspended from six sturdy cables and offers a wonderful view of the Niagara Whirlpool which is formed at the end of the rapids where the gorge turns

abruptly counterclockwise, and the river escapes through the narrowest channel in the gorge. (Please note that this attraction is optional and is not wheelchair accessible.) We'll have lunch and free time in the quaint town of **Niagara-on-the-Lake**, the first capital of Canada, to enjoy the charming shops and eateries. Afterwards, we will stop at one of Canada's first estate wineries, **Inniskillin Winery**, to purchase one of Canada's most cherished products, the icewine. We will then return to the hotel to enjoy the rest of the day **at your leisure** to relax or explore the area on our own. Our hotel is within walking distance to many restaurants, shops, and attractions. Book an appointment at the NEW award-winning spa on property. Try your luck at the beautiful **Niagara Fallsview Casino** and enjoy the many stores, restaurants and gambling onsite. The casino features over 3,500 slot machines and over 130 table games. You can venture off to **Clifton Hill**, the Street of Fun, to enjoy the museums, gift shops, restaurants, and the Great Canadian Midway Entertainment Center.

FRIDAY, MAY 17: Following breakfast at the hotel, we will visit the BRAND NEW **The Tunnel at the Niagara Parks Power Station**, which opened in July 2022, to discover a new underground perspective as you dig deep into the rich history of the century-old, restored hydroelectric power station. As you explore this engineering feat 180 feet beneath the main generating floor, get views of the power station's hidden decks as you descend into the tunnel in a glass-paneled elevator. Then, explore fascinating exhibits to find out how it was remarkably excavated in 1901 with only lanterns, rudimentary dynamite, pickaxes and shovels. Learn how it expelled the power station's spent waters back into the Niagara River, at the base of the falls. Your journey in the tunnel will take you along the same path travelled by water and lead you to a viewing platform where the tunnel emptied into the Niagara River. For the first time ever, the newly constructed viewing platform offers unprecedented access to a new perspective of the lower Niagara River with unparalleled views of both the Horseshoe and American Falls. Next, step inside one of the largest glass-enclosed butterfly conservatories in North America and discover a tropical garden oasis. Built in 1996, the **Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory** features over 2,000 vibrantly coloured butterflies fluttering freely throughout 180 metres of winding pathways adorned with lush vegetation, trickling waterfalls, towering tropical plants and gorgeous blooms. The self-guided walking tour begins with a short, informative video presentation. Next, grab lunch on your own at **Clifton Hill**, before boarding **Hornblower Niagara Cruises** (formerly **Maid of the Mist**) for an exciting close-up view of the falls. The historical ride is North America's oldest tourist attraction which millions of visitors have enjoyed since 1846. Ride into the heart of the falls aboard new state-of-the-art 700-passenger catamarans departing from the Canadian docks past the base of the American Falls, then into the basin of the magnificent Canadian Horseshoe Falls & Bridal Veil Falls to experience the thundering roar and refreshing mist providing a thrill of a lifetime! Freshen up at the hotel prior to visiting the **Table Rock Complex** where you can shop for souvenirs before having a delicious dinner at **Table Rock Restaurant** which offers captivating views of the brink of the falls. Tonight, pull up a chair to your hotel window & enjoy the evening falls illumination as Niagara Falls is transformed into an incredible, multi-colored water and light masterpiece, along with a spectacular fireworks display at the brink of the falls! (pending weather & schedule)





SATURDAY, MAY 18: After breakfast at the hotel, we will go through the border crossing process as we return to the USA. Back on the states' side, we will encounter the splendor of the **American Falls and Niagara Falls State Park**, situated on 400 acres of lush terrain, home to jaw-dropping natural beauty, miles of walking trails, protected wildlife, and an array of attractions. Take a ride around on the **Niagara Scenic Trolley**, which provides an overview of the park and offers historical anecdotes and fun facts. Check out the **BRAND NEW**, state-of-the-art **Visitor Center** (scheduled to open in 2023) which provides interactive displays and exhibits, maps and information, gift shop, eateries, and more. Get the only panoramic view of all three Niagara Falls, including the American Falls, on the **Niagara Falls USA Observation Tower** (additional fee). Extending out dramatically over Niagara Gorge, the architectural wonder of the Niagara Falls USA Prospect Point Observation Tower affords unobstructed views of the wild cascades of Niagara Falls, as well as the raging whitewater below. Enjoy lunch on your own while visiting the park. We will start our journey homeward, making a mid-afternoon stop at the **Corning Museum of Glass**, the world's largest space dedicated to the display of contemporary art and design in glass to visit their extensive gift shop and grab a bite to eat at the museum café (optional: museum admission is additional fee). A short break stop en route home will be made to complete this exciting tour.

PRICE PER PERSON:

SINGLE	\$1,830.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation,
DOUBLE	\$1,320.00	lodging, luggage handling, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners,
TRIPLE	\$1,180.00	admissions, boat ride, guided tour with gratuity, aero car
QUAD	\$1,110.00	ride, trolley, and tax & gratuities on meals included)

A DEPOSIT OF \$300 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY **APRIL 1, 2024**. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order and mailed to our office at above address. Luggage tags and final itineraries are mailed about 2 weeks prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due, however, courtesy calls as a reminder will be made in case payment is not received by due date. Bus driver & tour director gratuities are not included in tour cost.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for package inclusions such as reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to another customer. In the event where travel companions sharing the same room should need to cancel one or more persons in that room, the remaining passengers will be responsible for paying the supplemental charge to change occupancy.

We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance which is available through Travel Insured International. For information and to obtain a quote, visit our agency specific link: <http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=61986> For specific questions regarding trip cancellation insurance, call Travel Insured's customer care at (800)243-3174 and refer to Agency #61986 (Rill's Bus Service as agent).

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets. Smoking of any kind is strictly prohibited onboard the motorcoach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is also strictly prohibited. While every reasonable effort will be made to handle your luggage carefully, Rill's Bus Service will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage, due to breakage, theft, hotel or carrier handling, fair wear and tear, etc.

CASUAL CLOTHING is appropriate for the entire tour. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE WALKING involved on this tour.

Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations at their discretion, with or without notice, if in the best interest of the customer and to improve the quality of the tour, which could be necessary for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, local weather conditions, cancellations/substitutions for trip inclusions made by outside vendors, and/or any other circumstances beyond their control. Rill's Bus Service acts only as an agent on behalf of tour patrons in all matters relating to tour package inclusions, except transportation by their own vehicles, and is not responsible for any damage, delay, loss, injury, or accident to person or personal property when passenger is participating in tour activities and/or traveling by other transportation means while on tour prepared by Rills. Furthermore, Rill's is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred as a result of sickness, injury, weather, or any other unforeseen circumstances that are beyond their control.

PLEASE BRING PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP – Effective June 1, 2009, all U.S. Citizens traveling to Canada by land or sea will be required to present one of these travel documents: a valid U.S. passport or U.S. passport card. In case of any emergency where an air flight may be of necessity to return home, only a valid U.S. passport will be accepted by Customs Agents for return to the United States.

By traveling with Rill's Bus Service and participating in any and all tour package inclusions, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

