

TRIPS TO THE NIAGARA FALLS REGION

It is not feasible to offer a tour to Niagara Falls that would accommodate the interests and schedules of all attendees, but there are very many tours from which individuals can choose to arrange their own tour. Or attendees could form small groups that offer group price reductions. To do this most effectively you should read up, from the Internet, on the Niagara Region in order to make the best choice. The Niagara Region is presented on the map below, starting with Niagara Falls (the Horseshoe Falls in Canada and the American Falls in the USA) as depicted at the bottom of the map and extending to the beautiful town of Niagara-on-the-Lake (the orange square) at the top. Most tours cover both, following the Niagara Parkway along the Niagara River, offering many options along the way. At Niagara Falls for example, one is the "Journey Behind the Falls", where you enter a tunnel that leads to the falls where you can view out through them from behind. Another is the Hornblower Cruise (replacing the former Maid of the Mist), a boat trip that takes you to the base of the falls; this is for many tours not an option but an integral part of the trip. Another stop is the "Whirlpool Rapids". Niagara-on-the-Lake is the centre of wine country so can include a visit to a local winery, perhaps with a taste of ice wine.

Some tours are "day" tours, including lunch, leaving at 9 AM and returning at 6 PM. Others are evening tours, or full day tours, which include seeing the falls at night. All tours pick people up at a downtown hotel. From York University you can take the subway to the *Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen Street West (or the one chosen by the tour people)*, to be picked up and returned at the end of the tour. For the Sheraton you can take the subway at York University and get off at Osgoode Station. The hotel is a few steps to the east, along Queen Street. Costs range from \$79 Canadian to around \$140 depending on the choices. Some options are additional to this cost.

If you search for "Tours to Niagara Falls from Toronto" you can explore all of these options and make your booking.

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