

## 5 IDEAS TO EXTEND YOUR TORONTO LEW VISIT

Don't Forget a Passport, NEXUS or Global card for all border crossings!

### 1) SEE THE FALLS - one of the World's great Natural Wonders

Niagara Falls Canada - Official Tourism Website

<https://www.niagarafallstourism.com/>

It's true that the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side is very dramatic viewing... (ref: Frederic Edwin Church, Niagara, 1857 <http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/Collection/art-object-page.166436.html>)

Niagara Falls NY Attractions -

[VisitBuffaloNiagara.com](http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com) [www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/Attractions](http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/Attractions)

There are two cities of Niagara Falls, one on each side of the border.

***For War of 1812 buffs:*** Visit Fort George in Ontario and Fort Niagara in New York - on opposite sides of the Niagara River. Both tell the story of the area's military and strategic importance during the conflict between the English and French for control over North America.

***Get wet - take the Maid of the Mist boat ride:*** Rain gear provided - seriously exciting.

[Maid Of The Mist Ontario - Experience Niagara Falls Up Close](http://www.maidofthemist.com/)  
[www.maidofthemist.com/](http://www.maidofthemist.com/)

***Book a room overlooking the Falls:*** Unbeatable view (there's a casino for those inclined).

***There's tacky in the Falls, too:*** Toussaud's Wax Museum is at the highbrow end of the spectrum.

***OR Stay in nearby Niagara-on-the-Lake:*** A charming heritage village with terrific small hotels and B&Bs ('**NOTL**' for short) - a base for exploring the area.

**Wine Country - Tourism Niagara**  
[www.tourismniagara.com/wine\\_country.html](http://www.tourismniagara.com/wine_country.html)

***Drive and/or Bike the Niagara Parkway:*** Stunning views of the Niagara River - the Rapids, the Niagara Gorge, and the Whirlpool, along the river's edge. Bike rentals widely available and bike path paved.

***Take in a Show at the Shaw Festival in NOTL:***  
***ShawFest.com - Shaw Festival 2016 Lineup***  
[www.shawfest.com/](http://www.shawfest.com/) (289) 319-2585

***Drink and Dine very well indeed exploring Niagara Peninsula Wineries:*** Google 'the best of' Niagara wineries and dining - recent reviews are pretty reliable.

***Wine Route Drive Planner:*** Focus on NOTL vicinity, Beamsville, Jordan & Twenty Valley.  
<http://winecountryontario.ca/wine-route-planner>

## **2) FURTHER AFIELD IN BUFFALO (20 mins drive from Niagara Falls) - recommended stops:**

***Albright Knox Art Gallery:*** An American gem of a gallery with strong late 19th and 20th century collections in painting and sculpture.  
**Albright-Knox Art Gallery** [www.albrightknox.org](http://www.albrightknox.org)

***For Frank Lloyd Wright fans:*** Wright designed his life-long patron's home and related buildings, plus a summer house. Tour the Darwin Martin House. Check out the Tiffany windows in the church nearby.

### **Tour Schedules - Darwin D. Martin House**

[www.darwinmartinhouse.org/tour\\_schedules.cfm](http://www.darwinmartinhouse.org/tour_schedules.cfm)

***For Architecture Mavens:*** Fantastic late 19th and early 20th century stock of historic architecture - just drive around Buffalo. Frederick Law Olmsted designed its parks and parkways radial city plan, and there are many superb buildings from its heyday by Louis Sullivan, Daniel Burnham and more.

***Obligatory Dining:*** Frank & Theresa's Anchor Bar - for excellent *real* Buffalo chicken wings with a side of celery & blue cheese dressing. Or if your tastes are more discriminating, Hutch's on Gates Circle, or any of many others. Check out the local micro-brews - there's 120 years of brewing history here.

## **3) FALL COLOURS UP NORTH - ALGONQUIN & MUSKOKA**

***A Classic Wilderness Experience*** is waiting a few hours' drive north of Toronto - Algonquin Park and the legendary Muskoka Lakes area. In fact, there are *many* destinations up north, and this is a great time to go with the autumn leaves. Fewer visitors, and more of just you, the lakes and the forests. Hike, canoe, kayak, fish, read, hang out, inhale the piney air, look at morning mist on the lake, listen to the loons. Stay in a rustic cabin, a luxe tent or a lodge with frills. Some links below to plan - book now for best choices. Give it two or even three nights - you'll be reluctant to leave.

**Algonquin Park** (approx 3.5 to 4 hrs drive and well worth it):

Algonquin Provincial Park | Ontario, Canada | The Friends of ...

[www.algonquinpark.on.ca/](http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca/)

Jeff's Algonquin Provincial Park Map

[www.algonquinmap.com/](http://www.algonquinmap.com/)

Algonquin Park - Travel Guide to Algonquin Park - Info on canoe/kayak rentals [www.algonquinpark.com/](http://www.algonquinpark.com/)

Killarney Lodge in Algonquin - For a room or rustic cabin with meals, or just for dinner at the lodge – fantastic place!

<http://www.killarneylodge.com/algonquin-park/>

Arowhon Pines: Home - For a truly pampered northern outdoors experience. [www.arowhonpines.ca/](http://www.arowhonpines.ca/)

**Muskoka accommodation** (approx 2.5+ hrs drive):

Cottage Life Rentals | Cottage Life

<https://cottagelife.com/rentals>

Cottage and vacation rental listings. Mostly (but not only) Ontario.

Home - Red Leaves | Lake Rosseau, Muskoka:

Resort hotel on a premium Muskoka lake.

[www.redleavesmuskoka.com/](http://www.redleavesmuskoka.com/)

## 4) SHAKESPEARE (late)SUMMER THEATRE: Top-rated plays in Stratford, ON

Approx 1.5-hours drive west of Toronto. Lovely Victorian town on the Avon River with terrific restaurants. Stratford. Avon. Shakespeare. Get it? They're very good at staging Shakespeare and other playwrights, too! This can be done in one full day - driving out and back to Toronto the same day - or relax and stay over.

**Stratford Festival - View Our 2016 Summer Shows & Schedule** - much to consider apart from Shakespeare, too. [www.stratfordfestival.ca/](http://www.stratfordfestival.ca/)

*MacBeth* is supposed to be amazing this year. Read the reviews online and choose a matinee and an evening play and reserve for a sensational meal in between, just like the locals!

## 5) TORONTO – ABOUT TOWN

**Royal Ontario Museum (TTC Museum or St. George):**

**Royal Ontario Museum** [www.rom.on.ca/en](http://www.rom.on.ca/en)

The ROM is a 'treasure chest' of a museum with extensive collections from world cultures *and* the natural sciences, including: great dinosaur skeletons, gems and minerals, Burgess shale fossils (earliest life on earth), biodiversity gallery; Canadian historical and indigenous artifacts and art; European furniture, silver; Egyptian mummies; strong Chinese and South Asian artifacts and art; textiles. Chihuly exhibition, Third Gender Japanese works show ongoing.

**Art Gallery of Ontario (TTC St. Patrick, walk west two blocks)**

**Home | AGO Art Gallery of Ontario** <https://www.ago.net/>

The AGO is a perfect regional Canadian museum filled with works by the Group of Seven, Ontario's vaunted plein-air painters who went into the northern wilderness to capture the essence of the remote and awesome

landscapes and dramatic weather conditions that shape the land. There is also an excellent representation of Canadian contemporary and 20th century art, along with some quirky collections of 130 ship models (17th-20th c), and carved miniature busts and sculpture in metal and ivory. There's a respectable number of 17th to 19th c European works, highlighted by Peter Paul Rubens' painting *The Massacre of the Innocents*.

***Bata Shoe Museum*** » An unusual and unique Toronto attraction: a ...[www.batashoemuseum.ca/](http://www.batashoemuseum.ca/) (TTC St. George)

Who doesn't love shoes, and where else are you going to see a museum dedicated to *footwear* - men's and women's - down through the ages? Surprisingly fascinating. They have John Lennon's shoes...

***Hockey Hall of Fame (TTC Union)***: The World Cup of Hockey is on in Toronto during the LEW, for better or worse. Refresh your game history at the Hockey Hall of Fame (hint: it's not a *game*), then head for the ACC if you scored tix or to a sports bar to watch. See local listings for specific bars in which to view specific games in this oh-so international - and thus highly partisan - sports city.

**Hockey Hall of Fame Homepage** <https://www.hhof.com/>

***Toronto Aquarium***: Opened in 2015, this aquarium is a fun visit, a short walk from the LEW hotel, and has strong exhibits of freshwater fish and Great Lakes marine mammals, in addition to their saltwater cousins.

**Ripleys Aquarium of Canada Home - Aquarium of Canada**

<https://www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada/>

***Toronto Botanical Gardens***: Attention Gardeners...

**Toronto.com – Toronto Botanical Gardens**

[www.toronto.com](http://www.toronto.com)

**ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, JUST ASK –**  
LEW organizers will try to help you out!

**NOTE: A LEW Restaurants Guide will be posted soon for making your reservations! Important to do 3 to 4 weeks ahead for top choices.**

**NB. There's no Friday Nite Dine-Around at this LEW – we've made dinner plans for you already!**