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Night view point

Skylon Tower: Glass elevator ride 775 feet to the top. Indoor/outdoor observation decks. Buffet dinner option. 5200 Robinson St, Niagara Falls, ON (web)

Boat Ride options

- Voyage to the Falls Boat Tour, 20-minute tour from the Canadian side. Before sunset, tours sail into the heart of Horseshoe Falls for a full-mist experience. After sunset, tours sail to the outer edge of the Falls for a light-mist experience.
- The Maid of the Mist (NY side) starts near Rainbow Bridge, in calm waters, and makes its way past American and Bridal Veil Falls, and into the dense spraying mist of the Horseshoe Falls curve.

Behind the falls

- Canada's Journey Behind The Falls. To stand at the heart of Niagara, descend 125 feet and explore 130-year-old tunnels through the bedrock, but you'll feel the thunderous vibration of the Horseshoe Falls long before you see them.

More options

- Leave the surface behind and board a glass-walled lift to descend into the depths of the Niagara Parks Power Station, a former hydropower plant, built in 1905.
- White Water Walk, a quarter-mile stretch of boardwalk at the edge of the frothing white-and-turquoise waters.
- Whirlpool Aero Car – Cable Car Ride over the Niagara Gorge

New York side

- Goat Island includes views like Terrapin Point and Cave of the Winds, an attraction that combines a tribute to Nikola Tesla and wooden stairs that go 175 feet into the gorge for a close-up view of Bridal Veil Falls.
- Niagara Falls observation tower provides a view of the American Falls and a partial glimpse of Horseshoe Falls

Notes and links

- Whirlpool Jet Boats goes through the gorge and the rapids, but turns before the Rainbow Bridge, so doesn't get that close to the Falls

From Nat Geo:
Niagara Parks' WEGO buses provide an affordable, convenient way to access Niagara Falls' must-see attractions, including Table Rock, Skylon Tower, and Horseshoe Falls. Buy an Adventure Pass at any Niagara Parks Welcome Centre or online at niagaraparks.com to save on sights and transportation. Taxis can be flagged from the falls' downtown core to Niagara-on-the-Lake, where you can sightsee aboard a

traditional horse-drawn carriage.

New York State park

- The state park visitor center includes the Niagara adventure theater, which screens a 30 minute film on the natural and human history of the falls
- Nearby is the Niagara Falls observation tower, which provides a view of the American Falls and a partial glimpse of Horseshoe Falls.
- Directly below the tower is the dock for *Maid of the Mist,* a tour boat service that takes you into the spray of Horseshoe Falls. Rain ponchos are included with your ticket.
- Niagara Gorge Trail is perfect for outdoorsy hiking enthusiasts. It's actually a series of trails in the Gorge that offer different ways to view the natural wonder. Most are on the easy side and most are 2-3 miles round trip, but the Niagara Gorge Rim Trail is about 6 miles one way, and the easy hike offers views of the Whirlpool and Devil's Hole rapids. The many overlooks and abandoned power plants you can view from these trails are totally worth checking out on a trip to the falls.

Canadian side

https://www.niagaraparks.com

- Journey Behind The Falls
- White Water Walk

Skylon Tower is an incredible way to see the falls from above. The exterior, glass elevator ride up to the top of the tower, 775 feet up. The indoor/outdoor observation decks offer views of the Gorge, the Falls, wine country, and the skylines of Buffalo, Toronto, and even New York. The best way to enjoy it? Take a ride up around sunset to watch the falls all lit up, and enjoy the buffet dinner as you take in the views.
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Buffalo

From Nat Geo:
Frederick Law Olmsted's greenway system links Buffalo's neighborhoods via circles, places, and parks. Walking tours reveal a variety of building types spanning nearly 200 years, from Federal style to Frank Lloyd Wright designs.
The Niagara and Buffalo Rivers, Lake Erie, and nearby Niagara Falls all provide ample opportunity for hiking, kayaking, and paddleboarding. Canalside hosts summer concerts.

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