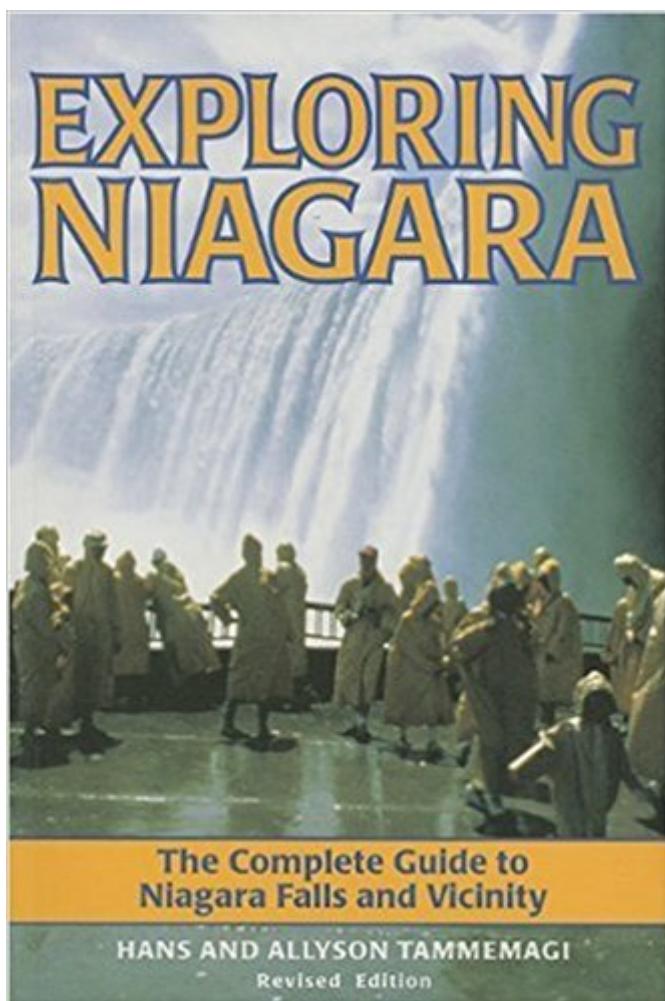


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Exploring Niagara: The Complete Guide To Niagara Falls And Vicinity



Synopsis

As one of the Seven Wonders of the World - not to mention the honeymoon capital of North America - Niagara Falls is indisputably one of this continent's most important tourist destinations. For the millions of visitors - year-in, year-out - and for residents of the area, author Hans Tammemagi's *Exploring Niagara* turns a wide-angle lens on one of the most diverse and fascinating corners of Canada and in so doing opens our eyes to the fact that as wondrous as it is, there is a great deal more to the Niagara region than the Falls. Covering both sides of the Canada-U.S. border, and all within about a 30-minute drive of the Falls, the book unveils more than 50 tours and day trips to and through places of interest in the Niagara region. Descriptions of the trips themselves - varying from under an hour to several days - detail the historical and geographical highlights of each destination, and offer up a variety, suggesting tours that can be taken by car, by bicycle, or on foot. Indices and appendixes steer the reader to a wide variety of special interests guaranteed to satisfy all tastes. Geographical phenomenon, theatre and arts festivals, wine tours, conservation areas, bird watching, hiking, re-enactments of the War of 1812 - they're all here and more. Visit Niagara Falls, the Welland and Erie Canals, Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Niagara Escarpment, Queenston Heights and everything in between. More than 18 maps round out this text making it the perfect companion for real or armchair adventure.

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Customer Reviews

Hans Tammemagi is an environmental consultant and the author of *Exploring the Hill: A Guide to Canada's Parliament Past and Present*.

If you are planning to go to Niagara Falls (either US or Canadian side) but do not know what to do after observing the Falls then this is the book for you. The material on Welland Canal, Niagara on the Lake, wineries and the botanical garden were very helpful. However the book is not perfect: maps that covered both pages were lost in the middle, detailed maps are missing, no restaurant/hotel recommendations.

After reading over a dozen books about Niagara Falls and the region (a hobby of mine), I found this book to be the best of the lot - for a tourist. It's well organized, offers excellent photos and maps, and I especially enjoyed the chapters regarding the Erie Canal in the U.S. and the Welland Canal in Ontario, Canada - both within a 30 minute drive of the falls. The authors offer a number of suggested tours for the tourist - with helpful info on how long each will take. For a more in-depth historical perspective on the falls and the Niagara region, I would recommend Pierre Berton's history of Niagara Falls.

The subtitle "The complete guide to Niagara falls and vicinity" is misleading. It's far from being a "complete guide". Many of the Niagara Falls area tourist attractions are omitted, and there is no reference to lodging or restaurants. The book is excellent though, in its nature and historical content. I suggest that a more appropriate subtitle would be "A guide to Niagara's parks, museums and natural resources".

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