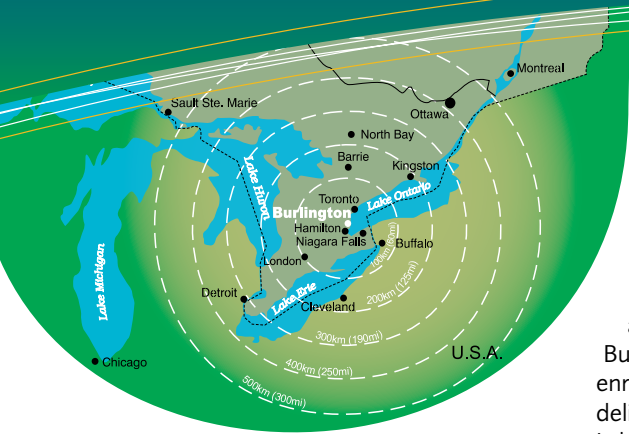


# Burlington & Area



## Welcome to Burlington & Area

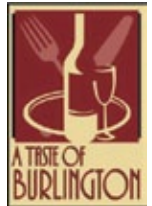
Escape the traffic on the QEW /401 and within minutes you're in beautiful Burlington, offering road-weary visitors enriching experiences and unexpected delights. Situated between the shores of Lake Ontario and the majestic cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment, this safe, clean, and cultured community is rich in heritage, world-recognized natural beauty, and fabulous niche shopping and dining. Whether you stay hours or days, or stop on your way elsewhere, you'll long remember your time in Burlington as the best part of your tour.

## It's a Good Life - Winery & Taste of Burlington Tour

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Participating restaurants showcase their finest menus
- Special themes, events, and wine pairings
- Taste of Burlington spans three weeks in winter and summer

Couple your tour of one of Niagara's great wineries with a sumptuous sampling of Burlington's finest dining. Taste of Burlington is a culinary festival each Winter and Summer featuring the eclectic styles and flavours of the world offered by many of Burlington's finest eateries offering prix-fixe lunch and/or dinner options. Enhancing the experience further, many of the participating restaurants have linked the festival period to special themes and musical entertainment.



### DISTANCE CHART

City	In Kilometres	In Miles
Buffalo, NY	125	78
Hamilton, ON	20	13
Kitchener/Waterloo, ON	110	69
London, ON	145	91
Montreal, QC	587	367
Niagara Falls, ON	95	59
Ottawa, ON	444	279
Toronto, ON	48	30
Windsor, ON	328	204



Royal Botanical Gardens

## Escape to Paradise at Royal Botanical Gardens

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Workshops
- Interpretive tours and interactive exhibits
- Lilac Dell at the Arboretum
- Curriculum based programs
- Gift shop and dining available

Canada's largest Botanical Gardens attract visitors from around the world throughout the year. One visit is never enough. Every season offers new experiences. Remember to bring your camera, sketchbook and binoculars and enjoy Paradise! RBG is a Canada Historic Site and biodiversity hot spot, with several indoor exhibits and 2,400 acres of beautifully cultivated gardens and natural untamed landscapes.



Moundsberg Conservation Area

## Nature Trails & Birding-Let Your Spirits Soar

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- RBG's Nature Interpretive Centre
- Birds of Prey Exhibit at the Raptor Centre at Moundsberg Conservation Area
- Picnic or BBQ lunch at conservation area or dine in at RBG

Nature trails, wetlands, meadows, woodlands, the waterfront and escarpment lookouts are perfect spots to view more than 150 native and migratory bird species spotted annually in Burlington. The trails and sanctuaries of the Royal Botanical Garden are designated an Important Bird Area (IBA) and home to more than 50 at-risk species and stop-over point for thousands of migratory birds. The cliffs of the escarpment are a natural lure for such raptors as bald eagles, and a variety of hawks. From May to September view via hidden camera, the activity in an Osprey Nest!



## 'Guilty Pleasures' Shopping Spree

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- IKEA
- Burlington's MEC store
- Lunch nearby at Apple Annie's, Mandarin Chinese restaurant or at the Crossroads Broadcasting Centre

Burlington is home to many unique retail outlets, unavailable in many other communities. Visitors make a special trip to Burlington for the chance to shop for affordable home furnishings at IKEA, outdoor recreation gear and clothing at MEC (Mountain Equipment Co-op) and one-of-a kind gifts by local artists and artisans at the Art Etc Gallery Shop at the Burlington Arts Centre.

# Where There's Always Something Special to Experience



Burlington Arts Centre

## Burlington Treasures - Scenic & Walking Tours

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Guided tour of Burlington
- Walking historic tour of Burlington
- Kings Highway Tour

Rated in the top three of Best Places to Live in Canada, Burlington is a beautiful city, located on the shores of Lake Ontario. Its natural beauty is complemented with an abundance of attractive locations and local treasures worth exploring. Spencer Smith Park is the centerpiece of Burlington's waterfront that connects to the Great Waterfront Trail. Throughout the year it's also home to the Sound of Music Festival, Canada's Largest Ribfest, and Festival of Lights. Visitors can enjoy a guided tour of the city, a walking tour of our historic downtown, visit Canada's 7th largest public Art Gallery or view the lovely homes along our historic Kings Highway.

## Points in Time - Heritage Tours

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Ireland House at Oakridge Farm
- Joseph Brant Museum
- Halton Region Museum

Burlington's Heritage museums celebrate the moments and people whose contributions enrich our community. History comes alive at Ireland House at Oakridge Farm, restored to reflect four generations of farm life on the four-acre homestead of the Ireland family one of Burlington's earliest founding families. Programming features interpretive hands-on activities and special seasonal events. The Joseph Brant Museum, built to commemorate the homestead of the colourful native Captain Joseph Brant



Ireland House

"Thayendanegea", now houses more than 10,000 artifacts. The museum also includes the Eileen Collard collection of historic costume and textiles and ongoing traveling exhibits. Heritage, Environmental and Educational programs are available at Halton Region Museum in our beautiful Kelso Conservation Area. Six historic buildings showcase 35,000 artifacts reflecting four generations of family farm life in the 1800's.



First Nations Dancers

STUDENT TOUR

## Celebrate Fall at Conservation Halton

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Self-guided or interpreter-led tour
- Birds of Prey demonstrations
- Canoeing and Kayaking
- Chairlift rides to the top of the Escarpment at Kelso
- Music, First Nations Dancers

Rolling hills, scenic country roads and the colour-saturated Escarpment make the perfect setting for a beautiful fall day at one or more of Conservation Halton areas. Make your way through escarpment country visiting local artisans, pick up freshly harvested produce from local farms or enjoy the many activities available in our picturesque surroundings.



Crawford Lake

STUDENT TOUR

## Natural & Cultural History Come Alive at Crawford Lake

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Guided tour of the 15th century Iroquoian Village
- Stroll the elevated boardwalk
- Visitors Centre and Gathering Place

Crawford Lake is part of the World Biosphere Reserve and offers visitors a truly unique combination of natural and cultural heritage experiences. The lake itself is a rare example of a meromictic lake and the site offers a documented pre-European settlement, archeological sites and an authentically reconstructed 15th century Iroquoian Village where visitors can re-live history in a re-built longhouse.



Kelso Conservation Area

# Burlington & Area



## Your Group Tours will love Burlington's Festivals & Events

Contact Tourism Burlington to assist you in planning itineraries for day trips or overnight excursions to these annual group-friendly festivals and events.

### JANUARY

13-14	Owl Prowl (Mountsberg)	905-854-2276
	Glass Under Glass (RBG)	905-527-1158

### FEBRUARY

20-March 11	Taste of Burlington	905-634-5594
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### MARCH

	Maple Syrup Festival (Bronte Park)	905-827-6911
	Sweet Water Season	905-854-0234
	Maple Town (Mountsberg)	905-854-2276

### APRIL/MAY

April	Springtime at the Farm	905-878-4908
May	Tulip and Lilac Celebrations	905-527-1158
May 15	Taste of the Hearth/Springtime Festival	905-332-9888

### JUNE

11-12	Doors Open Burlington	905-335-7600
11-12	Fine Art & Craft Festival	905-632-7796
17-20	Burlington Sound of Music Festival	905-333-6364
	Iris and Peony Celebrations	905-527-1158

### JULY

1	Canada Day Celebrations	905-335-7600
	Strawberry Social	905-634-3556
18-Aug.1	Taste of Burlington	905-634-5594
08-10	Burlington Country & Blues BBQ	289-337-2431
	Rose Celebrations	905-527-1158

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

1	Joseph Brant Day	905-634-3556
Sept. 2-5	Canada's Largest Ribfest	905-332-3513
Sept. 18	British Car Day	905-827-6911
25	Applefest Fall Fair	905-332-9888

### OCTOBER

8-10,15-16	Fall into Nature	905-336-1158
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### NOVEMBER

5	Wearable Art Sale	905-632-7796
5-6	Art in Action Studio Tour	289-337-2621
17-20	Soup Bowl Event & Christmas Sale	905-632-7796
26	Doorways to the Holidays	905-527-1158
26-Dec.18	An Olde Fashioned Christmas	905-332-9888

### DECEMBER/JANUARY

9	Candlelight Tours of Yesteryear	905-332-9888
04-Jan.12	Festival of Lights	905-333-9868

## Burlington Performing Arts Centre - Opening Fall 2011

Burlington's newest downtown landmark will feature a 730-seat main stage, 225-seat studio theatre and 5,000 sq.ft. of atrium and event space. This state of the art facility is LEED-certified and within walking distance of Burlington's scenic waterfront, superb dining and shopping area. Tourism Burlington will have performance schedules, group day tours and overnight packages available in the Fall of 2011. Please call Tourism Burlington for more information. 1-877-499-9989 or 905-634-5594.



# Where There's Always Something Special to Experience



## Remembering Burlington's Role in the War of 1812

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Guided tour of the Joseph Brant Museum
- Union Burying Grounds on Plains Road
- Heritage Gardens tour at Royal Botanical Gardens
- Iroquoian Village at Crawford Lake

Mohawk Chief John Brant or Ahyouwaighs, son of the legendary Joseph Brant, distinguished himself in the War of 1812 and successfully encouraged other Six Nations peoples to side with the British against the invading Americans. At the Joseph Brant Museum you'll learn the important role Burlington and its local peoples played in the Anglo-American War and why Burlington's waterfront location held special significance.



### PATHWAYS TO PEACE

WESTERN CORRIDOR WAR OF 1812-1814

BURLINGTON

**Burlington Commemorates  
Bicentennial War of 1812-14**  
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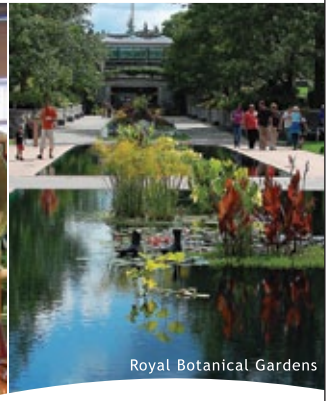
## BURLINGTON AND AREA



Crawford Lake Conservation Area



Burlington Art Centre



Royal Botanical Gardens

Two Day Fam Tour

Coming in the Fall



Discovery Landing

### Your visit will include:

- Two nights' stay in premier accommodations
- Reception at Mohawk Racetrack
- Conservation Halton birds of prey and Iroquoian Village
- Ecotour at Canada's only Royal Botanical Gardens
- Back stage passes to Burlington's NEW Performing Arts Centre and Crossroads Centre broadcasting studio
- Burlington Art Centre gallery and greenhouse tour and guild workshop
- Interactive culinary experience with celebrated local chef

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